



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

www.mexicocha.com

April is FAIR HOUSING month....

In April of 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act. This important legislation codified equal housing opportunities for all, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

MONTH OF APRIL— Maintenance staff will be in your apartment for smoke detector checks, furnace filter replacements, dryer vents and stoves.

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



WILLY WONKA WEDNESDAY!



April 21, 2021

MHA Staff will be stopping by to bring you a Wonka candy treat!! Be on the look out!!

Have a scrumdiddlyumptious day!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 2—Office closed for Good Friday
- April 4—Easter
- April 15—Resident Association Meeting 3pm
- April 22—Earth Day
- May 7—Office closed for Administrative Work Day
- May 7—Container Garden Work Day
- May 9—Mother's Day
- May 17—Extended Tax Day
- May 20—Resident Association Meeting 3pm
- May 31—Office closed for Memorial Day

Spring reminders for all tenants:

- ◆ Your trash cans, BBQ grills and bikes **MUST** be kept on the back porch, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ◆ Kids toys should not be stored on the front or back porches.
- ◆ Please clean up any pet feces your pet may leave in the yard and/or on the porches or floors of your unit!
- ◆ We are a smoke-free property!! No smoking allowed inside units!
- ◆ Please pick up any toys or trash in your yard. Maintenance **WILL** dispose of anything in the way of mowing!
- ◆ Do **NOT** park in the grass! You will be charged for ruts put in the yard!

Tenant Spotlight

We can always count on
Inelka to get things
done and always
cooperate with MHA
staff! Thank you
Inelka Gumbs!!



GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START

NOW ENROLLING CHILDREN AGE BIRTH - 3 FOR HOME BASE PROGRAM

YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER

Our early childhood home base program gives you access to nationally recognized quality early education centered around the individual needs of your child. We focus on school readiness, social and emotional development, health and wellness.

THE HEAD START HOME BASE ADVANTAGE


- 90 minute weekly home visits with one-on-one attention
- Research-based curriculum
- Health screenings
- Whole family support
- Group interaction activities

For more information or to enroll:

Amber
573-721-3186

Shelly
573-644-3383

INCOME QUALIFYING FAMILIES MAY RECEIVE SERVICES AT NO COST.



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NOW ENROLLING PREGNANT MOTHERS FOR PRENATAL PROGRAM

HEALTHY BABIES START WITH HEALTHY PREGNANCIES

Our prenatal program gives you access to personalized support focused on a healthy pregnancy. Training topics including labor, infant care, mental health, nutrition, infant massage and more.

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Start Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TIRED OF JUST GETTING BY?

Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-by World Class is for you!

Are you feeling like you just can't get ahead in life? Are you ready for a positive change? Are you willing to make a commitment?

Come invest in YOU!

Requirements:

- Not on disability assistance
- Not currently in a major crisis
- Must be an Audrain County Resident
- Ready to commit & be open-minded

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE @

CMCA, The Help Center,
Mexico Area Chamber
of Commerce &
Mexico Housing Authority

Tuesday Nights

15 Classes

5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Food Provided

Childcare Provided

Graduation Ceremony

Financial Stipend Available

In Mexico, MO

Sponsored by: The Mexico Sustainability Project

Guardian Pest Control and management will be in your unit once each month to spray for pests.

2nd Friday, April 9th: Trinity, Garfield, Seminary, Central, Tyronn Lue, Union, Calhoun, Bolivar

4th Friday, April 23rd: MacFarlane, Fieldcrest, Missouri, Wade, Liberty, Breckenridge, Singleton, Buchanan, Hassen, Boulevard, Holt, Lafayette

April Showers Bring May Flowers



Financial Support for Missouri Renters Impacted by COVID-19.



Struggling to pay rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Missouri State Assistance For Housing Relief (SAFHR) may be able to help – learn more and find out how to apply!

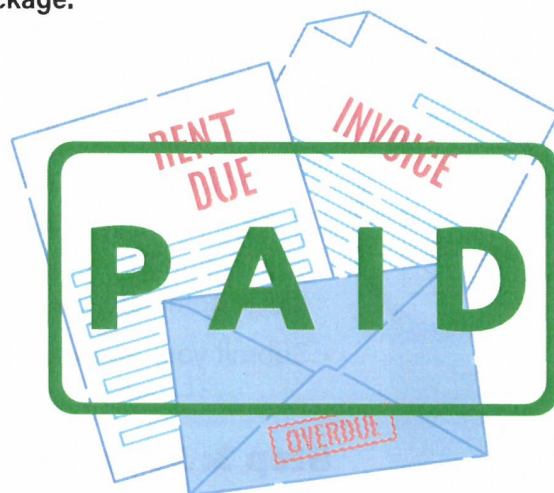
SAFHR for Renters is an assistance program administered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), funded by the federal government COVID stimulus package.

