

City of Mexico

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Boston Proper to Locate in Mexico

By Russell Runge, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development

The final touches will soon be taking place on Soft Surroundings new 300,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center. When this occurs, according to Senior Vice President of Operations, Laura Barrett, an opportunity will arise for additional investment and jobs at their current location.



Soft Surroundings New Site

Newly acquired, Boston Proper will relocate into the 89,000 square foot facility, and be managed by current Soft Surroundings Outbound Supervisor, Jason Young. Jason has been with Soft Surroundings since 1999 and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Boston Proper team.

Boston Proper distribution center will be a one shift operation for the foreseeable future and will employ up to 50 employees. In traditional Soft Surroundings fashion the Boston Proper operation will be run as a very tight ship, as the plan is for Boston Proper to move into the facility on Elmwood Street on January 21, 2017 with product trucks arriving from the current distribution center in Winder, Georgia on January 22, 2017! Assuming everything goes as planned, the new facility will be fully operational on January 24th.

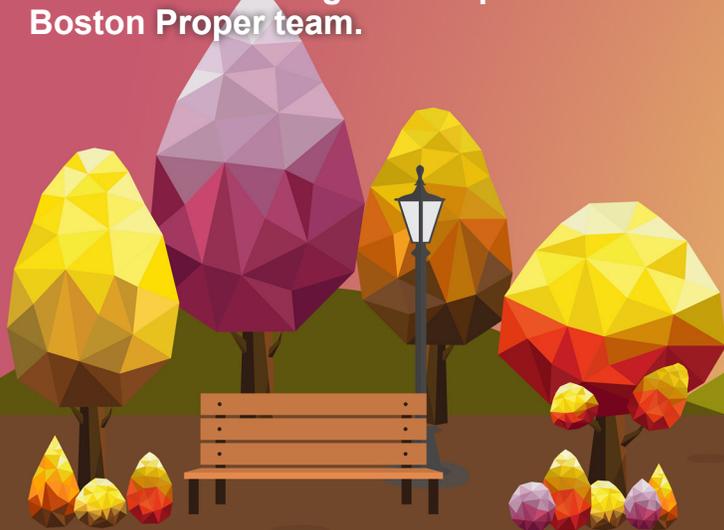
The Boston Proper team will work closely with Soft Surroundings corporate team to establish the same best practices that Soft Surroundings currently has in place.

Boston Proper is a 25 year old women's specialty clothing company which specializes in limited quantities of apparel and accessories. The Boston Proper motto is "Wear it Like No One Else".

