



HALSTEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

In the Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter Fall & Winter Issue

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

REAC Inspection

I am happy to report that overall our August HUD REAC inspections went very well.

The inspector pointed out a few items that we will be addressing during future inspections:

If a room has only one exit outside (Ex: bedroom window) – that exit must not be blocked by furniture.

Doors must be able to latch & if it has a lock the lock must work.

Emergency Alarm pulls must be accessible to a person lying on the ground. I will be checking this closely during future inspections

Windows must open and close

I will send out reminders prior to inspections but these items will be a priority for me.

A Note of Thanks!

I would like to thank tenants that have called the office to pick up furniture items! Items left next to a dumpster DO NOT get picked up. We appreciate tenants doing their part & making arrangements with us to haul off unwanted items...

Furniture should not block windows
If the window is the only exit point in the room



100% Occupancy

The Halstead Housing Authority reached 100% Occupancy for August & September.

The annual occupancy rate figured for our fiscal year end in July was 97% for the year.

Let's talk trash...



Thank you for not dumping!

OCTOBER

- **Fri Oct. 5** – Office Closing Early – Nikki taking a vacation day
- **Wed Oct 9** - Tenant/Staff Meeting - Community Rm - **9:00am**
- **Wed Oct 16** – Board Meeting in Office 3pm
- **Mon Oct 28** – Office Closing early (2:30pm due to training^{***})
- **Tue Oct 29** – Nikki & Daniel at training – Return at 1pm
- **Thu Oct 31** – **CHILI HALLOWEEN** at Community Building
 - Tenant sponsored activity

(*Daniel will also be out on Oct. 28th for training)**

NOVEMBER

- **Sun Nov 3** – Day Light Savings Time Ends - Fall Back
 - **Mon Nov 11** – Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
 - **Wed Nov 20** – Board Meeting in Office 3pm
 - **Thu Nov 28** – Office Closed – Thanksgiving
 - **Fri Nov 29** – Office Closed – Day after Thanksgiving
 - **TBA** – Advance Pest Control to be scheduled to spray this month
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DECEMBER

- **Mon Dec 2** - Meadowlark Inspections & Filter Changes
- **Tue Dec 3** – Sunflower Inspections & Filter Changes
- **Wed Dec 4** – Cottonwood Inspections & Filter Changes
- **Wed Dec 11** – Tenant Staff Meeting – Community Rm - 9:00am
- **Tue Dec 24** – Office Closed Christmas Eve
- **Wed Dec 25** – Office Closed Christmas Day

No Board Meeting in December

Life isn't measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of moments that take your breath away.

Anonymous

Save the Dates!

We want to hear from you!

Please send us your recipes & stories for our next issue.

HUD News - Did you know?

The US Dept. of HUD and its nonprofit Connect2Compete are working to provide low cost internet and computers available through their programs.

To find out about the offers in our area go to:

www.connect2compete.org/hud (and enter your zip code).

Or call 1-888-312-2743

Do you need training?

The Newton Public Library offers free technology classes. To arrange a one on one session about: Microsoft Office programs, Facebook, Pinterest, eReaders, etc. call 316-283-2890.

HUD now offers Customer Service & Information Center:

Call: 1-800-955-2232

Or email: pihirc@firstpic.org

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (EST)

The Service Center can provide information to Public Housing Residents & General Public:

Local agency contact info. / PIH Guidebooks / Public Housing Fact Sheets / Applicable references to federal regulations (CFR) / etc.

US Dept. of HUD



Halstead Housing Authority News

- **The Smoke-Free Policy** became effective September 1, 2013. Thank you for your feedback & cooperation with this change!
- **Parking Lot Striping:** We are currently accepting bids for parking lot striping. The board will select the contractor to complete the project at the October 2013 board meeting. We will be making a few small changes to comply with ADA regulations. We will have our lots power washed prior to striping & Nikki will keep tenants informed of dates and parking arrangements that will be necessary via memo.
- **Roofing & Repairs:** The housing authority will be undergoing roof replacement in the near future as well as repairs to fascia & gutters. During the September board meeting, the board accepted all bids submitted by Mid-Kansas Construction for roof replacement. We will be working closely with contractors to set dates for project completion & tenants will be notified when dates are set.
- **Admission & Continued Occupancy Policy** is currently being updated & revised. The board will review the policy updates at the October board meeting. Tenants will be given the opportunity to review changes and provide feedback prior to the November board meeting.

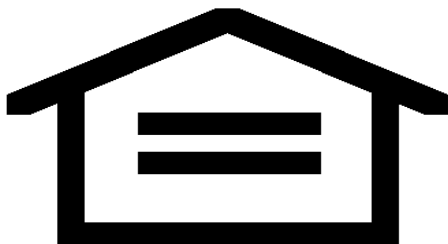
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Access us on the web!

Tenants can send us messages (privately) on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HalsteadHousingAuthority>

OR

Tenants can now place Maintenance Requests &/or

Provide Feedback through our website:

<https://www.halsteadhousingauthority.com>

Tenant Recipes: Contributed by Erma Decker – *THANKS ERMA!*

Quick Oatmeal Cookies (No Bake)

Ingredients:

- 2 c Sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c Butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c Milk
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c Peanut Butter
- 4 c Oatmeal
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c Pecans (optional)

Mix together sugar, butter, & milk. Boil 1 minute. Add peanut butter. Stir in oatmeal & pecans. Drop by spoonful on waxed paper.



Frozen Fruit Slush

Ingredients:

- 1-12 oz can Frozen lemonade
- 1-12 oz can Frozen orange juice
- 2-10 oz cans Frozen sliced strawberries
- 1-20 oz can Crushed pineapple
- 1 sm bottle Maraschino cherries
- 5 sm Bananas (sliced)
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Water
- 1 c Sugar

Mix all ingredients in a large container. Place in freezer for 6 hours, stirring often until slushy or freeze until hard. If frozen, let stand at room temp for 20-30 minutes until slushy before serving.

