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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT 2011 RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY!

The Housing Authority held its annual Resident Appreciation Day on September 24, 2011 at the Sunset Zoo. We had a great turn out and we want to thank our residents (and their guests!) for being there and helping us have a Resident Appreciation Day to remember. We had over 100 attendees altogether, (residents and guests), which is the most we have ever had for this event. Lunch was served at 12:00 p.m. followed by free time to explore the zoo, a presentation by zoo staff, a scavenger hunt for those who wanted to participate, and then a door prize drawing to wrap up the day. We really enjoyed seeing so many people having a great time at the zoo. Since it is never too early to start planning, we would also like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for next year's event, like ideas for location, activities or what type of lunch you would like to have. Please let us know if you have any suggestions by calling the Administrative Office at 785 776-8588. We would love to hear from you about ways we can make next year even better!

RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY GUESSING GAME WINNERS

In the August newsletter we asked residents to place guesses for the location of the 2011 Resident Appreciation Day. The first 5 residents to guess correctly each received a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to everyone who turned in a guess!



Carol Bearden - Baehr Place
John Bolan - Apartment Towers
Connie Mascareno - Carlson Plaza
Linda Rose - Carlson Plaza
Cookie Muse - Apartment Towers





Safety Spotlight: Halloween

Have a happy Halloween by following these safety tips for kids and parents!

Kid's Safety Tips

1. Go only to well-lit houses and stay on the porch or steps. DO NOT go into the house, especially if you do not know the family living there.
2. Children should travel in groups and be accompanied by an adult.
3. Children should know their home phone number and know how to call family or friends in an emergency.
4. Always bring treats home so that parents can check them before they are eaten.
5. Costumes and clothing should be bright, reflective and flame retardant.
6. Cross streets at corners or crosswalks and do not walk between parked cars.
7. If possible, use face paint instead of plastic masks. Masks can block your vision.
8. Avoid long, baggy costumes or clothing that can cause tripping.

Parent's Safety Tips

1. Supervise your children's trick or treating as much as possible.
2. If your child's costume has props, like swords, knives or broomsticks, make sure they are soft and flexible and that they have no sharp edges.
3. Your child's name and address should be written on or attached to their costume in case they get lost or separated from you.
4. Make sure your kids have a curfew and that they know the curfew will be enforced.
5. Prepare your own home for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, sidewalks and steps of any tripping hazards, and move lit jack-o-lanterns away from walking areas.
6. Drive slowly while taking kids trick-or-treating and watch out for others.
7. Kids should always exit the car on the curb side, not the street side.
8. If you are carving jack-o-lanterns with your kids, let them draw the pattern with a marker, but adults should always be the ones doing the carving.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MANHATTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL AND FIVE YEAR PLANS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires all public housing authorities to approve an Annual and Five Year Plan of how the housing authority plans to use its funding. We are also required to hold a Public Hearing before the plan is approved by our Board of Commissioners so that residents and other members of the public can voice their ideas and suggestions for the plan. The Manhattan Housing Authority will hold its Public Hearing for the Annual and Five Year Plans on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Apartment Towers. The Public Hearing will be a part of the Board of Commissioners regular monthly meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend, or if you would like to provide input before the meeting, please feel free to give us a call at 776-8588. All suggestions will be considered in preparing the final Annual and Five Year Plans.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES CLOSED OCTOBER 28, 2011!

The Manhattan Housing Authority's administrative offices will be closed all day on Friday, October 28, 2011. All staff, including maintenance, will be holding planning and goal setting meetings for Fiscal Year 2012 on this day. If you have a maintenance emergency any time that the office is closed, please call 776-8588 and follow the steps to place an emergency work order. Remember to provide detailed information about the repairs that need completed, a good phone number for maintenance to reach you at and to let maintenance know if they have permission to enter your unit if you are not home.

DON'T MISS THE "BOO! PARTY" AT MANHATTAN TOWN CENTER!

This Halloween the Manhattan Town Center will be having a Boo Party with indoor trick-or-treating! The party is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31st inside the mall. This is a great alternative to taking kids trick-or-treating house-to-house outdoors. There is no chance of rain inside, and everyone will be able to keep safe and warm! Besides the trick-or-treating there will be a free coloring station and other kids' activities. Come and check it out!

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

Many residents like to decorate for the holidays. If you are planning on putting up Halloween decorations this year, we ask that you follow the guidelines below to help keep our communities safe and in tidy order.

