

PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year to all our tenants here at the Housing Authority! I hope you are all staying warm during this winter weather we have had.

As we move into a new year we are continuing to follow our goals in our Indian Housing Plan (IHP) which includes working on renovations to our units at Eagle Chief Drive. We have almost completed this five year goal and will be working on other projects throughout the year.

An update on the land that is under contract to purchase south of Pawnee; we are nearing the closing process on the land. We are waiting for the land owner to remove the house and other debris. Future development for this property is promising and we look forward to working with our many partners on planning and development of this land. We will keep everyone updated on the progress.

Linda Jestes

RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (REPP)

The Pawnee Nation Housing is a stakeholder or partner with the Pawnee Nation on the REPP grant that awarded in the amount of 2.6 million dollars. This grant will promote renewable energy, geothermal and to implement a sensor placement study throughout our community.

We reported on the project goals that include a Community scale solar garden, geothermal project, battery storage system, electric charge stations, educational meetings and workshops, renewable energy certification, institutional partnerships, weatherization planning and cooperative business modeling.

There will be six (6) phases in this project. Currently we are on phase one but will be soon going into phase two. Phase one (1) will be for project management, stakeholder and resource planning. The goals will include stakeholder

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BOARD NEWS

At the December Commissioners Meeting, the Board elected new officers for 2024. The Chairperson is Reva Howell and Vice-Chair is Suzy Knife Chief.

The Commission also approved the 2023 Annual Performance Report (APR) and put the document out for comment period.

The listing of meetings has been updated on the website for 2024.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS
SCHEDULED FOR
February 13th AT 11: 30 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Douglas Gover Miller, Seat #1
James Grant Hawkins, Seat #2
Reva Howell Garcia, Seat #3
Carol Nuttle, Seat #4
Suzy Knife Chief, Seat #5



COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

The Commissioner Spotlight this edition is Mr. Douglas Gover-Miller.

Mr. Gover-Miller lives here in the Pawnee community and has five children. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Army National



Guard and has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from United Tribes Technical College. Currently, he is taking classes for Human Services with Addiction Counseling through Pawnee Nation College.

He has been on the Commission for one year and sits in Seat #1. His past experience in Housing is when he served as a Low Rent Counselor at the Housing office for the Creek Nation. Mr. Gover-Miller also worked as a security officer at the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office and for TDC. Currently he works at the Pawnee Nation in the Gaming Commission as a Licensing Specialist.

Thank you for your service and serving on the Commission!

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our employee spotlight for this edition is Ms. Mary Hawkins.

Ms. Hawkins grew up in the Pawnee community and is a Pawnee Nation citizen. Mary has raised 9 children and loves to spend her time with her grandchildren and has one on the way.

She has worked for the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority for 11 years. First as an office assistant and later being promoted to Administrative Housing Tech.

Ms. Hawkins is currently enrolled at Pawnee Nation College seeking a major in Business Administration.

“I have loved working for the Housing Authority all these years. It has been a great work environment and I am thankful for the encouragement from my employer and co-workers to go to college and get my education.” says Ms. Hawkins. She added, “Working for the Housing Authority has given me the confidence to advance my career and what better way to do that than to get my education.”

We are glad to have Ms. Hawkins as a part of the Housing Team.



REPP ENERGY COORDINATOR

The Housing Authority, in partnership with the Pawnee Nation and Oklahoma University, has selected an applicant to fill the Energy Coordinator position with the REPP Grant. Mr. Alex McSheridan has been hired through the grant to work on the grant objectives as we move through the phases of the project. He will be located at the Housing Office and perform duties that include community engagement,

project management, job training, data collection and reporting, weatherization planning and other duties associated.

Housing is excited about this project and partnership with the

Pawnee Nation on the REPP Grant and we are looking forward to working with Mr. McSheridan.

Welcome to the Housing team Alex!

FREEZING TEMPS

We sent out a memo this past month addressing the freezing temps and we hope that your household was warm over the cold weather days. If you have had any issues with your water freezing or with your heaters (HVAC), please call the office to so we can put in a work order. The sooner we are made aware of the situation or issues, the better.

HOUSING RECERTIFICATIONS

Thank you to everyone for getting your recertification applications turned in. The staff will be working on the application and getting letters out on rent adjustments. The rent adjustments will be based on the income that was turned by your household.

SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

Housing will be going to each our units in the next month or two to inspect and install smoke detectors. We have partnered with the Pawnee Nation to help in keeping our residents safe and educate them on fire safety. For more information on this program go to our Housing website.

