

Housing Connection



Cheyenne Housing Authority

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Office Closures
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Public Housing reminder

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office Closures:

The CHA will be closed *all day* on Wednesday January 11th and 25th for staff training.

We are also closed Monday January 2nd for New Year's celebrations with our families.

As a reminder, we will close at noon on the 4th and 18th.

The CHA Family Self-Sufficiency Program has 7 open slots under the HCV voucher program and 13 openings under our Public Housing program. If you are dedicated, committed and determined to become a home-owner within a 5 year time frame, please come by the Cheyenne or Laramie office and pick up a brochure on the program, or contact FSS

specialist during business hours for information.

Our most recent graduate completed the goals she set for herself, attended the meetings and received a check for \$7,854.00 towards her 1st home! The program will work if you want it too.

Reminder for single family Public Housing tenants:

You are responsible for snow and ice removal around your unit, including stairs and side-walks. Ice and snow must be cleared within 24 hours per city ordinance and CHA lease.

Reminder of Utilities:

With winter upon us, utility bills will be higher, so please make sure that you stay on top



of your utilities paying them in a timely manner or making payment arrangements if necessary to avoid shut-off notices reaching our office. 3 shut-off notices in a calendar year will result in a termination letter being sent to you!

Remember to leave your faucets dripping ever so slightly to prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting.

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GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

“January opens the box of the year and brings out days that are bright and clear” - Leland & Jacobs.

The beginning of any new year always seems to send us into a mode of reflection. A place where we seem to take inventory of where we have been, how far we have come, and where we are going; and a place

where we ponder the changes in our lives, either already made or will be making.

Resolutions have a poor success rate, we often fail because most resolutions involve other people encouraging us to do what they think we should do for ourselves - and that never works out in the end. This year do something simple - be kind

to everyone you meet. No matter the situation, the environment, the adversity you face, respond with love and compassion. Just simply, be kind to everyone. The world is filled with enough hatred, diversion and anger, we don't need to add more to the air of change. Don't make a resolution, but a commitment to be kind.

ATTITUDE OF CHANGE

Let's say that one day your phone rang and it was the president of the bank that you use. He told you that an anonymous donor who loved you very much had decided to deposit 86,400 pennies into your bank account each and every morning.

At first, maybe that didn't seem like a lot. But then you figured out that it was \$864 a day. At seven days a week and 52 weeks a year, those pennies add up to almost \$315,000 each year! But the bank president added one thing: "The anonymous giver said you must spend all of the money on the day you receive it! No balance

will be carried over to the next day. Each evening the bank must cancel whatever sum you failed to use! Remember, what you don't spend is lost." Would you spend it all each day, or would you lose the money you didn't spend?

That may sound like fantasy, but here's the reality: Every morning, you do have a deposit into your "bank of time" - 86,400 seconds, which represent 1,440 minutes, which of course equals 24 hours each and every day.

You are given that much to use each

and every day and nothing is ever carried over on credit to the next day. There is no such thing as a 27-hour day.

It's called time, and you can't escape it. Time is ticking away right now, so make those minutes count and do something positive for yourself or someone else. Your time is a valuable asset - visit a nursing home or a short term care facility, or a cancer center and ask someone who doesn't have much time left just how valuable it really is.

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." – Leo Tolstoy

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

It is really very simple - You don't have to choose between being kind to yourself and others, for it is one in the same. Being kind to others is a way of being good to yourself, and speaks volumes about the kind of person you are. How you make other people feel about themselves says a lot about who you are as a person.

In our day to day interactions, we need to try being kind instead of being right. Indifference often does more damage than outright dislike, so do your little bit of good wherever you are, no matter how small it may seem. No amount of kindness is ever wasted.

