

LCO Housing Newsletter

Manidoo-Giizisoons - Little Spirit Moon - December 2023



11th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CONTEST

The LCO Housing Authority is once again sponsoring its Annual Christmas Festival of Lights contest.

If you wish to participate, please stop by the Housing Authority office (or various other tribal entities) to pick up an entry form and return it to the Housing Authority office by Friday, December 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Judging will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2023, weather permitting.



GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN DECORATING!

**if you have already won 1st, you will not be eligible to win again, to give everyone a chance to win.*

Safety tips for the Holiday Season:

During the Holiday season, it is important to spread the word of “fire safety and home safety” among our Native Community. Therefore, AMERIND Risk Management Corporation is providing the following helpful tips for a Fire Safe Holiday:

Many families place live Christmas trees in their homes, here are some hints to keep trees fresh:

- * Prior to setting up the tree, the trunk should have a fresh butt cut on a diagonal at least 1 inch above the original cut.
- * Use hot tap water when first filling the support stand.
- * Depending on the size of the tree and support stand, water your tree on a daily basis.
- * Check the tree for dryness: stand in front of a branch, grasp it with reasonable firm pressure and pull your hand toward you, allowing the branch to slip through your grasp. If the needles fall off readily, the tree does not have adequate moisture content.



Electrical lights are recommended. Do not use candles on or near a tree within a distance equal to the height of the tree.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Housing office will be closed for the upcoming Holidays:
Christmas

1/2-day Friday, December 22, 2023
& all day Monday, December 25
& all day Tuesday, December 26, 2023

New Years

1/2-day Friday, December 29, 2023
& all day Monday, January 1,
& all day Tuesday, January 2, 2024



ON-CALL MAINTENANCE:

The Maintenance Department has a pager for tenants to be able to contact the on-call person after normal working hours. They will only respond to **Emergency** calls during non-working hours. Other calls can be phoned into the Housing Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

**The Pager number is:
715-798-1594.**

HOW YOU CAN HELP PREVENT MOLD

Mold has and will always be an issue for us in Indian Country. It's not just us, it is everywhere in this country. It's always best to identify and correct the issue immediately before mold grows. Here are some things to watch and report right away to the Housing Authority:

- ⇒ Leaky faucets; faucets can leak to the outside walls, the floor underlayment and it can rot out the vanity. All this can be very costly to repair.
- ⇒ Do not let articles stay wet for a long period of time. This will cause mold.
Example: Wet carpeting, clothes, wipe up spills right away. Discard the wet items.
- ⇒ Always use the exhaust fans in the bathrooms and kitchen. Leave on for at least 15 minutes after a shower and kitchen fans on whenever cooking. If these are not working, please call the office right away.
- ⇒ Make sure your dryer vent is vented to the outside and kept clean. (ALSO: do not hang wet clothes in your house to dry)

It is critical to take action as soon as possible. If you see or smell mold, there is almost always an underlying problem with excess moisture. Until that problem is fixed, the mold problem will come back.



Birthdays

T.J. Butler	12-2
Travis Fleming	12-3
Kaylee Quaderer	12-4
Kelly Quaderer	12-5
Lana Campbell	12-5
Dustin Price	12-9
Samantha Belille	12-14
Curtis Crone	12-17
Michele Kingfisher	12-20
Lilly Jane Hamilton	12-20
Dona Lyne Chino	12-20
Jayce Kingfisher	12-21
Rae Baker	12-24



The heating season is upon us! Please make sure you check your tanks and be prepared for the upcoming heating season! Don't get caught with a low supply of gas. One of the easiest and less expensive ways of getting prepared is to do the window covering with the plastic that you buy at retail stores. You can either do the outside of the windows or the inside, but please do not do both, this traps the moisture and can cause mold and mildew. Please check your furnace filter once a month. This also helps with air flow and allergies. If you are in need of furnace filters, please call the office and we will be glad to provide them.



REMINDER:

If you don't want to go out in the cold, you can stay warm and cozy in your home and pay your rent by phone with your debit/credit card.



We would like to send a big shout out to all those tenants that came in and paid their rent with the money they received from the tribe!!

No payments after 4:00 pm. Please use the drop box after 4:00 pm and before 8:00 am. Thank you.



Wishing you and your families a beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness