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a nonpartisan  
neighborly newsletter

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# What is a Zine?



**Q: What are zines?**

**A:** Zines are niche, handmade, hyper-local booklets created by community members for community members. Anyone with access to a copy machine or printer can create a zine, making this format more accessible than traditional publishing channels for quickly spreading ideas.

**Q: Who are zines for?**

**A:** Zines are for everyone. If there's a topic you want to read about, it's likely that someone has made a zine about it. Zines may be highly informative, filled with writing or art, or written in a comic format. Zines often represent marginalized and alternative viewpoints not found in mainstream publishing, so they may appeal to those interested in new and different ideas. Because of their handmade construction, they often crossover into works of art.



**Omaha  
Public  
Library**

OPL has a pretty impressive collection if you want to learn more!



# What is THIS Zine?

This particular zine is a coordinated effort by Millard women to spread nonpartisan political news and educational resources to our hyperlocal community.

Many of our community members are learning to engage politically for the first time and we want to provide some starting points for our neighbors to get tuned in.

In our increasingly digitized world, sometimes a simple copy and past of \*the most important stuff\* is handy.

And that's what we've created ♥

# The Nebraska Legislature is in Session!

In light of recent national events it can be challenging to stay on ways to take action that are within our control here in Nebraska.

Nebraska has a unique nonpartisan Unicameral system that can be a powerful force for everyday people to take action in their own government. We are the second house!

If you are new to following, there are resources available to help you stay on top of important updates and action items via the Nebraska Legislative Study Group.

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UNPACKING  
THE  
UNICAMERAL  
Week  
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With Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek  
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The Nebraska Unicameral gives Nebraska residents an opportunity to uniquely participate in our state government and develop relationships with our state legislators. As the country's only Unicameral, Nebraskans act as the state's 2nd House. As the 2nd House, we hold both the right and responsibility to participate in public hearings on legislation introduced each year. The following document is meant to help guide Nebraskans through this process.

## SUBMIT ONLINE COMMENT - NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

**Step 1:** Go to [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov)

**Step 2:** Use the bill search to locate the bill.

Search Current Bills

LB 828

Search Past Legislation

**Step 3:** Click on "Submit Comments Online For LBXXX".

Document Info	Text Copies
Introduced By: Blood	Introduced
Date of Introduction: January 03, 2024	
History <a href="#">View Details</a>	
<a href="#">Submit Comments Online For LBB28</a>	

**Step 4:** Read the Written Submission Pop-Up and select "I Understand".

**Written Submission** [X]

This feature on the Nebraska Legislature's website is intended to encourage public participation. Comments submitted through this portal will be available to all legislators and staff. Additionally, they may be read and/or discussed during hearings and floor debate.

Comments submitted online and verified prior to the deadline and identified as comments for the public hearing record will be included in that record.

There should be no expectation of privacy and these comments will be made available to others upon request. Comments containing profanity may be removed. Thank you for your interest in the legislative process.

Online comments are to be submitted in lieu of in-person testimony. If you have submitted an online comment prior to the public hearing, you may be asked not to testify by the committee.

Incomplete names or addresses may result in removal of the comment.

[I Understand](#)

**Step 5: Mark whether or not you would like your comment to be a part of the Public Hearing Record and fill out your personal information including your First and Last Name, your complete ADDRESS, and your email. You will use this email to verify your comment and complete the process so be sure you enter an email you can access.**

All fields are required

Include Comment in Public Hearing Record (as an exhibit)

Yes  No

First Name  Last Name

Street

City  State  Zip

Nebraska

Email Address

**Comments for Public Hearing Record must be submitted by 8:00 AM CT the day of the Hearing.**

**Step 6: Checkmark if you are representing yourself or someone else and if you are a Proponent (Support), Opponent (Oppose), or Neutral on the bill.**

Representing

Self  Other

Stance

Proponent  Opponent  Neutral

**Step 7: Complete your Written Statement. There is a limit of 500 words. NELSG also recommends copying and pasting your comments in an email to your state senator. You can find your state senator and their email address/contact information at [nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_find.php](http://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php)**

Written Statement

Enter your written comment. There is a limit of 500 words. If copying and pasting from another source, please paste as plain text. On Windows, right mouse click and select Paste as Plain Text or by holding CTRL and Shift and then pressing v on your keyboard. On a Mac, right mouse click and select Paste and Match Style or by holding Command and Shift and then pressing v on your keyboard.

**Step 8: Checkmark the reCAPTCHA box and Click "Submit Online Comment".**

I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA

Submit Comment

**Step 9: Go to your Email and click on the link to verify your comment. Your testimony will NOT be submitted until you complete this step.**

Verify Your Written Comment for LB828

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Thu, Jan 23, 11:11 AM (3 hours ago)

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[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_find.php](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php)

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Comment Information  
LB828



DOUGLAS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
Nebraska

## Announcements

★ **2025 Millard Public Schools Bond Election:** February 11, 2025

By-Mail Election

Ballot Return Deadline 5 pm, Election Day ([Results](#))

★ **2025 Bennington Public Schools Bond Election:** March 11, 2025

By-Mail Election

Ballot Return Deadline 5 pm, Election Day ([Notice of Election](#))

★ **2025 City of Omaha Elections**

Primary: April 1, 2025

General: May 13, 2025

Polls Open 8 am to 8 pm ([Notice of Offices](#))

★ [All-Mail Special Elections](#)

<https://www.votedouglascounty-ne.gov>

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Always check out the Douglas County Election Commission website for important updates & deadlines. Here are some currently posted for Feb 2025!

# Stay on top of national news - without being overwhelmed with Heather Cox Richardson



It can be hard to keep up with how quickly things are happening. Particularly if you are new to tuning into political news, there's simply a lot right now.

It's okay to be overwhelmed! Just remember --

We're going to be okay together.

An excellent resource to stay in tune with what is happening but not allow yourself to become paralyzed by the sheer volume is Heather Cox Richardson's daily letters and her politics chats.





## Local News

Here are some local news sources you may not be familiar with - give them a peruse and see what you might like.

**Nebraska Examiner**



**FLATWATER FREE PRESS**

**THE OMAHA  
STAR**