



HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

1st Quarter Edition

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Cottonwood Roof Update

The housing authority is accepting bid proposals to replace the roofs on 3 buildings at Cottonwood Acres. The buildings are: D, E, & F (units 13-24). Bids will be reviewed at the January 21 board meeting. The roofs will be scheduled for replacement late summer or early fall.



Roof Replacement - Summer 2014.

Lawn Care Requests for Proposals

The housing authority is accepting bid proposals for lawn care services at Meadowlark and Sunflower Heights for 2015. The board will meet and review bids at the January 21 meeting.

Lawn Care Services will include:

Meadowlark: Mowing, trimming, edging, fertilization, & weed control at
Sunflower Heights: trimming, edging, & weed control

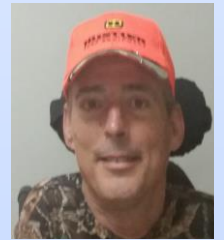


Halstead Housing Authority Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

The RAB held our first meeting in October. The purpose of the RAB is to help the Housing Authority with the 5-Year Plan for 2015-2020. Tenants are encouraged to share their ideas with any of our RAB members



Arlene Deen
Meadowlark



Chuck Bender
Meadowlark



Danielle Emert
Sunflower



John Nightingale
Meadowlark



May McGee
Cottonwood



Shelly Watkins
Sunflower

Not Pictured:

Bette Gariepy - Cottonwood

Save the Date!



Important Dates to Remember!

January

- Thur. Jan. 1 Office Closed for New Year's Day
 - Fri. Jan. 2 Office Closed – 2015 Floating Holiday
 - Jan 12 & 13 2014 FYE Audit – Auditor will be on-site (office only)
 - Wed. Jan. 21 HHA Board Meeting 3-4pm HHA Office
 - Tues. Jan. 27 Annual Maintenance Inspection – Cottonwood Acres
 - Wed. Jan. 28 Annual Maintenance Inspection & Filters – Meadowlark
 - Thur. Jan 29 Annual Maintenance Inspection & Filters – Sunflower
- No January Tenant Staff Meeting (typo on the Dec. Tenant/Staff Meeting Agenda)**

February

- Wed. Feb. 11 Tenant Staff Meeting – Valentine Theme
- Wed. Feb. 18 HHA Board Meeting 3-4pm – HHA Office
- Fri. Feb. 27 HHA Office Closing Early (Nikki Vacation Day)

March

- Sun. March 8 Daylight Savings – Spring Forward
- Wed. March 18 HHA Board Meeting
- TBA Filter Changes at Cottonwood Acres
- Fri. March 20 HHA Office Closing Early (Nikki Vacation Day)



TAI CHI

Beginning in January:

Tai Chi with May McGee

Mondays at 9am Cottonwood Community Room

Tai Chi is a slow movement exercise & is a gentle way to fight stress!

Small Bathroom Tips

- Left:** Hang Spice Racks in the Bathroom for extra storage
- Right:** Hang an extra shower rod in the tub place baskets on the rod to Store bath products.



Quarterly Quotes

“The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.”

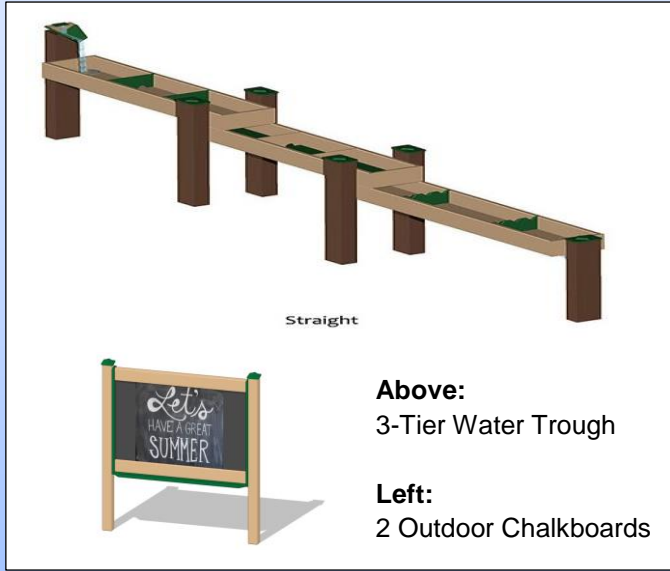
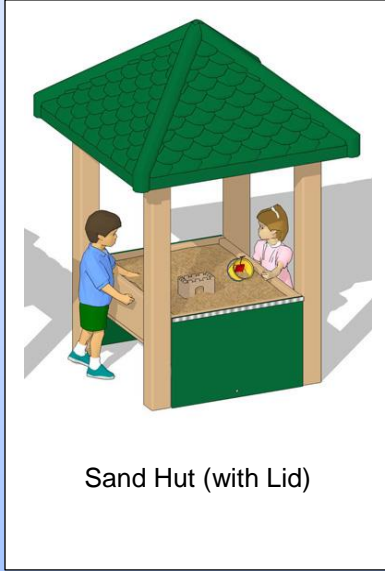
Mark Twain



Put this page on your fridge for easy reference

Playground at Sunflower Approved!

The Housing Authority board approved the purchase of playground equipment for Sunflower Heights apartments. The equipment will be ordered in March and is scheduled to be installed south of the picnic table (see below) sometime this spring. The equipment will include:



Playhouse-Sunflower
The Halstead High School Industrial Arts Class has also agreed to design and build a playhouse for the Sunflower Playground this coming spring. Instructor Christopher Wilson, will be overseeing the project.
Thank you HHS!

Picnic Table – Sunflower Heights



Future Eagle Scout Justin McMurry (right), supervised the building of a roofed picnic area at Sunflower Heights this fall. The structure is McMurry's first project of this type. He chose Sunflower Heights because he lives in the area. McMurry still needs one more badge to obtain the status of Eagle Scout.

Thank you Justin for helping make Sunflower Heights more family friendly!

Occupancy Report
4th Quarter
Cottonwood Acres:
Oct = 96%
Nov = 100%
Dec = 100%
Meadowlark :
Oct = 100%
Nov = 94%
Dec = 94%
Sunflower Heights:
Oct = 96%
Nov = 100%
Dec = 100%



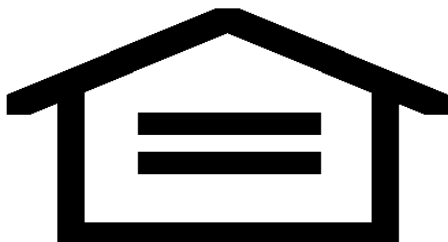
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Access us on the web!

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>



Chicken Spaghetti Recipe from: Nikki Willis

A friend gave me this recipe after she served it at a church potluck. I didn't think it sounded very good at first, but I loved the flavor after trying it. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

3-4	Cooked Chicken Breasts
1 can	Cream of Chicken Soup
1 can	Rotel Diced Tomatoes w/ Green Chilies
½ tsp	Garlic powder
½ tsp	Onion powder
1 Tbsp	Butter
1 (8 oz)	Velveeta cheese, cubed
8 oz	Spaghetti, cooked and drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut up chicken into bite size pieces. In a large skillet melt butter or margarine. Add cubed chicken, garlic and onion powder. Cook over medium-high heat until chicken is no longer pink and no liquid is left in skillet. Stir in soup, cheese and Rotel. Reduce heat to low, and cook until the cheese melts, stirring constantly. Stir in spaghetti and pour into a lightly greased 2 quart casserole dish.

Bake for 30 minutes or until heated through.