www.bostonproper.com



Boston Proper Future Site

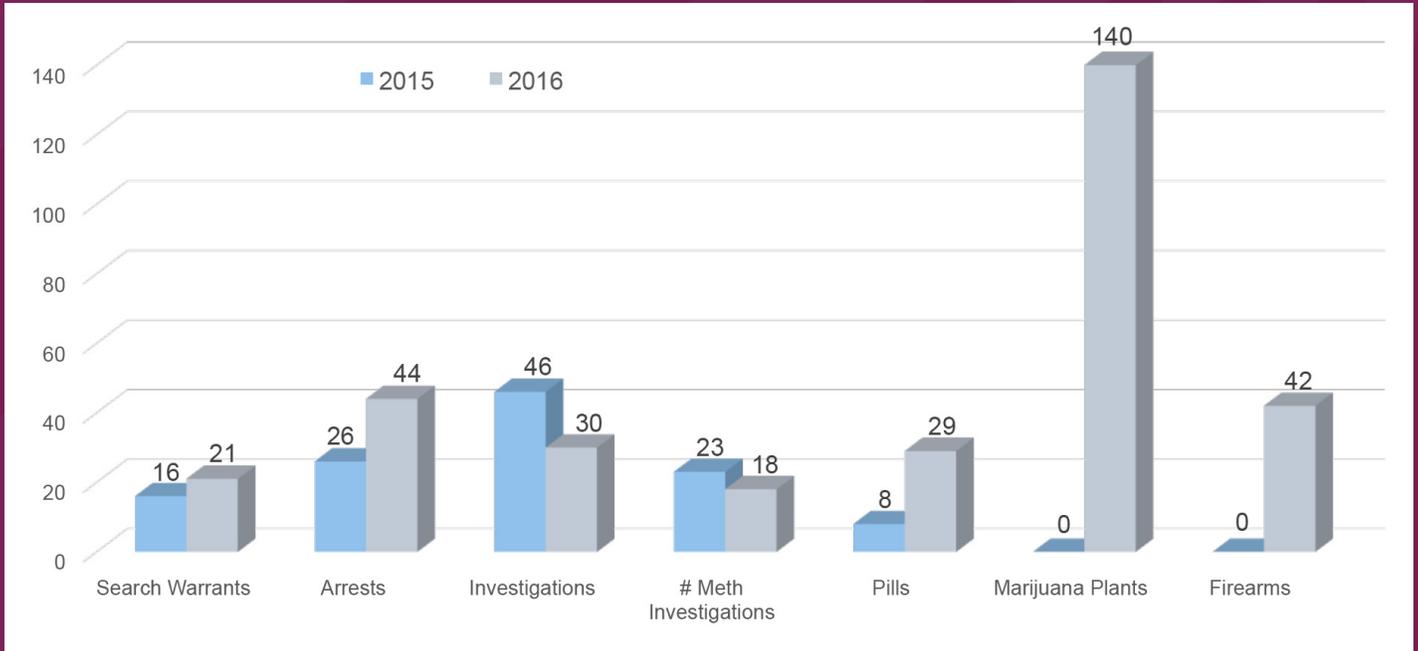


Mexico Public Safety Works With The East Central Drug Task Force

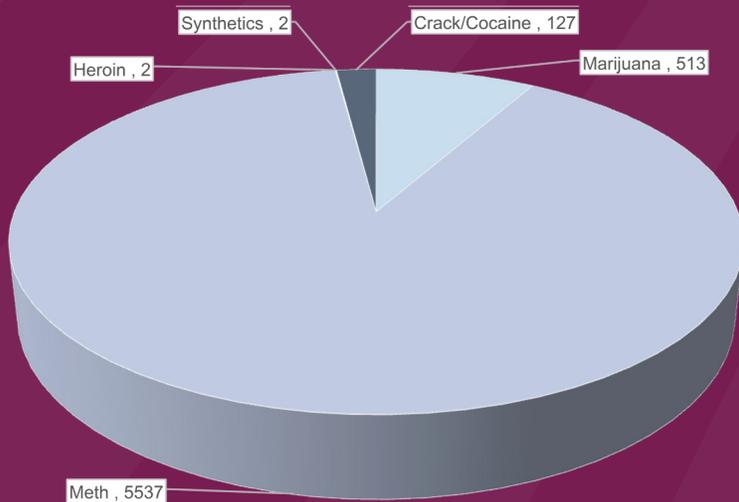
Mexico has been part of the East Central Drug Task Force (ECDTF) for many years. It is, currently, a very effective force multiplier. The members of the Task Force supplement the efforts of Mexico Officers by focusing on information brought to them by the Officers and community to address illegal drugs and the subsequent added problems they bring, such as theft, firearms violations, and domestic violence situations, to name a few. ECDTF concentrates its efforts on drug enforcement by conducting both covert and overt investigations in the counties and cities served. Its member agencies include the law enforcement agencies of Audrain, Cooper, Howard, Montgomery, Pike, and Warren Counties Sherriff's Offices, the Bowling Green, Fayette, Glasgow, High Hill, Jonesburg, Louisiana, Mexico, Montgomery City, New Florence, New Franklin, Vandalia, and Warrenton Public Safety Departments.

