

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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Reviving the Newsletter!

After months of anticipation the HHA Newsletter is back! The newsletter will be distributed quarterly.

If you have a story you'd like to share or information you would like to include in next quarter's issue please contact Nichole or Karen at 316-835-2026.

We would love for tenants to contribute recipes, ideas, stories, or celebrations etc.



Housing Authority Office – 815 W 6th

Welcome New Tenants!

Over the past several months and over the next few months we will be welcoming new tenants.

Please help make your new neighbors feel welcome!



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Looking for Recipes:

Do you have a recipe you would like to share with others?

We will feature a recipes this issue that is perfect for summertime.

For the next issue we would like to feature some of our tenant's favorite recipes.

If you would like to share your favorite recipe, please bring a copy to the office or email it to us at: housing@halstead.kscoxmail.com

Save the Date!

JUNE

- **Wed. June 12** - Tenant/Staff Meeting/Community Rm 9:30am
 - **Fri. June 14** – Flag Day (New flag-Cottonwood)
 - **Sun. June 16** – Happy Father’s Day!
 - **Wed. June 19** – Board Meeting in Office 3pm
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JULY

- **Inspections & Filter changes 9am-4pm**
 - Sunflower Heights: **Mon. July 1**
 - Meadowlark: **Tues. July 2**
 - Cottonwood Acres: **Wed. July 3**
 - **Thurs. July 4** – HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED
 - **Mon. July 8-Fri. July 12** - Office Closing at 2pm
 - Director on vacation
 - **Wed. July 17** – Board Meeting in Office 3pm
 - **Thur. July 25** - Office Closing at 2pm
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AUGUST

- **Wed. Aug. 7th & Thur. Aug. 8th** -
 - HUD REAC Inspection – Meadowlark & Sunflower
- **Wed. Aug. 14** – Tenant/Staff Meeting/Community Rm/9:30am
- **Thur. Aug. 15** – Back to School!
- **Wed. Aug. 21** – Board Meeting in Office 3pm

“Most modern calendars mar the sweet simplicity of our lives by reminding us that each day that passes is the anniversary of some perfectly uninteresting event.”

Oscar Wilde

What is a REAC Inspection?

REAC stands for **Real Estate Assessment Center**. REAC is operated by the US Dept. of HUD.

Halstead Housing Authority receives funding through the US Dept. of HUD subsidies & capital fund program. That is how we are able to offer housing to tenants based on their income.

In order for HUD to ensure that families living in public housing live in “decent, safe, and sanitary” conditions as well as live in property that is in “good repair”. “REAC conducts approximately 20,000 physical inspections on properties each year.”

The inspections may be scheduled every year, every other year, or every three years. Our last inspection was conducted in July 2011.

REAC Inspectors are contracted by HUD to inspect all landscaping & grounds, as well as inside & outside of any building & dwelling unit operated by the Housing Authority.

In order to prepare for our upcoming inspection, we scheduled pre-inspections at the beginning of July. Dates & times are listed on page 2.

Tenants can help us prepare for the REAC inspection by keeping your unit clean, making sure that entrances & windows are not blocked, and notifying the office with any maintenance request if you have anything in your unit needing repaired.

Halstead Housing Authority News

- New window treatments were installed on the clerestory windows at Sunflower Heights this spring.
- Trees were trimmed in Meadowlark, Sunflower, & Cottonwood
- Buffalo grass was spread over the grounds at Sunflower Heights in May
- A utility analysis was conducted this spring in Sunflower Heights & Meadowlark. Tenants will be notified in June about changes in utility allowance amounts.
- We have been working to improve the landscaping around the Community Building & Pergola on Cottonwood Acres grounds. A few of the plants around the pergola will be planted in the fall due to lack of seasonal stock. We also replaced plants at Meadowlark that were a part of the original landscaping.
- A new “Smoke-Free Policy” was posted for review and will be voted on at the June 19, 2013 Board Meeting.
- We will be replacing windows in 4 apartments at Meadowlark in July

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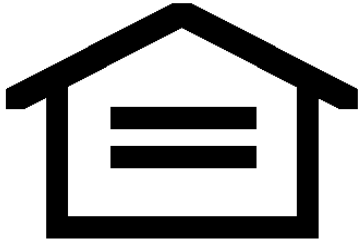
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Locate us on the web!

Check out our new web address & Facebook page. Currently we have virtual apartment tours on Facebook and a photo gallery of each complex on the website. Coming soon, we will be posting the newsletter on-line, as well as policies, and links to helpful resources.

Like us on our Facebook page:

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

Check out our new website:

<https://www.halsteadhousingauthority.com>

Secret Surprise Zucchini Cobbler - (Tastes even better with a scoop of vanilla ice cream)

Ingredients:

- 8 cups *chopped seeded peeled zucchini*
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup *sugar*
- 1 teaspoon *ground cinnamon*
- 1/2 teaspoon *ground nutmeg*
- **CRUST:**
- 4 cups *all-purpose flour*
- 2 cups *sugar*
- 1-1/2 cups *cold butter, cubed*
- 1 teaspoon *ground cinnamon*



Directions:

In a large saucepan over medium low heat, cook & stir zucchini & lemon juice for 15-20 minutes until zucchini is tender. Add the sugar, cinnamon & nutmeg; simmer 1 minute longer. Remove from heat; set aside.

For crust: combine the flour & sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir 1/2 cup into zucchini mixture. Press half of remaining crust mix into a greased 15x10x1 pan. Spread zucchini over top; crumble remaining crust mix over zucchini. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake 375° for 35-40 min.

Serve warm!