

# *The Section 8 Sound*

## Quarterly Newsletter

### October – November – December 2026

#### Halloween Fun Facts

- ❖ The first Jack O'Lanterns were actually made from turnips.
- ❖ The word "witch" comes from the Old English wicce, meaning "wise woman."
- ❖ Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
- ❖ Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.
- ❖ The first known mention of trick-or-treating in print in North America occurred in 1927 in Blackie, Alberta, Canada.
- ❖ Scarecrows, a popular Halloween fixture, symbolize the ancient agricultural roots of the holiday.
- ❖ Halloween has variously been called All Hallows' Eve, Witches Night, Lamswool, Snap-Apple Night, Samhain, and Summer's End.
- ❖ Harry Houdini (1874-1926) was one of the most famous and mysterious magicians who ever lived. Strangely enough, he died in 1926 on Halloween night as a result of appendicitis brought on by three stomach punches.
- ❖ First created in the 1880s, Candy Corn was originally called "Chicken Feed."
- ❖ The original creator of Milk Duds wanted to make the candies into perfect circles. When that proved impossible, he called them "duds." He added the word "milk" to refer to the large amount of milk used to make the candy.



The Fremont Housing Agency Offices Are Closed:

**Monday, October 12** – *Columbus Day*

**Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27** –  
*Thanksgiving*

**Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25** –  
*Christmas*

**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](mailto:fhaSection8@fremonthousing.org)) for help in getting a solution.



**\*\*\*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:***

2510 N Clarkson St., Fremont, NE 68025

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Thank you!

**\$\$ 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 will be happy to give you the information necessary to sign up or answer any questions you may*

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

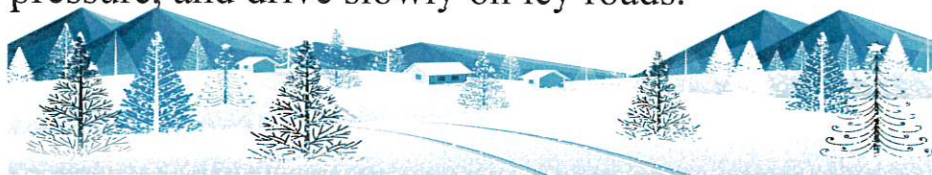


**Section 8 housing is a government-sponsored program** that provides subsidized rental units to low-income individuals and families, seniors and disabled individuals across the United States. The name is derived from Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, which authorized housing assistance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

**Outdoor and Travel Safety**

Minimize outdoor activities during extreme cold. If travel is necessary, check weather forecasts, use public transport if possible, and carry emergency supplies in your car, including a hi-vis jacket, blanket, shovel, and hot drinks. Walk carefully on icy surfaces, wear sturdy footwear with good grip, and ensure visibility with reflective clothing or a torch. For drivers, maintain winter tires, check wipers, lights, and tire pressure, and drive slowly on icy roads.



## Thanksgiving is full of fascinating history, quirky traditions, and fun facts.

### Historical Facts

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe, but it likely did not include turkey; venison, swan, duck, and goose were more common meats.
- The Mayflower was the ship that brought the Pilgrims to Plymouth Colony in 1620.
- Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday in 1863, while Thomas Jefferson refused to celebrate it as a national holiday.
- The Pilgrims' hats are properly called capotains.

### Food and Cooking Trivia

- The process of basting involves pouring or squeezing juices over a turkey while it cooks to keep it moist.
- A cornucopia, or horn of plenty, is a horn-shaped basket filled with fruits and vegetables, symbolizing abundance.
- Common pantry items used to thicken gravy include flour and cornstarch.
- A baby domestic turkey is called a poult.
- The four colors typically associated with Thanksgiving are red, orange, yellow, and brown.

### Fun Facts and Pop Culture

- ❖ Snoopy first appeared in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1968.
- ❖ In Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving, the Peanuts gang ate toast, popcorn, pretzels, and jelly beans.
- ❖ On average, Americans consume a significant number of calories per person at Thanksgiving dinner, often exceeding 3,000 calories.
- ❖ The world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner on record cost \$181,000 at New York City's Old Homestead Steakhouse.
- ❖ The Monday after Thanksgiving is known as Cyber Monday, a major online shopping day.



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

***Thank You!***

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## Giving at Christmas

The spirit of giving at Christmas is about selflessness, generosity, and expressing love and care for others.

The tradition of giving during Christmas traces back to biblical times.

This act symbolizes humility, selflessness, and recognition of a greater purpose. Emphasizing kindness and compassion without expecting recognition

The essence of Christmas giving is not material wealth but the intention to serve and uplift others. At its heart, the spirit of giving is about thinking beyond oneself and fostering human connection.

It encourages acts of kindness, charity, and generosity, whether through gifts, volunteering, or simple gestures of care. Creating emotional bonds that extend beyond the holiday season.

The joy of giving comes from the act itself, not the value of the gift.

While contemporary Christmas often involves exchanging presents, the deeper meaning lies in intentional generosity. This can include:

- Volunteering time to help those in need
- Offering support or encouragement to friends, family, or neighbors
- Donating to charitable causes
- Performing small acts of kindness, like writing a thoughtful note or helping someone without being asked

These actions embody the true spirit of Christmas, reminding us that generosity is about connection, compassion, and community, rather than consumerism.

Embracing the spirit of giving softens hearts, strengthens relationships, and fosters forgiveness and empathy.



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