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In the Neighborhood **Quarterly Newsletter**

2nd Quarter Edition

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Cottonwood Acres Roof Update

Contractors replaced roofs on two buildings (units 17-24) in mid-March. We are scheduled to replace one more roof sometime this summer (units 13-16). The Housing Authority will put the remaining buildings out to bid for replacement in 2016-2017.



Sunflower Heights Playground

Sunflower's playground is scheduled for installation on April 14 & 15, 2015.

We plan to install: 2 chalkboards, 1 Sand Hut, & 1 Water Table. The Playhouse will be built by the HHS Industrial Arts Class during the fall of 2015.

Gutters, Roof & Siding at Sunflower Heights in May 2015

Please be aware that we are scheduled to have several contractors on site at Sunflower Heights in May:

Gutter Helmet (GH) Contractors will be removing gutter helmet prior to roof replacement the week of May 11-15. Roofing contractors, Mid KS Construction will be on site the following week to begin roof replacement & Stark's Siding will begin replacement of siding immediately following the roof replacement. The contractors will remain on site until the work is complete. So please expect their presence through May and possibly into June (weather depending).

Halstead Housing Authority **Hires New Maintenance &** Groundskeeping Staff:



Larry Butler, Maintenance The Housing Authority is pleased to introduce our New Maintenance & Groundskeeping Staff, Larry Butler. Larry accepted the position and started working immediately on April 1st. He was previously self employed as an Independent Contrator. He has years of experience that he brings with him and will be a benefit to our Housing Authority. Please introduce yourself to Larry if you see him out & about.

Office Manager Position Open

The Housing Authority is also hiring a PT Office Manager. Karen will begin transitioning to retirement in May by shortening her hours to 20 hours/week She will continue to work shortened hours until the new Office Manager is hired and fully trained. So expect to meet the new Office Manager soon!

Save the Date!



Important Dates to Remember!



<u>TAI CHI</u>

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!

Put this page on your fridge for easy reference

- Fri. April 3
- Wed. April 8
- April 14-15
- Wed. April 15
- Wed. April 15
- Tues. April 21

April

Holiday Office Closed for Good Friday

Tenant Staff Meeting Cottonwood Comm. Room 9-10 am

Playground Installation at Sunflower Heights

Resident Advisory Board – Community Rm. 10 am

HHA Board Meeting – HHA Office 3-4 pm

Advance Pest Control Spray Project Wide 8 am - 4 pm

May

- Mon. May 11
- May 11-15
- May 18 Complete
- May 19-22
- TBA
- TBA
 - Mon. May 25

HHA 5 Year Plan Public Hearing 4pm - HHA Office Gutter Helmet Contractor to remove G.H - Sunflower Roofing & Siding & G.H. Replacement at Sunflower Office Closing Early 2pm (Nikki at KS NAHRO Conf.) Board Meeting to be rescheduled due to Conference Filter Changes at Meadowlark & Sunflower Heights Holiday - Office Closed for Memorial Day

June

- Wed. June 10
- Wed. June 10
- Wed. June 17
- Wed. June 17

KS Learning Center at Community Room 9-10:30 am

- Tenant Staff Meeting Community Room 10:30 am
- Resident Advisory Board Community Rm 10 am HHA Board Meeting – HHA Office 3-4 pm
- KS Learning Center for Health at Halstead Housing Authority Wed. June 10th - 9 am – 10:30am at Cottonwood Community Room

On Wednesday June 10th the KS Learning Center for Health will be giving 2 FREE presentations for Adults from 9:00am – 10:30am at the Cottonwood Community Room:

Polio Presentation: Discover the details about the poliovirus & how its effects prompted research and change around the world.

Senior Nutrition Program: Find out how fabulous foods can rejuvenate your body and mind, while being affordable and tasting great.

The Tenant Staff Meeting will immediately follow the presentation

Quarterly Quotes

"I have never been hurt by what I have not said."

- Calvin Coolidge



An Issue with Tissue...

Please Remember the Following Rules when Purchasing Toilet Tissue:

- 1. Expensive Tissue is Not Always good for the Sewer System
- 2. "Flushable Wipes" are Really not Flushable

Star Drain provided the following list of Acceptable Tissue:

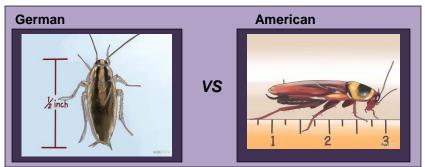
Angel Soft Dollar Tree - Papier Hygienique Dollar General - Soft Bath Tissue Kroger Value Sam's - POM Scott 1000 Sam's - Ultra-Premium Walgreen's - Nice! Big Roll Nice 'n Soft Kmart - Soft 'n Gentle Heavenly Bathroom Tissue

Roach Control – What you may not know...

When it comes to roaches there are a few things to remember:

Not all roaches are equal: There are a couple roaches most typically found in our area, German & American. German Roaches have 2 black stripes on their back and American does not. The German Roaches are the type that can infest an apartment – the American is reddish brown, larger, and more of a seasonal

nuisance.



Beware of Garage Sale & Used Items – Check items purchased at garage sales, auctions, or previously used (especially if stored in moving boxes or storage units. Roaches can easily hide and travel with the items right into your apartment.

Baiting is Only Part of Roach Control: A very small amount of food will feed a colony of cockroaches. If you notice signs of roaches: clean all spills immediately, Clean dishes promptly, and discard any cardboard, boxes, newspapers, and grocery bags.

Public Hearing

HHA 5 YR Plan 2015-2019

The Halstead Housing Authority is holding a Public Hearing in the office at 4pm Monday May 11th The Plan is available in the office for review.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Halstead Housing Authority is to assist low income individuals and families with selfsufficiency opportunities while providing safe, secure, affordable housing free from discrimination.

Occupancy Report 1^{st} Quarter Cottonwood Acres: Jan = 92% Feb = 88% March = 88% Meadowlark : Jan = 97% Feb = 100% March = 100% Sunflower Heights: Jan = 100% Feb = 90% March = 90%



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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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Curried Chicken Salad

"This salad may be served on a large lettuce leaf with bread and fresh melon wedge. It's also delicious served in a pita pocket lined with lettuce."

From: Taste of Home Recipes

Ingredients:	
3 cups	Diced Cooked Chicken
½ cup	Celery – finely chopped
1 can	Water Chestnuts – sliced & drained
1 med	Apple - diced
¾ cup	Seedless Grapes - halved
½ cup	Raisins
¾ cup	Pineapple tidbits – drain & reserve juice
½ cup	Almonds – slivered or sliced
Dressing:	
1 ¼ cup	Light Mayonnaise
¼ cup	Reserved Pineapple Juice
1 Tbl	Soy Sauce – low sodium
1 Tbl	Lime Juice
1-3 tsp	Curry Powder (more = spicier)

Combine first eight ingredients. Blend all dressing ingredients. Toss dressing mixture with chicken mixture. Chill several hours. *Serves 8*

Nutritional Facts:

297 calories/serving, 12 g fat (0 saturated), 96 mg cholesterol, 348 mg sodium, 30 g carbohydrates, 0 fiber, 18 g protein.