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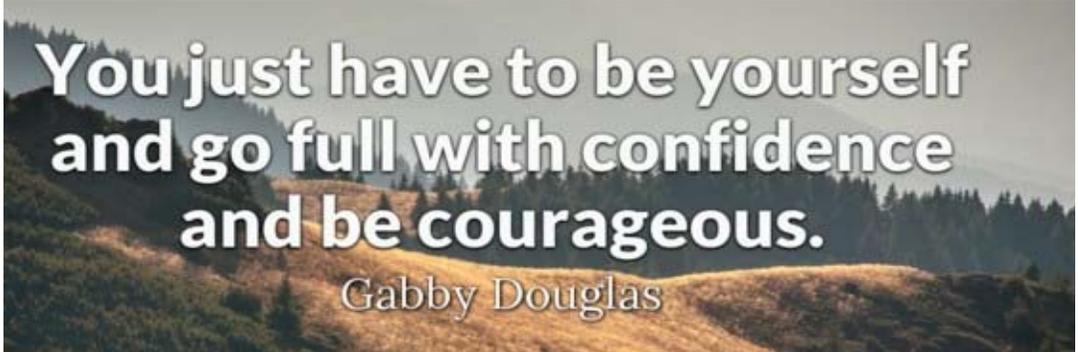
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CFHA Notice: Important Staff Changes

The CFHA is undergoing staffing changes with our Housing Services Specialists for the Siler and Brannen Communities. We will continue to deliver high quality customer service during this transition and are currently working on filling the position at the Siler Community

- ◆ Patricia Sauers retired in January and is off enjoying her retirement!
- ◆ Jayne Wittman will be working at the Brannen Office in February, she will be leaving the Siler community.

Thank You to Kurt Aldinger who stepped in during this transition! Caleb Alexander will step in, with support from Kurt, until a replacement is hired for the Siler community. If you have additional concerns to raise, you can contact Caleb Alexander, Assistant Director by email.

Join the Resident Advisory Board

Have a Say in the future of the Housing Authority

Each year the Housing Authority must submit a Five Year Plan or update, along with the Five Year Capital Plan. These plans guide policy, programming, repairs, updates to homes and grounds. The Resident Advisory Board reviews these and provides input to ensure that Resident needs are best being met. The time commitment is small, and all contact is done via email or mail unless a meeting is requested. **Your input is needed!** If interested, contact your Specialist, or Caleb Alexander or Kurt Aldinger by email at kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov.

Join the Board of Commissioners

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has open seats specifically for program participants! Board meetings are 1-2 hours on the third Thursday of the month, starting at 10:00 am.

Meetings are presently held online via Microsoft Teams (technical assistance is available as needed). Serve your community, mark off volunteer hours, and represent resident concerns by joining the Board!

To learn more and apply, visit flagstaff.az.gov/994. Computers are also available to apply at 3481 N Fanning Drive during business hours.

Food Boxes:

Food Boxes are available at the following locations. Anyone in the area in need of an assortment of produce, dairy, protein and bread, stop by and pick up an assortment of food.

- American Legion: 204 W. Birch Ave, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, every first and third Monday; Feb. 7 & 21st
- Kinsey Elementary School: 1601 S. Lone Tree Road, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, every Tuesday.
- Cromer Elementary School: 7150 Silver Saddle Road, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, every Tuesday.
- Summit High School: 4000 N. Cummings Street 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, every second and fourth Thursday; February 10th, February 24th.
- Highland Fire Department: 3350 Old Munds Hwy, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, every Thursday.
- Killip Elementary School: 2300 E. 6th Ave, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, every Friday.
- Thomas Elementary School: 3300 E. Lockett Road, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, every Friday.

Flagstaff Residents can stop by the Food Bank and receive a food box twice a month as supplies allow.

- Family Food Bank: 3805 E. Huntington Drive, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday to Saturday.

Don't Slip or Fall Walk like a Penguin

As a reminder, please don't forget to clear sidewalks around your home and/or driveway to prevent yourself and others from falling.



To prevent falling, just walk like a penguin. That's right! Just walk like a penguin. After all, they're pros at walking on ice. Simply spread your

feet. This broadens your base, making it harder to fall. Bend your knees slightly to lower your center of gravity. And put your arms out to your sides for balance.

If you can't prevent a fall, fall like a pro to prevent injuries; If you're about to go down, lean forward so the back of your head and spine don't hit the pavement. Try to fall on your thigh, hip and shoulder, not on your easily broken arms, knees, wrists or spine. And hard as it may be, relax your muscles as you fall. You'll be less likely to get hurt.

Recipe: Easy Queso Dip

Ingredients, 3 Cups, Prep Time-5 min

- 12 oz. White American cheese
- 4 oz. pepper jack cheese , shredded
- 2/3 cup half and half
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 jalapeno, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 4-ounce can green chilies, drained



Garnish: diced tomatoes, chopped cilantro, sliced jalapeno

Directions for Slow-cooker method

1. Combine both cheeses, half & half, garlic, jalapeno, black pepper and stir to combine.
2. Cover and cook on high for 50 minutes.
3. Half-way through cooking, stir and add green chilies.
4. Reduce heat to warm, until ready to serve
5. Top with tomatoes, cilantro and jalapeno.

