

NACO E-Line

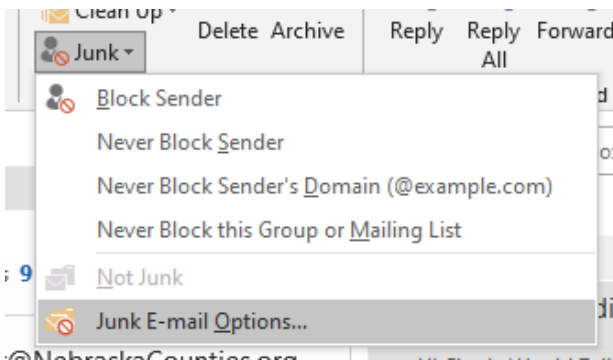


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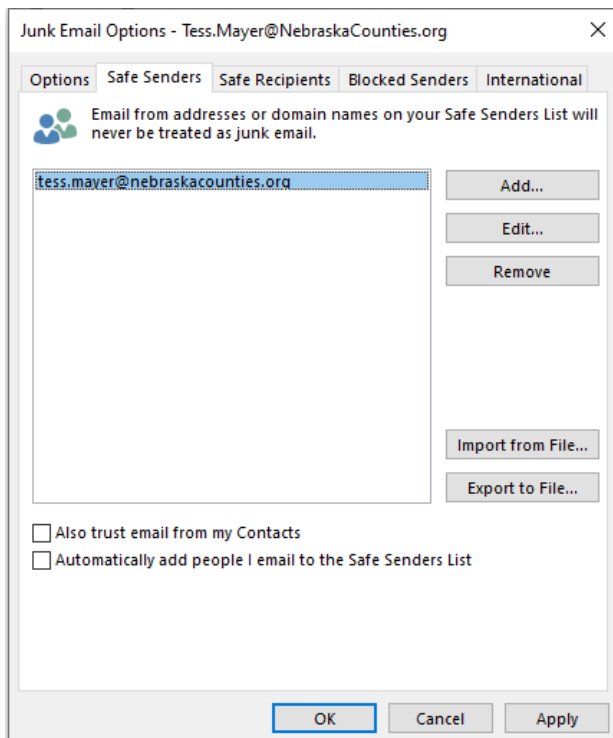
Get the E-Line in your Inbox

Stay up to date with NACO by adding me to your safe sender list! That way, these communications don't end up in your spam folder and you're always first to know about upcoming events or education opportunities.



In Outlook, find "Junk" in the tool bar.

Hover over "Junk" and select "Junk E-mail Options"



Select the "Safe Senders" tab

Click "Add..." on the right side

Add me, Tess!, to your list –
tess.mayer@nebraskacounties.org

Thank you so much! I hope this helps!

Your County, Through the Lens

Every E-Line will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county. If you'd like to submit a photo for our E-Line, please email Tess.Mayer@nebraskacounties.org



Sarpy County, submitted by Megan Barrett

Upcoming Events

District Meetings:

Southeast, 3.12.2021 – [Register Here](#)

Central, 3.18.2021 – [Register with your County Clerk](#)

Northeast, 3.19.2021 – [Register with your County Clerk](#)

Panhandle, 3.24.2021 – [Register with your County Clerk](#)

West Central, 3.25.2021 – [Register Here](#)

2021 County Budget Workshop:

North Platte, 5.13.2021 – [Register Here](#)

Columbus, 5.14.2021 – [Register Here](#)

2021 Outstanding County Board Member of the Year

Let us know who you think deserves to be recognized for the work they're doing for their community. The Outstanding County Board Member Award is open to county board members who have been in office for at least four terms. Applications are due April 30, 2021.

[Click here to submit a nomination](#)

COOL Network, Series 2 & 3

NACO AND UNL EXTENSION PRESENT:

THE COOL NETWORK

County Official Online Learning Network

- INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PURPOSE, STRUCTURE, AND FUNDING OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- NETWORK WITH OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS



