

## NEWSLETTER

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Director's Report

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Happy New Year to all MCHA residents! This month I celebrate my 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary as your Executive Director. It has been a learning, but a great experience. This year we look to make some changes to how we operate the authority. We have some major capital improvements coming for 2020, some examples are already being done, King and Young Apartments have new refrigerators and stoves, the Humma Building has new washers and dryers in the laundry room, plus 25 new cameras for security.

We are only six months away from our second annual "Block Party", so we want to start preparing early and make it bigger and better than last year. I am looking for suggestions from tenants as to what you would like to see this year.

Congratulations to Rebecca Thalheimer, last summer, we reported that she received her associate degree in surgical technology. Last month, she passed her test and is an official "SURGICAL TECH".

If you have good news, let us know, so we can share it with all the residents.

With the good things, there are some things that tenants will need to improve on this year. This does not apply to all tenants, but over this last year, rent delinquency has become a major issue to manage. I do my best to work with tenants and hand deliver letters to tenants as reminders to pay their rent before the deadline on the 14-day notice. Delinquencies affect the funding we receive from HUD, which is how we pay for the improvements listed above. Rent is due on the first of each month. So, for tenants that are late paying their rent and other charges, your payment will not be accepted if it is after the last day of the month. At this point you will have to pay the total due, including the current month. There will be no exceptions.

If you are employed and have not reported this change, please contact the office. Last month I received a report from HUD, indicating several residents that were employed, but did not report the income. They now have retro-rent to pay back to the authority. Changes to income are to be report within 10 days. This report is received each month; you are committing fraud and can be prosecuted for not reporting the income.

Parents with small children, please supervise them when they are outside. I have received many complaints about children riding bikes in the parking lots and nearly being hit by cars. It is stated in the lease, that children are always to be supervised.

Please report any issues of your unit immediately to the office, especially if it is dealing with the smoke alarms. Please do not disconnect the alarms, if it is chirping, the battery needs to be replaced.

Recently, I have been in several units conducting an inspection, it was obvious that the resident has been smoking in the unit. As everyone is aware, there is a no-smoking policy, it will be enforced, and your lease will be terminated if you are in violation. Effective January 1, 2020, recreational marijuana is legal in the state. Please be aware that this is federal property, so the use of marijuana on the property is still a violation of your lease.

Start the new year off right, let's all do what's best for the authority and all its residents.

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Calendar:

Dec 31 -closing at noon

Jan 1—Office closed

Jan 20—Office closed

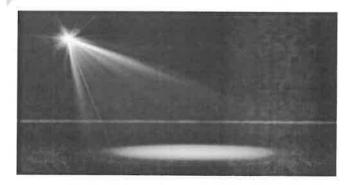


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My name is Angie Hornback and I have worked for MCHA for almost one year. I work in the Maintenance Dept. I have three children, Kody, Gage and Anna. My world revolves around my children and my momma. I love to cook and read. I enjoy my job and the people that I work with. Always remember this,, all those who wander are not lost. Happy New Year!

## **Employee Spotlight**



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