



# Harrietstown Housing Authority

*A Place to Live is more than a Roof over your Head*

*Happy Healthy Attitudes*

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## SARAH'S NEWS

While the bean counters are finalizing the 2023 figures, preliminary numbers are interesting and informative. If you ever wonder what some things cost, read on....

Item	Lake Flower	Algonquin	Total
Legal			6,800
Accounting / Auditing			43,000
Water and Sewer	16,700	34,400	41,100
Electric	42,900 (all)	17,700 (400 bldg and vacant apts)	60,600
Trash/Recycling (Casella)	8,800	15,400	24,000
Pest Management	14,900	7,100	22,000
Other Maintenance Contracts	21,700	11,000	32,700
Elevator Maintenance	12,000		12,000
Property/Liability Insurance			47,100

There are many other costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the Housing Authority. Staff salaries, benefits, office supplies, telephone and other electronic communications, IT service and support, maintenance materials, etc. Above and beyond the operating costs are the capital costs associated with projects such as the Lake Flower awnings, repairing the storm sewer line at Algonquin, significant work needed to prepare vacant apartments for new tenants, new equipment, etc.

The Housing Authority complies with HUD rules and regulations, as well as its own procurement policy, when contracting with the many entities that provide services. The red tape involved would no doubt be enough to cover the many hoops we jump through as we go through these processes.

So, the next time you toss something down the trash chute or in the dumpster, think a bit about all that went into that trash being collected and hauled away and paid for.

A quick closing note: Happy Winter Carnival! It's a wonderful time of year. Enjoy and be safe!

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### HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

February around here always starts off with Winter Carnival. Palace builders are always frustrated by unpredictable warm weather events leading up to the final construction. They always pull something off no matter what.

Activities abound over the course of the week and hopefully everyone can enjoy any and all of the events. I'm a fan of the Ladies Fry Pan Toss young and old alike. Hmm, I may pay for that comment.

I used to participate in the Palace Fun Run and the snow shoe events and cross country races, but now I am old and broken. Maybe try the Innertube Races. It's all downhill, right?

Ok, I think I will stay on the sidelines and just worry about wayward frying pans. Anyway, everyone enjoy the month of February. Cool National Flannel Day is February 10<sup>th</sup>!

But wait! That is every day for me.

### SUBMITTING WORK ORDERS

**No work will be performed without a proper work order request**

Call system 518 891 3050, Ext. 106 or Option 3

Email or Text request to

[hhaworkorder@gmail.com](mailto:hhaworkorder@gmail.com)

**LEAVE DETAILED MESSAGE, THAT INCLUDES:**

- ◇Name and apartment #
- ◇Phone number/text-able cell phone number or email address for communication and scheduling
- ◇Description of problem – attach photo if possible
- ◇Are any pets in the apartment?
- ◇Time slot preferred for work to be completed
  - ◇9:00am to 11:00 am, or
  - ◇1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

***Requests deemed emergency are not subject to 24-hour prior notice to enter apartments***

## IRENE'S THOUGHTS

It's that fun time of year in Saranac Lake — Winter Carnival — when the town comes alive after some cold dark days. It's a good time to get out and see what's going on.

On February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. we will be having coffee hour in the second-floor community room-\$1.00 per person.



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### **RENTAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE**

If you know anyone in the community struggling to pay their rent, have them give us a call. The Housing Choice Voucher program may be able to help.

### **INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?**

If you are not currently living in the Lake Flower high rise or Algonquin Apartments, and you are not currently participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, don't be shy!





If you are interested in assistance, you should start the process of determining your eligibility. You can go onto our website to print out an application and either drop it off at the office or in the mail. you can also call us and have us mail you an application or stop by to pick up an application. See contact information on last page.

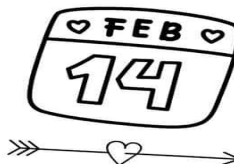
You must be at least 18 years old, and a United States citizen or a non-citizen who has eligible immigration status. Single persons are eligible, as well as households with or without children. HUD commonly refers to a household as a "family," so don't let that term confuse you. A "family" consists of one or more persons, and having children is not required to be considered a "family."



# February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat  
Winter Carnival—2/2-2/11

<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>				1	2 	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13 8-3 WIC Clinic	14 	15	16	17
18	In Observation Of  PRESIDENTS DAY our offices will be closed	20	21 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 8-3 WIC Clinic	28	29		