Below is a graph of the seizure totals for Mexico for the past two years to date:

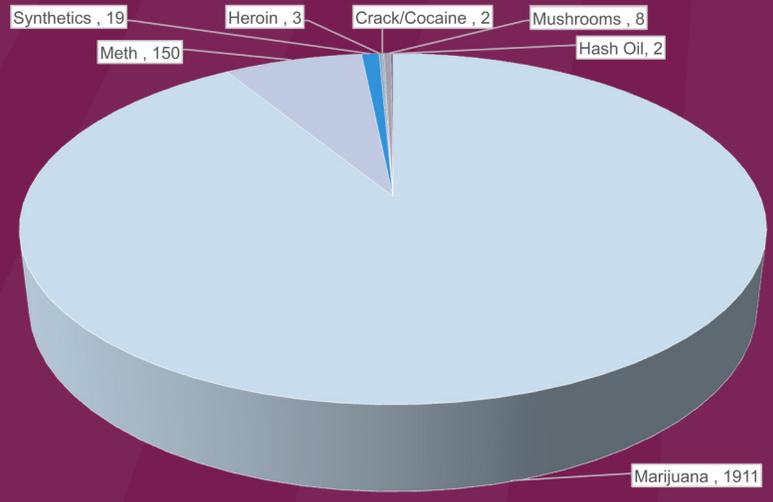
East Central Drug Task Force Comparison Data for Mexico



2015 Drug Seizures (Total Grams)



2016 Drug Seizures (Total Grams)



We are very proud to be a part of this task force and work with them daily to stem the tide of violent crime that would arrive with the illicit drug trade, and the ravages of drug addiction.

Federal Highway Administration Grant

For a number of years, Holt Street leading to ADM has been in need of reconstruction. This fall, the City of Mexico has applied for a Federal Highway Administration grant to accomplish the reconstruction. While grants have been applied for previously, and there is no guarantee that this application will be successful, the approach this time is unique. The proposed project is to replace the roadway with an identical width street constructed of compacted concrete pavement. Compacted concrete pavement is a no slump concrete placed with a modified asphalt paver. The concrete provides a good wearing surface coupled with an excellent strength and a quick construction timeline. It has been used in Kansas and Georgia, but to our knowledge this would be the first application used on a Missouri roadway. The complete project would also upgrade the existing sidewalks to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

Brush and Leaves and Trash! Oh My!

As fall approaches, Code Enforcement would like to remind citizens that City ordinance prohibits brush/yard waste piles in excess of eight inches and also prohibits leaves/grass clippings from being blown into the street. All brush and leaves may be taken to the brush yard at 104 S. Kentucky, behind the Singleton Maintenance Building. Starting November 16, 2016 the brush yard will switch to winter hours and be open Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Trash cans may not be stored at the curb and must not be set out more than 24 hours in advance of trash collection. Trash cans must be removed from the curb the same day as the collection. All trash must be bagged and stored in a trash can and set out each week for collection.

Code Enforcement would also like to remind citizens that regular trash pickup will not accept large items such as furniture, appliances and large electronics. These items must have a special pickup scheduled. Arrangements may be made by calling (573) 581-2100 and speaking with the Administrative Services Department.



Siren System

The City of Mexico has replaced and upgraded the outdoor warning siren system. The old system consisted of six, rotating sirens controlled by Audrain County Joint Communications. That system was about 25 years old, and there was an increase in the amount of money being put into the system to keep it functional, and a decrease in the reliability of the system. A replacement/upgrade was approved in the 2015-2016 budget. Due to the geographic expansion of the city through the years, it was decided that better protection could be provided with seven sirens, rather than six. The additional siren location is in the 4200 block of S Clark.



Huntingfield Drive

The new sirens are produced by American Signal Corporation and Wireless USA is the vendor that has worked with the city. The sirens do not rotate, but instead send sound in all directions at once. This will allow for a faster broadcast in all directions and eliminate the possibility of a mechanical failure of rotating parts. The new system will be controlled by Audrain County Joint Communications, but will also have a secondary activation point at Mexico Public Safety in the event that it becomes necessary. Additionally, the new system will be constantly monitored for problems and send alerts when one is detected. This will improve reliability over the old system that was tested once per month to see if there were problems. The new system includes PC based software that allows for additional uses and gives us the potential to expand the system to combine with other warning methods in the future. The sirens will still be tested monthly but rather than the actual warning tone, the sirens will simply produce a chime sound several times. Occasionally, throughout the year, the actual warning tone will be activated, usually in conjunction with a state for federal awareness effort.



