

The Magnolia Minute

July - August - September 2026



Independence Day

Independence Day, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood held on **July 4**. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. This document announced the separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain. In 1870 the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal workers, and in 1938 it became a paid federal holiday. Also called the Fourth of July, the holiday is celebrated across the United States with parades, fireworks shows, picnics, concerts, and other festivities. Independence Day is also notable for its displays of patriotism, as many Americans commemorate the day by flying the American flag and dressing in the flag's colors of red, white, and blue.

Fourth of July traditions

Parades and fireworks are typically the most popular ways that Americans commemorate Independence Day. Alameda, California, is believed to have the longest Independence Day parade route in the country, at 3.3 miles (5.3 km) long. Many communities also host carnivals and concerts featuring local entertainment or military bands performing patriotic tunes.

Popular foods to eat on the Fourth of July are barbecue, hot dogs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, watermelon, and ice cream as well as local favorites, such as clam chowder in Boston and chili in Texas. Eating contests, especially involving hot dogs or pies, are a time-honored tradition in some towns.

Because of the crowds that Independence Day festivities attract, some communities use the opportunity to attempt to break world records. In Carmel, Indiana, for example, more than 14,000 attendees at the 2023 Independence Day parade broke the record for most people wearing red plastic fire helmets.

Fireworks

Fireworks have been a part of Fourth of July festivities since the first organized celebrations, in 1777. Modern fireworks often feature red, white, and blue colors, but those of the earliest celebrations were orange.

In the 21st century, Americans spend an estimated \$1 billion per year on Fourth of July fireworks. Some states have passed laws limiting the kinds of explosives available for purchase and use, and some counties have banned fireworks completely, especially in areas prone to wildfires.

David L. Waldstreicher/Encyclopedia Britannica

MAINTENANCE Emergencies



Maintenance Emergencies **During Business Hours: 402-727-4848**

Business Hours - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ~ Monday - Friday

Maintenance EMERGENCIES **After Business Hours or on Weekends:**

****Call Ed (Maintenance Supervisor) at 402-720-1264.**

*If you have not heard back from **Ed within 15 minutes, call the Executive Director at 402-720-9643.*

EMERGENCIES:

Calls **MUST** be for (valid) emergencies only. Tenants will be charged for the call if the problem is **other than any of the following:**

- Loss of electric power (other than shut-off due to non-payment).
- Sewer problems.
- Broken water pipes (supply line) - **Major leak call Immediately.**
- If water drip is slow, place pan underneath to collect water and call office next business day. *Slow drips are not emergencies.*
- Furnace failure is an emergency during a severe cold spell.
- Air conditioner failure is an emergency during a severe extended hot spell.
- Refrigerator/freezer failure (do not overload refrigerator/freezer with food that will prohibit air flow which is needed for normal operation). *Management will not replace food lost from refrigerator/freezer failure or power outage.*

***** Remain by the phone in the event maintenance needs to contact you! *****

When a call is made after hours, be sure to leave your full name, address, phone number and nature of your problem. Without this important information, we cannot react to your maintenance problems efficiently. You must also be present when maintenance arrives to answer any questions regarding the "emergency".

Fremont Housing Agency **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Business Hours: M - F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm **Office Window Hours:** M - F 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Phone: 402-727-4848

Tax Credit Specialist: *Amanda* - fhaStanton@fremonthousing.org

After-hours & EMERGENCIES ONLY

Call: Maintenance Supervisor: Ed Phone: 402-720-1264,

If no response from Ed within 15 min. call: Executive Director: 402-720-9643

FHA Offices Will Be Closed

Friday, July 3 - Fourth of July

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day



*******Water softener salt** will be added the **first Tuesday** of the month, **every quarter.*******

Scheduled months:

January
April
July
October

*******Furnace filters** will be replaced on the **same schedule.*******

(schedule is subject to change at discretion of the Maintenance Director)

REMINDER: Call or email Amanda at the FHA Office if you have any issues. She is your n

RENT

- ♦ The rent is **due on the 1st** and **late after the close of business the 5th** day of each month.
- ♦ If the *5th falls on Saturday*, rent is due in the office by close of business *on Friday*.
- ♦ If the *5th falls on Sunday*, the rent must be in the drop box before 8:00 a.m. of the 6th.
- ♦ If the rent is *not paid on or before the 5th* day of the month, a *late payment charge* will be applied as follows: \$30.00 will be assessed for *payments made on the 6th through the 20th* day of the month.
- ♦ Payments made *on the 21st day and after* will be assessed at the rate of *an additional \$20.00 charge*.
- ♦ This *late charge is immediately due* as an addition to that month's rent and *must be paid before that month's rent will be considered to be paid in full*.
- ♦ **Payment Options** - check, money order or Uflex (information in move-in packet)



One complimentary ride per month!

