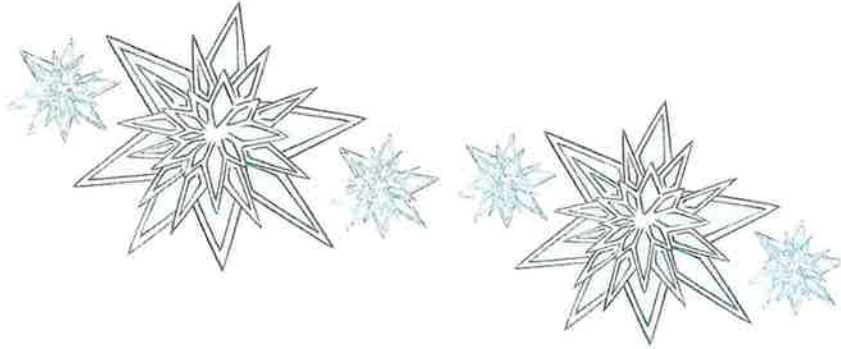


Mexico Housing Authority

# January 2015 Newsletter



**Happy New Year 2015!!!!!!**

## **Winners of the Thanksgiving Giveaway and Coloring Contest**

Ed Lawton-Turkey

Natali-4 years and under coloring contest

Brianna-5-8 year old coloring contest

Braylen-9-12 year old coloring contest

Congratulations and great job to all of our winners and participants!!!!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preventative Maintenance inspections COMING SOON JANUARY-MARCH.....TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Community Gardens is once again reserving plots for our residents. Please see the attached information form and come to the office for a application if you are interested.

MHA will be offering a raised garden plot for our elderly and disabled tenants. Please contact the office if you are interested.



#### **MHA CLOSED**

Wednesday, December 31, 2014—MHA office will close at 12:00pm

Thursday, January 1, 2015—MHA office will be closed in observance of the New Years Holiday

Monday, January 16, 2015—Closed in observance of Presidents Day

#### **RESIDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING AND RAB GIVEAWAY**

Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the Community Center

## Pest Control

Bug Out Pest Control and Management will be in your unit on either the 2nd or 4th Friday each month to spray for pests. Please make sure that your screen doors are unlocked and your pets are secured.

**2nd Friday, January 9, 2015**---

Walnut, Seminary, Central, Union, Garfield, Calhoun, Bolivar, Trinity

**4th Friday, January 23, 2015**---

Macfarlane, Fieldcrest, Holt, Lafayette, Wade, Missouri, Hassen, Boulevard, Breckenridge, Liberty, Singleton, Buchanan

## Weatherization and Tips to Keep Your Home Warmer this Winter

1. Close doors and central air vents in rooms that aren't used very often. That way you aren't paying to heat empty rooms. The air will then redirect to the parts of the house that are regularly occupied and need to be the warmest.
2. Take advantage of natural heating from the sun by opening the shades and drapes of south-facing window during the day. Don't forget to close the shades when the sun goes down to prevent heat loss and to reduce the chill from cold windows!
3. Once you turn the heat on, change your furnace filters at least one time per month to maintain a clean air flow.
4. Every degree that you lower your thermostat by has the potential to save you 1 to 3% on your heating bill. Turning your thermostat down when you leave the house and go to bed can lead to significant cost savings.
5. Contact Maintenance to fix and add caulking or any missing weather stripping around windows and doors to seal small openings that can cause heat loss.

## WORD SEARCH! WINTER FUN

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST. WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY --FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

### WORD LIST

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SNOWSHOES  
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## MEXICO COMMUNITY GARDENER GUIDELINES

2015

The following MCG guidelines have been established by the members of the Mexico Community Garden Steering Committee. Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the MCG Steering Committee.

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. Plots will be allocated after March 1st.
2. All gardeners are required to sign up for one of the garden jobs/crews listed.
3. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season (see the MCG Application). Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners, members of the steering committee and other volunteers assisting with Community Gardening in Mexico. Also, to help with the upkeep of the garden and special projects.
4. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time, and you haven't contacted the Garden Leader, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call the Garden Leader if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the Garden Leader know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
5. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot.
6. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly. All gardens are to be left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned-up by November 15<sup>th</sup>, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned to a new, smaller plot.
7. Pick up litter when you see it.
8. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost facilities provided. Do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens. Woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile to be carted to the recycling center. (Woody perennial plants are not allowed.)
9. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their expressed approval.
10. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area and return MCG tools to storage before leaving the garden.
11. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
12. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), firearms, radios, boom boxes and fires are not allowed.
13. Planting illegal plants or illegal activities are prohibited.
14. Please supervise children in the garden.

15. The park opens at dawn and closes at 11:00 p.m. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
16. All safe food-handling practices need to be followed from the picking of produce and throughout its consumption. Produce to be stored and consumed later needs to be appropriately cared for off-site. Vegetables (produce) grown in the garden need to be thoroughly washed before consumption.
17. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to Garden Leader and Mexico Public Safety.
18. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.
19. Violation of the Mexico Community Gardener Guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or by e-mail and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.
20. The Mexico Community Garden Steering Committee reserves the right to revise and add to these MCG Guidelines as needed for the duration of this project.

(Additional resources are available at the Gardening Matters website at [gardeningmatters.org/Resources/Garden\\_Rules.pdf](http://gardeningmatters.org/Resources/Garden_Rules.pdf).)

Reference: Community Gardening Toolkit; by Bill McKelvey, Date of Publication: 2009;  
 (Source: Grounds for Gardening, University of Missouri Publications, 2010.)  
*(Adapted from the Community Garden Coalition ([cgc.missouri.org/](http://cgc.missouri.org/)) Gardener Guidelines.)*

***Garden Seeds Available at MCG Start-up:***

**Vegetable – Spring/Summer 2015:** (Some variation in available varieties may occur due to choices.)

Basil-Sweet Italian	Cilantro-Santo	Kale-Siberian Improved	Spinach-Bloomsdale	Watermelon-Sugar Baby
Beets-Detroit Dark Red	Cucumber-Spacesaver	Lettuce-Black Seeded Simpson	Summer Squash-Early Straight-neck Prolific	Zucchini-Black Zucchini
Cantaloupe-Delicious 51	Dill-Bouquet	Okra-Clemson Spineless	Swiss Chard-Rainbow	
Carrot Red Core Chantenay	Green Beans-Contender	Radish-German Giant	Turnip-Purple Top White Globe	

**Vegetable – Fall 2015:** (Some variation in available varieties may occur due to choices.)

Beets-Detroit Dark Red	Green Beans-Contender	Lettuce-Blend #1	Radish-China Rose	Spinach-Bloomsdale
Carrot-Red Core Chantenay		Turnip-Purple Top White Globe		

(Additional garden vegetable seeds and annual flower seeds are available from Mexico Garden Club and Audrain County Master Gardeners by the generosity of local resources.)