



HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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Board Member James Loflin Recognized for 23 Years of Service

In July long time board member James Loflin, completed his final term serving on the Halstead Housing Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Loflin served the Housing Authority for 23 years. The City recognized Mr. Loflin's commitment to the housing authority with a plaque which was presented to him at the Oct. 19th Tenant Staff Meeting. The Housing Authority is truly grateful to Mr. Loflin for his dedication and service. ***Thank you Mr. Loflin!***



James & Lois Loflin

Introducing Holly Brown New Resident Board Member



The Housing Authority would like to introduce our newest board member, Lauren "Holly" Brown. Holly was appointed to her initial term in October by Halstead's Mayor, William Ewert. Holly will serve as a Resident Board Member & will be the liaison for the Resident Advisory Board.

Occupancy Report:

Cottonwood Acres:

October	= 95%
November	= 100%
December	= 95%
4 th Quarter Avg.	= 97%

Meadowlark:

October	= 100%
November	= 94%
December	= 94%
4 th Quarter Avg.	= 96%

Sunflower Heights:

October	= 100%
November	= 100%
December	= 100%
4 th Quarter Avg.	= 100%

Save the Date!



Important Dates to Remember!

Automatic Doors

HHA recently installed Auto Swing Door Operators on the office doors for accessibility. The doors are a little heavier to open now so if you have trouble please push the button to enter.



Put this page on your fridge for easy reference

January

- Mon. January 2 New Year Holiday OFFICE CLOSED
- Tue. January 10 Resident Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Cottonwood Community Room
- Wed. January 25 HHA Board Meeting 3 pm HHA Office
- Thur. January 26 Cottonwood & Meadowlark Inspections (Filter Change at Meadowlark during inspection)
- Fri. January 27 Sunflower Inspections & Filter Change

February

- Wed. February 15 Tenant Staff Meeting - 9 am Community Room
- Wed. February 22 HHA Board Meeting 3pm HHA Office
- Thur. & Fri. Feb. 23-24 Nikki Out of Office (Office open 9-11 & 12:30-2:30)

March

- Th. & Fri. March 2-3 Nikki Out of Office (Office Open 9-11 & 12:30-2:30)
- Sun. March 12 Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)
- Wed. March 29 HHA Board Meeting 3 pm HHA Office
- TBD Cottonwood Filter Changes

Dates not posted in newsletter will be posted on HHA Facebook page or office door

Failed plans should not be interpreted as a failed vision. Visions don't change, they are only refined. Plans rarely stay the same, and are scrapped or adjusted as needed. Be stubborn about the vision, but flexible with your plan.

John C. Maxwell

Quarterly Quote



Smoke Free Public Housing – NEW RULE FINALIZED

In December, HUD finalized a ruling regarding Smoke Free Public Housing. The ruling requires all Public Housing Authorities to prohibit the use of tobacco products inside all indoor areas of public housing, and outdoor areas within 25 feet of any building. The ruling also includes prohibiting e-cigarettes, vaping, and hookah devices. Housing Authorities are required to update all existing Occupancy Policies and Smoke Free Policies in order to be in compliance with the new regulation. Under the new regulations, no exemptions will be granted. Tenants that previously were exempt from the Smoke Free Policy will no longer be allowed exemptions. Housing Authorities are given discretion in regards to having designated smoking areas onsite, but many housing authorities will no longer have smoke free grounds and once implemented, tenants will not be allowed to smoke on their patios or near playgrounds & picnic areas. All housing authorities must implement the new ruling anytime within the next 18 months. The Halstead Housing Authority will begin the process of updating its current Smoke Free Policy and ACOP & will post policy updates publically for tenant review & feedback prior to approving. The housing authority will also be determining whether or not the policy will be adopted project wide or if we will allow for smoking on grounds/exemptions on our Rural Development property (Cottonwood Acres). The Housing Authority will assist tenants in finding smoking cessation resources & will keep tenants notified of all policy changes.

HHA Grievance Procedures

The Housing Authority posts tenant rights to grievance procedures on all lease violation notifications & evictions. HHA grievance procedures are outlined in the admission and continued occupancy policy and will be made to tenants upon request or upon notification of lease violation.



Pet Waste Removal

The pet waste business Scooper Heroes, notifies the office of “hot spots”. Please be aware that HHA can bill tenants with service animals or pets whenever pet waste is not removed in a timely manner.



Trash Service & Office Recycle Bins:

The Housing Authority contracts for trash services with Waste Connections. We recently renewed service for the next 5 years. The Halstead Housing Authority is not required to recycle and recycling bins are not provided to tenants. The previous recycle bins located by the office were provided by the city for Housing Authority office use (tenants were welcome to use the bins). HHA made a request to the city for 2 recycle bins – if granted, tenants living by the office will once again be welcome to recycle with the office.

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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>



**Crescent Roll
Apple Dumplings**

Sugarapron.com

6 servings

Ingredients

- 2 (8 each) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 2 sticks of butter
- 1 ½ c. brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 can 7 Up (or Mountain Dew)
- 2 Lg. Granny Smith Apples (peeled & cored)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Wash apples, peel and cut into 8 slices
3. Separate Crescent Rolls into triangles
4. Place an apple slice on each triangle & roll into crescent shape
5. Butter a 13 x 9 baking dish
6. Combine butter, cinnamon, sugar & vanilla until smooth
7. Pour mixture over rolls & pour soda between rolls (not over)
8. Bake 35 minutes or until golden brown
9. Serve warm with scoop of ice cream