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PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We want to welcome our new tenants here at the Housing Authority. Welcome to the Housing Community!

There needs to be some reminders about the Pet Policy. We have had several tenants who have not reported your pets or paid the required \$200 pet fee. If you have received a letter from our Compliance Office, please come by the office and get your account taken care of as soon as you can. By not complying with our Pet Policy, it is a violation of your lease agreement and could be cause of termination of the lease.

We are looking forward to the holiday season vastly approaching and will be planning some get togethers for the tenants.

PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE

We wanted to report to our tenants that Mr. George Gardipe has departed employment from the Housing Authority. His last day in the office was August 15. We will advertising for this position soon in hopes to find someone to carryout the upcoming project planning duties for the Housing Authority.

Thank you, Mr. Gardipe, for your years of service to the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Community and we wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors.



COMMISSIONER NEWS

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners met on August 20th with a quorum present. The Commissioners had discussion on choosing a date to meeting Ms. Amy Wilson on planning and development for a new housing project. Resolution 24-03 was passed to approve signature authority change. There was approval to discussion and move forward with a grazing lease with 4 Bands Cattle Company on the 14acres. The Commissioners approved for non-NAHASDA funds for the Youth Activity Assistance Program.

The Board of Commissioners met on September 10th with a quorum present. The Commissioners discussed purchase of some land for future development on the block of 2nd & Cleveland Street. There was a decision to approve for the house at 307 Ash street to be a non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase home. Also having discussion and passing Resolution 24-04 to revise the PNHA By-Laws to add the use of signatures stamps on check requests on emergency basis. Lastly, the an Commission talked about doing some on-site training for the Commissioners and the staff provided by HUD.



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

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR September 10th at 11: 30 A.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR October 8th at 11: 30 A.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR November 12th at 11: 30 A.M.

For a full listing of our Commission Meetings, please visit our website at www.pawneenationhousing.org.

COMMISSIONER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud to CONGRATULATE one of our current Commissioners, Ms. Suzy Knife Chief and our past PNHA Commissioner and Resident, Mr. Robert Ankney on their education accomplishments. Both are members of the Pawnee Nation and huge supporters of education and our youth.

Ms. Suzy Knife Chief graduated this summer with her Masters Degree in Education - Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University in San Diego, California. Ms. Knife Chief has worked in the educational field for many years. "I encourage education because it empowers us with knowledge, it develops our strengths, and builds our character. We, as Pawnees, should uplift and support each other to reach our potential." says Ms. Knife Chief.

Pictured on the right with her proud children Montana, Jonathan, Blake and Randall.

Mr. Robert Ankney graduated with his Masters Degree in Sport Administration from Arkansas State University.

He made an expression via Facebook, Robert said, "Someday, I'll hear my daughter's name called. Then, our son's name and Lord willing, I'll hear my grandchildren's names called. And instead of my family having a few college graduates, there will be many. That is what I'm eager to witness. That's the legacy I strive to leave."

Pictured on the right, Mr. Ankney with his proud family, wife Nicole, daughter Plio, and son Rylin.







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Deni Clark, Accountant Louie Pratt, Maintenance Garon Cozad-Tawkoyty, Maintenance (Contract) Ronald Jestes, Maintenance (Contract)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our employee spotlight for this edition is our Compliance Specialist, Ms. Cynthia Butler. Ms. Butler has been with the Housing Authority for three (3) years. She starting working with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and later was hired on by the Housing Authority in the Compliance Office. She helps in updating policies, applications, and she fills in where needed.

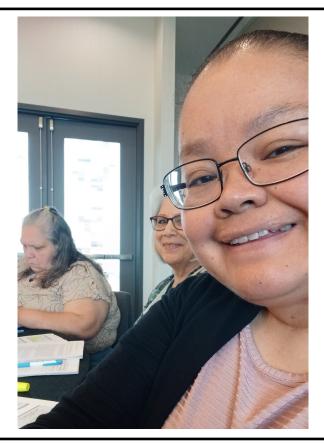
Ms. Butler is a graduate of Northern Oklahoma College with her Associates degree in Business Administration and from Oklahoma State University with her Bachelors in Business Administration. with a minor in Entrepreneurship. Currently she is seated in her second (2nd) term on the Pawnee Business Council where she is involved in many committees such as the Governing Documents Committee. Tourism Committee and Planning Committee, including other Committees in the Community. Ms. Butler also serves as President of the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce. She is always busy attending events in the community and around the Pawnee Nation.

