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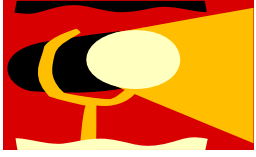
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SUMMER COOKOUTS - HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE!

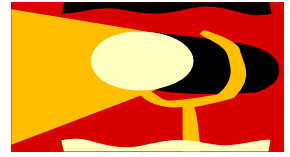
Most everyone likes a good, old fashioned cookout, and with Summer here, grills are firing up all over town. The Housing Authority encourages folks to get out doors this summer and enjoy time with friends and family. However, here are a few things that are important to remember if you are cooking outdoors.

1. Please remember to keep grills at least 15 feet away from the building. This will help to prevent fire hazards.
2. Always follow the manufacturers safety instructions when using your grill.
3. If you are using a gas grill, be sure to turn off the tank valve each time you are finished using the grill. If you use a charcoal grill, be sure to store lighter fluid in a safe and secure spot and to keep it out of the reach of children at all times.
4. Keep your grill clean in between uses. Built up grease can cause flare-ups when you are cooking, which is a safety risk to you and anyone nearby.
5. **NEVER** leave a lit or still-hot grill unattended for any reason! This is a serious safety hazard for children, especially those who are too young to understand that the grill is hot, and is also a fire hazard. Also remember that just because your own children may not be near the grill, there are other children in the community who may be playing outdoors. Staying near the grill at all times while it is in use will help prevent serious injuries.
6. Be sure to clean up and dispose of used charcoal properly. Used coals should not be disposed of until you are positive that they are completely out. Coals that are disposed of before they are completely out can ignite trash or other materials they are near. Please do not dispose of used coals by dumping them on the lawn.
7. Finally, if you have any doubts or questions about what is or is not acceptable when it comes to grilling in our communities, please call the Administrative Office at 776-8588. We are happy to answer any questions!





Safety Spotlight



The safety of our residents, especially children, is very important to the Housing Authority. Here are some quick safety tips to follow that will help everyone have a safe & happy summer!

1. Remember that with school being out, there will be increased activity in all communities, with the biggest increase being the number of children playing outside. **It is very important that all residents and their guests obey the posted speed limits.** Please talk to your guests about the importance of driving slowly through the community and paying attention to sidewalks and lawns where children may unexpectedly run out from.
2. It is **your** responsibility as a resident to monitor your children's behavior. Always know where your child is and who they are with. Children who are not of appropriate age should not be allowed to play on MHA property unattended.
3. Please do not allow children to play around trash dumpsters or in the streets or parking areas of your community.
4. Please remember that storm shelters are not play areas! Storm shelters are only to be used in the event of severe weather. Please talk to your children about the importance of staying away from the storm shelters unless there is severe weather. Adults and children seen in the storm shelters for reasons other than severe weather will be asked to leave the storm shelter. Misuse of the storm shelters may result in a Notice of Lease Violation.
5. The City of Manhattan has a curfew of 11:00 p.m. for anyone under 18 years of age. All household members under the age of 18 should be in their unit after 11:00 p.m.
6. Please be sure you and your guests are obeying all parking rules and regulations. Vehicles that are improperly parked are subject to tow at the owners expense!
7. Finally, it is important that the Housing Authority and our residents work together to stop destructive activity in our communities. If you have information about damage to Housing Authority property, please report this information to the Housing Authority immediately. Without information from residents it is tough to hold the responsible person(s) accountable. Also, when property is damaged (playground equipment, vending machines, etc.) and the responsible person(s) are not found, there is a good chance it will keep happening. Repeated cases of damage may require us to remove the property or structure that is being damaged, such as the vending machine or playground equipment.

Monthly Reminders - June 2011



RULES FOR SWIMMING POOLS

The arrival of Summer usually means that plastic swimming pools start to pop up all over the Housing Authority's communities. These types of pools are o.k. to have, but there are some rules that must be followed to prevent safety hazards and to prevent damage to property. Please keep the following in mind when using these pools.

1. Small inflatable or plastic pools are allowed. Larger pools that cannot be easily taken down each day ***are not allowed.***
2. All pools must be supervised by an adult ***AT ALL TIMES*** when they are filled.
3. Pools must be emptied each day and picked up off of the grass to prevent damage to lawns. Under no circumstances should a pool be left unattended with standing water or overnight! In addition to causing damage to the lawn, this is a major safety hazard.
4. Any resident observed leaving a pool unattended during the day or left filled at night will receive a Notice of Lease Violation.
5. Damage caused by swimming pools, such as damage to lawns, may be charged to the tenant.

Please remember that these rules are in place to prevent accidents and damages to MHA property. If you have any questions about pools in MHA's communities, please call the Administrative Office at 776-8588 we are happy to answer any questions that you have.



REPORTING INCOME CHANGES

All residents of Public Housing must report changes in their household income, even if they have chosen Flat Rent and the rent amount will not be affected by the change in income. To report a change in income, please go to the Administrative Office and complete a "Change of Status" form. The Customer Service Representative or other staff can assist you if you have any other questions about reporting changes, and will give you any other forms that you need to complete. Please remember that all changes should be reported within ten (10) business days of the change. Changes that are not reported in a timely manner may result in you owing money to the Housing Authority (if the change was an increase) or the Housing Authority not being able to decrease your rent amount in a timely manner (if the income change was a decrease). Please call the Administrative Office with any questions about reporting income changes.

