



NPHA Newsletter

June, 2017



“I am poor and naked, but I am the chief of the nation. We do not want riches but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do us no good. We could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches, we want peace and love.”
Red Cloud Sioux Chief

The June BOC Meeting will be held at 9am on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 at the PTN office in Lincoln, NE. Visitors are welcome to all Board of Commissioner meetings. To be on the NPHA Board Meeting Agenda, contact Angelica De Anda at the NPHA office or email Angelica at angelica@poncahousing.org

NPHA Board of Commissioners:
Mark Peniska - Chair, Dist. 3; **Pam Noyes** – Vice Chair, Dist. 2;
JoAn Ehlers - Secretary, Dist.1; **William Wright** - District 4;
Conceta Zephier - Treasurer, At Large

Meet our newest NPHA Employee - Holly Wetjen / Maintenance Clerk



My name is Holly Wetjen. I am married and have two ornery boys. I have worked within the human service industry within a number of different fashions over the years. I come to Northern Ponca Housing Authority excited to have an opportunity to try my hand at something new. I like to think that I am a good listener and will do whatever necessary to help resolve things. I look forward to working with everyone.



Welcome to NPHA, Holly! We are glad you are here!!

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Can you still have summer fun while paying off debt?

Here are four strategies to increase your summer fun while decreasing your debt www.stewardship.com:

1. Set your goal, name a prize and chart your progress
 - a. Chart your progress toward a late-summer reward. Set aside a little cash each month. The trip will be the motivation to pay down debt!
2. Avoid temptation
 - a. Stay off social media! Seeing other's amazing summer trips can make your camping trip seem trivial in comparison.
3. Volunteer at your church
 - a. Churches need more volunteers in the summer. Take advantage of giving your time when you don't have tons of extra income. Show your kids how much fun it can be to give your time to others!
4. Enjoy free or low-cost local activities
 - a. Board the free (or cheap) activity train! Find the local discounts at movie theatres, free public splash pads, or visit the local nursery or farmer's market! There are also local museums and hiking trails and kids love picnics! For more information visit www.stewardship.com

June Home Maintenance Checklist

- ✓ Change Furnace Filter
- ✓ Keep yard mowed and trimmed
- ✓ Keep windows closed and locked when the air is on

The Importance of Renter's Insurance

Do you have renter's insurance? If something should happen to your house; fire, tornado, water damage, etc., renter's insurance will pay to replace all of your personal belongings for (in most cases) less than \$20 per month. Most insurance companies will bundle your policies and give you a cheaper rate so call your auto insurance provider to see if they also provide renter's insurance.



NPHA Tenant Home Ownership Program

Have you ever dreamed about owning your home? NPHA has a great program that makes your home very affordable. If you think you can't afford to purchase your home, NPHA wants you to know that with this program, you can't afford NOT to own your home!

HUD Section 184 Loan Program

Did you know that the HUD 184 Loan Program is a better way for Native Americans to qualify for a mortgage and become a homeowner?

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Financial Education

If you are not engaged in a financial class, you are missing out on a wealth of information that could potentially be more beneficial to you than you realize!! Tenants who have taken the first step to meet with a financial advisor have been experiencing many encouraging things like – help with disputing items that are on their credit report but are not theirs; higher credit scores as a result, items being taken off the report resulting in a higher credit score and mortgage qualification! What are you waiting for??

June Recipe of the Month

Spaghetti Squash and Tomato Bake

Ingredients:

- 1 medium spaghetti squash (about 3 cups cooked)
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced
- Salt to taste
- Garlic powder, onion powder, dried basil, dried parsley to taste
- 5 oz. shredded Mexican cheese blend
- Fresh basil for garnish, optional

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9x11” casserole dish with non-stick spray. Spread about 1 cup of cooked spaghetti squash on the bottom.
2. Top with a layer of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with salt and spices.
3. Top with 1.5 oz. of cheese. Add another layer of squash, then tomatoes, spices and cheese. Top with a final layer of squash. Top with last 2 oz. of cheese and sprinkle with the spices one last time.
4. Bake for 30 minutes uncovered. Top with some fresh cut basil and enjoy!



Lincoln Residents – Don’t Miss

The Utility Allowance Meeting on

Friday, June 9th at 6:30 PM at

Lincoln Stay Bridge Inn @ 2701 Fletcher

Conference Room

Hope to see you all there!



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NPHA Photos from the Ponca Remembrance Walk



[Proverbs 1:7](#)

The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise **wisdom** and instruction.

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