She has lived here in Pawnee for most of her life where she has raised her son Aiden.



Welcome to the Housing Team. We are happy you are part of the Housing community and proud of your work you are doing around the community.

HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES



ONAP TRAINING

Our PNHA Staff attended the HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Financial Training in Oklahoma City for a two day in-person meeting in August.

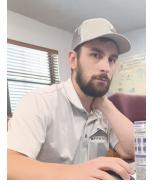
The training covered Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) and how it applies to NAHASDA; standards in Financial Management; Overview of NAHASDA and IHBG; Procedures for Allowable Costs; Budgeting; Accessing IHBG Grant Funds; Basics of Government Accounting and IHBG funds; Accounting Systems & Internal Controls; and Reporting & Monitoring.



The REPP Energy Coordinator is back in the office. Mr. Alex McSheridan has still been busy in phase II of the project continuing with work on community engagement and signing individuals up for the sensor and smart thermostats.

Here is an update from Mr. McSheridan: I know it has been a while since you had an update from the Rural Energy Pilot Program and your sensors and thermostats. We've been busy and thank you for your patience! We have not forgotten about you, just working out the final kinks in regard to the marriage of the sensors and thermostats. We will be doing a pilot trial with 10 sensors and thermostats within the next 30 days, making sure everything is operating and connecting flawlessly, and then within the next 60 to 120 days roll out everyone else's sensors and thermostats!

We are still looking for people to sign up for this program. Again, this program is 100% free, can help you identify where your electricity is going, can assist in controlling temperature within your residence and helps us greatly with future weatherization efforts around Pawnee. So, if you know anybody that might be interested in potentially saving money, send them our way! Thank you again for your patience, I know it has taken a while, but we are going to deliver everything to make it as painless as possible.





HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff have been busy getting housing ready for new tenants. Currently our staff are working on home renovations at 5 of our properties and we have a contractor working on 2 of the homes.

We have recently purchased a non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase Home at 307 Ash. This home has being fully renovated and now we are just waiting to put a new roof on it. The Commission has approved for this to be the first non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase home and we will be working on the policy and then get the home ready for Homeownership.

There are two (2) non-NASHASDA homes that are also being cleaned and rehabbed at 122 Yellowhorse Drive and at 219 Park Lane.

Our staff will be starting on a few more rehabs here at Littlesun Addition. They will be starting on Units 106, 113 and 116. These units will be getting a face lift and new appliances to get ready for new tenants to move-in.

Work has begun with clean up the apartment on 403 Forest Street. There was some foundation work needing to be done which has started and there was removal of the carpet in the home.

Staff has also been mowing grass. We are almost done with mowing season and want to thank all of our tenants for helping to keep the grounds looking nice and picking up debris.

To the right are pics of 307 Ash Street >

















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YOUTH PROGRAM CLOSED

The PNHA Youth Assistance Program is now closed until the next fiscal year of funding. We were able to serve 44 youth in the following activities: golf, track, basketball, football, band, piano lessons, cheer, baseball and softball. Each student was helped with an Academy gift card to help with equipment, shoes, and other items.

We look forward to being able to help this next fiscal year.

For more information on the Youth Assistance Program, please visit our website under the Assistance page at www.pawneenationhousing.org.

We wish all the youth a great school year and Go Bears!!

ELDER GIFT BASKETS

The PNHA was able to get our elder tenants gift baskets with snacks and other small items.

We hope that they were able to use the items and enjoy the goodies that were given out.
We appreciate our elder community here at the Housing Authority and wanted to show that appreciation with a small gift.



