

March Newsletter

Mexico Housing Authority

573-581-2294

828 Garfield Avenue

Important Information

Rent Payments

Regarding paying your rent, work order charges, etc.

- 1) BE SURE to sign your money order or check legibly.
- 2) BE SURE to put your own resident address on your money order or check.
- 3) You DO NOT have to purchase separate money orders for rent and work order charges. If you are paying them at the same time, only one money order or check is needed.
- 4) DO NOT endorse or sign the back of your money order or check.
- 5) MHA does not accept cash under any circumstances.
- 6) Rent is due by the 5th business day of each month to prevent termination.
- 7) Automatic rent payment is available through MHA. Contact the office to find out how you can have your rent automatically paid from your bank account each month. It's FREE to all MHA public housing residents.

Little Free Library

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Why Does Book Access Matter?

One of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home (McGill-Franzen & Allington, 2009). But according to the U.S. Department of Education, up to 61% of low-income families do not have any books for their kids at home.

Little Free Libraries play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books (and encouraging a love of reading!) in areas where

Closings



March 3rd-Admin Day

Pest Control



March 10th-Inner Route

March 24th-Outer Route

Special Days



March 1st-Medicade and Medicare Class

March 8th-Book and Art Program

March 11th-Poster Fun with Christy

March 12th-Daylight Savings Time begins

March 16th-Resident Meeting 3pm

March 17th-St. Patrick's Day

March 20th-Spring begins-Yay

books are scarce. **We have placed a free library behind our housing authority beside the community center. Please feel free to use this, it is totally free to the public.**



“What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest

As part of NAHRO's Housing America campaign, a poster contest is held each year for children residing in affordable housing and community developments owned or administered by NAHRO member agencies. Posters reflect the national theme of “What Home Means to Me.” The contest is a collaborative effort of NAHRO’s chapter/state, regional, and national organizations. National honorees are selected from chapter/state-level winning entries.

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.

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

The regional council will select three winners-one from each age category-and forward those on to the national competition in Washington, D.C. 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.

Christy Fasching and her husband will open the community center Saturday March 11th, 2017 9am to 12pm for any children who want to do this. We will provide all supplies and all child participants will be entered to win a \$10 gift card. A gift card will be awarded to each age categories. Invitations for this will be in the mail soon and participants will need to RSVP for the event by March 8th, 2017.

After School Book and Art Program

The after-school Book and Art Program is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month until April 12, 2017 from 4-5pm. It is for 3rd through 5th grades and is held in the basement of the library. Sign up is in the Children's Dept. The program is free and supplies provided

Questions about Medicaid or Medicare????

There may be benefits that you are eligible and entitled to that you are not aware of. Francis Hanna will be at the Community Center February 15th and again March 1st to answer any questions you may have. This is a free event.

Help Center Food Pantry Schedule by Last Name

If you have any questions their phone number is 573-581-3238.

A-F is March 1st

G-L is March 8th

M-R is March 15th

S-Z is March 22nd

Feed America is every Monday at the Help Center from 9am till gone.

The Help Center Thrift Store at 409 Fairground Street in Mexico is open Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm.

Mardi Gras Party and Open House -Berkshire Estates at 601 Mars St. February 28th from 4pm to 6pm. Costume contest with prizes, and refreshments provided.

Our Community Garden Applications and new information will be in Aprils Newsletter.

Senior Center Events

Property Tax Credits-Fred West will be figuring Property tax credits for seniors starting at the end of January. If you rent your residence you will need to bring: your Social Security income, proof of any other income that you have made this past year (including interest), and your paid 2016 rental receipts signed by your landlord.

Home Delivered Meals-The Mexico Senior Center delivers meals for the homebound Seniors in all of Audrain County. If you are 60 years of age or older and feel these meals could help you call Ione at 573-581-7743. We do not charge for the meals, we do ask for a donation of \$4.00 a meal however, no senior is ever refused for lack of funds. We deliver weekly and bring: 7 frozen meals, 1 quart milk, 1 quart orange juice, 1 loaf of bread (every other week), 3 cocoa packets, and all the desserts that we get from the food bank.

Line Dancing-February 27th-9am to 10:30am

Foot Clinic-February 28th 10am to Noon

Mardi Gras Party-February 28th-They will serve Non-alcoholic Strawberry Margaritas, Kings Cake and Ice Cream. Drinks are 10:30am till 12:30pm.

Bluegrass Music-Friday March 3rd Bob Herrin, Ellis Glasgow, Bobbi Cooley, and Joyce Thomas (from Montgomery City will be at the Mexico Senior Center to perform Bluegrass and Gospel Music. If you have never seen these four very talented individuals, then you should come. 11am to 11:45 am.





Saint Patrick's Day

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716 E. Breckenridge, Mexico, MO 65265

2017 APPLICATION

To obtain a plot in the Mexico Community Garden, please return this application to:
The Help Center, 716 E Breckenridge, Mexico, MO 65265 by **April 1, 2017**

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail (required) _____

Please select at least one of the required jobs listed below

Equipment Maintenance Crew

Grounds Crew/Harvesting

Compost Crew

Communications/Outreach

General Volunteer

A "Garden Leader" will be on staff and will be your resource for direction.

If you are a new gardener, would you like assistance? _____

If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? _____

I/We the below named person(s), who are participating in the Mexico Community Gardening Project, hereby give my/our approval to my/our participation in any and all activities of the activity. I/We understand the risks inherent in this activity and voluntarily assume all risks incidental to the conduct of the project. I/We do further release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Mexico Community Garden Steering Committee, the University of Missouri Extension and its representatives, the Mexico Help Center, the volunteers assisting, the Mexico Community Garden Leader, the sponsors and supervisors, any or all of them. In case of injury to me or dependents in my care, I/We waive all claims against the organizers, sponsors, or any of the supervisors appointed to them. I/We likewise release from responsibility any person transporting myself, to or from the activities. I further agree to authorize the Mexico Community Garden Committee to record and/or use my/our likeness of me or dependents in my care for the purposes of marketing, promoting, advertising, reporting and/or the facilitation of social media goals of the project.

Signature (Must be 18 years or older)

Date