



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

Happy New Year! The first few days of the New Year represent a second (or third, or eighty-third) chance to meet a goal. That goal can be learning something new, making something right, quitting a bad habit, whatever. As many of you may be thinking about just this, I am repeating what I wrote last month, in the last year, in your prior lives.

Community Bank has offered to help us become healthier ... financially speaking. The Bank reached out to the Housing Authority and asked about interest among residents in a **financial literacy class**.

Such a class would cover such topics as:

- Preparing a household budget
- Writing checks
- Balancing the checkbook
- Protecting identity

To help the Housing Authority gauge interest in such a class, please reach out to me in the next day or two – before you forget and move onto something else - if you are interested in participating. When reaching out to me, please provide a sense of your availability, e.g., day/evening, day(s) of week.

Also, now that it is 2024, this is the year in which the Housing Authority prepares its next Five-Year Plan – for years 2025 through 2029. The **Resident Advisory Board** (RAB) plays an important role in this process. If you are interested in joining the RAB, please contact me.

Why not contact me expressing interest in both the Financial Literacy Class and the Resident Advisory Board? I can be reached at sclarkin@harrietstownha.org or 518-891-3050 ext. 107.

As we begin the New Year, I want to thank everyone on the Housing Authority staff: Tammy, Irene, Kathy, David, John, and Patrick, for their knowledge, dedication, hard work, patience, and good humor. I am grateful to each and every one of them.

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

January again. Oh boy.

We haven't really had any snow yet but the dusting around Christmas made things magical.

Hopefully, we get a lot of snow in time for winter carnival next month. And remember, it's a palace, not a castle! If you're not from the area and are reading this ask someone local what that means!

Lots of winter activities have been on hold due to lack of snow, unless you're a hockey player or figure skater enjoying the newly renovated civic center. Personally, I haven't been there yet but hope to this season.

The new trails for snowmobiles and skiers should be a big hit. But we need some snow.

Maybe I'll just have to settle for wandering around my dog yard with the little snow we have looking for landmines. Oh great, that's gonna be a fun one! One step for man one mess for mankind!

Enjoy the hopefully winter weather. I may have to put my foot down.

Oops wrong move again!!

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

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

We will be offering more activities at the Lake Flower Apartments in the New Year. Keep a look out for the posters. We will schedule regular coffee hours, lunches, and more.

The Community room is open to all the residents- there are tons of books to borrow, puzzles to create, comfy furniture if you just want a different space to read and a lot of tables and chairs if a group of friends wanted to have a pot luck meal.



TO:

THERESA LANDRY

For all her hard work setting up and cleaning up for the Christmas Carolers. Her efforts made this event a success.

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."



JANUARY

2024



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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Welcome in 2024!! I hope everyone's holidays were bright, cheerful, healthy, and safe! The weather cooperated! I visited The Wild Center's, Wild Lights, over the holidays, and I must say, it was quite spectacular. I highly recommend the visit.



The office will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The following are observances for the month of January: New Year's Day & the end of Kwanzaa 1st, National Trivia Day 4th, Earth's Rotation Day 8th, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 9th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day 15th, National Compliment Day 24th, Full Moon (Wolf) 25th, National Chocolate Cake Day 27th, and National Puzzle Day 29th.

Lake Flower News: Annual recertifications have begun for all residents at the Lake Flower Apartments. All required documents were due December 8. If you have not handed in all your forms yet, please do so immediately. All changes go into effect [February 1, 2024](#). The Lake Flower Apartments had no tenants move-out, and one tenant move-in during the month of December.

Algonquin News: Remember to keep your walkways clear of debris, snow, and ice. If you need sand, feel free to grab some from the sand shed in the lower parking lot. **This is for tenants only!** Maintenance continues to make-ready units. We will be filling two vacant units this month. The Algonquin Apartments had one tenant move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of December.

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.

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