TALK ABOUT BED BUGS

What Are Bedbugs?

Bedbugs are insects that feed on the blood of animals and humans. Adult bedbugs are red-dish-brown, wingless, and about the size of an apple seed. They are flat with oval-shaped bodies. Young bedbugs, or nymphs, are smaller and can appear translucent or yellowish in color. If nymphs have not been recently fed, due to their coloring, they can be almost impossible to spot. Bedbug eggs are tiny and white.

How big are bedbugs?

An adult bedbug is roughly 5 to 7 millimeters long or about the size of Abraham Lincoln's head on a penny.

Where are bedbugs found?

Bedbugs are found all over the world. While you may think of bedbugs as a problem in only developing parts of the world, you can find bed bugs in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. as well as Asia, Africa, and South America. Bedbugs can make their way just about anywhere.

What Do Bedbugs Look Like?

Adult bedbugs have flat bodies about the size of an apple seed. After feeding, though, they swell and turn a reddish color.

Their flattened bodies make it possible for them to fit into tiny spaces, about the thickness of a credit card. This means they can get just about anywhere so long as there's blood to feed on.

Bed bugs don't make nests like ants or bees but tend to live in groups in hiding places. They don't fly, but they can move quickly over floors, walls, and ceilings.

What Causes Bedbugs?

Bedbugs usually get into your home from another place that's infested with them. If you live in an apartment or condominium, they can travel from another unit in your building. They might hitch a ride on used upholstered furniture. Or you could carry them in on luggage or a purse that you set down in a place that has bedbugs.

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Early Signs of Bedbugs

The first sign of bedbugs may be small, itchy bites on your skin, often on your arms or shoulders. Bedbugs tend to leave clusters of bites rather than single bites here and there. But for some people, bed bug bites don't cause any marks or itching.

You might also notice:

- ⇒ Blood spots on your sheets or mattress
- ⇒ Tiny pale yellow eggs or eggshells
- ⇒ Bedbug poop, black dots about the size of a period
- ⇒ The bedbugs' shed skin, which looks a lot like the bugs themselves
- ⇒ White, oval eggs that are about as big as an apple seed
- ⇒ A sweet, musty odor around your bed
- ⇒ Actual bedbugs in your bed

How to Get Rid of Bedbugs

To get rid of bedbugs, you can start by taking some steps at home:

- ⇒ Wash your bedding, curtains, and clothing in hot water and dry them on the highest dryer setting. Put stuffed animals, shoes, and other items that can't be washed in the dryer and run it on high for 30 minutes or more.
- ⇒ Use a stiff brush to scrub mattress seams to remove bed bugs and their eggs before vacuuming.
- ⇒ Vacuum your bed and the area around it every day, including windows and molding. Afterward, put the vacuum cleaner bag in a plastic bag and place it in the garbage outdoors right away.
- ⇒ Put a tightly woven, zippered cover on your mattress and box springs to keep bed bugs from entering or escaping. Bedbugs can live several months without feeding. So keep the cover on your mattress for at least a year.
- ⇒ Repair cracks in plaster and glue down peeling wallpaper to get rid of places bedbugs can hide.

- ⇒ Get rid of clutter around your bed, and move your bed away from your walls and other furniture.
- ⇒ If you live in a hot place, you can place your things in an enclosed bag and leave them in your car to bake in the sun. The target temperature is at least 120 F.

Reporting Bedbugs to the Housing Office

If you see any of the signs of bedbugs, please let the Housing Office know immediately so we may assess the type of treatment needed to help get rid of these pesky bugs.

If your mattress is infested, you may want to get a new one. But first, take the precautions for the rest of your home so the bugs won't get into your new mattress.

