



# HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

## In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 Edition

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### Utility Analysis What You Need to Know...

The Halstead Housing Authority requests authorization each year in order to release utility billing information to the housing authority.

Once the billing information is gathered, we figure the average monthly amount each unit size is billed.

### Sunflower Heights & Meadowlark

For public housing, averages are totaled and compared using a 3 year rolling data base. If there is an increase or decrease of 10% or more from the 3 year data base average, the utility allowance is automatically adjusted accordingly.

### Cottonwood Acres

For Cottonwood Acres, the averages must be submitted to KHRC & Rural Development annually. Adjustments are mandatory if there is an increase or decrease in utility expenses of 10% or more from the previous years average.

*Tenants will be notified the results of this year's analysis as soon as they are available.*

### Parking Lot Repairs, Expansion, & Installation

#### Meadowlark Parking

The Housing Authority is planning to expand parking lots on the north & west side of Meadowlark.

#### Sunflower Heights Parking

Sunflower Heights north parking lot will be repaired and a new parking lot will be installed west of units 21 & 22.

Becker Building will be completing the work at Meadowlark & Sunflower Heights sometime in the next few months. Tenants will be notified of any updates prior to completion

### Occupancy Report:

#### Cottonwood Acres:

April	= 92%
May	= 88%
June	= 96%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>= 92%</b>

#### Meadowlark:

April	= 100%
May	= 94%
June	= 94%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>= 96%</b>

#### Sunflower Heights:

April	= 90%
May	= 95%
June	= 95%
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Avg.</b>	<b>= 93%</b>



**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**

Save the Date!



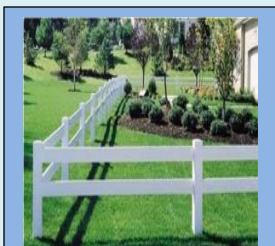
Important Dates to Remember!

Sunflower Heights

Vinyl Fence Installation

Installation scheduled:

July 10-14



Put this page on your fridge for easy reference

July

- July 3 & 4 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED – INDEPENDENCE DAY
- July 5-7 Robin on Vacation
- Tues. July 11 Resident Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 – 7:00 pm Cottonwood Community Room
- Thur. July 20 Housekeeping Inspections & Cottonwood Filter Change
- Wed. July 26 HHA Board Meeting 3 pm HHA Office
- Mon. July 31 Nikki on Vacation (July 31-Aug 4)

August

- Tue. Aug. 1-4 Nikki on Vacation (July 31-Aug 4)
- Aug. 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Halstead Old Settlers Festival
- Wed. Aug. 23 Tenant/Staff Meeting Community Rm. - 9 am

September

- Mon. Sept. 4 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY
- Wed. Sept. 27 HHA Board Meeting 3 pm HHA Office
- TBA Meadowlark & Sunflower Filter Changes

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

In loving memory of all former tenants who have passed...

The Time is Now

*If you are ever going to love me, love me now, while I can know  
 The sweet and tender feelings which from true affection flow.  
 Love me now while I am living. Do not wait until I'm gone  
 And then have it chiseled in marble, sweet words on ice-cold stone.  
 If you wait until I am sleeping, never to awaken,  
 There will be death between us and I won't hear you then.  
 So, if you love me, even a little bit, let me know it while I'm living  
 So I can treasure it.*

Author Unknown

Poem contributed by Ella Rea Kimball

### Vended Laundry



### Cottonwood Acres & Meadowlark Only

In an effort to keep up with rising expenses, the Housing Authority is looking into replacing the existing laundry machines located at Meadowlark and Cottonwood with coin operated machines.

The vended laundry prices will be set by the housing authority at a rate tenants will be able to afford. The revenue generated from the laundry will then be used to offset the expenses of the housing authority's utilities.

The Housing Authority will give as much notice as possible prior to the replacement of the machines.

### Resident Advisory Board – New Members Needed

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** The RAB's main purpose is to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the Housing Authority's Plan. The board meets 4 times a year (quarterly) in January, April, July, and October. All meetings are held at Cottonwood Community Room.

Members receive a small stipend for quarterly participation. The RAB currently has openings for 3 additional members. If you are interested in becoming an RAB member or would like more information, please contact the office.

The RAB member's representation ideally should have 2 tenants from each apartment complex participating. However, at this time, we only have 3 members (1 tenant representing each apartment complex).

The RAB is the voice of tenant's to the HHA Board of Directors.

### Sunflower Mowing Season – We Need Your Help

#### Grounds Clean up

Please be aware any unattended toys, shoes, socks, belongings, etc. left on the ground during mowing season may be thrown away. If you see items lying around you can help by picking them up. Please help us keep the property looking nice.

Tenants looking for community service may receive hours by helping out with grounds cleanup.

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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>



**Pineapple Salsa**

Courtesy of:

**Two Peas & Their Pod**

[www.twopeasandtheirpod.com/pineapple-salsa/](http://www.twopeasandtheirpod.com/pineapple-salsa/)

*Makes 2 ½ c. Salsa*

**Ingredients**

- 2 c. Fresh Pineapple (diced)
- 1 c. Red Bell Pepper (diced)
- ½ c. Fresh Cilantro (chopped)
- ¼ c. Red or Green Onion (diced)
- 3 Tbl Jalapeno (seeded & chopped)
- 1 clove Garlic (minced)
- Juice of 1 Large Lime
- Drizzle Olive Oil (optional)
- Salt to Taste

**Directions**

In a medium bowl, combine pineapple, red pepper, cilantro, red onion, jalapeno, garlic, and lime juice. Stir until well combined. Season with salt and drizzle with olive oil. May be served at room temperature or chilled.