1. You may place outside decorations in the area around your unit. Decorations must be appropriate and be in good taste (no profanity).
2. You are responsible for damage caused to MHA property by your decorations, and also for vandalism, theft or loss of decorations.
3. Halloween decorations must be taken down by Monday, November 7, 2011 .
Any decorations that are left out past this day are subject to removal and disposal by staff and you will be assessed a fee for removal.
4. Decorations that need to be attached to roofs, gutters or window frames are not allowed unless they can be attached with plastic gutter clips.
5. You must follow all standard safety precautions for decorations. Lit jack-o-lanterns or other open flames cannot be left outside MHA units.

Please call the main office at 776-8588 should you have any questions about decorating for the holidays. Thank you for your cooperation!

COLD WEATHER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

It might seem hard to believe with all the warm days we have had lately, but nighttime temperatures will start getting below freezing very soon. To stop damage to water lines, we are asking all residents to be sure that all garden hoses are disconnected from outdoor faucets and put away in storage units by Monday, October 31, 2011. Hoses that are left out will be picked up by maintenance staff disposed of. If you have any questions about this policy, please call the MHA Administrative Office at 776-8588.





KID'S CORNER!

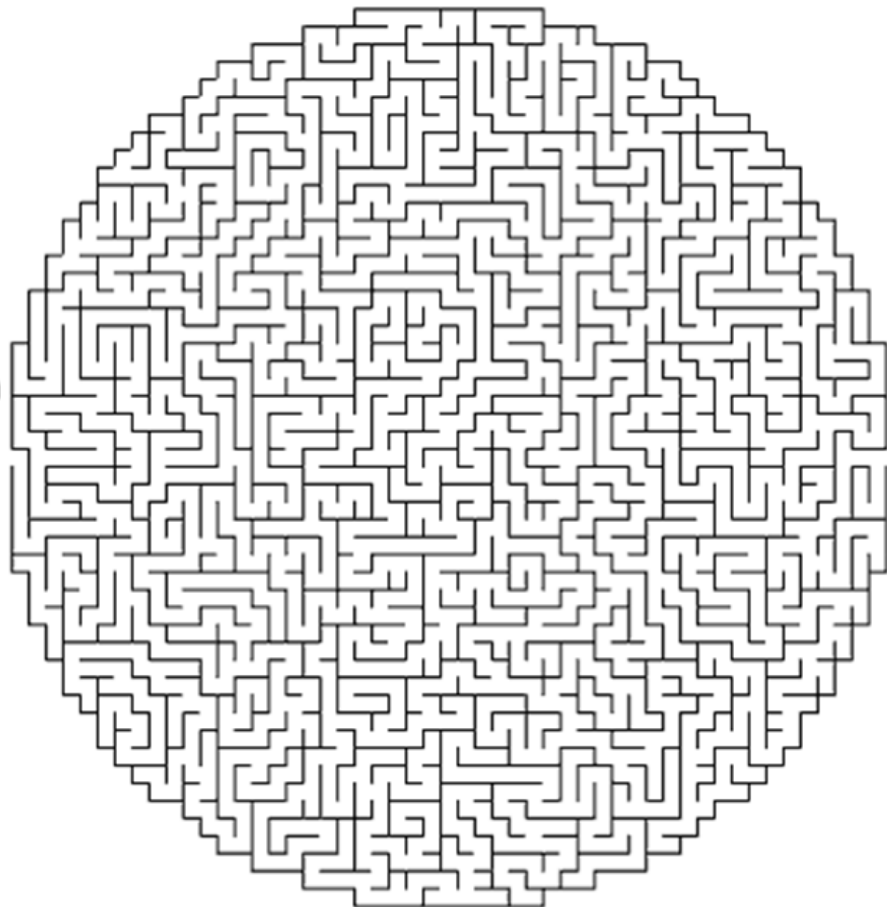
Happy Halloween

Find these Halloween words!
black cat, broom , ghost, moon, owl,
pumpkin, spider, spook, trick, treat



Help these ghosts find their way back
home to the haunted house!

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9	10 <i>Last Day to Pay Rent!</i>	11 <i>Late Fees In Effect!</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Resident Advisory Board-5:30 p.m. @ Apt. Towers</i>	18 <i>Pest Control @ Hudson Circle, Baehr Place & FHI</i>	19 <i>MHA Board Meeting- 5:30 p.m. @ Apt. Towers</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>MHA Offices Closed!</i>	29
30	31  <i>Happy Halloween!</i>					

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