How to Prevent Bedbugs

A few ways to stop bedbugs (and bedbug bites) include:

- ⇒ Use a protective cover on your mattress and box springs. Check it regularly for holes.
- ⇒ Reduce clutter in your bedroom so bedbugs don't have many places to hide.
- ⇒ Vacuum regularly, including your mattress, carpet, curtains, and upholstered furniture.
- ⇒ When you stay away from home, put your bag on a suitcase stand, dresser, or table rather than on the bed or floor. When you get home, wash all the clothes from your trip and dry them in a hot dryer.
- ⇒ Wear pajamas with long sleeves and long pants to protect your skin from bites.
- ⇒ Carefully inspect used upholstered furniture before bringing it inside.
- \Rightarrow Avoid used mattresses and bedding.



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PNHA Closed Labor Day	3 530 PBC Mtg	4 1130 a Pawnee Chamber Mtg	5	6	7
8 Grandparents Day Dance	9	10 1130 A PNHA Meeting 7am School Board Mtg	11	12 Filter Changes	13 Pawnee Edu School Clothing Card Dist	14 Nasharo Mtg
15 Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention	16 Kraft Pest Control Spray	17 530 PBC Mtg 530 JOM Mtg	18 Cooking Demo Pawnee Language Classes Start	1130 a Pawnee Chamber Roundtable	20 10 a Diabetes Screening Fair	21
Pawnee Nation Fall Feast	23	24 Tulsa State Fair Starts	25 VAW Date Night	26	27	28 StoneWolf Tailgate Party
29	30					

FALL CLEAN-UP, CITY

The City of Pawnee has announced their fall clean-up dates that will start on October 13th thru the 19th. There will be several roll off dumpsters located at Lincoln Park for Pawnee Utility Customers to utilize. The City will also be doing curbside limb pick-up as well.

PNHA will be available with the truck and trailer if you need help with hauling your unwanted items. They will not be able to help with loading and unloading, just the

hauling of the items. We ask that you please be available for the loading and unloading of your items.

If you need help with hauling your items, please call Mary Hawkins at the Housing Office and we will get you on the schedule.

The criteria for limb pick-up is limbs need to be neatly placed by curb, no longer than 4ft, and be diameter of 6 inches or less.



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 530 PBC Mtg	2 1130 a Pawnee Chamber Mtg	3	4	5 Fall Festival National Indian Taco Contest Dick Tracy Day
6	7	8 1130 A PNHA Meeting 7am School Board Mtg	9	10	11 Pawnee/Ari	12 kara Reunion
13 Pawnee/Arikara Reunion	14 PNHA Closed Indigenous People's Day	15 530 PBC Mtg	16	17 Filter Changes	18 Haunted Pa	19 awnee Event
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 OSU Powwow
27	28	29 PNHA Bingo	30	31 HALLOWEEN	1 1 0 0 1 2	20. 14. 2)
			American Indian Exposition—Anadarko, OK (Oct 30 - Nov 2)			

HALLOWEEN CONTEST

We will be having our annual Halloween Contest. If you would like to participate, please email Cynthia Butler at cbutler@pawneenationhousing.org to get your house on the list to judge for Halloween decorations. Entries need to be done no later than Monday, October 28th and judging will be on Tuesday,

October 29th.

We hope your household will join us in a little Halloween decorating fun!

HALLOWEEN BINGO

Housing will be having a Halloween themed bingo on Tuesday, October 29th for all PNHA Residents. Bingo starts at 5 pm at the Pawnee Nation Community

Center at 551
Harrison St.
There will be a costume contest, snacks and prizes for all ages. Please call Mary
Hawkins for more information.

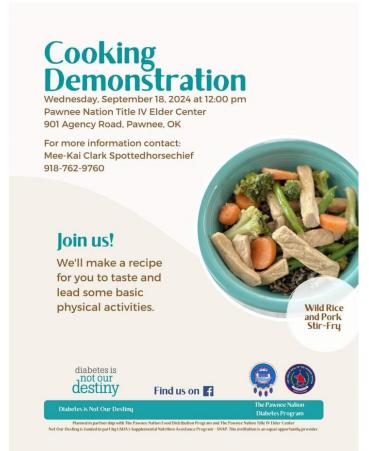


FOOTBALL GAME DAY SHIRTS

We were able to use some of the NAHASDA funds to buy the children at the Littlesun Addition Game Day t-shirts so they can cheer on the Bears at the football games.