We all know the times are changing, and racism, bullying, abuse of power, sexism, and hatred are becoming the portrayed common theme in our world. But the truth of the matter is that the majority of people do not support those notions or beliefs. Most people want a world filled with peace, love, compassion and equality. The majority of people stand up for others, fight injustice and call out hatred with acts of love. We do not need to choose be held down by external pressures of hatred, but instead, we can use our voices to speak out against it. But we must make the choice to the do so, and that is done by our actions, not words.

The Paradoxical Commandments by Kent Keith says it all perfectly:

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack

you if you do help them. Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway."

The world is in need of a new army. An army of kindness, love and compassion for all humans. We can no longer afford to be separated by the color of our skin, our religious beliefs, nationalism, ethnicity, or anything else we have no control over. We are all of one race - the human race and to be kind to one another is to be kind to ourselves. Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kind act or word.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.

May the new year return to you all that you give out.



AROUND TOWN

HEMILIGHTED FOREST OF HOPE

Oct15, 2016 - Feb 28, 2017, daily at 6565 Ashley Drive, Cheyenne, WY -- from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Admission is by donation. Hay rides are free, train rides are \$1. With over 600 lighted Christmas Trees in a wonderful Wyoming setting and a trackless train, this gift of love started out of a desire to bring attention to the Hemisperectomy Foundation, and now also blesses the Cheyenne community. Hay rides & train rides most every night. Hot chocolate is always on for those who do the hay rides.

Take your loved one on a special **Date Night at the Terry Bison** ranch. This event occurs every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm at the Senator's Steakhouse on the ranch. The night includes a special dinner for 2 and an evening of dancing with live music from Brian Brooks.

Start 2017 off with a special night for just the 2 of you to reconnect and reaffirm your love for one another. For more information, check out the [Terry Bison website](#) for directions, reservation line and details.

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET occurs monthly the 1st Saturday of the month at the Historic Depot lobby. Come enjoy Locally-raised Winter Vegetables, Farm-fresh Eggs, Goat and Sheep Cheese, Goat's Milk Grass-fed Beef, Lamb, and Bison, Chicken, Pork, Goat's Meat, Take-home BBQ, Locally-made Tamales, Salsa, Tortilla Chips Gluten-free Foods and Treats, Locally produced Jams, Preserves, Pickles, and Relishes, Local Honey, Locally roasted Fair-trade Coffee, Locally made Hot sauce and Seasonings, Artisan Breads, Baked Goods, and Granolas, Local Candies, Flavored Nuts, and Caramel Corn, and Live Music

WINTER FUN TIME

The **Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra** is hosting musical scores from some of the top block buster films including Star Wars, Harry Potter, E.T, and Schindler's List. Come to the Cheyenne Civic Center located at 1904 Thomes Ave on January 14th at 7:30p for a night of music. Cost is \$15 to \$45 per person. For more information call 307-778-8561 or visit www.cheyennesymphony.org

Ballet Wyoming Proudly Presents **Peter Pan** in Cheyenne at the Civic Center located at 510 W. 20th St. on January 21st at 2pm. Tickets range from \$15 to \$40. Don't miss your chance to experience this classic childhood performance. For more information call 307-637-6363 or visit their website for more details.

<http://www.cheyenneciviccenter.org/>

Looking for something that inspires creativity and imagination to do with the kiddos on those cold winter days? Cheyenne offers several area do it yourself craft stops. Check out a couple of them:

[Paint your own pottery @ Graffitos](#)

[Paint & create @ Flydragon Art Studio](#)

[Cheyenne Arts Festival youth shops](#)

“For last year's words belong to last year's language; And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.” — T.S. Eliot

MAINTENANCE CORNER



Reminder: Call in maintenance issues to the call-in line: 307-632-0539. The call-in line is a 24 hour answering service that records your maintenance issue" information and then reports it to CHA.

Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy 2017!

PORK SUPPER

1 (6- to 8-lb.) fully cooked, bone-in ham
 48 whole cloves
 16oz brown sugar
 1 cup spicy brown mustard
 1 cup cola soft drink
 3/4 cup bourbon
 Garnish: fresh bay leaves

Preheat oven to 350°. Remove skin from ham, and trim fat to 1/4-inch thickness. Make shallow cuts in fat 3/4 inch apart in a diamond pattern. Insert cloves in centers of diamonds. Place ham in a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch pan.

