



HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter 1st Quarter Edition

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Safety & Security

I am sad to report that in the past couple months we have had a few unsettling experiences involving each of our projects. Cottonwood & Meadowlark had items stolen from the community building & laundry rooms as well as multiple reports of tenants having unacceptable conduct towards one another while in the laundry rooms. Sunflower also had issues with an unidentified person walking around the apartments at night. All incidents have been reported to the Halstead Police Dept. & Chief Steve Lewis was invited to the December Tenant/Staff Meeting to speak to tenants about security issues. The police would like tenants to call 911 for all possible trespassers or suspicious activities observed. You may also report incidents to the office (or after hours use Nikki's cell number) but please call 911 first.

Due to these unfortunate events, the community room locks were changed & the room will now be available by reservation only. We will be placing security cameras in the laundry rooms & by mailboxes at Cottonwood & Meadowlark to monitor activity. We are also placing cameras on buildings at various locations around Sunflower to monitor activity there as well.

Unacceptable behaviors will no longer be tolerated because all tenants have the right to a safe & secure environment. Those who choose to violate the safety & security of others will be held accountable.



Occupancy – 4th Quarter

Cottonwood Acres:

October – 100%
November – 1 vacancy
December – 1 vacancy

Meadowlark:

October – 1 vacancy
November - 1 vacancy
December – 100%

Sunflower Heights:

October – 100%
November – 100%
December – 100%

Inspections & Filter Changes:

We are going to try something new in 2014. Your inspections will now take place every January & July. Maintenance Inspections will be in January & Housekeeping Inspections will be in July. Filter changes will take place quarterly now & will not always correspond with inspection dates.



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January

- **Wed Jan 1** – Holiday Office Closed for New Year’s
- **Tue-Thur Jan14-16** Office Closing Early 2pm (Nikki Training)
- **Wed Jan 22** – Board Meeting – Office 3pm-4pm
- **Mon Jan 27** – Maintenance Inspections & Filters - Meadowlark
- **Tue Jan 28** – Maintenance Inspections & Filters - Sunflower
- **Wed Jan 29** – Maintenance Inspection Only - Cottonwood

February

- **Wed Feb 12** - Tenant Staff Meeting - Community Room 9-10am
- **Wed Feb 19** - Board Meeting – Office 3pm-4pm

March

- **Sun March 9** - Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward 1 hour)
- **Wed March 19** - Board Meeting – Office 3pm-4pm
- **March TBA** - Cottonwood Filter Changes

Other dates will be posted via memo & on our website:

Web address: www.halsteadhousingauthority.com

New Year Resolutions We Should All Make:

- Smile More
- Spend Less
- Stay Active & Eat Smarter
- Don’t Worry & Pray More
- Hug Loved Ones & Count Our Blessings
- Listen Before Speaking
- Admit When We’re Wrong

From: “Loving Life at Home” Blog by Jennifer Flanders
<http://lovinglifeathome.com>

“Ask yourself: Have you been kind today? Make kindness your modus operandi and change your world.”

Annie Lennox (1954)

Save the Dates!

We want to hear from you!

Please send us your recipes & stories for our next issue.

RSVP & Harvey County Volunteers:

Q. What is RSVP?

A. RSVP stands for Retired & Senior Volunteer Program. It has been around for over 40 years. The program gives seniors the opportunity to use their valuable skills to give back to the community. The program is funded through government grants and the United Way. RSVP needs volunteers to log hours in order to continue funding.

Did you know that if you help coordinate a tenant sponsored event at the Halstead Housing Authority it may be counted towards volunteer hours through Harvey County RSVP?

Currently we have less than a handful of tenants that volunteer within the community. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or to learn more contact: Director Dawn Warrington at 316-284-6881.

Community Service Requirement Opportunity

Q. What if I'm not a Senior & would like to volunteer or have community service requirements to meet?

A. No worries! Harvey County also has Harvey County Volunteers. In fact, if you live at the housing authority and are unemployed, do not go to school, and are not disabled or elderly then you are required to complete 8 hours of community service each month to continue living in public housing. One way you can do this is by getting involved with the Harvey County Volunteers. Contact Dawn Warrington at 316-284-6881 for more details.



Meet the Halstead Housing Authority Board of Directors



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Board of Directors

From left to right:

Jim Loflin: Board Secretary & Retired Educator (1993)

Mary Adams: Board Chair & Local Landlord (2005)

Steve Seirer: Board Member & Retired Educator (2011)

Krystal Siebert: Board Member & Asst. Vice President Halstead Bank (2013)

Ed Campbell: Board Vice-Chair & Business Owner (Director HHA 2002-09), (2012)

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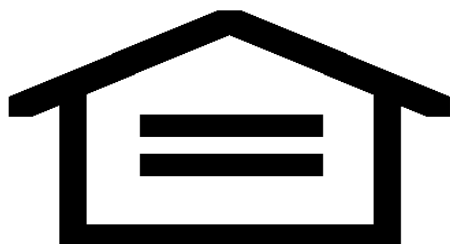
Tenants can send us messages (privately) on Facebook:

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

OR

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

<https://www.halsteadhousingauthority.com>



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Tenant Recipes: Contributed by May McGee – THANK YOU MAY!

Peppernuts

Ingredients:

½ lb Butter
1 ½ c. Sugar (cream with butter)
2 T Syrup
2 Eggs (beaten)
3 ¾ c. Flour
2 tsp Soda
1 tsp ea.: Cinnamon, Cloves, Ginger, & Anise
Cream butter & sugar. Mix syrup & eggs, add to butter & sugar. Mix in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate overnight. Roll into ropes 1/3" wide. Cut & bake 8-10 minutes at 375°.



Lemon Bars

Directions:

2 Sticks Butter
½ c. Powdered Sugar
2 c. Flour
Mix butter, sugar, & flour together. Press in 9x13" pan. Bake 350° for 15min.

Topping:

4 Eggs (beaten)
½ tsp Salt
2 c. Sugar
8 T Lemon Juice
1 tsp Baking Powder
4 T Flour
Mix ingredients together & pour over crust. Bake 325° for 30 min. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