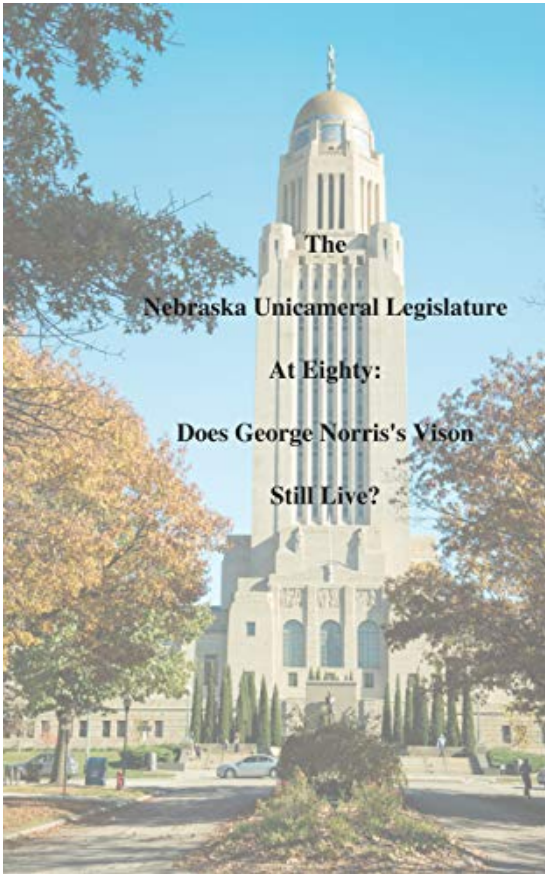
NACO and UNL are excited to bring you The County Official Online Learning Network. The COOL Network is a continuing education opportunity which will help boost your knowledge of county government, develop leadership skills, and create a network of county officials across the state.

This week marked the final week of Series One! If you missed Series One this time, be on the lookout for when it is offered again in the fall. Series One is not a prerequisite requirement to take Series Two or Three.

2021 Scholarship Opportunity

In 2020, NACO awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to promising Nebraska seniors. Applications for the 2021 NACO Scholarships and 2021 Ronda L. Dix Memorial Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2021 to be considered.

For more information on eligibility or to apply, [click here](#).



NACO Leadership Book Club

NACO is offering a leadership focused book club for county officials and emerging leaders in government. The book club offers an opportunity to read, discuss and network with peers.

The discussion for our second book, *The Nebraska Unicameral Legislature at Eighty: Does George Norris's Vision Still Live?* with author Ron Jensen is now live on our YouTube channel.

[Click here to watch](#)

Flag Retirement Boxes

NACO has partnered with the National Association of Counties to provide Nebraska counties with a free flag collection box to aide residents to properly dispose of worn U.S. flags.

Flag boxes will be distributed by NACO at spring District Meetings.

U.S. Flag Etiquette Program

5 Steps to Launch Your Initiative

Thanks to the partnership with National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Nebraska Association of County Officials, we're proud to provide a custom flag retirement box to every county in Nebraska.

Here are 5 steps to launch your flag retirement program:

- 1 ARRANGE FOR FLAG COLLECTION** – Many local organizations, like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, veterans groups and sheriffs' departments, regularly hold flag retirement ceremonies. Identify and partner with a group to be responsible for emptying the flag box and retiring the flags in the proper manner.
- 2 DISPLAY THE BOX** – Find a location for the flag disposal box that is both secure and easily accessible. The box is durable but recommended for indoor use.
- 3 ALERT THE PUBLIC** – Announce the box's availability and location to residents through local news, social media and other forms of communication. NACo has a press release template to help announce your flag retirement program, which can be accessed at www.naco.org/NEFlagRollout.
- 4 PROMOTE PROPER FLAG RETIREMENT** – Ensure your residents understand the importance of U.S. Flag care. NACo offers more information on the U.S. flag code, social media posts and flag retirement promotion at www.NACo.org/flag.
- 5 MONITOR THE BOX** – Assign someone, either in the county or a partner, to regularly check the condition of the box. When the box is no longer suitable for use, it can be recycled.



Thank you for the partnership.

NACo delivers unmatched member value to America's 3,069 counties, boroughs and parishes.

To learn more about membership or if you have additional questions about launching your Flag Retirement Program, please contact flag@naco.org, or visit www.naco.org for resources and information.



NACo Updates

NACo Cyberattack Simulation

The National Association of Counties has partnered with the Professional Development Academy to launch a Cyberattack Simulation Training. The objectives of the simulations are to:

- Provide a certified test of incident management plans.
- Baseline current cybersecurity and risk management work capabilities.
- Strengthen the leadership skills of managers responsible for risk planning and incident resolution.
- Improve the quality of the incident management plans and playbook details.

- Develop immediate action plans to strengthen people, process, and technical security controls.

The Simulation is free for NACo Member Counties. To read more or to register, [click here](#).

NACo High Performance Leadership Academy

Registration is now open for this 12-week online program designed to "equip frontline county government professionals with practical leadership skills to deliver results for counties and communities."

HPLA focuses on five practical skills:

LEAD: Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations

ORGANIZE: Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently

COLLABORATE: Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships

COMMUNICATE: Create clarity, confidence and community

DELIVER: Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities

The cost of this program is \$1,695. To read more or to enroll, [click here](#).

2021 Membership and Sponsorship Opportunities

The NACO membership program is seeking sponsors for 2021.

The NACO Membership Program provides representatives of the private sector opportunities to become members of the NACO Network through contributions that facilitate our programs.

Want to nominate a company to become a member? Send an email to Tess.Mayer@nebraskacounties.org explaining why they would make a great addition to the NACO Network.

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