

HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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**EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY**

Pet/Service Animal License Renewal & Vaccinations

ALL Cats & Dogs living at Halstead Housing Authority (Service Animals included) are required to have annual rabies vaccinations & be licensed through the City of Halstead.

As a service to the community the City of Halstead is hosting a Vaccination & Licensing Clinic:

Save the Date:
Saturday May 5th
9am-12pm

Location:
Halstead Fire EMS Station.

Vaccination Fee:
\$8

Licensing Fee:
\$4 - spayed or neutered
\$10 – if not spayed or neutered



A Note from the Director...

In March you may have noticed a lack of staffing in our offices for several days/weeks at a time. If you didn't hear already, I was unfortunate enough to get the flu. When I thought I was ready to return to the office, I got a substantial case of pink eye. I finally felt healthy enough to return to work last week but Robin and I both took some vacation time over spring break. We are now back to our normal hours of operation. I thank everyone who sent well wishes & prayers to me while I was sick. Thank you & God Bless!

Occupancy Report:

Cottonwood Acres:

January	=100%
February	= 100%
March	= 100%
1st Quarter Avg.	=100%

Meadowlark:

January	= 94%
February	= 100%
March	= 100%
1st Quarter Avg.	= 98%

Sunflower Heights:

January	= 95%
February	= 100%
March	= 100%
1st Quarter Avg.	= 98%

Save the Date!



Important Dates to Remember!

Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board meets on Tuesday April 10th at 6 pm.

Meetings are held each Quarter.

RAB Members:

Chuck Bender, Chair
Holly Brown, Secretary
Blake Ervin, Member
Kara Mock, Member
Ginger Grider, Member
BJ Norris, Member

Thank you to all our RAB members for your service!



April

- Tue. April 10** Resident Advisory Board Meeting 6-7pm
Cottonwood Community Room
- Wed. April 18** Tenant Staff Meeting – Community Rm. 9-10 am
- Thur. April 19** Advance Pest Control Spray – 8 am until complete
- Wed. April 25** HHA Board Meeting 3-4 pm at HHA Office
- TBA** Mowing Season Begins (weather permitting)

May

- Sat. May 5** Pet License & Vaccinations at City Of Halstead Fire Station 9am – 12pm
- Mon. May. 28** Holiday Office Closed – Memorial Day
- Wed. May 30** HHA Board Meeting 3 pm HHA Office

June

- Wed. June 20** Tenant Staff Meeting – Community Rm. 9-10 am
- Wed. June 27** HHA Board Meeting 3-4 pm at HHA Office

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

Quarterly Quote

“My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful, and optimistic. And we’ll change the world.”

Jack Layton



Public Housing Community Service Requirements

Non-Exempt Tenants ages 18 & older living in public housing (only residing at Meadowlark or Sunflower Heights) are required by federal regulation to complete 8 hours of Community Service each month.

Exemptions to this regulation include:

- Elderly Tenants
- Blind or Disabled Tenants that are not able to work
- Tenants 18 years old & older enrolled as Full Time Students
- Tenants 18 years old & who are currently Employed or participating in Welfare-to-Work Program
- Tenants receiving TANF & currently participating in a required economic Self-Sufficiency Program or work activity

Any tenant determined not to be in compliance with this Requirement & Not Exempt will be required to submit community service hours & make up any hours previously missed in order to continue residency in public housing.

Maintenance Information:

- **Filter changes** are scheduled for all properties in July – we will also complete Housekeeping Inspections in July
- **Maintenance Requests** - Please let the office know if your inspection items are still in need of repair so we can track progress.
- **Advance Pest** will be onsite Thur. April 19th from 8am until complete - All units will be sprayed outside – a no spray list will be available for tenants with health concerns.

Spring Clean-up at Sunflower Heights

The Halstead Housing Authority will once again provide a large dumpster located on the far south side of the property in order for tenants to dispose of unsightly or broken furniture on patios or other large items needing disposal. We will be completing a walk around the property and tenants will be notified about items needing disposal on or near their property. If the housing authority removes items for tenants a \$15 fee will be charged per large item.

Mowing & Lawn Care Season to

Begin... This April we will begin our mowing and lawn care season.

Meadowlark – Windy Ridge Lawn Care will be treating the Meadowlark grounds with a once a year fertilizer & weed control sometime in April (weather permitting). They do not give much of a notice before they arrive. ***If you have a dog please keep your dog off the grass the day the lawn is treated. It will be safe for your dog once the fertilizer and weed control soaks in completely.***

Cottonwood Acres – Larry will continue mowing, trimming, and edging every Friday at Cottonwood (weather permitting).

Sunflower Heights & Meadowlark –

Jennifer McClain will continue to mow & trim weekly at both properties. She works a flexible schedule.

Pet/Service Animal Owners – Please pick up waste from your animal immediately. Waste is difficult to remove from our machines & tenants found violating this rule will be charged for waste removal.

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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 Fruit Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette

Courtesy of:
Taste of Home

Ingredients

- 3 med ripe avocados, carefully peeled & thinly sliced
- 3 med mangos, peeled & thinly sliced
- 1 cup each fresh raspberries & blackberries
- ¼ cup minced fresh mint
- ¼ cup sliced almonds

Dressing

- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tsp grated tangerine or orange peel
- ¼ cup tangerine or orange juice
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground pepper

Directions

Arrange avocados and fruit on a service plate or bowl; sprinkle with mint and almonds. In small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients until blended; drizzle over salad. **Yield 8 servings.**
1 cup salad: 321 calories; 23g fat; 0 cholesterol; 154mg sodium; 29g carbohydrate (20g sugars, 8g fiber); 3g protein.