2017 Events

- March 20 – Kite Flying
- April 22 – Earth Day
- May 1-5 – No Screen Week
- May 27 – Fairground Pool Opens
- Tuesdays in June – Concerts in the Park
- June 9 – Mobility Impaired Tour
- June 10 – Movie in the Park
- June 23 – Flick ‘n Float
- June 24 – Kid’s Free Golf Clinic
- Tuesdays in July – Concerts in the Park
- July 7 – Red, White, and Green Estate 5K
- July 8 – Movie in the Park
- July 21 – Flick ‘n Float
- August 5 – Flick ‘n Float
- August 11 – Back to School Bash at Fairground Pool
- August 12 – Fairground Pool Closes
- August 12 – Movie in the Park
- August 15 – Doggie Paddle at Fairground Pool
- September 9 – Kid’s Free Fishing Derby
- September 9 – Movie in the Park
- September 13 – Book and Art Program begins
- September 15 – Teddy Bear Picnic
- September 26 – Johnny Applesseed Day
- October 18 – Kite Flying
- October 27 – Ghost Run 5k
- November – Walking For A Healthier Lifestyle

The Parks and Recreation Department is eager to announce that we will be adding new programs to our list; however, at this time they currently do not have dates on our calendar. Please keep a look out for our new programs on the Department’s Facebook page, City of Mexico Parks and Recreation. For any questions, please contact Megan Harrington, Recreation Supervisor at (573) 581-2100 ext. 149.

Mexico Park & Rec, Missouri Military Academy, SSM and Audrain County Health Leadership Team Sponsoring

Walking For A Healthier Lifestyle MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY FIELDHOUSE

Mon, Nov 7, 2016 – Fri, Mar 31, 2017
Mon – Fri • 9:00 am – 10:30 am



The program will not be available on:
November 22-28, 2016
And December 16 thru January 3, 2017.

Each participant is asked to sign a waiver, available at the door of the Field House or at City Hall. You may place the signed form in the box by the Field House door.

Did You Know:

8 laps around the track equals 1 mile!

Mexico Parks & Recreation Department

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Mexico Parks & Recreation Department



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Tennis Court Update

Thanks to the efforts of the Audrain Tennis Association, Mexico Public Schools, The Mexico Parks Foundation, Mexico City Council, and many generous donations, the City of Mexico has two new tennis courts with lights at Fairgrounds Park. Funds granted or donated to the City of Mexico paid for the tennis court projects in full. In addition to lighted tennis courts, volunteers from the Audrain Tennis Association repaired and painted the fence surrounding the old tennis courts, and the City of Mexico funded resurfacing the old Courts. The resurfaced courts are lined for both Pickleball and Tennis. Also, the Audrain Tennis Association and Mexico Parks Foundation are funding construction of two new outdoor Pickleball Courts at Fairgrounds Park. The new pickleball courts will be constructed North of the old tennis court parking lot.

This was the first private/public partnership project for the Mexico Parks Foundation. The project was

conceptualized by the Audrain Tennis Association. When the City was approached about the need to upgrade the quality of tennis facilities in the community, the Tennis Association was told that the need was recognized, but that funds were not currently available. The Parks Department prioritizes capital spending based on community input received during the master planning process. The tennis facilities were on the list, it was just going to be a while before funding would be available. The only way the project was going to happen earlier was with a public/private partnership. The Parks Department is committed to working with user groups that are willing to raise funds to make their dreams a reality. This project is a great example of the kind of quality of life projects we can achieve when we work together as a community.

To assist the Mexico Parks Foundation in making our Parks better, donations can be sent to (Friends of Mexico Parks, P.O. Box 216, Mexico, MO 65265).



Fairgrounds Tennis Courts

Trout Program at Kiwanis Lake

Mexico Parks and Recreation Department and the Missouri Department of Conservation have teamed up to bring back Mexico's popular winter trout program.



Plunkett Park's Kiwanis Lake has been stocked with 1,200 pounds of live trout from one to ten pounds in size.

Rules posted at the lake,

require Catch and Release only, from November 1 through January 31. During the Catch and Release season only artificial baits can be used. Voluntarily crimping the barbs down on your hooks will help the trout survive being caught multiple times. Regulations require a valid Missouri fishing license for ages 16-64.

