



JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Mexico Housing Authority, 828 Garfield Avenue, Mexico, MO 65265

www.mexicoha.com



The annual public housing inspection will take place this year during the week of January 22nd. MHA staff along with contracted outside inspectors will

enter all units and do a thorough inspection of the property. You will be reminded the week prior to inspection. Please make sure your unit is in good housekeeping order.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 573-581-2294.



Our mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

Guardian Pest Control

and management will be in your unit once each month to spray for pests. Please make sure screen doors are unlocked and pets are secured.

2nd Friday of each month:

Trinity, Garfield, Seminary, Central, Tyrann Lue, Union, Calhoun, Bolivar

4th Friday of each month:

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

January DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 1—MHA closed for New Year's Holiday

Friday, January 5—MHA closed for Administrative Work Day

Monday, January 15—MHA closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

February DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 2—MHA closed for Administrative Work Day

Monday, February 19—MHA closed in observance of President's Day

MHA Board Member Vacancy

MHA currently has an open Resident position on the Board of Commissioners. This position would require the following commitments:

- Attend once a month Board of Commissioner meeting at the MHA office during weekday business hours.
- Commit to training and understanding Commissioner responsibilities.
- Assist with planning and approving MHA operations.

If you are interested in applying for this Resident Board member position, please contact Executive Director Tammy Dreyer at 573-581-2294 Ext. 251.



Room at the Inn

Caring for those in need of Shelter

Winter overnight shelter serving the Audrain County Area
Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition

acsrc.mo@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to man the Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition located at the Garfield Community Center, 828 Garfield Avenue in Mexico.

The three shifts needed, 7 days a week, are:

6-11pm

11pm—5am

5-7am

With the bitter cold temperatures we have already experienced in January, the need is great! Please consider volunteering for this needed program in our community. Call Jay @ 573-253-1221 to get your background check approved and sign up for duty!

Did you know.....

Pipes that freeze most frequently are:

- Water supply pipes in *unheated interior* areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or *kitchen and bathroom cabinets*.

Helpful tips:

1. One way to protect exposed pipes from freezing is to use newspaper as insulation. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection—even 1/4" of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
2. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
3. When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle—helps prevent pipes from freezing.
4. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and night.
5. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home set to a temperature not lower than 55°.

Office Operating Procedures:

Have you noticed some changes? Here is a summary of the things you should note.

- If you just need to drop off your rent, please place money order in the drop box outside. It is not required for you to bring inside and hand to a staff member. Be sure to sign and write your address both on your money order.
- Visits with a staff member are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call or email the office to schedule your needed appointment. See our website for all staff contact information.
- Phone messages and inquiries will be returned within one business day from your call.
- We have set up a Resource Room available during regular business hours for your use. Two computers are available for you to access the internet, fill out job applications, or print required information. There is also a copy machine available to copy information required by MHA. It is not for personal use otherwise.

WINTER REMINDERS.....

1. All bicycles and riding toys must be moved to the back porch area.
2. Vehicles may not be left on the property with flat tires, jacked up for repairs, etc. Timely maintenance of all vehicles is a property guideline that must be followed.
3. If you will be leaving your unit for an extended period of time, PLEASE do not turn off the furnace or turn below 55°. Weather can change quickly, and this is required to keep your unit safe from freezing pipes, water damage, etc.
4. Trash cans must be kept on your back porch at all times other than trash day.

