



# Mexico Housing Authority

## March 2016 Newsletter



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be hosting our “What Home Means to Me” contest coloring event and ice cream social at the Community Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 4:00-5:00pm. There are categories for kids Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We provide the supplies and ice cream. All you have to do is bring the kids. We will have door prizes and entry prizes available. Call Christy at 581-2294 ext. 231 if you have any questions.
- RAB and the Resident Advisory Meeting will be held in the Community Center on Thursday, March 18, 2016 at 3:00PM.
- MHA will be closed on Friday, March 4, 2016 for an Administrative Work Day.
- This time of year can be very windy outside. Please make sure immediately after trash pickup that you are returning your trashcans to your back porches. Maintenance has been chasing cans lately and if yours is lost or blows away, you will be responsible for the \$10.00 fee to replace it.
- Bug Out Pest Control and Management will be in your units on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday’s of the month to spray for pests. Please make sure your screen doors are unlocked and pets are secured.  
Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: Trinity, Central, Garfield, Tyronn Lue, Seminary, Union, Calhoun and Bolivar  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Boulevard, Hassen, Buchanan, Singleton, Breckenridge, Liberty, Missouri, Wade, Fieldcrest, Macfarlane, Holt and Lafayette

## St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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IRELAND  
JIG  
LEPRECHAUN  
LUCK  
MARCH  
RAINBOW  
SAINT

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



- As you all know, we did pre-inspections in preparation for our REAC Inspections coming up in March. Thank you all for your cooperation and let's continue to prepare. Keep calling in those work orders. **REAC INSPECTIONS ARE COMING MARCH 10, 2016 – MARCH 11, 2016!!**

### **Things to remember for REAC INSPECTIONS**

- There are to be no interior locking door knobs EXCEPT in your bathrooms. Please report to us if you have one and we will change it out. If we find one, it will be replaced possibly at tenant's expense.
- Please keep your sink and bath tub stoppers laid out and in plain sight at all times. If you do not have these stoppers, please call the office and let us know.
- Be sure to keep all windows and doors easily accessible. There is to be no clutter, furniture or other items blocking doors and windows as this is considered a safety violation and a safety and/or fire hazard.
- At no time may you keep highly flammable and/or combustible items on property, inside or outside of units. This includes, but is not limited to: charcoal lighter fluid and propane tanks for camping stoves or grilling.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our upcoming inspections and what we look for, please feel free to call the office at 573-581-2294.

# Notice to Residents

**FREE WEEK!!!!**

**REAC Inspections** are coming to Mexico Housing Authority  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**Please take this time to:** make sure that your unit is clean and free of clutter, make sure that you can move freely around the unit, make sure that NO doors or windows are blocked, make sure that all bath and kitchen sink stoppers are in view, make sure there is no mildew in window seals, place all trash cans and BBQ grills neatly on the back porch, keep your yard free of trash and toys, make sure that all cable wires are taped securely to the floor, make sure there are no flammable items such as propane tanks in the unit, do not store anything in the furnace area, make sure no items are blocking electrical service panels, and that your smoke alarm is working properly.

MHA is offering a **FREE** call in maintenance work order **WEEK** so you can help us prepare for this important inspection.

This **FREE WEEK** will be **February 22-26, 2016**. No exceptions or exclusions apply. Call in your work order this week, leave a message on the work order phone, and maintenance will get to it at their quickest availability. **Please call in any maintenance requests such as: screen door repairs, broken windows, holes in walls or doors, cracked or missing floor tiles, cracked electrical outlet covers, clotheslines in need of repair, and any other maintenance issues AT NO COST TO YOU DURING THIS WEEK ONLY!!!!!!!!!!**

**MHA Staff will be in your units during the week of February 29-March 4, 2016 to complete smoke detector battery checks, dryer vent attachment checks, and to check all range burner ignitions.**

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN.....

- ✓ Making a positive change in your life and making a commitment to yourself?
- ✓ Building your resources to build a better life for you and your family?
- ✓ Working to break down barriers that keep you in poverty?
- ✓ Learning more about the world and about yourself?
- ✓ Making new friends in a safe, friendly, non- judgmental space?
- ✓ Learning how to get and keep a job that you like?

If so, **Getting Ahead and Careers Classes** may be for you!

**Sessions will start on 2/17/16**

To learn more about these classes please contact:

**Mary at 573-582-7864 ext 3**





## **“WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME” Poster Contest. Just a little information.**

All contestants are asked to provide a short narrative on the inspiration, vision and importance of their poster design. The narrative should be secured on the back of the entry.

**Eligibility and Selection Categories:** Contest participation is open to all children residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).

Submission must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted.

**Age Categories:** Elementary - K to 5th grade; Middle - 6th to 8th grade; High – 9th to 12th grade

**Local Chapter/State and Regional Council Competitions:** Housing authorities submitting entries to the national poster contest must first send entries to its local/state NAHRO chapter. Local/state NAHRO chapters are encouraged to host their own poster contests and submit the winning posters from each age category to their regional council. Local/state chapter contests are optional. Each regional council will determine a deadline for poster contest entries and a date for regional judging. National NAHRO is not involved in the scheduling or conduct of regional council contests. The regional council will select three winners –one from each age category – and forward those on to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

National honorees will be selected by a Blue Ribbon panel of judges to be assembled by National NAHRO staff. National honorees will be officially announced during Housing America Month in October. All eight NAHRO regions will be represented in the calendar.

**National Prizes** The 12 national winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The national grand prize winner will be awarded an iPad. The grand prize winner and one member of his or her family will also be provided with transportation to and from and lodging at NAHRO’s Washington Conference in Washington, D.C. where he or she will be honored. The grand prize winner will also receive a framed copy of their original artwork and will tour Capitol Hill.

**This is just a little about the contest after our community event, so that everyone knows what prizes could be available if it hits the National level. This is a fun way for our children to talk about what home means to them and possibly win some really great prizes!! We encourage all children to attend.**