Catch and Keep season opens February 1, 2017. All legal fishing methods are allowed during this season, including the use of bait. Daily and possession limit on trout is four. A valid Missouri fishing license for ages 16-64 and a trout stamp are required after February 1, 2017.

Holiday Trash Schedule

The Holidays are rapidly approaching. Below you will find the Holiday Trash Schedule for the end of 2016:

- Thanksgiving Week - Normal Schedule
- Christmas Week - Normal Schedule
- New Year's Week - Normal Schedule

Did You Know?

In the words of Frank Sinatra, "IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR." Construction within the city limits of Mexico is at its highest for the last five years. The five year average for our fiscal calendar was 719 permits per year. At the close of our current fiscal year, 863 permits were issued. The declared value of construction is also substantially higher this year. The five year average for declared value was \$16.4 million per year and the valuation for this past fiscal year was \$27.5 million. A steady growth of both residential and commercial development is responsible for the increase. This past fiscal year, there was construction of 11 single family dwellings, a 26% increase from our 5 year average. The recent expansions of Spartan Light Metals, Gold Crest Distributing and Soft Surroundings, to name a few, continues a strong commercial investment in our community. Yes, "It Was A Very Good Year!"

Contact City Building Officials, Steve Redmon (573) 581-2100, ext. 335, or Ron Kendall at ext. 336, for questions concerning permitting requirements and any additional information.

Erosion and Sediment Control

The summer of 2016 certainly distinguished itself with frequent and intense rainfall events. All too often, it seemed that an intense rainfall event would occur only days after the previous intense rainfall event. In times like this, stormwater runoff can cause significant erosion issues. This is particularly true at construction sites where the natural land vegetation has been disturbed and only bare earth is left behind for much of the project. Water flows more quickly over an area without vegetation, and in turn, doesn't absorb well into the soil.

Problems that occur with these conditions include: flooding, deposits of mud on streets and property, clogged pipes, and the formation of gullies.

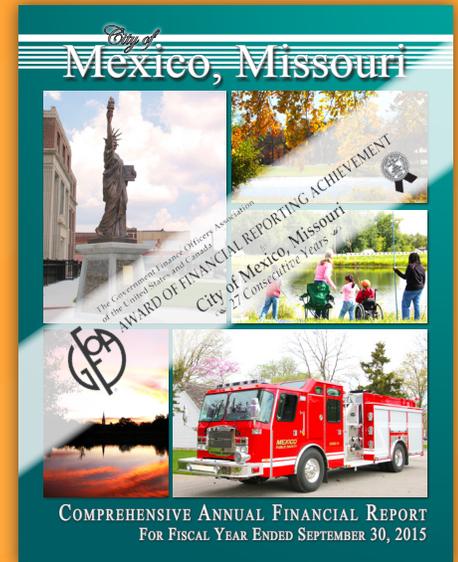
What has the City done to help solve these problems? As a Missouri DNR stormwater permitted community, Mexico enacted a stormwater management ordinance that requires the development of an erosion and sediment control plan for any construction activity that will disturb more than one acre. The plan must be approved by the City Engineer's office and inspections are done to see that erosion control measures such as vegetated buffers, silt fences, and sediment settling ponds are maintained during the construction period. If you see problems around a construction site, contact the City Engineer's office at to report your concerns. (573) 581-2100.

More information on the City's stormwater management processes may be found online at www.mexicomissouri.net/438/Stormwater-Management-Practices.

City Receives 27th Consecutive Financial Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Mexico by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its fiscal year 9/30/2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



Free Fuel Wood

Every year, the City of Mexico has a number of dead or dying trees that need to be removed from city properties. As part of our Tree City U.S.A. community forestry program, the fuel wood from these trees is available to the public. In the past, citizens had to sign up for a fuel wood permit and pay a \$5 fee to receive wood from these trees. Now, fuel wood can be picked up on a first come first serve, at the brush yard year round during normal operational hours. In addition to fuel wood from city properties, this change also makes fuelwood brought to the brush yard from private residences available. Giving this wood to citizens not only reduces the costs for disposing of this wood volume at the brush yard, it also



Brush Yard

helps those who need fuel wood to heat their homes. The fuel wood will be in 4 foot sections or smaller. Loading of trailers will be available at the brush yard staff's discretion when there is adequate manpower and equipment present. City staff will not load fuelwood into trucks, due to the greater liability to the taxpayer.