# FEBRUARY

## WORD SEARCH



S	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	F	R	W	D	L	O	C	Y	ARROW
R	U	R	A	U	Y	M	J	P	A	A	E	K	X	T	N	A	A	CHILI DAY
E	P	B	T	F	L	S	A	R	G	I	D	R	A	M	S	Y	D	CHINESE NEW YEAR
W	I	N	T	E	R	S	W	E	E	T	H	E	A	R	T	K	I	CHOCOLATE
O	D	M	U	B	R	T	E	S	H	R	V	X	J	E	V	O	L	CUPID
L	G	L	N	R	E	S	G	I	W	A	F	D	R	E	W	M	I	FEBRUARY
F	W	W	S	U	T	P	B	D	L	R	E	H	E	K	F	L	H	FLOWERS
G	R	O	R	A	E	Y	W	E	N	E	S	E	N	I	H	C	C	FRIENDS
G	J	B	I	R	U	K	N	N	U	F	A	U	M	N	A	E	S	GROUNDHOG DAY
R	H	R	R	Y	B	T	S	T	T	I	C	P	L	D	K	R	R	KINDNESS
A	E	E	L	I	L	N	S	E	T	U	Y	Y	N	E	R	G		LEAP YEAR
S	E	P	C	N	R	R	O	D	L	I	T	J	K	E	A	A	H	LOVE
S	E	U	E	D	S	Y	E	A	L	R	A	S	G	S	A	R	R	MARDI GRAS
I	T	S	R	E	P	P	I	Y	A	W	T	A	P	S	Q	R	N	NUTELLA
W	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	P	S	G	E	L	K	B	T	O	R	PARTY
C	H	Y	A	D	G	O	H	D	N	U	O	R	G	O	O	W	R	PRESIDENTS DAY
																		SUPER BOWL
																		SWEETHEART
																		VALENTINES
																		WINTER

## RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Happy Creepy Carnival Everyone!! Enjoy and stay safe. It looks like the temperature for the events will not be so bad!! The same goes for the Empire State Games in Lake Placid. Welcome athletes!! Will the groundhog see his shadow?? How about the NFL Super Bowl LVIII? Kansas City Chiefs vs. San Francisco 49ers. Who are you rooting for?

The office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for the observance of Presidents Day.

The following are observances for the month of February: National Freedom Day 1<sup>st</sup>, Ground Hog Day 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon) 10<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day 14<sup>th</sup>, National Random Act of Kindness Day 17<sup>th</sup>, President's Day 19<sup>th</sup>, and Full Moon (Snow) 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake Flower News:** Annual recertifications are almost complete. If you have not handed in all your forms yet, please do so immediately. All changes go into effect, [February 1, 2024](#). Failure to provide documentation of current household and income status is a violation of the lease. Tenants choosing not to provide documents will have their leases terminated. The Lake Flower Apartments had no tenants move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of January.

**Algonquin News:** The walkways into the apartments are not being kept clear. Remember, it is the tenant's responsibility to keep their walkway clear of debris, snow, and ice. This is for your own safety and that of your guests or delivery personnel. If you need sand, feel free to grab some from the sand shed in the lower parking lot. **This is for tenants only!** The Algonquin Apartments had no tenant move-out, and one tenant move-in during the month of January.

**Reminder:** Lake Flower Apartments and the Algonquin Apartments are non-smoking facilities. Smoking [of any kind](#) is prohibited in apartments, in yards, or anywhere on the property. This is a violation of the terms of the lease agreement.

**Reminder:** Please make sure your rent is paid. If you are having difficulties, please call the office to set up a repayment agreement.

## Bed Bug Information

### *Where should you look?*

- Mattress (piping, sides, underside)
- Box spring (remove ticking)
- Bed frame
- Linens
- Furniture – seams, pleats, piping, joints
- Corners and drawers of desks, dressers, etc.
- Door, window, and baseboard trim
- Items on the floor

### *What should you look for?*

- All life stages: eggs, nymphs, adults
- Skin casts
- Blood spots

### *How do you avoid them?*

Carefully inspect all used furniture, linens, and clothing before bringing them into your home.

- Wash and dry clothes on hottest setting items can stand. Transport clothes in plastic bags. Do not put clean clothes in bags used to transport dirty clothes. Throw those away!
  - Vacuum frequently.
  - Remove clutter.

If possible, use a high powered flashlight when looking around your unit. If you find a bed bug, notify staff immediately. Staff and you will work together to prepare for any needed treatment. Don't delay. It's much easier to treat one or two than it is twenty or thirty. Again, successful eradication requires resident involvement and cooperation.

The sooner we know, the lower the cost to you.

**If a tenant declines any regularly scheduled inspections and/or preventive treatments, the tenant is responsible for the full cost of any treatment of any subsequent infestation that occurs in the next six calendar months.**

## Our Mission

*The mission of the Harrietstown Housing Authority is to provide public housing and tenant-based assistance program residents with clean, safe and affordable housing in a non-discriminatory manner.*

*The Harrietstown Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, fiscally prudent, ethical and professional manner.*

*The HHA will encourage and monitor partnerships with appropriate community agencies in order to improve the quality of the resident's lives.*

## Our Staff

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### HHA Office Hours

**NEW PHONE NUMBER**

### Get the Newsletter Via E-Mail!

We encourage those with access to e-mail to sign up for e-mail delivery of the monthly newsletter. To sign up, send a quick e-mail to [kscriver@harrietstownha.org](mailto:kscriver@harrietstownha.org).

The newsletter is also available on the website:  
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