



OCTOBER 2022



# Northern Ponca Housing Authority

## October is Fire Prevention Month

**FOLLOWING ARE KEY MESSAGES BEHIND THIS YEAR'S "FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE" THEME:**

*MAKE SURE YOUR HOME ESCAPE PLAN MEETS THE NEEDS OF ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SENSORY OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.*

*SMOKE ALARMS SHOULD BE INSTALLED INSIDE EVERY SLEEPING ROOM, OUTSIDE EACH SEPARATE SLEEPING AREA, AND ON EVERY LEVEL OF YOUR HOME. SMOKE ALARMS SHOULD BE INTERCONNECTED SO WHEN ONE SOUNDS, THEY ALL SOUND.*

*KNOW AT LEAST TWO WAYS OUT OF EVERY ROOM, IF POSSIBLE. MAKE SURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS OPEN EASILY.*

*HAVE AN OUTSIDE MEETING PLACE A SAFE DISTANCE FROM YOUR HOME WHERE EVERYONE SHOULD MEET.*

*PRACTICE YOUR HOME FIRE DRILL AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR WITH EVERYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, INCLUDING GUESTS. PRACTICE AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE DAY AND AT NIGHT.*

Never plug your space heaters into extension cords!!!! Please avoid using space heaters if at all possible.



# **FINANCIAL PLANNING MONTH**

*Heading into the holiday season, Financial Planning Month reminds us to keep our spending in check and prepare our budgets. While it's always better to give than receive, it's smarter stick to a budget all year long. That's why Financial Planning Month takes a fresh look at our spending habits in October.*

*Depending on where we are in life, our approach to budgeting changes. However, if we start out saving and planning for our financial future when we're young, the target is easier to make.*

## **MONEY SMARTS**

*Make a budget. Review the last few months of expenses and cut expenses where you can. Reduce meals out and luxury items. Memberships and drive-thru coffees add up.*

*Pay bills on time. Late fees and penalties result in extra costs and harm your credit.*

*Start saving. A little every month becomes a habit quickly. If your employer offers a 401k with a matching benefit, contribute to the maximum allowed. For every dollar you don't contribute to the matching limit, you're throwing away money.*

*Sell what you don't use anymore. If you have things collecting dust, taking up space or otherwise not being used, get rid of it. It may be worth something. Whether it's value is in recycled metal or the eye of the beholder, it doesn't matter.*

*Can't sell it? Donate. Qualified donations are tax deductible. Don't forget to ask for a receipt and claim it on your tax return.*

*See a financial planner. They will help you with your goals and set you on the path to success.*

## **HOW TO OBSERVE**

*What do you want your financial future to look like? Gather up your bills and receipts. It's time to get planning! Use #FinancialPlanningMonth to post on social media.*

*If you are interested in finding a financial planner, contact our ROSS Coordinator Danielle Bauer 402.379.8224 to set this up for you*

# Fall Cleanup List

1. *Rake leaves and clean up debris in yard*
2. *Disconnect garden hose from spigot as it will freeze the water line*
3. *Store bikes and summer toys in garage or shed*



**REMINDER**

**Change Furnace Filter Once a Month!!!**





# PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK, NE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022  
10:00AM-3:00PM

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH | 2420 W. OMAHA AVE., NORFOLK,  
NEBRASKA

## ABOUT OUR EVENT

**PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK IS A ONE-DAY, ONE-STOP EVENT WHERE INDIVIDUALS IN NEED CAN ACCESS A MULTITUDE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS ALL UNDER ONE ROOF FOR FREE. WHAT NORMALLY WOULD TAKE MONTHS TO ACCOMPLISH CAN BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY. FROM MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROVIDERS TO MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, TO HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, OUR GOAL IS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS GET THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO BUILD THEIR LIFE AGAIN AND MOVE IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION.**

**PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022 AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORFOLK, NE. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10:00AM-3:00PM AND THE CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 2420 W. OMAHA AVE. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS 18 AND UNDER WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH THEM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SERVICES. THERE ARE NO INCOME GUIDELINES AND ALL SERVICES ARE FREE, BUT IT IS A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED EVENT. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO WAIT IN LINE OUTSIDE, AS WE ANTICIPATE A LARGE CROWD.**

**EACH INDIVIDUAL ENTERING PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK WILL BE ASSIGNED A NAVIGATOR, A TRAINED VOLUNTEER THAT WILL TAKE THEM THROUGH THE ENTIRE EVENT. FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYBODY, INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH ANY OF THE EVENT UNATTENDED. IDENTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO ENTER PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK MUST REGISTER THEIR INFORMATION BEFORE ENTERING THE EVENT. THIS WILL HELP OUR STEERING COMMITTEES PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.**