The Public is asked to use the Kentucky Street entrance on the

west side of the brush yard to drop off material.

Brush Yard Winter Hours

SATURDAYS 9 - 3 P.M.

The Brush Yard will change to Winter Hours the 3rd Wednesday in November. Winter Hours are Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Brush Yard will resume regular hours the first Wednesday in March.

1. Resident drop off only. Proof of residency needed: City utility bill, driver's license, voter ID or State issue ID.
2. No material from commercial tree trimmers, landscapers, mowing businesses.
3. Yard waste and brush must not be mixed. No bagged yard waste.
4. No brush or yard waste material containing rock or gravel.
5. Brush and logs greater than 4 inches in diameter must be in 4 foot or shorter lengths.
6. Brush less than 4 inches in diameter must be in 10 foot or shorter lengths.
7. Residents are to remove any bags used to transport the materials.

With the help of the Public Works Department and Parks Department, our new Brush Yard staff person is working hard to improve the site so we can offer the public better quality services at this site. There will be no root wads, stumps, lumber, pallets, household hazardous waste, tires, batteries, waste oil, demolition material, asphalt, animal carcasses, construction waste, or garbage accepted at this site.



No Peddlers - No Solicitors Placard

Audrain County Crime Stoppers has available, to all Mexico and Audrain County Residents, FREE static cling placards to post on doors or windows of your home.

Posting the placard will make it known to Peddlers and Solicitors that they are not welcome at your home.

Protect yourself from fraud, scam artists and other unwanted intrusions.

Placards are available at the Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Mexico Audrain County Library, Mexico Senior Center, Mexico City Hall and the Audrain County Sheriff's Office.



Mexico Parks & Rec & the Mexico/Audrain Library Children's Dept.

After School Book & Art Program

September 14 - April 12
2nd Wednesday Each Month
4-5 p.m. for 3rd - 5th grades

December

January

February

March

April

Sign-up in the Children's Dept @ the Library.

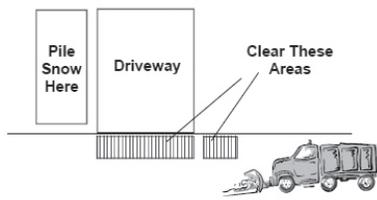
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Reminder To Keep Your Driveway Clear

In order to minimize the problem of snow blocked driveways, shovel an open area along the shoulder of your driveway entrance. Then, the plow blades will push the snow into the open area before the driveway. By doing this, it will reduce the amount of snow that may block driveways.



Emergency Snow Routes

The Department of Public Works would like to remind citizens about the designated Emergency Snow Routes and how the city plans to make getting around on snow covered streets less of a bother for city residents.

There are 13.279 miles of Emergency Snow Routes and a complete list can be found on the City's website at mexicomissouri.net/314/Snow-Plowing-Policy

Emergency Snow Routes are designated by signs. Residents living in these areas are prohibited to park their vehicles on the streets during a declared snow emergency. If cars are parked on the streets, during a declared snow emergency, the cars are subject to being towed at the owner's expense or plowed in.

After the Emergency Snow Routes have been cleared, the other streets will be cleared based on the traffic load of the given street.

E-rase your E-Waste!

Did you know that E-waste represents 2% of America's trash in landfills, but it equals 70% of overall toxic waste? Starting in 2017, the City of Mexico's Household Hazardous Waste Facility is launching an electronic E-waste collection. This service will be provided during



the months of April, May and June 2017 by appointment only. Residents will be allowed to drop off E-waste at no cost during the regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection hours: the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

