

## Fun Christmas Tree Facts

### Did You Know?

1. The tradition of using the evergreen tree around the winter solstice goes back all the way to ancient Egypt!
2. The Romans used to make wreaths of evergreen to hang on their front doors during the Roman holiday of Saturnalia.
3. The idea of decorating the tree wasn't initially done for people. In many cultures, winter-time was thought to bring evil spirits. By placing gifts (or sacrifices of grain and seeds, if you will) upon the trees, people hoped that birds and small animals would scare the evil spirits off.
4. Decorating the tree (for people) started in Latvia in the early 1500s, but they didn't use ornaments and tinsel. Back in those days, food was the number one way to decorate a tree: Gingerbread, sugar candy, apples, nuts, and berries were placed or tied onto the boughs for the family to eat.
5. The Christmas tree that we know today is a German tradition that became popular when Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III (of Revolutionary War fame), insisted a tree be placed in the Queen's Lodge in Windsor.
6. Only rich people used to have a whole tree in their homes. For the poor, they would bring in branches of evergreen and decorate those on the mantelpiece of their fireplaces. Decorated trees were left outside and were generally a community endeavor to decorate.
7. Christmas trees didn't become popular in the United States until right before the Civil War. Americans were slow to adopt the tradition, which they saw as a pagan custom. German immigrants in eastern Pennsylvania were considered odd when they brought their customs over from Europe. It's no wonder that the United States waited until 1870 to make Christmas a federal holiday!
8. There are 25-30 million Christmas trees sold in the United States each year.
9. For every Christmas tree harvested, 1-3 seedlings are planted.
10. Buy American: All 50 states produce Christmas trees. The top Christmas tree-producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington.
11. The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in New York City is illuminated with 30,000 lights—all powered by solar energy!



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Candles  
 Season  
 Cold  
 Twinkle  
 Pine

Bows  
 Angel  
 Friends  
 Music  
 Ice Skate

Carol  
 Ribbon  
 Candy  
 Love  
 Gingerbread



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**Resident Support Services**  
Stanton Tower 205  
(402) 727-4848 ext. 109

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Central Navigation**  
Centralized Intake  
402 721-4157

**Fremont Police Dept.**  
(402) 727-2677  
Emergency - 911

**Fremont Fire Dept.**  
(402) 727-2688  
Emergency - 911

**General Assistance**  
(402) 727-2731

**Health & Human Services**  
(402) 595-1258

**Salvation Army**  
(402) 721-0930

**Northeastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership-NENCAP**  
(402) 385-6300

**Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging-ENOA**  
(402) 721-7770  
**Senior Center**  
(402) 727-2815  
**Rural Transportation**  
(888) 210-1093

**Uniquely Yours**  
(402) 727-8977

**Fremont Lock Shop**  
(402) 317-1983



**FAIR HOUSING: IT'S NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE LAW.**

**BOOK MOBILE**  
**Keene Memorial Library**

**Friday December 2nd**  
**Gifford Tower | 9:30 AM—10:30 AM**  
**Stanton Tower | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**Feet 4 Keeps Foot Care Clinic**

**Monday December 12th | 11:00 AM—4:00 PM**  
**2nd Floor Solarium Stanton**  
**Call Sara Bourek for an appointment 402.719.9770**

**SANTA FOR A SENIORS**

**Delivery will be any time between the 16th & the 23rd**

**PEST-TROL SERVICE**

**Floors 2 through 5 | Stanton Tower | December 14th**  
**Floors 2 through 5 | Gifford Tower | December 28th**

**FHA OFFICE CLOSURE**

**Thursday December 15th**  
**Friday December 23rd**  
**Monday December 26th**

**MERRY MAKERS**

**Stanton Tower Community Room**  
**2:00 PM—3:00 PM**  
**Joyce Torchia Tuesday December 27th**



**Fremont Housing Agency**

**Rita Grigg**  
**Executive Director**

**Danielle Lierman**  
**Housing Program Manager**

**RENT DUE**

**Rent is due**  
**Thursday, December 1st. To avoid a late fee, your payment must be in the drop box by 3:00 pm on Monday, December 5th.**  
**Online, Checks or Money Orders Only!**



**For after hour Maintenance emergencies contact:**

**Ed: 402 720-1264**

**Rita: 402 720-9643**



**“Let’s Talk...”**

**December 2022**

**FHA KITCHEN OPENING IN JANUARY**

We are excited to announce that our kitchen will open again in mid January and will be available for delivery or congregate meals. The price per meal is determined by the State of Nebraska and will be adjusted accordingly. Please contact your Housing Specialist if you want to join the program.

You may qualify for state funded meals through the Social Services Aid Disabled (SSAD) Economic Assistance Program.