Stir together brown sugar and next 3 ingredients; spoon mixture over ham.

Bake at 350° on lowest oven rack 2 hours and 30 minutes, basting with pan juices every 15 to 20 minutes. Remove ham from oven, and let stand 20 minutes before slicing. Garnish, if desired.

The custom of eating pork on New Year's is based on the idea that pigs symbolize progress. The animal pushes forward, rooting itself in the ground before moving. Roast suckling pig is served for New Year's in Cuba, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, and Austria—Austrians are also known to decorate the table with miniature pigs made of marzipan.

Different pork dishes such as pig's feet are enjoyed in Sweden while Germans feast



on roast pork and sausages. Pork is also consumed in Italy and the United States, where thanks to its rich fat content, it signifies wealth and prosperity.

Don't just flavor your meal with the fat-back or cook the ham hocks, but enjoy a meal of pork!

BLUEBERRY STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup sugar
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 1 egg
 1/2 cup milk
 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
 1 cup chopped pecans

STREUSEL TOPPING:

1/2 cup sugar
 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup cold butter

Preheat oven to 375°. Whisk flour, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, cream sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add egg and milk; stir into dry ingredients. Fold in blueberries and pecans. Spread into a greased 9-in. square baking pan.

For topping, combine sugar and flour; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 35-40 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

(If using frozen blueberries, use without thawing to avoid discoloring the batter.)



FARMERS STRATA

1 lb bacon, cut into 1/2" pieces
 2 cups chopped fully cooked ham
 1 small onion, chopped
 10 slices white bread, cubed
 1 cup cubed cooked potatoes
 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
 8 large eggs
 3 cups milk
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1 teaspoon ground mustard

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp, add ham and onion until tender and drain. Grease a 13x9 pan, layer half the bread, potatoes and cheese. Top with all the bacon mixture, repeat bread, potatoes and cheese.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs then add the milk, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over bread and cheese mixture, cover and chill overnight.

Remove from fridge 30 minutes before baking. Preheat oven to 325, bake uncovered for 65 to 70 minutes until a knife comes out clean.

For variety and good luck, you can add spinach, asparagus or other green veggies like cabbage if you desire, to encourage wealth, prosperity and fortune for the new year.





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“We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of cracks to be patched. Maybe this year we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives, not looking for flaws, but for potential.” – Ellen Goodman

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Senior Services Info

Cheyenne and Burns Locations:

Senior Activity Center – 2101 Thomes Avenue, Cheyenne

Stanfield Manor – 604 Shoshoni, Cheyenne

Indian Hills Manor – 615 Storey, Cheyenne

Foxcrest Community Center 4125 Cox Court, Cheyenne

County Location: 134 S. Main, Burns

Cheyenne Housing Authority

The Cheyenne Housing Authority (CHA) mission is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to the elderly, disabled, and economically disadvantaged families who are unable to obtain housing through conventional means. Additionally, the CHA will strive to provide for and coordinate other necessary life services to this population.

The CHA will achieve these purposes through an organization and within an environment that attracts the finest people; encourages and challenges our individual talents; encourages the collaboration of those talents to achieve the goals established in a creative, progressive and fiscally responsible manner; and maintains the Cheyenne Housing Authority's well established principles of integrity and professionalism.



LATE RENT FEES / PUBLIC HOUSING

Late Rent Fees on our Public Housing, Multi-Family and Rural Development programs and FMR units:

Single Family: \$30 after the 7th

411 Storey: \$30 after the 7th

615 Storey: \$5 on the 6th & \$1 per day after

Pine Bluffs: \$5 on the 6th & \$1 per day after

Weaver Road, College House and WRAP homes: \$10.00 per day after 7th.