If you would like to share photos with us of the kids wearing their shirts, please email them to Cynthia Butler and we can put them in the next newsletter.

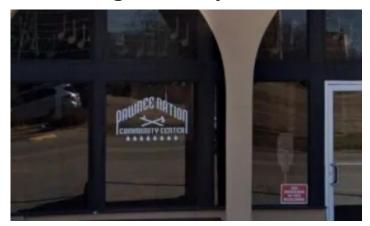




PN COMMUNITY CENTER

Do you need a place for a family event or meeting? We have the perfect place!

Our Pawnee Nation Community Center, located at 551 Harrison Street, downtown Pawnee, is the perfect spot for your next gathering. Please visit our website for more information on fees, rental application and contact information for building availability.



SCHOOL BUS LINE

We want to thank the parents for talking to your children about safety while standing in the school bus line. We have not had any accidents reported since the memo was sent out to the Littlesun Addition residents. We want to wish all the kids a happy school year!





PURPLE HEART STATUS

The Pawnee Nation was honored to be a part of the Pawnee War Mothers request for the Purple Heart Reservation Status. Pictured are PBC Member, Gene Evans who accepted the plaque and sign on behalf of the Nation; Denise Miller Catherine Moore and who represent the Pawnee War Mothers; and Mr. Mitch Reed and Mr. Coon who presented the esteemed honor. You will see the signs at the entrances of the Pawnee Nation.

The Pawnee Business Council also approved a Proclamation (Resolution #24-19) proclaiming "the Pawnee Nation as a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of our warriors in the Armed Forces that have been wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Nations."

Thank you to the War Mothers for making the request for this great honor.





PAWNEE REPRESENTATION

Ndnsports.com reported on August 14th that the Pawnee Nation is being represented on the Jones Longhorns football team in Jones, OK. The lineup includes two sets of brothers, citizens of the Pawnee descendants Nation and from Pawnee Chiefs. Brothers Eli and Luke DeBusk are descendants of KnifeChief (Skiri) and brothers Mason, Derek, and Kade Templeton are descendants of Rush who Roberts. We wish you luck on the field gentlemen!



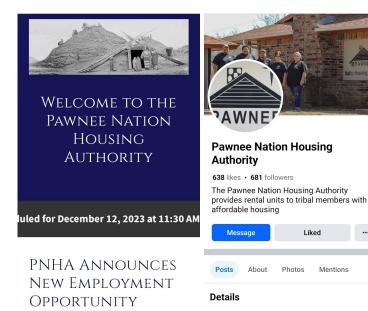
HOMEBUYERS CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a home owner? The Housing Authority would like to host a homebuyers class. Why do you need a Homebuyers class? If you are a first time homebuyer, you would qualify for the Down Payment Assistance that is offered by the Housing Authority. If you are interested in taking a homebuyers class, please notify Ms. Mary Hawkins. Classes are held online or if we get enough people who are interested, we can have a class set up. Let us know if you are interested!

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.



The Pawnee Nation Housing

Authority announces a new position

APPLICATION & WAIT LIST PROCESS

What happens after you turn in an application? Here are the steps the Housing Office uses to process applications.

- 1. A written application by a responsible member of the family will be obtained from each family seeking admission with all supporting documentation and identification attached.
- 2. Processing: Verified information will be analyzed and a determination made with respect for the following:
 - a. Verification of applicant as a familyBackground checks, Landlord check
 - b. Eligibility of applicant with respect to income limits for admission -Income verification with employer
 - c. Size of unit required for the family
 - d. Preference and/or Priority of applicant family Priority #1 Pawnee Tribal Members, Priority #2 Pawnee Descendancy, Priority #3 Other federally recognized tribes. Preference Veterans, Elders and disabled
 - e. Determination of eligibility with respect to standard of admission of Housing programs.
- 4. After all verification is cleared, the application is forwarded to the waiting list based on preference, priority, family size and income.
- 5. Applicants should update their application annually to remain on the waiting list.
- 6. Once a unit becomes available the next applicant on the waiting list will be contacted.