What help does SAFHR for Renters provide?

- Provides rent and utility assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Covers up to a total of 12 months of rent and utility bills, back to April 2020 and for up to 3 months in the future.
- Utilities include gas, electric, water, sewage/waste water, fuel (propane, wood, etc.) and trash.
- Money is paid directly to landlord or utility company.

Am I eligible for SAFHR for Renters?

- You must be a **resident of the state of Missouri**, and a **renter at your current or previous address**.
- At least one member of your household **must be financially impacted** – directly or indirectly – **as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic**. This could mean someone in your household has lost a job, had reduced pay, or incurred significant COVID-related expenses. You must be at risk of losing your housing or having your utilities shut off due to this financial hardship.
- Your **income must not exceed 80% of your Area Median Income (AMI)**. This is determined by your county and your household size. You can determine if you meet the income requirements by viewing the SAFHR income ranges worksheet at mohousingresources.com/safhr



**Financial assistance
is here. Apply now!**

Apply online at
mohousingresources.com/safhr

Applications are open now!*

If you can not apply online or
need help with your application,
please **call 833-541-1599**
or **email: mo.safhr@mhdc.com**

* Application period expected to be open until Sept 2022.

The SAFHR Program is funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) (the "Act") and provided to the State of Missouri from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for emergency rental assistance. This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA-2101112507 awarded to Missouri Department of Economic Development by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Missouri Housing Development Commission is administering this project on behalf of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>



Apply Online Now!



mohousingresources.com



Step 1: Pre-Application

- Verify eligibility online at mohousingresources.com/safhr
- Review checklist of required materials, also available online at mohousingresources.com/safhr



Step 2: Apply

- Create an account at mohousingresources.com/safhr
- Fill in required information in the Tenant Information portion.
- If applying for rental assistance, you'll be directed to send the application to your landlord for additional information. When this is complete, you'll be notified to submit.
- Submit your application.



Step 3: Approval

- If corrections are required, you'll be notified to update the information and resubmit. It's ok if you make a mistake! You'll have an opportunity to correct it without having to reapply.
- Once any corrections are completed, payment typically occurs within 2-4 weeks.
- You will be emailed about the status of your application as it is processed.



Need help with your application?
There are agencies available to assist you! Just call (833) 541-1599 or email: mo.safhr@mhdc.com

What do you need in order to apply?

- Photo ID
- Copy of your lease
- Past Due rent statements
- Past Due utility bills
- Supporting documents showing your household income, etc. See our complete checklist for more details.



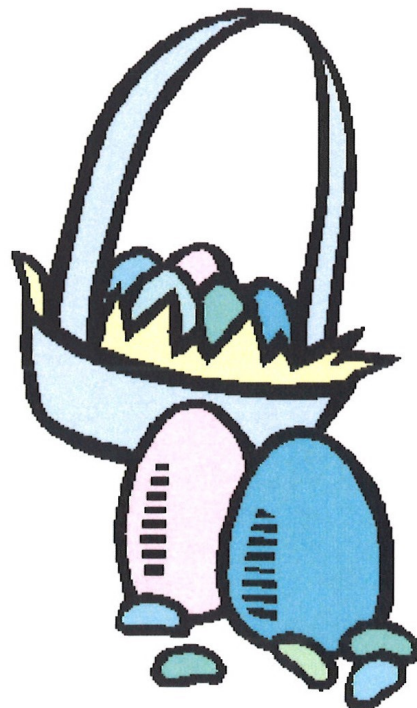
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Easter Word Search

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BASKET
BUNNY
CHICK
CHOCOLATE
CRACKING
CUDDLY
DUCKY
DYED
EASTER



EGGS
MARSHMALLOW
PAINTING
PASTEL
QUACK
RABBIT
SPRING
TREATS
YUMMY



Earth Day Every Day

Find all of the Earth Day related words from the list below. The words can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.



AIR
APRIL
CLEAN
CLIMATE
COMPOST
CONSERVATION
ENERGY

ENVIRONMENT
EXTINCTION
FOREST
GLOBAL
LAND
LITTER
NATURE

OCEAN
OZONE
PEOPLE
PLANET
POLLUTION
RECYCLE
REDUCE

RESOURCES
REUSE
SMOG
TRASH
TREES
WASTE
WATER
WILDLIFE