

Mexico Housing Authority December 2015 Newsletter

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the City of Mexico

Adopt a Child Christmas Program:

- ✦ Taking applications for the program on November 9, 2015 from 9am-11am
- ✦ The Help Center at 409 Fairground Street in Mexico, Missouri
- ✦ Must have photo ID, social security cards for all children, and a bill with your name and address on it

PLEASE CALL THE HELP CENTER WITH ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS PROGRAM.

Tips To Help Lower Your Winter Heating Costs

Home heating accounts for more than half of our monthly gas bill so here are a few ways we can beat winter and save a few \$\$\$\$\$.

- ✓ Change furnace filters every month
- ✓ Don't block vents with furniture or objects
- ✓ Lower thermostats 3-5 degrees and turn off on warmer days when not at home
- ✓ Open blinds during the day to let sun warm you're the inside
- ✓ Add a few extra blankets at night to stay warm

BUG OUT PEST CONTROL

Pest Control and management will be in your unit on either December 11, 2015 or December 30, 2015 to spray for pests. Please make sure screen doors are unlocked and pets are secured.

Friday, December 11th- Walnut, Garfield, Trinity, Central, Union, Cathoun, Seminary, Bolivar

Wednesday, December 30th- Hassen, Boulevard, Fieldcrest, Macfarlane, Holt, Lafayette, Missouri, Singleton, Breckenridge, Buchanan, Liberty, Wade



RAB Pantry and Resident Association Meeting

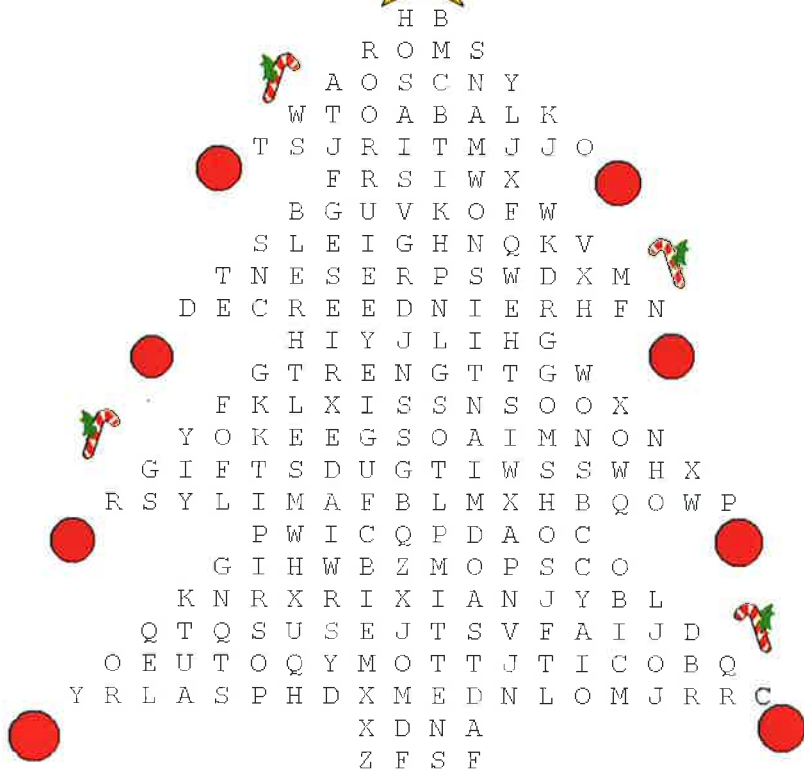
Pantry distribution and the resident association meeting will be held from 3:00-4:00 in the Community Center on December 17, 2015



Check out the back pages of the newsletter for information on open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act, Food Pantry Dates, Volunteer Information and much more!



MHA offers the option to have your rent electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. If interested in this service, please come by the office to fill out the form. Please bring with you a blank check and/or your bank name, address, routing and account number. No work order charges can be deducted electronically.



