

# Manhattan Housing Authority

## September 2011



P.O. Box 1024 \* 300 N 5th Street \* Manhattan, KS 66505 \* [www.mhaks.com](http://www.mhaks.com)

### Inside This Issue:

PAGE 2: LABOR DAY

PAGE 3: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN  
MANHATTAN & AT MHA

PAGE 4: MONTHLY REMINDERS

PAGE 5: KIDS CORNER

PAGE 6: MHA SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## **IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE ZOO!**

### **2011 RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY IS SEPTEMBER 24TH!**

Last month we asked residents to put in their guesses for the location of this year's Resident Appreciation Day. We had a great response, with some correct guesses and some that were *just* a little off. For those who haven't heard, we are excited to let you know that Resident Appreciation Day will be held at the Sunset Zoo on September 24th! Lunch will be provided, along with games, giveaways, a presentation by zoo staff, a scavenger hunt, and of course there will be time for everyone to simply explore and see all the great displays that the zoo has to offer.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling the Administrative Office at 776-8588 by Tuesday, September 20, 2011. We will also be providing transportation, so if you need a ride please let us know when you RSVP. This is a FREE event for all of our residents, so bring the entire family and join us for a great day at the Sunset Zoo!

### **Resident Appreciation Day Schedule of Events**

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Guests Arrive at Sunset Zoo

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Lunch is Served

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Wildlife Presentation by Sunset Zoo Staff

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Explore the Zoo, Play Games and Scavenger Hunt

3:15 p.m. - Prize Giveaways & Wrap Up, Rides Home Begin

**Remember: Resident Appreciation Day is FREE!**

There will be no cost for admission to the zoo for MHA residents, and we will provide transportation. Just call the Administrative Office by September 20, 2011 and let us know that you are planning on being at the Resident Appreciation Day and we will handle the rest!

## Labor Day: Celebrate America's Workers!

Even though Labor Day has passed, we wanted to provide some information for those who may not know how Labor Day came to be or what it is about. The information below is from the U.S. Department Of Labor's website at [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, no one knows for sure who first proposed the holiday. Some records show that it was Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, who was first in suggesting a day to honor workers. Others believe it was Matthew Maguire, a machinist, who founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the idea that Mathew Maguire first proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday and others were urged to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was being celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first government recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. The first state law recognizing Labor Day was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers. Congress also passed an act that year making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Labor Day celebrations included street parades to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, and were followed by a festival for workers and their families. Later on, speeches by prominent men and women began to be included. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.



# What's Happening in Manhattan & at MHA - September 2011

## **Pink Power Luncheon for Breast Cancer Awareness**

The Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University will hold a free luncheon on October 14, 2011 from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at the Campus, 1641 Anderson Avenue (across from KSU). Aribel Leon-Lynn, a local artist, will give a lecture on her experiences as a breast cancer survivor and how her battle with cancer influenced her art. Ms. Leon-Lynn's paintings have been displayed in art galleries from Kansas City to Junction City, and she is also currently working on a book highlighting her breast cancer journey as presented through her paintings and poetry. This event is free to the public, but there is limited space available. Participants will receive a soup & salad lunch, a souvenir item, information material and prizes will be given away. Reservations are required by October 7, 2011. Call 785 532-6705 to reserve a spot at the luncheon or to get more information about this event.

## **Need to Find Community Resources or a Place to Volunteer?**

**Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211kansas.org](http://www.211kansas.org)!**

There is a great resource out there for anyone who needs help or knows someone who needs help, or for those who just want to get involved in their community by volunteering to help others. United Way 2-1-1 of Kansas is an easy to remember phone hotline that can connect you with important community services and volunteer opportunities.

United Way 2-1-1 can provide you with information about local food banks, rent and utility assistance, clothing closets and other basic needs resources. It also has information on child care providers, adult care providers, Head Start and after school programs, transportation, mentoring, and recreation programs.

Other information provided includes job training programs, education programs, Medicaid and Medicare assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program, respite care, Meals on Wheels, protective services and many more resources. If it is a need in the community, there is probably a resource available to help.

The program also connects people who want to volunteer in a time of need, such as after a natural disaster, with local resources that can use your volunteer services.

