



Halloween

Halloween is both a secular and religious holiday. It is celebrated on October 31. Although countries all over the world celebrate Halloween or a form of it. Christian churches may celebrate All Hallows Day or All Saints Day. The secular celebration is marked by dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating and carnival style events characterized by spooky elements such as ghosts.

The original source of Halloween is believed to be of pagan tradition, although many believe the Christian celebrations came first. These festivals often honored gods of fruits, such as the Roman Pomona. Others, like the festival of Parentalia, may have honored the deceased.

The Celtic festival of Samhain is of major influence, which marked the end of summer and the harvest. Bonfires were lit, often to provide light for those bringing in livestock from the fields or mountains to be slaughtered for winter. On this day, the Celts believe that the door to the underworld was opened, letting in spirits. They would hold a feast, setting a place for any deceased relatives, as they were believed to visit home on this day. Mean spirits entered the earthly realm as well. People would dress in costume in order to confuse these spirits.

This evolved into the custom of visiting houses to collect food for the feast while in costume, a precursor to trick-or-treating.

There were several legends associated with Samhain due to the believed opening of the underworld: The body parts of those who had died since the last Halloween would become animated and possess the living. This is why many observers would extinguish fire inside of their house and purposely make it very cold so that spirits would not be drawn there.

In the second half of the 19th century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing the Irish Potato Famine, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally.

The FHA Offices Will Be Closed:

Monday, October 11

Thursday, November 11

Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

Friday, December 24



Housing Choice Voucher Program

Participant Roles - the Tenant, the Landlord, the Housing Agency and HUD

Once a PHA approves an eligible family's housing unit, the family and the landlord sign a lease and, at the same time, the landlord and the PHA sign a housing assistance payments contract that runs for the same term as the lease. This means that everyone -- tenant, landlord and PHA -- has obligations and responsibilities under the voucher program.

Tenant's Obligations: When a family selects a housing unit, and the PHA approves the unit and lease, the family signs a lease with the landlord for at least one year. The tenant may be required to pay a security deposit to the landlord. After the first year the landlord may initiate a new lease or allow the family to remain in the unit on a month-to-month lease.

When the family is settled in a new home, the family is expected to comply with the lease and the program requirements, pay its share of rent on time, maintain the unit in good condition and notify the PHA of any changes in income or family composition.

Landlord's Obligations: The role of the landlord in the voucher program is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to a tenant at a reasonable rent. The dwelling unit must pass the program's housing quality standards and be maintained up to those standards as long as the owner receives housing assistance payments. In addition, the landlord is expected to provide the services agreed to as part of the lease signed with the tenant and the contract signed with the PHA.

Housing Authority's Obligations: The PHA administers the voucher program locally. The PHA provides a family with the housing assistance that enables the family to seek out suitable housing and the PHA enters into a contract with the landlord to provide housing assistance payments on behalf of the family. If the landlord fails to meet the owner's obligations under the lease, the PHA has the right to terminate assistance payments. The PHA must reexamine the family's income and composition at least annually and must inspect each unit at least annually to ensure that it meets minimum housing quality standards.

HUD's Role: To cover the cost of the program, HUD provides funds to allow PHAs to make housing assistance payments on behalf of the families. HUD also pays the PHA a fee for the costs of administering the program. When additional funds become available to assist new families, HUD invites PHAs to submit applications for funds for additional housing vouchers. Applications are then reviewed and funds awarded to the selected PHAs on a competitive basis. HUD monitors PHA administration of the program to ensure program rules are properly followed.

If you have any questions please call Tina, 402-727-4848 ext. 102



Ways to Give Without Expectations



1. Let someone vent, even if you can't offer a solution, just to be an ear—without considering how well they listened to you last week.
2. Help someone who is struggling with difficult feelings by admitting you've felt the same thing—without considering whether they'd be as open with you.
3. Ask, "What can I do to help you today?" Then let it go after following through.
4. Tell someone how you feel about them, even if it makes you feel vulnerable, just to let them know they're loved and not alone.
5. Apologize when you've acted selfishly, even if you don't like feeling wrong, because it will remind the other person they deserve to be treated with respect.
6. Let someone else educate you, even if you're tempted to stay closed minded, because you value their knowledge and appreciate their willingness to share it.
7. Forgive someone who wronged you because you have compassion for them, not because you know they'll owe you.
8. Hold someone's hand when they feel vulnerable to let them know you haven't judged them.
9. Give your full attention to the person in front of you when you're tempted to let your thoughts wander just to show them their words are valuable.
10. Assume the best when you're tempted to suspect someone for no valid reason—even if they haven't always given you the benefit of the doubt.
11. Accompany someone to an appointment or drive them to an interview when they need support just to help them feel strong.
12. Tell someone you believe in their potential, even if they haven't always shown you the same support.



Rural Transportation Program



This service is available to: the general public, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Serving: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties

To book your ride: Toll Free 1-888-210-1093

Hours to call: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Dates to Keep in Mind

October

- 5 World Teachers Day
- 11 Columbus Day
- 16 Boss' Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- 26 National Pumpkin Day
- 31 Halloween Day

November

- 2 Election Day
- 7 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Black Friday

December

- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 31 New Year's Eve



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General Assistance

(402) 727-2731

Health & Human Services

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LifeHouse

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Seasons Greetings!

Some Rights of Section 8 Renters -

- a. To live in decent, safe and sanitary housing that is free from environmental hazards including lead-based paint.
- b. To have timely repairs and quality maintenance.
- c. To be given reasonable notice in writing of any inspection or other entry into your apartment.
- d. To keep all information provided by management confidential.

Some Responsibilities of Section 8 Renters -

- a. Expected to comply with the lease and the program requirements.
- b. Pay your share of rent on time.
- c. Maintain the unit in good condition.
- d. Notify the Housing Agency of any changes in income or family composition.



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