CHRISTMAS
JESUS
FAMILY
SANTA
GIFTS

SLEIGH
REINDEER
PRESENT
WINTER
COLD

SNOW
SNOWMAN
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MITTENS
BOOTS
SCARE



Natural Gas

What is natural gas?

Natural gas is one of the cleanest, most efficient fuels used for the heating of homes, water, and can even be used to generate electricity.

Your safety is important to us, so please be aware of the signs of natural gas leaks.

What does natural gas smell like?

Natural gas is odorless and tasteless. Before gas is delivered to your home, an odorant called Mercaptan is placed into the gas to give it the distinctive smell of sulfur or "rotten eggs"

If you smell this odor or hear hissing or

leaking:

***Evacuate your unit immediately**

***Do not touch any electrical device, smoke,**

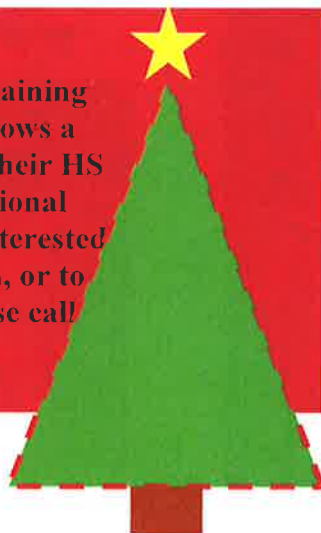
or use anything flammable.

Call Ameren UE Immediately at

1-800-552-7583



JOB CORPS is a federally funded training program for youth ages 16-24. It allows a student to go to a center to complete their HS Diploma or GED and receive vocational training at no cost to the student. If interested in learning more about this program, or to find out more about eligibility, please call or text Deborah Atkinson at 573-418-2301.



REAC IS COMING SOON!!!



MEXICO HOUSING AUTHORITY

December Office Closings

- Closed December 4, 2015 for an administrative workday.
- Closing at 12:00 on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015.
- Closed on Christmas Day, December 25, 2015.
- Closing at 12:00 on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2015.
- Closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 2016.



Happy Holidays from the staff at Mexico Housing Authority.

May the warmth and joy of the holiday season remain with you throughout the coming year.



Nov 2015	~ December 2015 ~					Jan 2016
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Business Hours Monday Thru Friday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Thrift Store		1	2 HELP CENTER 9 - 12 Last Name A through F	3	4	5
6	7 Feed America at Help Center - 9 'till gone	8	9 HELP CENTER 9 - 12 Last Name G through L	10	11	12
13	14 Feed America at Help Center - 9 'till gone	15	16 P.M. Distribution HELP CENTER 2 - 5 Last Name M through Q	17	18	19
20	21 Feed America at Help Center - 9 'till gone	22	23 HELP CENTER 9 - 12 Last Name R through Z	24 CLOSED AT NOON	25 Closed Christmas Day	26
27	28 Feed America at Help Center 9 'till gone	29	30	31 CLOSED New Years Eve	Notes: The Help Center 409 Fairground St. Mexico, Missouri 65265	

Last name of card member: If getting a card, last name to be put on the Food Pantry Card



What is the Foster Grandparent Program?

We in the Foster Grandparent Program connect men and women who are 55 and older, particularly those with limited income, with children in educational settings. Most of our volunteers here in the central region serve in preschools and elementary schools where they share their love of children and provide academic support to the youth in our community.

The Foster Grandparent Program enables participating seniors to remain physically and mentally active, and enhances their feeling of self worth through continued participation in community service. Established in 1965, this program, with a unique multi generational approach, has helped alleviate the suffering of poverty in the lives of our old and young alike.

Available Benefits for Foster Grandparents.