United Way 2-1-1 is easy to use and is a permanent phone number just for community resources and volunteer opportunities, so it is always there when you need it. Using the website at [www.211kansas.org](http://www.211kansas.org) is an even easier way to get the information you need.

## Monthly Reminders - September 2011

### **Bike Rack Clean Up at Apartment Towers and Carlson Plaza**

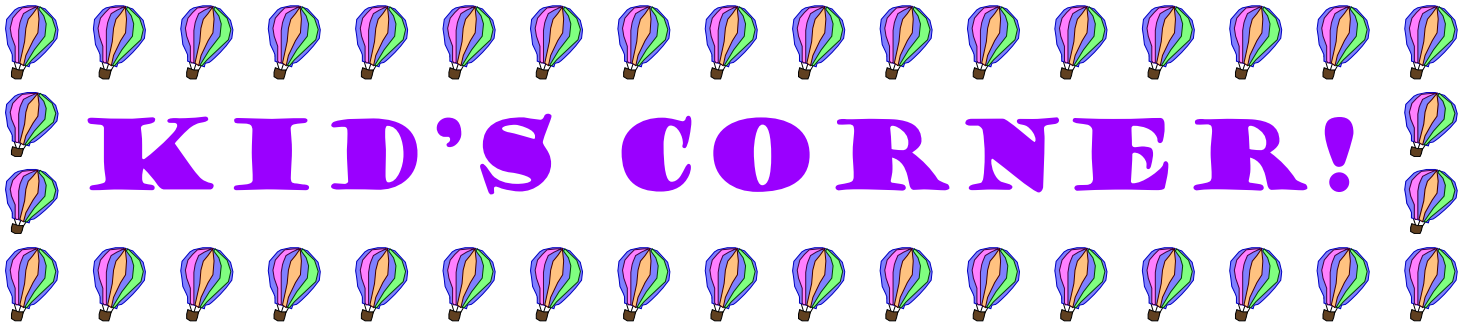
Many residents of Apartment Towers and Carlson Plaza use bikes for transportation. There are bike racks at both sites to provide residents with a spot to lock up their bikes when they are not using them. Sometimes when residents move out they leave their bikes locked to the bike rack, which takes up space for current residents to use. In the next few weeks the Housing Authority will be asking residents of Carlson Plaza and Apartment Towers to register or re-register their bikes so that we can remove bikes that do not belong to current residents. Bikes that are not claimed will be removed by maintenance staff and either donated or disposed of. More information about registering bikes will be provided to all residents at a later date. If you are a bike owner and use the bike racks, please pay special attention to the information provided so that we do not accidentally dispose of your bike!

### **Repayment Agreements Available To Residents**

We understand that sometimes bills and other expenses can make it hard to pay rent on time. That is why the Housing Authority offers residents the chance to enter into a repayment agreement twice a year, which can help you from losing your housing because of termination of your lease or eviction. If you are behind on rent and would like to know more about entering into a repayment agreement, please contact the Administrative Office at 776-8588. There are some restrictions on repayment agreements, so be sure to call for more information. Remember that it is better to let us know what is going on BEFORE it is too late to enter into a repayment agreement!

### **Site Inspections: Keep Patios, Carports and Porches Clean!**

Summer is almost over and it is getting closer to the time when grills, swimming pools and patio furniture get put away for the year. Please be sure to store these items and other outdoor things properly. The areas around your unit, like patios, carports, porches, etc., should be kept clean and free of clutter. Keep in mind that indoor furniture or other indoor items should not be stored outside unless they are in your storage unit. Site Inspections are done to make sure no hazardous items are left out and to make sure we keep our communities looking good! Please call the Administrative Office if you have questions or concerns about Site Inspections or how to store items properly.