What's Happening in Manhattan & at MHA - June 2011

SUMMER FUN AT THE MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Manhattan Public Library has a ton of fun activities and events planned for this Summer! There are great reading programs for kids of all ages, special events like kid's movies, special presentations, story times and other clubs, and the best part of all is that it is all FREE!

For more information, check out www.manhattan.lib.ks.us, or stop by the library at 629 Poyntz Avenue.



SUMMER 2011 ARTS IN THE PARK

The City of Manhattan's Arts In The Park program is back in full swing this Summer. This is a great chance for the whole family to see great, live entertainment for FREE, right here in Manhattan. All shows are held in City Park and are open to the public. You can check out the City's Parks and Recreation department page at www.ci.manhattan.ks.us to see the complete line up of scheduled shows. The schedule has something for everyone to enjoy, so take a look and see what sounds good to you!



2011 MHA BLOCK PARTIES!

Last year, the Housing Authority held "Block Parties" at all of our Public Housing communities as a way of showing our appreciation for our residents. The block parties were a lot of fun for staff and residents, and we are happy to say that we will be having them again this year. We are in the early planning stages right now, but we will be sure to get the word out when we have more details. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for how we can improve on last year's parties, please give us a call at 776-8588 and let us know. We would love to hear from you!

Kid's Corner!

Hey kids, don't forget that Father's Day is June 19th! Let Dad know how much you love him and thank him for all he does!

Father's Day Jokes!

Q: Do fathers always snore?

A: No, only when they sleep!

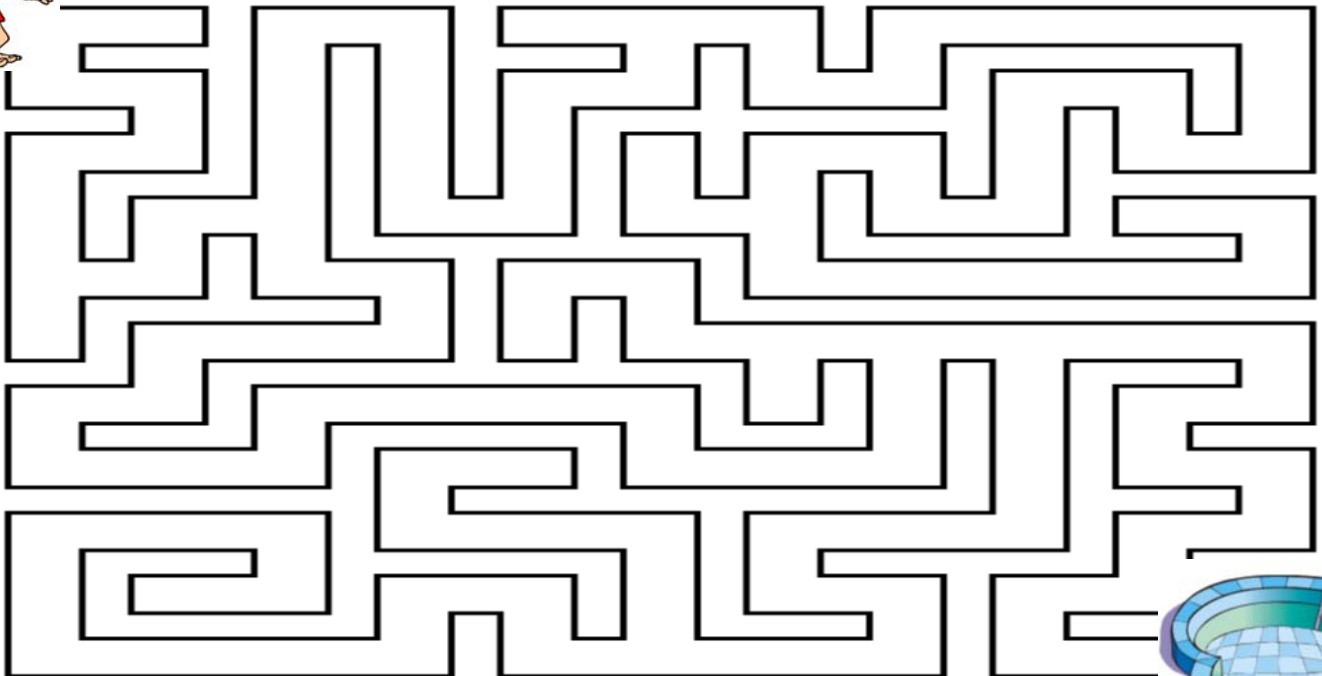
Q: What is one thing you will never hear Dad say?

A: Well, I'm lost. I guess we'll have to stop and ask for help!

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Find these Summer activities!

pool, library, crafts, fishing, reading, bike, basketball,
baseball, run, skate



If you have questions or concerns about the MHA Newsletter or calendar events, please call the Administrative Office at 776-8588.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wed. Thurs. Friday Saturday

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5	6	7	8	9	10 Last Day to Pay Rent Before Late Fees!	11
12	13 Late Fees In Effect	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Resident Advisory Board Meeting	21	22 MHA Board of Commission- ers Meeting— 5:30 p.m. @ Apt. Towers	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		