- Earn a tax-free stipend which is not considered a wage, therefore will not be factored into your household income or affect any services they may be receiving.
- 12 paid holidays per year and an added 10 hours earned time off each month (PTO)
- A meal served during your shift
- Limited accident & liability insurance while on duty offered
- Receive recognition and appreciation
- Transportation reimbursement
- Have an opportunity to share your valuable experiences with a child

But the greatest benefit of all is the renewed sense of purpose in the lives of our participants, and that bit of extra attention shared with the children making them know they're special and loved. If you have any questions or know anyone who may be interested in the Foster Grandparent Program call Julie or Margaret at 573-443-8706 x1131 or x1129.

FGP Program 800 N. Providence Road, Suite 220, Columbia, MO 65203

**INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH A COMMUNITY
PROJECT?**

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**CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS OR DAYS IN A
MONTH TO ASSIST WITH THE ONLY SERVICE OF
THIS TYPE IN THE COUNTY?**



Room at the Inn

Caring for those in need of Shelter

Winter Overnight Shelter serving the Mexico, MO area
Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition

acsrc.mo@gmail.com



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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE JANUARY &
FEBRUARY EMERGENCY SHELTER**

CONTACT:

Tad-Dobyns@showmeaction.org

There are new health insurance rules.
Are you covered?



Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment - November 1–January 31

A Certified Counselor from Central Missouri Community Action can help you find out if you qualify for financial assistance, assist with enrollment, compare health insurance plans, and choose a plan that meets your needs. This service is completely free! For more information or an appointment: 573.424.6029 or email GetCovered@ShowMeAction.org. Will also make appointments after hours.

Every Monday from November 2, 2015 to January 25, 2016

9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Audrain County Family Resource Center

403 Fairground

Mexico, MO 65265

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NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

It's
Time



It's
Affordable



It's
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We can
Help



Four Key Dates

- **November 1, 2015**
Open Enrollment begins. Apply for, keep, or change your coverage.
- **December 15, 2015**
Enroll by the 15th if you want new coverage that begins on January 1, 2016. If your plan is changing or you want to change plans, enroll by the 15th to avoid a lapse in coverage.
- **December 31, 2015**
Coverage ends for 2015 plans. Coverage for 2016 plans can start as soon as January 1st.
- **January 31, 2016**
This is the last day you can apply for 2016 coverage before the end of Open Enrollment.

Can I get financial help?

You may be able to get financial help to pay for your health insurance if you meet all of these requirements:

- You can't get affordable health insurance through your job or don't have insurance.
- You don't have Medicare.
- Your household income is between the income ranges in the chart below.

Family Size	2016 Yearly Income
1	\$11,770 - \$47,080
2	\$15,930 - \$63,720
3	\$20,090 - \$80,360
4	\$24,250 - \$97,000

Add \$4,160 for each additional person.

If you want to get health insurance before or after Open Enrollment, you might qualify if you've had certain life changes in the past 60 days.



Contact a Certified Counselor for free help in your community.

Toll free: 1.855.612.2259

Email: GetCovered@ShowMeAction.org

INCOMES THAT QUALIFY FOR LOWER HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

To learn if you qualify for lower costs on health insurance coverage, find your estimated 2016 household income and household size on the chart below. The column on the left tells if you may qualify for premium tax credits and lower out-of-pocket costs. You may not qualify for premium tax credits if you can get affordable health insurance through your job, or if your yearly income is below the minimum.

		Number of people in your household					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
You may qualify for lower premiums on a Marketplace insurance plan if your yearly income is between...		\$11,770 - \$47,080	\$15,930 - \$63,720	\$20,090 - \$80,360	\$24,250 - \$97,000	\$28,410 - \$113,640	\$32,570 - \$130,280
	You may qualify for lower premiums AND lower out-of-pocket costs for Marketplace insurance if your yearly income is between...	\$11,770 - \$29,425	\$15,930 - \$39,825	\$20,090 - \$50,225	\$24,250 - \$60,625	\$28,410 - \$71,025	\$32,570 - \$81,425
Missouri DIDN'T expand Medicaid: You may NOT qualify for any Marketplace savings programs if your yearly income is below...		\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570

Private Marketplace Health Plans

Medicaid Gap



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