As a resident of *Magnolia Estates*, a tax-credit property, **you can receive a monthly complimentary ride:**

Each month you are eligible for **one (1)** ride within the Fremont city limits (includes 2 miles beyond the city limits) to any location.

Examples of where you can be taken - medical appointments, business appointments & shopping.

After you schedule your ride with the **Fremont Transit Lines** you must call **Becky** at the Fremont Housing Agency office to let her know you will be using the service. *FHA Office 402-727-4848.*

Fremont Transit - hours: are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You need to schedule your pickup this **at least 48 hours in advance** of the time you need the ride **and** let them know that you are an FHA tax-credit property (FNT) resident so they can bill us for the ride. *Fremont Transit 402-459-2845.*

All vans are wheelchair accessible. Fremont Transit Lines is a door-to-door service, and drivers are trained to assist riders from the door to the van and inside the van.

Drivers are not permitted to enter homes or destinations.



LABOR DAY

Origins: Labor Day was first celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union to honor the American labor movement. It became a federal holiday in 1894, signed into law by President Grover Cleveland.

First State: Oregon was the first state to officially recognize Labor Day in 1887, and by 1894, over half of the states were celebrating it.

Labor Day Parade: The first Labor Day parade featured about 10,000 workers who took unpaid time off to march, showcasing the importance of labor rights.

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main point of contact *always*. **DO NOT approach construction/maintenance workers.**

Fremont Housing Agency's Mission Statement

"The mission of the Fremont Housing Agency is to be a leading, innovative, and affordable housing agency dedicated to assisting low to moderate income families, elderly, and disabled residents who are striving to improve the quality of their lives through independent living or self-sufficiency."

EMERGENCY Numbers & Instructions

FIRE— Call Fire Department 911

Exit the building and alert your neighbors

ELECTRIC POWER OUTAGE

Fremont Department of Utilities **402-727-2600 or 402-727-2613**

Housing Agency Maintenance **402-720-1264 or 402-727-4848**

SEWER PROBLEMS, BROKEN WATER PIPES

Call: Maintenance Supervisor:

during office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) - **402-727-4848**

after office hours - **Maintenance Supervisor 402-720-1264.

Executive Director 402-720-9643.

LOCKOUTS — Call a locksmith.

Local Numbers:

A-1 Lock Shop Key & Locksmith **402-720-2284** - Open 24 hours

S and S Locksmith **402-941-1212**



****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

If your information changes or you get your new or updated SSI or Social Security award letter, inform Amanda, the Housing Specialist, immediately so that she can make copies for your file. You may also mail a copy. —
2600 N Clarkson St., Fremont, NE 68025

Thank you.



\$\$ FREE Rentwise Training ANYTIME \$\$

RentWise is a program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing and teach them how to be successful renters with basic educational information.

The class is available online any time. You are able to register and take the training at your own pace at no charge!

A certificate is awarded upon completion of the training and a copy is maintained in your file.

If you are interested in taking the online course contact the Gifford Office at 402-727-4848, and we will be happy to give you the information necessary to sign up or answer any questions you may have.

Be sure to take part in this free, simple and informative opportunity.



Stay hydrated, protect yourself from the sun, and use cooling strategies to stay safe and comfortable during hot summer days. Drinking plenty of water is essential to prevent dehydration and heat-related illnesses. Aim for at least 8–10 glasses daily, even if you're not thirsty, and consider infusing water with fruits like cucumber, watermelon, or mint for added refreshment and flavor. Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol, as they can increase fluid loss. Foods with high water content, such as watermelon, cucumber, lettuce, and celery, also help maintain hydration.

