



# HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

## In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Edition

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### Resident Advisory Board

The Halstead Housing Authority is required to establish a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) as part of the PHA 5-Year planning process.

#### **What does that mean?**

You can have a voice in determining the goals & future direction of the housing authority.

We will soon begin the initial phase of establishing the 2015-2019 Five Year Plan.

The 5 Year Plan determines how capital funds will be distributed over the next 5 years.

The RAB can play a significant role in determining the future of capital improvements for the housing authority.

As a resident on the advisory board, you would be able to help make a difference in the lives of those around you.

This board should be a representation of the entire population of the housing authority. So that means we are interested in YOU!

If you are interested in making a difference, please consider participating on the RAB.

Please contact Nikki Willis for more information 316-835-2026 or by cell 316-833-3760.

**Thank you!**



### Occupancy – 1st Quarter

#### **Cottonwood Acres:**

January – 96% (1 Vacancy)  
February – 100% Occupancy  
March – 100% Occupancy

#### **Meadowlark:**

January – 100% Occupancy  
February – 100% Occupancy  
March – 100% Occupancy

#### **Sunflower Heights:**

January – 100% Occupancy  
February – 100% Occupancy  
March – 95% (1 Vacancy)



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### ***We want to hear from you!***

Please send us your recipes  
& stories for our next issue



Save the Date!



Dates not shown  
Will be posted on  
our website &  
through Memos

## April

- Wed Apr 9** Tenant/Staff Meeting at Community Rm from 9-10am
- Wed Apr 16** Board Meeting in the Office from 3-4pm
- Fri Apr 18** Holiday Office Closed for Good Friday
- Wed-Th Apr 23-24** Office Closed at 2pm (Nikki at a Conference)
- TBA (last wk)** Cottonwood Pre-PILOT inspection walk through

## May

- Mon May 19** REAC PILOT Inspection at Cottonwood Acres
- Tue-Fri May 20-23** Office Closing 2pm (Nikki at a Conference)
- Mon May 26** Holiday Office Closed for Memorial Day
- TBA** Board Meeting Rescheduled Due to Conference

## June

- Wed June 11** Tenant/Staff Meeting at Community Rm from 9-10 am
- Wed June 18** Board Meeting in the Office from 3-4pm

### Security Cameras

In an effort to improve safety and security, the housing authority installed cameras through ADT Security. They are positioned near mailboxes and laundry rooms at Cottonwood Acres and Meadowlark. Please continue to report any suspicious activities to the office.  
Thank you!



### Beautiful Quote for Spring:

We delight in the beauty of the Butterfly but rarely admit the change it has gone through to achieve that beauty. - Maya Angelou



## Q & A - REAC PILOT Inspection for Cottonwood Acres

**Q. What is the REAC PILOT Inspection?**

**A.** This is an interagency inspection conducted by the National Interagency Physical Inspection Alignment Pilot (PILOT for short)

**Q. When is the inspection?**

**A.** Monday May 19, 2014

**Q. Which units will be inspected?**

**A.** The inspector will randomly choose units at the time of the inspection I anticipate at least half the units will be selected.

**Q. What does the inspector look for?**

**A.** The inspector is required to record all health & safety hazards identified at the time of inspection.

**Q. How can I prepare?**

**A.** Report any maintenance issues to the office & keep your unit clean & sanitary. Tenants will also be given a pre-inspection checklist.

**Q. How will the Housing Authority prepare?**

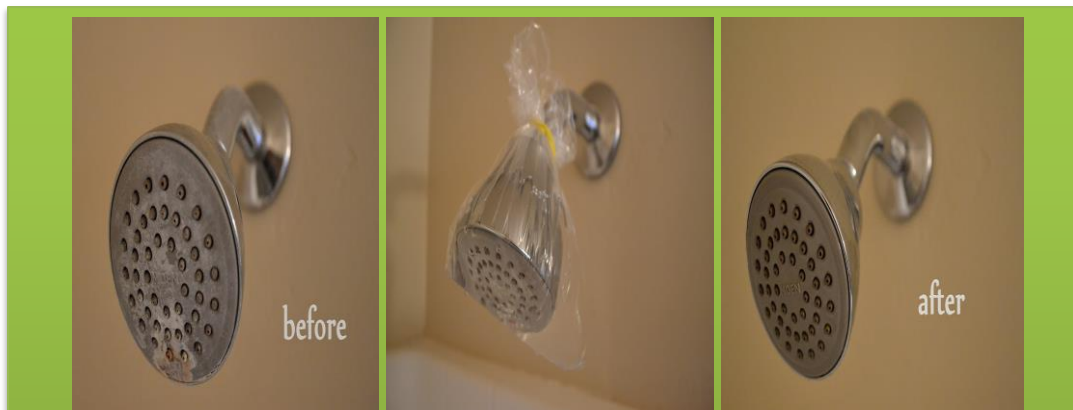
**A.** We will have a pre-inspection walk through the last week in April to help identify deficiencies to correct prior to the inspection.



**PLEASE NOTE**

This REAC PILOT inspection is for Cottonwood Acres Only

## SPRING CLEANING TIP



**Does Your Shower Head Look like the one on the Left?**

Have No Fear! Vinegar & a baggy will take care of it in a jiffy.

To clean your shower head, pour distilled white vinegar in a plastic baggy & secure it to the shower head with a rubber band. Let it soak for 1 hour. Wipe clean with a wet cloth. This is an easy fix for a clogged shower head!

Source: From Blog: A Real Life Housewife

<http://www.areal-lifehousewife.com/?s=shower+head>



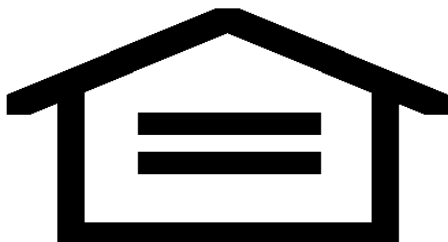
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## Access us on the web!

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>

## AVOCADO basil pasta



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### Ingredients:

- 8oz Bow Tie Pasta
- 2 Med Avocados (Seeded/ Peeled/ Chopped)
- 6 Slices Bacon (Cooked & Crumbled)
- 2 Med Ripe Tomatoes (Roughly Chopped)
- 2/3 c Basil (Fresh & Chopped)
- 2 Tbl Lemon Juice
- 1 Tbl Olive Oil
- 3 Garlic Cloves (Minced)
- 1/4 t Black Pepper (Ground)
- 1/8 t Salt
- 1/2 c Parmesan Cheese (Finely Shredded)

### Directions:

1. Cook Bow tie pasta according todirections
2. Combine Avacados, Tomatoes, Bacon, Basil, Lemon Juice, Olive Oil, Garlic, Pepper, & Salt.
3. Add Pasta & Combine
4. Sprinkle with Cheese
5. Serve & Enjoy!

Total Time 30 Minutes

From: Better Homes & Gardens