

## Important MHA Lease Reminders

### PETS AT MHA

A maximum number of **one (1)** domesticated pet is allowed in any unit. Domesticated pets are defined as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, caged birds, and fish aquariums no larger than twenty (20) gallons. **No animal may exceed twenty (20) pounds in weight.** No exotic animal or reptile shall be allowed. Residents are prohibited from feeding stray animals. The feeding of stray animals shall constitute having a pet without permission.

**No vicious or intimidating pet including but not limited to Rottweiler, Chow, Pit Bull, Doberman, Pinscher, German Shepherd, or as determined by the Executive Director.**

**No visiting pet is allowed to reside in any unit for any given time.**

Residents must obtain **PRIOR** approval of the Housing Authority by signing a copy of the pet policy, paying a pet deposit of \$100.00 and providing verification of current vaccinations with a license from the City of Mexico **BEFORE** moving a pet into their unit. Proof of current vaccinations and license from the City of Mexico will be required yearly.

**Section 4.F.3 of the Mexico Housing Authority lease states:**

**Resident shall NOT keep pets unless prior written approval is given by MHA, in accordance with MHA's Pet Policy, which is posted in the Management Office and incorporated herein by reference.**

Pet deposits **ARE NOT** transferable to another resident's housing unit.

The pet shall remain inside the apartment unless on a leash and directly controlled by the owner or his representative. The pet must be with the owner when outdoors on a leash or chain and the chain must be removed from the lawn area after each use.

Residents shall take adequate precautions to always maintain the unit in a sanitary condition and **eliminate** any pet odors within or around the unit. **Pet owners are not allowed to let pet droppings and waste accumulate** and are responsible for proper disposing of all pet waste. Proper disposal means placing waste in garbage bags or other sealable containers and having the materials removed with the weekly trash pickup. The pet owner shall provide and properly maintain litter boxes for cat waste.

Assistance animals are allowed with **PRIOR** approval with no restrictions other than those imposed on all tenants to maintain their units and associated facilities in a decent, safe, and sanitary manner, to refrain from disturbing their neighbors, and to maintain the health and safety of their pet(s). Therefore, a person with a disability may keep a support or service animal that is needed as a reasonable accommodation for his or her disability. A reasonable accommodation can be requested by submitting a Request for Reasonable Accommodation to the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority may verify the classification of service or companion animal to grant an exemption under MHA's pet policy.

### UNAUTHORIZED GUESTS

**Section Q and U of the Mexico Housing Authority lease states:**

**Q. Resident agrees not to allow any other person than those designated by the lease to use the address or receive mail at the resident's address.**

**U. Resident agrees to not house guests for more than thirty (30) calendar days per year.  
Resident further agrees to not house a guest for more than seven (7) consecutive days.**

These are both **SERIOUS** lease violations and can lead to termination of your lease. MHA property is governed by HUD and your rent is being subsidized by them. It could be an act of fraud if you are allowing individuals that are not part of your household to reside in your home.

Mexico Housing Authority can verify with the postmaster general whether individuals are receiving mail at a Resident's address.

If MHA staff observes or receives information that an unauthorized individual may be residing in the unit, you **WILL** receive a warning letter to have the individual(s) removed immediately.

### **SMOKING AT MHA**

Smoking inside all buildings and structures owned or managed by MHA is **PROHIBITED**.

Smoking outside the buildings is limited to at least 25 feet away from entrances.

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, or breathing or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, hookah, e-cigarette, or other tobacco product, marijuana, incense, or similar lighted product in any manner or form.

**Residents will be determined to be in violation of the Smoking Policy if:**

Staff witnesses a tenant, tenant's guest, family member, etc. smoking inside any MHA property

Staff witnesses a lighted smoking product in an ashtray inside any MHA owned property

Damage due to nicotine stains or burns inside any MHA owned property

Repeated reports of smoking from third parties

Cultivating/Growing marijuana plants inside or around the unit

**HUD has declared that medical marijuana is considered federally illegal, regardless of state law, and considered use of an illegal drug.**

**Section O of the Mexico Housing Authority lease states:**

**Resident agrees that Resident, any member of the household, guests, or any other person under the Resident's control, shall not engage in;**

**2. Any drug-related criminal activity on or off MHA premises wherever located**

**[For the purpose of this section, drug-related criminal activity means the following:]**

**1. Illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, use, or possession with intent to manufacture, sell, distribute, or use, of a controlled substance, or substances commonly known as, but not limited to, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and opium, and further defined as in the Controlled Substances Act (21 V.S.C. 802) unless such controlled substance or substances were obtained directly pursuant to a valid prescription or order.**



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## October 2022 Public Housing Newsletter



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

MHA maintenance will be inside units October 1-31, 2022, to replace furnace filters, smoke detector batteries and to check dryer vents.