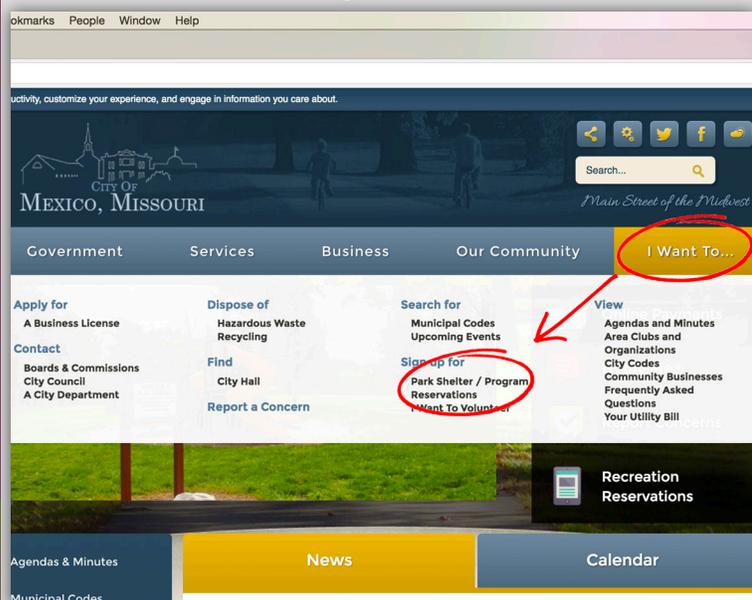
There will be a small fee of \$10 however, for Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) monitors. A CRT is the glass video display component of an electronic device (usually a computer or television monitor). CRT funnel glass generally contains high enough concentrations of lead that the glass is regulated as hazardous waste when disposed.

This service is provided through a grant from Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD) Region H.

Reserve a Park Shelter or Register for a Program

The City of Mexico Parks and Recreation Department uses a web-based format to allow you to reserve shelters or register for programs from the comfort of your own homes. Go to the City's website: www.mexicomissouri.net and go to the "I Want To..." link in

select your desired facility or program. Once you have made your reservation, please remember to add your reservation to your shopping cart. Shelter reservations are free; however, you will still need to check out. After adding your reservation to your cart, click "Go to check out" and a waiver will pop up. Once you have read the waiver, you can click to accept the waiver, or decline. After accepting the waiver, you will be sent to a final page to click continue. Once clicking continue, the website will save your reservation. Since you have created a login, your reservation card will be sent to you via email. If you need a copy of your reservation printed or have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (573) 581-2100.



the top bar. Click on "Sign up for Park Shelter/Program Reservations" link. From there, you will create an account/login. Once you have an account you can



Teal Lake Shelter



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City Hall

(573) 581-2100

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- City Clerk: MARCY LECOUNT
- Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services: ROGER D. HAYNES
- Assistant City Manager/Economic Development: RUSSELL RUNGE
- Director of Community Development: RITA JACKSON
- City Engineer/Public Works Director: KENSEY RUSSELL
- Director of Parks & Recreation: CHAD SHOEMAKER

Public Safety

- Chief of Public Safety: SUSAN ROCKETT
- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency
(573) 581-2100 or (573) 473-5800
- Tips Hotline: 1-800-392-TIPS (8477)

Municipal Court

- Phone: (573) 581-2100, ext 144
- Court Clerk: AMY DEIHL

Mexico Animal Shelter

- 101 S. Morris • (573) 581-0779

City Website

- www.mexicomissouri.net

City Council Members

2016 – 2017

Greg Miller, Mayor

Chris Williams, Chairman Pro Tem

Steve Nichols, Councilman

Ron Loesch, Councilman

Chris Miller, Councilman

Business License

Requirements

Proof of Taxes Paid

City Code requires that businesses and individuals, applying for a business license, provide proof of paid property/real estate taxes.

The City Clerk verifies with the Audrain County Collector's Office that taxes have been paid before issuing a business license.



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- City of Mexico Parks and Recreation

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The City of Mexico will be closed on the following days in observance of Holidays:

- Thursday & Friday,
November 24 & 25, 2016
- Monday, December 26, 2016
- Monday, January 2, 2017
- Monday, January 16, 2017
- Monday, February 20, 2017

Smoke Alarms

- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (37%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Mexico DPS has smoke alarms available to those who need them. DPS will install them for seniors and disabled. Please call (573) 581-2100 and schedule an appointment.