If you are already receiving meals via SSAD program and you want to switch back to FHA or any other provider, you will need contact DHHS to update your provider.

The three providers in this area for this program are: Meals on Wheels, Mom’s Meals, and Fremont Housing Agency.

More information to follow in the January 2023 Let’s Talk.

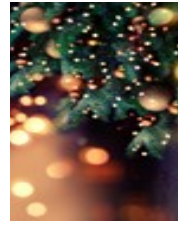
**RSSC Office**

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you both as a Housing Program Manager and Service Coordinator. It has been a great pleasure to work with each and every one of you! I wish everyone well as you continue your residency with Fremont Housing Agency and in the new year. Please be sure to keep striving for self-sufficiency and housing stability. FHA is working diligently to fill the Service Coordinator position. Until the position is filled, if you have questions about a program, please go directly to the community agency that provides that particular assistance.

Stay Safe!


Darci Blakely





# December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>Book Mobile</b> Gifford 9:30-10:30 Stanton 10:30-11:30 <b>2-4-Bingo</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>	3 <b>2-3 Coffee</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>
4	5 <b>2-4 Art Club</b> Gifford <b>Community Room</b>	6	7 <b>Club Meeting</b> 2:00 PM Stanton <i>Community Room</i>	8	9 <b>2-4-Bingo</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>	10 <b>2-3 Coffee</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>
11	12 <b>2-4 Art Club</b> <b>Gifford</b> Community Room <i>Feet for Keeps</i> 11-4 Stanton <i>2nd Floor Solarium</i>	13	14 <b>PESTROL</b> <b>Floors 2-5</b> Stanton Tower	15 <b>1:30-2:30</b> Trivia Stanton Tower <b>FHA offices Closed</b>	16 <b>2-4-Bingo</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>	17 <b>2-3</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Rolls</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>
18	19 <b>2-4 Art Club</b> <b>Gifford</b> Community Room	20	21	22	23 <b>2-4-Bingo</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b> <b>FHA Offices Closed</b>	24 <b>2-3 Coffee</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>
25	26 <b>2-4 Art Club</b> Gifford <b>Community Room</b> <b>FHA Offices Closed</b>	27 <b>Merry Makers</b> Joyce Torchia 2-3 Stanton Community Room	28 <b>PESTROL</b> <b>Floors 2-5</b> Gifford Tower	29 <b>Game Day</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>	30 <b>Merry Makers</b> Kim Eames 2-3 Stanton Community Room <b>2-4-Bingo</b> Stanton	31 <b>2-3 Coffee</b> Stanton <b>Community Room</b>



# Community Events

**FREMONT HOUSING AGENCY RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday December 22nd | 2 PM—3 PM**

**Hosted at Stanton Tower Community Room**

## Indoor Christmas Open House Louis E. May Museum

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy the excitement of the season by touring the lush interior of the May Museum

featuring holiday decorations amid the museum's current display:

'Weddings-through-the-decades.'

This **FREE** event is a gift to

the area communities

**Gift shop will be OPEN**

(\*\*Cash or check only)

17<sup>th</sup> Street & Nye Avenue, Fremont, NE



### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**December 4th 5 PM  
Downtown Fremont**

Santa Claus is coming to town Please join us for a soup supper on December 4th at 5 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:30 pm

There will also be cookie decorating, games, crafts, hayrack rides, storytelling, tree contest and more!

Enter your tree for a chance to win a decorative metal sign.

## INFORMATION

### YOU



### NEED TO

### KNOW

#### Phone Numbers Community Agencies

- Adult Protective Services/Child Protective Services 800-652-1999
- Affordable Connectivity Program 877-384-2575
- Commodities—NENCAP 402-385-6300
- DHHS Economic Assistance Phone Number 402-595-1258
- DHHS Medicaid 402-595-1178
- Dodge County General Assistance 402-727-2731
- Dodge County Veterans Association 402-727-2719
- Eastern Office On Aging 402-721-7770
- Fremont Friendship Center 402-727-2815
- Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver 877-667-6266
- Keene Memorial Library 402-727-2694
- Meals On Wheels 402-721-8262
- Mom's Meals 877-508-6667
- LifeHouse 402-721-3125
- Salvation Army 402-721-0930
- Uniquely Yours Stability Support 402-727-8977

#### Reminders

- Please provide the office with your 2023 Social Security Award Letters
- Be mindful of the calendar of events when you are using the Stanton Tower Community Room as a walk way.
- Help yourself to clothing/coat in the Gifford Community Room  
Donations are from Uniquely Yours Stability Support.
- Due to a lack of participation, December will Merry Makers last performances at the Towers.