## Housing America Month!

### Fire Safety and Prevention Tips:

- 1. Make sure all exits from rooms are clear and that there is nothing blocking them.**
- 2. Have a fire escape plan for your home. Designate a place outside where everyone can meet in case of a fire and practice this plan often.**
- 3. Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn and turn them off when you leave the house, the room or go to bed.**
- 4. Do not leave candles burning when you are away and unplug small appliances when not in use.**
- 5. Keep matches and lighters hidden and out of children's reach, and teach children not to play with them.**

## *Dates to Remember:*

### **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.

#### October 14:

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

#### October 28:

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

October 7—Office closed for  
Administrative Work Day

October 7-Tyronn Lue Day  
of Service

October 10—Office closed in  
observance of Columbus Day

October 20—Resident  
Association Meeting, 3:00pm

October 31—Halloween

November 4—Office closed  
for Administration Work Day

November 11—Office closed  
in observance of Veteran's  
Day

November 17—Resident  
Association Meeting, 3:00pm

November 24-25—Office  
closed in observance of  
Thanksgiving holiday

## *A few REMINDERS.....*

- **Your contact information needs to be kept up-to-date at the MHA office. If you have changes to your phone number, email address, etc., please contact the MHA office to up-date your file.**
- **Make sure you don't over stuff your refrigerator or freezer so that the unit will operate and cool your items.**
- **Make sure you have permission from the MHA office before bringing a pet into your home.**
- **All vehicles parked on MHA property must be licensed with current plates or tags.**
- **Make sure your name and address are legible on money orders**

## City of Mexico Fall Clean-Up Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday trash pickup

**October 1st**

Monday & Thursday trash pickup

**October 8th**

All items must be placed at the curb no earlier than the night before or by 6:00 a.m. on the assigned days. To avoid a nuisance, do not place out any earlier.

Small items must be placed in trash cans, trash bags, sturdy boxes or other containers no larger than a garbage can. Small loose items will not be picked up

Additional Information at: [www.mexicomissouri.net](http://www.mexicomissouri.net)



### **AGENCY HELP!!!!**

The Following Agencies will be at **The Help Center** to help you get back on your feet:

- **Monday Afternoon** from 1pm-3pm someone from the Help Center will be here to help with SSI/SSDI, food stamps, housing, and any phone calls
- Aging Best-will be here **two Tuesday Mornings a month** to help Seniors over 60 with Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Food stamps from 10am-12pm
- The **First Tuesday of every month** Heather from the VA Hospital will be here to help Veterans sign up for healthcare benefits from 1pm-3pm
- **Wednesday mornings** from 9am-12pm CMCA will be here to help with Medicare and Medicaid
- **Wednesday afternoon** from 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Employment Agency
- Vocational Rehab will be here on **Thursdays**-helping people get into a job-this is by appointment only and you must be referred
- Missouri Job Center will be here on **Fridays**-again helping with the job process, interview skills, resume writing etc.....
- Missouri Veterans Commission out of the VA home in Mexico is offering free help for Veterans and their dependents get the disability benefits they are due-Contact Lindsey Ward at the Veterans Home for more information
- **If you have any questions regarding when someone will be here or what help you can get, please call Jennifer Butcher at 573-581-3238 extension 10.**



## MHA Halloween Decorating Contest

Join us in celebrating!

Decorate your unit with lights, window decals or use your creativity!

Judging will be done on the **evening** of October 27, 2022.

**1st place - \$50 Walmart Gift Card**

**2nd place - \$25 Walmart Gift Card**

**3rd place - \$10 Walmart Gift Card**



**\* Please take down all decorations by November 4, 2022, or there will be a charge to remove.**

## Attention all kiddos!

See the attached coloring page for your chance to win a \$10 Walmart gift card.

Color and put in the MHA drop box by October 27, 2022, for your chance to win!

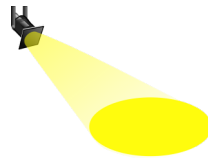
Two age brackets:

0-5 yrs. old

6-12 yrs. old



## Tenant Spotlight



**We can always count on Chasity to follow our MHA resident obligations and be respectful to MHA staff!**

**Thanks Chasity Montgomery!!**

**Nominate Your Neighbor!!**

**To nominate someone you would like to see featured in our next Tenant Spotlight, drop a note in the MHA drop box!**

# SPOOKTACULAR WORD SEARCH

C D H A L L O W E E N Y R T Y G I M R L  
C H H Z E D I R Y A H K L E N S E B O K A  
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## WORDS

AFRAID  
AFTERLIFE  
ALARMING  
APPARITION  
AUTUMN  
BEAST  
BIZARRE  
BLACK  
BOO  
BROOMSTICK  
CACKLE  
CANDY  
CARVING  
CASKET  
CATS  
CAULDRON  
COBWEBS  
DARKNESS  
DISGUISE  
EERIE  
FANTASY  
HALLOWEEN  
HAYRIDE  
HOWL  
LANTERN  
MACABRE  
MAKEUP  
MIDNIGHT  
MOONLIGHT  
MYSTERIOUS  
NIGHTMARE  
PUMPKIN  
SHOCK  
SPECTER  
UNEARTHLY  
WIZARDRY

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_