PNHA INDIAN HOUSING PLAN

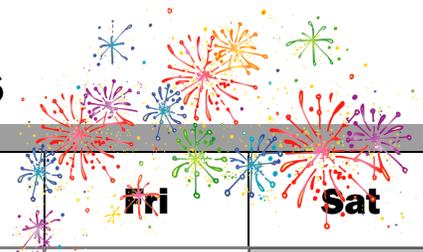
Each year the Housing Authority is awarded funding through HUD to meet grant requirements and scope of work to provide adequate housing and programs for our residents. The PN Housing Commissioners will be preparing for the 2025 IHP and want to schedule a couple of community meetings to find out what this community needs in regards to housing and programs.

More information throughout the year will be coming as we prepare to serve our community with income based housing.

Should you have any questions, please call us at the office.



January 2024 Calendar of Events



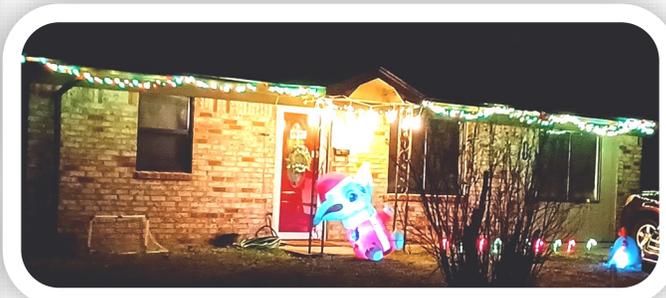
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	2 12 pm PBC	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 1130 PNHA Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day Office Closed	16 530 p PBC Recert App Deadline	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Filter Changes	27
28	29	30	31			

Christmas House Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to our contest winners!

- First place: Tubbs Family
- Second place: Branch Family
- Third place: Ankney Family

Thank you to those who participated.



Top left: Tubbs Family
Bottom left: Branch Family
Right: Ankney Family

February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 9 am PBC Quarterly
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 5:30 pm V-Day Bingo Night	13 11:30 am PNHA Mtg	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20 Filter Changes	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

VANLENTINE'S DAY BINGO

PNHA RENOVATIONS



Housing will be hosting a Valentine's Day Bingo for our Housing Tenants. This event will be on February 12th, at 5:30 PM at the PN Community Center.

We hope that you and your family can join us for an evening of fun, snacks and Bingo!

The Housing Authority has been working to get all of our units in Eagle Chief updated and renovated for new tenant move-in. One of our five year goals was to have all the units energy efficient and updated with cost efficient appliances. As we continue with this project goal, we will notify our tenants of any updates that will be done to the units prior to starting the work. We have almost completed this goal in under four years and hope that our current residents are comfortable. As always, if there are any issues that arise, please contact us.



RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (REPP) CON'T

engagement for advisory groups and task force, resource planning to include partner commitment, DER and Sensor placement study to collect data points, and environmental review.

As we enter phase two in the next few months, the Energy Coordinator will begin community energy planning and capacity building activities. This will involve three (3) elements; outreach, education, and job training. This phase will give the project the ability to educate the public, but also gain public support for the project as community education is the core of the project. There will be training opportunities with the Pawnee Nation College who has committed to providing a two week certification

HUD 184

Native American Home Loan Program

- Purchase, Construction, or Refinance
 - Low Down Payment
 - No Income Limit
- On and Off Tribal Land
- Manufactured & Modular homes are acceptable
 - Low Monthly PMI
- Can be used with Tribal Down Payment Assistance
 - Must be an enrolled tribal citizen

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course that will be offered twice a year. There will be an advantage for up to ten first-year students on tuition that will be covered through the project. After class instruction is complete the students are prepared to leverage the knowledge gained through the certification course and perform further on the job training and experience hands on work during Phase 4 Construction Activities.

APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP

Just a reminder to all applicants who have applied for housing, it may be time for you to update your contact and housing information. This is required by HUD to keep up to date records for the housing waitlist. Please call the office or shoot us an email.

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK

For more information about the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, please visit our website at www.pawneenationhousing.org or visit us on Facebook at Pawnee Nation Housing Authority for news and updates.

WELCOME TO THE PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

Pawnee Nation Housing Authority
638 likes · 681 followers
The Pawnee Nation Housing Authority provides rental units to tribal members with affordable housing

PNHA ANNOUNCES NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Pawnee Nation Housing Authority announces a new position

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