Source: <https://www.thepioneerwoman.com>



The **Federal Communications Commission** launched the Affordable Connectivity Program, a successor program to the Emergency Broadband Benefit. To continue to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the pandemic. The Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to \$30/month for broadband service for eligible households and up to \$100 discount to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

If you are already enrolled in EBBP, you will continue to receive your current monthly benefit until March 1, 2022. At that time, the monthly benefit amount will reduce to \$30 and reapplication may be required. Contact your current service provider.

Visit <https://www.fcc.gov/ACP> , to learn who is eligible, steps to enroll, list of area providers and how to stay enrolled after March 1, 2022.

Maintenance Reminders:

Report work orders by calling 928-213-2731. Leave a message with your Name, Phone Number, Address and your work order issues. Many mobile phones will block unfamiliar phone numbers. To ensure communication, residents are encouraged to save the phone number in their contacts.

Home Safety tips: from the National Fire Protection Association

Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires and home fire deaths.

Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn, here are some tips: for a full safety sheet click this link at [nfpa.org/-/safety-tip-sheets/candlesafetytips.pdf](https://www.nfpa.org/-/safety-tip-sheets/candlesafetytips.pdf)



- * Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- * Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn.
- * Put candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- * Never use a candle if oxygen is used in a home.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. Where there is a fire, smoke spreads fast, Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly, here are some tips: for a full safety sheet click this link at [nfps.org/-/safety-tip-sheets/smokealarms.ashx](https://www.nfpa.org/-/safety-tip-sheets/smokealarms.ashx)

- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Replace batteries immediately.
- Never remove the batteries or cover of the smoke alarm unless your are replacing the batteries.

Source: National Fire Protection Association, <https://www.nfpa.org/education>

Electric Portable Space heaters are prohibited per the **Resident Handbook, Section 8: Waste of Resources;** HUD requires that all Public Housing Agencies have policies and take measures to insure conservation of resources. To meet this criteria we have the following prohibitions/requirements that apply to all Residents of our developments: **Use of electric heaters in addition to the permanently installed central heater is prohibited.**

Kids' STEAM Corner: Glowing Olympic Torch

Olympic Winter Games begin on February 4 - 20, 2022. A great Olympic craft for the kids to make and have for the opening Olympic Ceremony.

Supplies

Yellow Tissue Paper, Orange Tissue Paper
Paper tube, either a towel or toilet
Flameless tealight
Orange cupcake liner
Gold Paint, Paint Brush
Glue and Scissors



Directions:

1. Paint the toilet paper tube gold and let it dry.
2. Glue the cupcake liner onto the top of the tube.
3. Cut the yellow & orange tissue paper into approximately 5" squares, don't need to be exact.
4. Apply a little glue to the edge of the tea light, layer the tissue paper around the sides.
5. Layer four yellow pieces of tissue paper, glue.
6. Layer four orange pieces of tissue paper. Let dry.
7. Sit the tea light into the top of the cup. (easy to take tea light in & out of torch.)

Source: ohmy-creative.com/kids-crafts

Safe Cleaning Recipes: DIY cleaning products

Below are some simple, super inexpensive, SAFE cleaning recipes you must try!

- ◆ **Glass Cleaner:** 1 cup vinegar + 1 cup water
 - * Spray and wipe clean!
- ◆ **All Purpose Cleaner:** 2 Cups Water + 1/2 Cup White Vinegar + 1 tsp Dish Soap + 1 tsp Baking Soda
 - * Spray and wipe clean!
- ◆ **Shower Spray:** 1 Cup Hot Vinegar + 1 Cup Dish Soap
 - * Spray and wipe off!
- ◆ **Degreasing, Stain Removing, and Freshening Citrus Vinegar Cleaner:** Rinds from 6 grapefruits, 8 oranges, 12 lemons/limes + vinegar (enough to cover jar with rinds). Let combination sit for 2 weeks and place vinegar in jar. Dilute with 1:1 water for cleaning kitchens, bathrooms, floors, and more!



Your Story Could be Featured in Next Month's Newsletter!

If you have news of accomplishments, original artwork, poetry, community group news, recipes, or if you just want to see something specific on the next newsletter, we want to hear from you! Drop off a letter at the Siler Homes office or send an email to housing@flagstaffaz.gov.

Bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside by 6:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.

February 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Trash Pickup</u> Crestview and Cedar	<u>Trash Pickup</u> All Sunnyside Scattered Sites <u>Recycling Pickup</u> Brannen and Verde	<u>Trash Pickup</u> Siler, Brannen, Steves, Alta Vista, Lockett, and Verde	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Cedar and Crestview	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Siler, Lockett, Alta Vista, Steves, and all Sunnyside Scattered Sites
January 31	February 1 <u>Public Housing Rent Due</u>	2	3	4 
7 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Brannen & Verde	8 <u>Public Housing Late Rent Fees Applied at 8am, Notices Sent</u>	9	10	11 
14 	15 <u>Last day to turn in LIPH Recert. Packets for May 8am</u>	16	17 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 10 AM Via Zoom	18
21 <u>All City Offices Closed</u> <u>Presidents Day</u> <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Crestview, & Cedar	22 <u>Last Day to Pay January Rent to Avoid Court Action</u>	23	24	25 <u>Last day to report changes to insure rent decrease</u>
28 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Siler, Greenlaw, & Scattered Sites	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
				

March Rent Dates

Late fees applied: On 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 8th
Last day to pay previous month's rent to avoid court action:
 By 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 22nd

