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Dates to Remember:

**March 11-
Daylight Savings
Time**

**March 12-
City Council
Meeting**

**March 14-
Preschool Mom's
Coffee @ Library**

**March 17-
St. Patrick's Day**

**March 22-
Foot Clinic**

**March 24-
Chamber Banquet**

**March 28-
Preschool Mom's
Coffee @ Library**

**Stop by the Nolde Center
for Bingo March 12th
and Cards every
Thursday at 1:30pm**

-REMINDER-

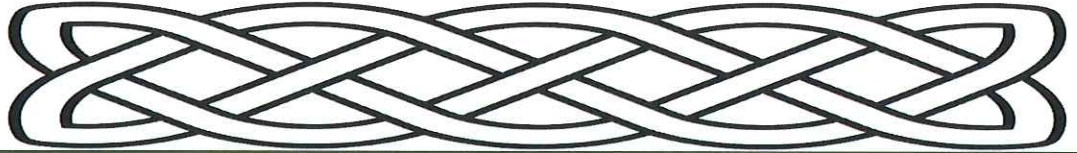
Don't forget to...



**SPRING
FORWARD!**

**In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 11 March 2018,
clocks will be forwarded one hour,
marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time**

City of Sutton Newsletter



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New Medicare Cards with New Numbers

In April of 2015, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 became law, requiring Medicare to no longer utilize the individual's Social Security number as the identifying number on Medicare cards in order to fight against fraud and identity theft. The new cards will feature a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Beginning April 2018, Medicare will start mailing the new cards to anyone on Medicare. Nebraska is not in the initial wave for mailings, so we should begin seeing

cards mailed out June 2018. Each MBI will be 11 characters in length, made of both numbers and uppercase letters. The change to the cards and the update to the MBIs will not change your Medicare benefits, nor will it change your eligibility for Medicare services. If you have any questions about the new Medicare cards, MBI, or any other questions, please contact Nebraska SHIIP at (800) 234-7119.

Current Medicare Card



New Medicare Card



St. Patrick's Day Crossword

Find the St. Patrick's day words in the puzzle below. Words can be found in ALL directions.



Blarney
Celtic
Clover
Cross
Gold
Green

Hat
Ireland
Irish
Jig
Leprechaun
Limerick

Luck
March
Patrick
Pot
Rainbow
Saint

Shamrock
Shillelagh
Snakes



Dinner & Fun Pianos

March 24th, 2018 at Sutton Community Center

\$35/ticket RSVP by March 17th or \$250/table of 8 RSVP by March 12th

Tickets available at Astra Bank & Cornerstone Bank

Sponsored by the Sutton Area Chamber

Of Commerce



6pm Social Hour

7pm Dinner

8pm Entertainment by 176 Keys

Winter Compost Hours
Saturdays 9am-5pm
Weather Permitting

City Phone Numbers
City Hall
773-4225

Utility Department
773-5607

Police Department
773-5545

Library
773-5259

Sutton Chamber
773-4233

After Hours
Emergencies
773-4225

Public Works
Department
773-4702

Civil Defense
773-4386

Fire Department
773-4598

Utility Shop
773-4705

Pool
773-4706

Snow Removal Contacts
Russ Girmus
762-5119

Keenan Friesen
773-4522

John Thompson
308-258-1200

Telemarketers and Phone Scams

Every year thousands lose money to scams. Everyone is a potential target. Fraud isn't limited to race, ethnic back-ground, gender, age, education, or income. Some scammers seem friendly, claim to work for a company you trust, or send mail & place ads to get you to call them, but remember, they will say anything to get your money. If you get a call from someone you don't know trying to sell you something you hadn't planned to buy, say "No." If they pressure you about giving up personal information (credit card, Social Security number, bank account), it's most likely a scam.

Signs of a Scam— Scammers don't want to give you time to think about their pitch; they just want you to say "yes." They may direct you to information featuring "happy customers" who are as fake as their praise.

Here are a few red flags to help you spot scams:

- *You've been specially selected. *You get a free bonus with purchase. *You trust me, right?
- *You've won valuable prizes. *You've won a foreign lottery. *You don't need to check our company.
- *This investment is low risk with high return. *You have to decide right now.
- *We'll just charge shipping & handling fees on your credit card.

Scammers use excessive or fake prizes, products, or services as bait. Some may call you, but others use mail, texts, or ads to get you to call them. Here are a few examples of "offers" you might get:

- "Free" or "low cost" Travel Packages. Trips that end up costing in hidden fees, or may never take place.
- Credit and loans. Loans, credit protection, and offers to lower interest rates are very popular schemes.
- Business/investment opportunities. These can be hard to grasp-most people don't research the investment.
- Charitable causes. Urgent requests for recent disaster relief efforts are especially common.
- High-stakes foreign lotteries. Plugging lottery sales across borders by phone or mail is prohibited by law.
- Extended car warranties. Scammers find out about your car to urge you to buy pricey or worthless plans.
- "Free" trial offers. Companies use trials to sign you up, which they bill you monthly until you cancel.

Questions to Ask- When you get a call from a telemarketer, ask yourself:

Who's calling... and why? Law says telemarketers must tell you it's a sales call, name of the seller and what they're selling before their pitch. If you don't hear this information, say "no" and hang up.

What's the hurry? Fast talkers use high pressure tactics to hide something. Take your time. Legitimate businesses will give you time and written information about an offer before asking you to commit.

If it's free, why are they asking me to pay? Question fees you need to pay. If you have to pay, it's a purchase.

Why am I "confirming" or giving out my account information? Some callers have your billing information before they call you. They're trying to get you to say "okay" so they can claim you approved a charge.

What time is it? Law allows telemarketers to call only between 8 am-9 pm.

Do I want more calls like this one? If you don't want a business to call you again, say so and register your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry. If they call back, they're breaking the law.

Pre-Recorded Calls- If you hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it's a robocall. Recorded messages trying to sell things are generally illegal unless you've given the company written permission to call.

If you get a robocall: Hang up the phone. Don't press 1 to speak to a live operator or any other key to take your number off the list. If you respond, it will probably just lead to more robocalls. If you get a lot of robocalls, consider asking your phone company if they block phone numbers, or look into services that screen or block robocalls. Telemarketers change Caller ID information easily and often, so it might not be worth paying a fee to block a number that will change.

Some Additional Guidelines-

*Resist pressure to make a decision immediately. *Ask for the person's name and phone number so you can think about their offer and call them back. If they won't give you that information, it's most likely a scam.

*Keep your sensitive info to yourself. Don't tell callers you don't know, or let them trick you into "confirming" the information. *Don't pay for something just because you'll get a "free gift."

*Get all information in writing before you agree to buy. *Check out a charity before you give. Ask questions.

*If you get calls about investments, check with your state securities regulator to see if the offer & the offering company are properly registered. *Don't send cash by messenger, overnight mail, or money transfer. If you use cash or a money transfer rather than credit card you may lose your right to dispute fraudulent charges. The money will be gone. *Don't agree to any offer for which you have to pay a "registration" or "shipping" fee to get a prize or a gift. *Research offers with your consumer protection agency or state Attorney General's office before you agree to send money. *Beware of offers to "help" you recover money you have already lost. Callers that say they are law enforcement officers who will help you get your money back "for a fee" are scammers. *Report any caller who is rude or abusive, even if you already sent them money. They'll want more. *Don't ever pay for goods or services with gift cards or prepaid cards.

Report your experiences or file a complaint about telemarketers to the FTC online or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

All information used courtesy of the FTC