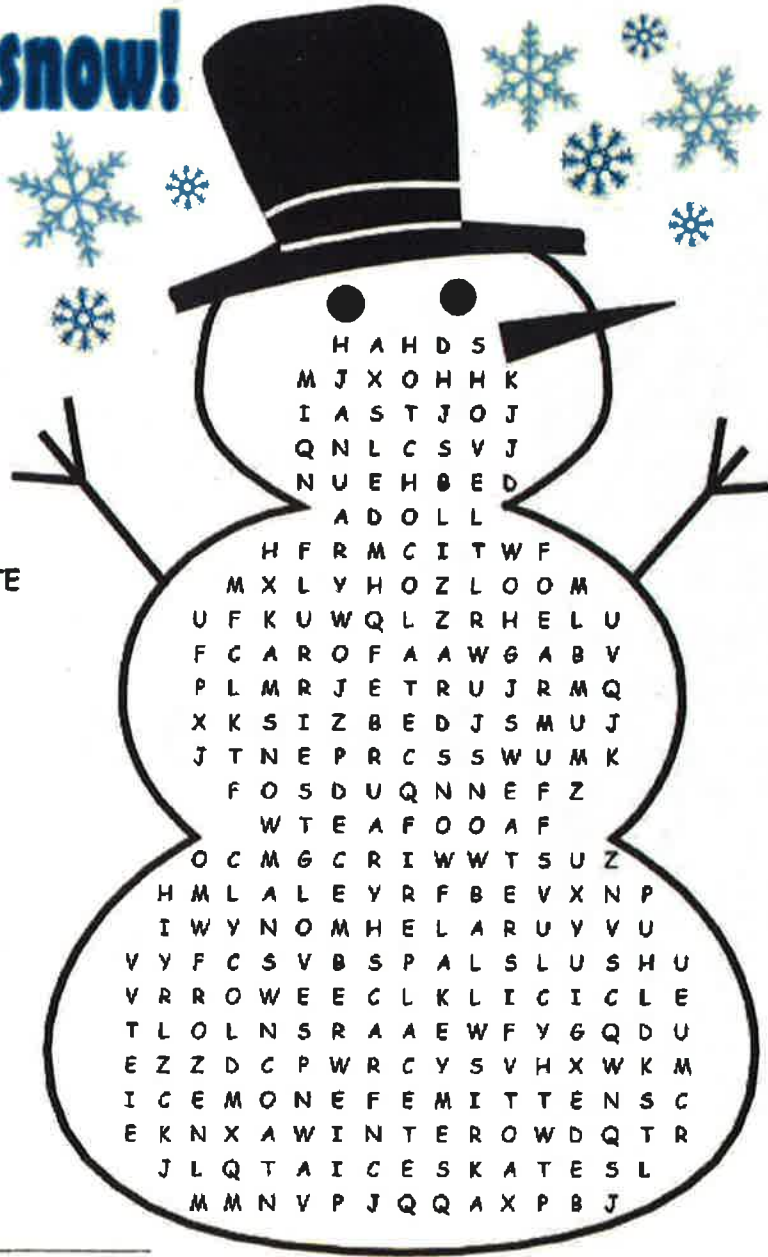
Thanks to everyone who came out to the Christmas Open House hosted by your MHA Staff in December. Two lucky residents went home with yummy hams for Christmas dinner, and three families won Walmart gift cards.

MHA is a smoke-free property.

Thank you for your assistance.

Let it snow!

- BLIZZARD
- COAT
- COLD
- DECEMBER
- EARMUFFS
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FLURRIES
- FROZEN
- GLOVES
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- ICE
- ICE SKATES
- ICICLE
- JANUARY
- MITTENS
- SCARF
- SHOVEL
- SLED
- SLUSH
- SNOWBALL
- SNOWFLAKE
- SNOWMAN
- SWEATER
- WINTER



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MEXICO COMMUNITY GARDEN

2018 APPLICATION

TO OBTAIN A PLOT IN THE MEXICO COMMUNITY GARDENS, PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND RETURN FORM TO: THE HELP CENTER, 409 FAIRGROUND ST. MEXICO MO 65265. 573-581-3238

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

BEST WAY TO REACH YOU? _____ TIME _____

ARE YOU GOING TO BE WORKING WITH ANYONE _____

IF YES WITH WHOM _____ PHONE# _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

TIMES OF DAY YOU PLAN ON GARDENING _____

WILL YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN _____ ANY SPECIAL NEEDS _____

GARDEN LOCATION YOU WANT (HELP CENTER _____ (MLK PARK) _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I / WE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEXICO COMMUNITY GARDENING PROJECT, UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INHERENT IN THIS ACTIVITY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS INCIDENTAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT. I / WE DO NOT HOLD 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 GOALS OF THE PROJECT. 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 RESPONSIBLE. 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.

TIMES YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER _____.

SIGNATURE (18 YEARS OR OLDER) _____ DATE _____