A deposit of \$300 and first months rent is due before the applicant moves in.

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PNHA COOKING CORNER

CHICKEN SPEGHETTI WITH ROTEL AND VELVEETA

This recipe in incredibly easy to make. Here is what you need:

- Spaghetti
- Cooked chicken
- 1 pound Velveeta
- 1 can Rotel, canned tomatoes with green chiles
- 1 can Cream of Chicken or Cream of Mushroom soup
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 Cup Chicken broth
- 4 oz Cream Cheese
- Cheddar Cheese (optional for topping)
- Green onions (optional for topping)

Pasta: the key to the past turning out perfect for Chicken Spaghetti is to not overcook the past. You want it to be "al dente" which means still slightly firm when you take a bite, but not hard. Cook past in a medium sized saucepan in boiling water. Add a teaspoon of salt. Set the timer for 8-9 minutes.

Cheese sauce: Combine the Velveeta, rotel, Cream Cheese, Cream of Chicken Soup, chicken broth, and pepper in a large sauce pan on the stove. Heat to medium-low until all the ingredients have melted together.

Baking: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 13x9 baking dish, or grease with shortening. Spread the ingredients from the saucepan (the cheese sauce with the cooked spaghetti and chicken) into the dish and bake uncovered for 40 minutes.



REFRIGERATOR JAM Sugar Free

1 1/3 cup strawberries

2/3 cup rhubarb

1 tsp fresh lemon juice

2 Tbsp raw honey (or to taste)

2 Tbsp chia seeds

Process all ingredients in a blender and refrigerate overnight. The chia seeds will gel, thickening the fruit puree.

Add additional diced fruit if you like it chunky.

Refrigerate for up to a week or freeze up to 3 months.

Do you want free smoke alarms for your home?

Pawnee Nation has partnered with the Johns Hopkins Smoke Alarm Project to provide interested community members with:

- Free smoke detectors, and combination smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors
- Installation guidance for alarms
- Home fire safety education







If you are interested in participating, you can pick up and file an application at:

301 Agency Rd.

Pawnee, OK 74058

Contact Pawnee Nation Fire Department For Information: (918)762-3655 ext. 156
The application can also be found under the Fire & Rescue Department
page on the Pawnee Nation website: pawneenation.org

Types of Fires

Class A (plastic, paper, wood, and fabric) extinguish with water

Class B (alcohol, oils, solvents, kerosene) extinguish by cutting power, use fire extinguisher

Class C (electrical components) extinguish by cutting power, use fire extinguisher

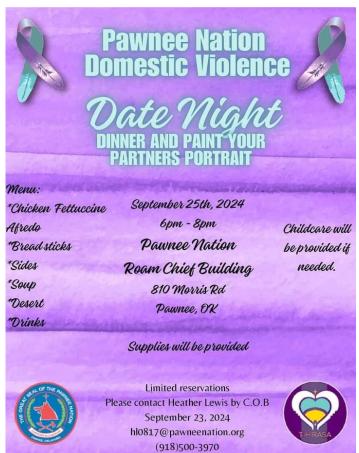
Tips for creating your home fire escape plan and practicing your 2-minute drill:

- Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in your home.
- Smoke is dangerous. Get low and go!
- Decide where to meet once you get outside:
- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.
- If a fire starts, you may have less than two minutes to get to safety. So time your fire drills and find out: what's your escape time?









HUD 184 LOANS

Are you interested in learning more about HUD 184 Loans and what this program offers? If so, the Housing Office would like to set up a class for anyone who is interested in learning more about this HUD program.

If you are interested or would like to provided with more information on what a HUD 184 Loan is, please let us know by calling the office or emailing us. We also have more information on this opportunity on our website at our Housing website.

We could also offer classes for you learn more, if you are interested in taking a class, please contact Cynthia Butler by email.









Mark your calendars

October 11th-13th

Pawnee, OK 74058



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