

LABOR DAY

Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September, honors the contributions of American workers and marks the unofficial end of summer with parades, picnics, and sales.

Historical Significance

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.

Fun Trivia

End of Summer: Many consider Labor Day the unofficial end of summer, often using the long weekend for barbecues and family gatherings.

Wearing White: A common question is whether it's acceptable to wear white after Labor Day, a fashion rule that has become a topic of debate.

Labor Day Sales: The holiday is known for significant sales events, making it a popular time for shopping and travel.

Celebrations and Traditions

Community Events: Early celebrations included parades, picnics, and speeches, emphasizing the dignity of labor and the achievements of workers.

Cultural Impact: Labor Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for workers' rights and the importance of fair treatment in the workplace.



"Every effort today brings rewards tomorrow; take action now and embrace your potential."



The Section 8 Sound

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July 4th Quirky Trivia

President Zachary Taylor died in 1850 after eating spoiled fruit following 4th of July speeches.

The White House hosted its first July 4th party in 1801, organized by President Thomas Jefferson.

The Liberty Bell weighs about 2,080 pounds and is made mostly of copper and tin, with an inscription from Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants Thereof"

These fun facts highlight the rich history, surprising stories, and enduring traditions that make the Fourth of July a unique and celebrated holiday in the United States.

Benjamin Franklin preferred the turkey over the bald eagle as America's national bird, calling the eagle a "bird of bad moral character".

George Washington celebrated July 4, 1778, by giving his soldiers extra rum to boost morale.

Betsy Ross is credited with sewing one of the first American flags.

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest has been held every Independence Day since 1972 in Coney Island, New York.

Americans consume millions of hot dogs on the 4th of July, making it a quintessential holiday food.

The first 50-star flag was adopted on July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became a state.



The Fremont Housing Agency Offices Are Closed:

Friday, July 3 - Fourth of July

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day



Attention: If you are having issues with your Landlord reach out to Tina, your Section 8 Coordinator (402-727-4848 ext. 3 or fhaSection8@fremonthousing.org) for help in getting a solution.



****This will be the last mailed copy of the newsletter. Beginning with the next issue it will be available to be viewed online at fremonthousing.org****

*****REMINDER FROM TINA ABOUT REQUIRED PAPERWORK*****

When you have any changes or get your new SSI or Social Security award letter, take it to Tina, as soon as possible, so she can make copies *for your recertification*.

You can also mail or email a copy to Tina at:

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fhaSection8@fremonthousing.org

Thank you!



**Be sure to check your mail often
for any *appointment*
letters from Tina, the
Section 8 Coordinator.**

Thank You!

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Beneath the Weight of Sunlight

The air hums thick with golden heat, each leaf a slow-breathing ember.

Shadows pool under the cottonwoods, cool as the hush between heartbeats.

A dragonfly stitches the sky with threads of glass and green fire, while the river, drowsy and silver, turns over in its sleep.

Somewhere, the scent of peaches spills from a paper bag, and the world tastes of warm sugar and the promise of rain.

Even the wind moves lazily, as if it too has surrendered to the long, honeyed hours that refuse to end.



Section 8 housing is a government-sponsored program that provides subsidized rental units to low-income individuals and families, seniors and disabled individuals across the United States. The name is derived from Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, which authorized housing assistance for low-income Americans, and access to safe and sanitary rental properties.

Section 8 housing is formally known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Individuals and families who are eligible for the program receive a Housing Choice Voucher and are able to have a large portion of their rent paid for by the federal government. Section 8 housing is different from public housing — those who qualify for Section 8 are able to rent any property that is authorized by their local public housing agency (PHA).

Popular Ways to Show Gratitude to Your Neighbor

Showing gratitude can benefit both you and your neighbor and can help create a more positive and supportive community.

1. Bake Them a Cake

Show your appreciation with a sweet treat that's sure to put a smile on their face.

2. Offer to Help with Yard Work

Lend a hand with mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, or shoveling snow.

3. Write a Heartfelt Note

Express your gratitude with a handwritten note or card.

4. Introduce Them to New Friends

Help expand their social circle by introducing them to new friends and neighbors.

5. Watch Their Pet

Offer to pet sit or dog walk for them.

6. Simply Say Thank You

A simple "thank you" can go a long way in showing your gratitude.

7. Help with Grocery Shopping

Offer to pick up groceries or carry heavy bags for them.

8. Give Them a Plant

Gift a beautiful plant or flowers to brighten up their space.

9. Offer to Drive Them

Provide transportation to appointments or errands.

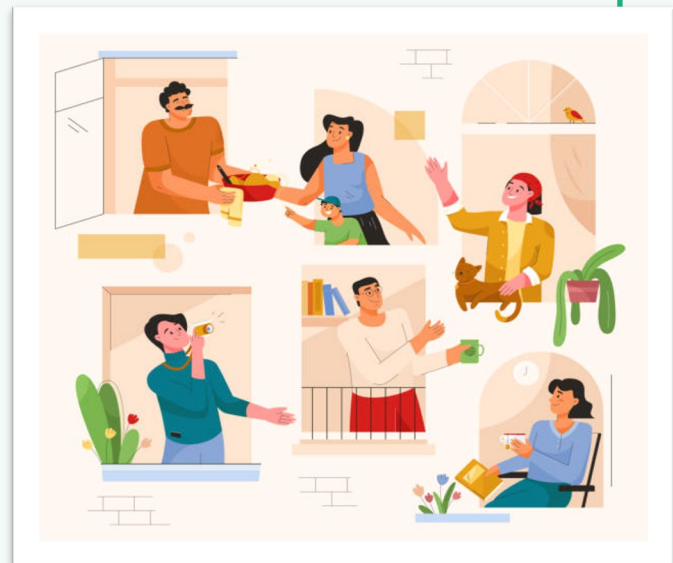
10. Help with Household Chores

Assist with cleaning, laundry, or other household tasks.

11. Be a Good Listener

Sometimes, all someone needs is someone to listen. Be a good listener and show you care.

12. Share Your Expertise



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

RentWise is a program to help renters obtain and keep rental housing and teach them how 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.