# KID'S CORNER!

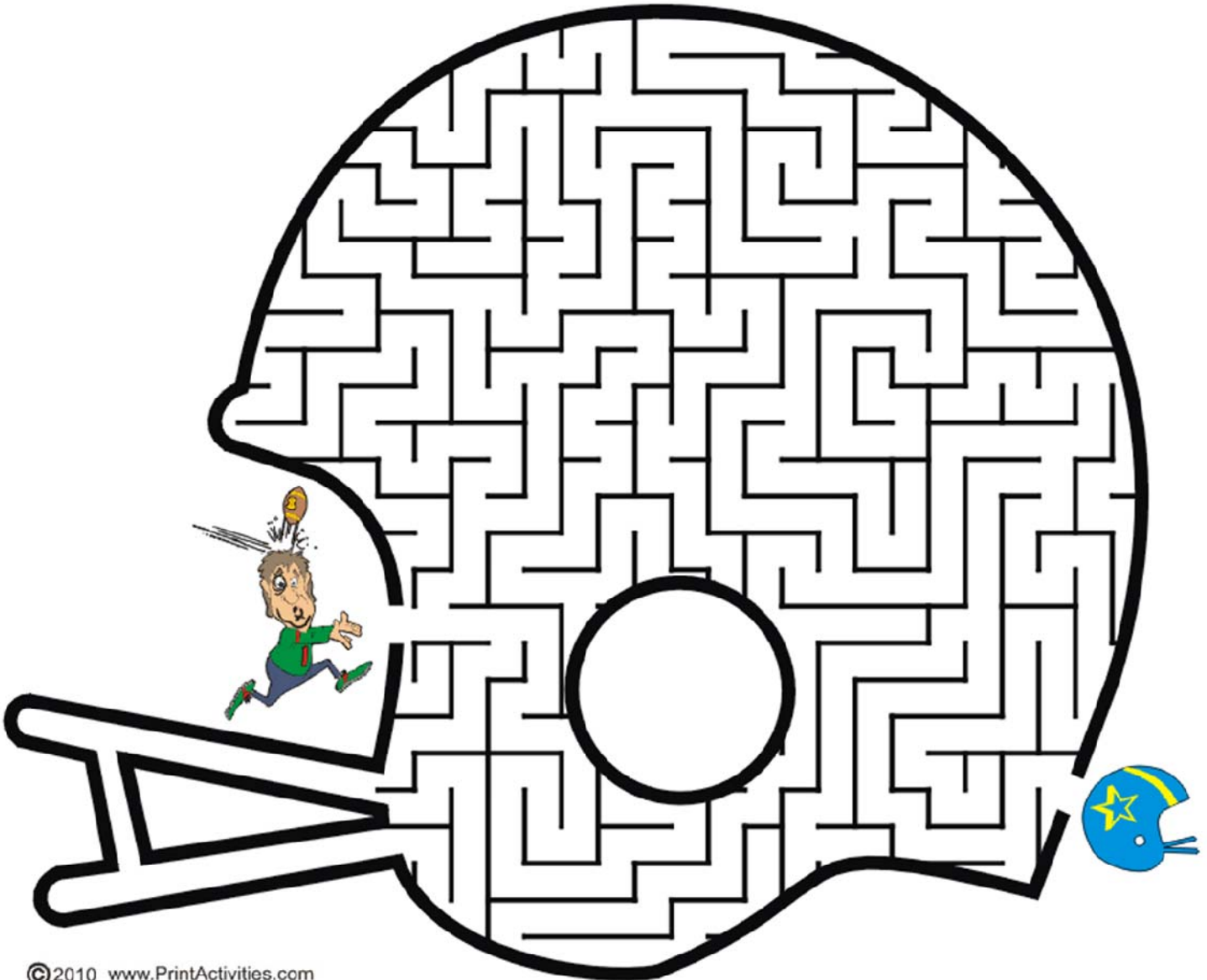
**Just for Laughs!**

It's football season, so here are some football jokes!

Why did the football coach go to the bank? To get his quarter back!

What is a cheerleaders favorite food? Cheer-ios!

How do football players stay cool? They sit next to all the fans!



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Last Day To Pay Rent</i>
11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 <i>Late Fees In Effect!</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Resident Advisory Board Meeting—5:30 p.m. @ Apt. Towers</i>	20 <i>Pest Control for Apartment Towers, Carlson Plaza &amp; Pott. Court</i>	21 <i>MHA Board Meeting— 5:30 P.M. at Apt. Towers</i>	22	23 <i>First Day of Fall!</i>	24 <i>Resident Appreciation Day at Sunset Zoo!</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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