

LCO HOUSING NEWSLETTER

Waatebagaa Giizis - Leaves Turning Moon - September 2025



2025 FIRE & SAFETY FAIR

We would like to thank everyone that attended this year's Fire & Safety Fair. Special thanks to the Housing Authority crew that made this event possible, LCO Fire Chief Ryan Bunker of the LCO Fire Department for giving fire truck rides, Police Chief Susie Taylor for conducting a bicycle safety class, ICW for the use of their inflatable water slide, Marketplace of Hayward donated a full sized sheet cake, and Chris Headley, Bass Lake Fire Chief also stopped by. We would like to thank all these people for their efforts in making this event fun and educational for all.



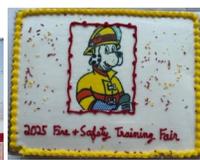
We would like to thank the kids that participated in this years poster contest— you all did a great job!

September Birthday Greetings

Memphis DeMain	9/1
Keisha Chino	9/4
Aiden J Quaderer	9/4
Doug Coon	9/7
Roxanne Isham	9/8
Jessica Bunker	9/8
Malakai Kingfisher	9/9
James Dennis III	9/12
Cassandra Taylor	9/14
Mike DeMain	9/15
Bradley Trepania Jr	9/18
Trinity Wocelka	9/20
Meagan Grover	9/21
Kip Coffman	9/25
Alex Dennis	9/30



A special appearance was made by Sparky the Fire Dog.



Micah Cooper
Winner of the boys bike



Migizi Taylor
Winner of the girls bike



2025 Fire and Safety Poster Winners

Grade K-3rd

3rd winner
1st place winner—
Josh Martin



Grade 4th-6th

1st place winner -
Brentley Quagon



Grade 7th-8th

1st place winner -
Angelo Perry Jr.



- ◆ For your convenience, rent payments can be made by phone with a valid credit/debit card, Mon—Fri. 8-4 pm. Payments can also be deposited in a drop box, which is located to the left of the main entrance door.
- ◆ Applications for housing can be picked up at the office front desk or they are available on the Housing Authority's website <https://www.lcoha.org> and may be emailed to info@lcoha.org, mailed to the Housing Authority, or put in the drop box.

Congratulations to Gretchen Kuykendall and family of the Giivedin community! They were **YARD OF THE MONTH winners for **AUGUST!****

Thanks to all that worked hard in their yards this year!



Until next year

ON-CALL MAINTENANCE:

The Maintenance Department has an on-call # for tenants to be able to contact the maintenance 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.

MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC AND DRAINFIELD

Laundry

Spread Your Washing Machine/Dishwasher Usage Throughout the Week

You may think having a designated "laundry day," when you wash all your clothes and perhaps even run your dishwasher, will be a time saver. But it puts a lot of stress on your septic system. You need to give your septic system time to treat the wastewater, or you could overload the system and flood your drainfield. Instead, opt to do a full load [to ensure you're not wasting water] a couple of days a week.

Don't Treat Your Toilet Like a Trash Can

The **ONLY** thing that should be flushed down the toilet that doesn't come out of your body is toilet paper. Toilet paper is designed to break down in the septic tank. Any other items are not; they'll clog and damage your septic system. Look for toilet paper that is safe for your septic. Some of the lush, expensive brands with lotions and extra ply could clog or add unwanted chemicals into your system.

Never flush: Cooking Grease or Oil, Non-flushable wipes, such as Baby Diapers, Wipes or other Wet Wipes, Tissues, Feminine Hygiene products, Condoms, Dental floss, Diapers Cigarette butts, Coffee grounds, Cat litter, Paper towels, Pharmaceuticals, Household chemicals like Gasoline, Oil, Pesticides, Antifreeze, and Paint or Paint Thinners.

Maintain Your Drainfield

Your drainfield—a component of your septic system that removes contaminants from the liquid that emerges from your septic tank—is an important part of your septic system. Impermeable materials, such as concrete and asphalt, should not be laid on top of a drainfield because they reduce evaporation and the supply of oxygen to the soil. Oxygen is critical to the healthy bacteria in your septic system and the proper breakdown of sewage by soil microorganisms.

Here are a few things you should do to maintain it:

Parking: Do not park or drive on your drainfield. The weight of vehicles and heavy equipment compacts the soil, which can damage pipes. Most drainfields [such as rock and pipe, chamber system, etc.] are constructed in open lawn areas and are not designed to handle vehicles or heavy equipment driving on them.

Planting: Plant trees the appropriate distance from your drainfield to keep roots from growing into your septic system. A septic service professional can advise you of the proper distance, depending on your septic tank and landscape.

Placing: Keep roof drains, sump pumps, and other rainwater drainage systems away from your drainfield area. Excess water slows down or stops the wastewater treatment process.



Ferrellgas The heating season is rapidly approaching! Please make sure you check your tanks and be prepared for the upcoming heating season! **A special offer for LCO Members & Employees; the price for LCO until the end of October is, \$1.249.** The rate for Nov. 1—June 30, 2026 will be **\$1.599.** Reminder to call your heating provider and update your contact information. **Also, please be sure to change your furnace filter!** Remember to check the size before you come to pick up a new one. You can pick up new filters at the LCO Housing Authority Office. When expecting a delivery of gas, please make sure that the path to your tank is clear.