

# HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

## In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 Edition

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**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**

### Utility Analysis

Each year the Housing Authority is required by law to complete a utility analysis. We must submit your authorization forms to utility providers so they can send us the billing information for the apartment billed in the previous year. Don't worry - If you moved during the year, the provider will only send the billing information for the housing authority unit.

We then calculate the average amount paid during the year for each bedroom size. This amount determines what next year's utility allowance will be.

**Providing billing information is not optional. It is a requirement for government housing.** The housing authority is audited annually to make sure we follow government regulations.

We appreciate & thank you for your cooperation!



### Inspections & Filter Changes

The Annual Housekeeping **Inspections will take place on Monday, July 30.** We will also change filters at that time in order to give every tenant a new filter at the beginning of the smoke free policy update.

The inspection won't be lengthy (this is **not** the inspection where we open all windows & doors). We will check for sanitary conditions and overall health & safety condition of the unit.

### Occupancy Report:

#### Cottonwood Acres:

April	=100%
May	= 96%
June	=100%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>99%</b>

#### Meadowlark:

April	= 100%
May	= 100%
June	=100%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>= 100%</b>

#### Sunflower Heights:

April	= 95%
May	= 100%
June	= 95%
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>= 97%</b>

Save the Date!



Important Dates to Remember!

Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board meets on Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Meetings are held each Quarter.

RAB Members:

- Chuck Bender, Chair
Holly Brown, Secretary
Blake Ervin, Member
Kara Mock, Member
Ginger Grider, Member
BJ Norris, Member

Thank you to all our RAB members for your service!



July

- Wed. July 4 Holiday Office Closed - Independence Day
Th & Fri. July 5-6 Robin Vacation Days
Mon. July 9 Public Hearing Smoke Free Housing -HHA Office 3 pm
Tue. July 10 RAB Meeting - Community Rm. 6-7 pm
Wed. July 25 HHA Board Meeting - HHA Office 3:30-4:30 pm
Mon. July 30 Housekeeping Inspections & Filter Changes - All Day



August

- Wed. Aug. 15 Tenant Staff Meeting - Community Rm. 9-10 am
Wed. Aug. 29 HHA Board Meeting - HHA Office 3:30-4:30 pm

September

- Mon. Sept. 3 Holiday Office Closed - Labor Day
W & Th. Sept. 20-21 Nikki Vacation Days
Wed. Sept. 26 HHA Board Meeting - HHA Office 3:30-4:30 pm

Dates not posted in newsletter will be posted on HHA Facebook page or office door

Quarterly Quote

WE TEND TO FORGET THAT HAPPINESS DOESN'T COME AS A RESULT OF GETTING SOMETHING WE DON'T HAVE, BUT RATHER OF RECOGNIZING & APPRECIATING WHAT WE DO HAVE.



## Thank you & Farewell to Mary Adams!



### From Right to Left:

Mary Adams, granddaughter Rachel Sigwing,  
Husband Phil, & Daughter Susan Sigwing

The Halstead Housing Authority held a celebration in recognition of Mary Adams' service to HHA on Wed. June 20, 2018. Mary began her service as a board member in January of 2005.

In 2013 she became HHA's Board Chairperson. She served as Board Chair until January of 2018.

Our Board of Directors each serve a 4 year term to the housing authority. Mary served over 3 terms.

The Housing Authority presented Mary with a plaque of appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the Halstead Housing Authority.

Thank you Mary for your service!

*Thank you*

### HHA Board of Directors...

Board Chair:	Steve Seirer (7 years)
Board Vice Chair:	Ed Campbell (6 years)
Secretary:	Krystal Siebert (5 years)
Resident Board Member:	Holly Brown (2 years)
Board Member:	Mary Lee McDonald (new)

The Halstead Housing Authority is thankful for the commitment and service our board of directors provides to the housing authority. Board Members work on a volunteer basis. Each member is appointed by the Mayor to serve a 4 year term.

Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month.

The board oversees the Executive Director and all major decisions for the Halstead Housing Authority.

Thank you to all our board members for your dedication and service!

### Smoke Free Policy Implementation:

The Smoke Free Policy will be effective July 30, 2018. HHA will hold a public hearing on Monday July 9, 2018 at 3 pm. The hearing will be held in the office at 815 W 6<sup>th</sup> Halstead KS 67056. The lease, lease addendum, & admission and continued occupancy policy (ACOP) will be available for public review and comment.

Following the hearing the RAB will be given feedback & can make final recommendations to the HHA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will approve the policy, lease, lease addendum, and ACOP. Following approval all tenants will be required to sign the lease addendum before the July 30<sup>th</sup> implementation.

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**Access us on the web!**

**Tenants can send us messages (privately) on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/HalsteadHousingAuthority>

OR

**View upcoming dates/events, place maintenance requests, or get apartment tours on-line:**

<https://www.halsteadhousingauthority.com>



**Blackened Cajun Shrimp Tacos with Avocado Salsa**

Courtesy of: The Recipe Critic

<https://therecipecritic.com/blackened-cajun-shrimp-tacos-avacodo-salsa/>

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb jumbo shrimp peeled & deveined (tails removed)
- 1 Tbsp Cajun seasoning
- 2 Tbsp Olive Oil
- Crumbled feta (optional)
- 4-6 tortillas for serving

**Avocado Salsa:**

- 3 roma tomatoes diced
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1 can black beans, drained
- Lime juice from 1 lime
- 1 can corn, drained
- ½ red onion, diced
- ¼ c. chopped cilantro
- salt & pepper to taste

**Directions**

In medium bowl add shrimp and cajun seasoning. Toss until coated. In medium skillet over medium heat, add olive oil and shrimp. Cook for about 2-3 minutes until no longer pink. To make Salsa: Add the diced tomatoes, corn, black beans, red onion, avocado, and cilantro in a bowl. Salt and pepper to taste. Assembly: To assemble the tacos place shrimp in tortillas top with salsa and feta.