

## HEALTHY HAPPY ATTITUDES

Harrietstown Housing Authority

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### Sarah's News

After missing two months, the newsletter is back! I wouldn't describe the past two months as a hiatus; far from it. The Housing Authority staff have been working non-stop, in the office and from home, to advance the Housing Authority's mission, which, if it's possible, is more important than ever. To refresh your memory, the mission is to provide its residents with clean, safe and affordable housing in a non-discriminatory manner.

There is so much to share; but, for now, I'll share just four things:

1. The 2020 election for Resident Commissioners—(RCs) was deemed invalid due to too few votes cast. The Board of Commissioners will appoint the RCs. The Housing Authority's by-laws contain procedural details.
2. The Lake Flower façade project has (finally) started!! If you've been anywhere near the building, you've seen the equipment and, perhaps, some activity. The next few months will be exciting – changing the building's entire look. If you choose to watch from across the street, wear a mask or maintain safe distancing! Ideally, do both!
3. Not to be forgotten, the Algonquin Apartments will undergo some change this summer – new roofs on all the buildings! Certainly, we'll keep all residents up to date as to the project schedule and logistics.
4. I continue to encourage, strongly encourage, everyone to practice good hygiene and follow guidelines to protect yourself and others against the COVID-19 virus. With the summer season here, I would not be surprised to see an uptick in the number of cases. A lot of good information has been shared with you. Choosing not to wear a mask – choosing not to practice safe distancing – is a threat to your friends, your family, your neighbors, to you.

I know we're all looking forward to a safe and fun summer.



## HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## HHA OFFICE HOURS

9:00am- 11:30am  
And 1:00pm—3:30pm

After hours  
**Emergency** call  
number  
**518-923-1082**

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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Can everybody take this pandemic seriously?

Obviously it is not just going to fade away like Irene's doomed daffodils.

Visitors and tenants alike should respect the rights of others and wear face coverings in common areas.

Interesting that states that have lessened their restrictions are seeing spikes in cases.

Do the right thing and take your mother's advice and don't infect her.



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

OMG! Where do I begin? First off, I am sorry there was no April or May newsletter. These are definitely crazy times. So, please consider this your April, May, and June newsletter.

As you already know, the office was reduced to minimal staff during this pandemic. One administrative and one maintenance staff were in the office daily. This was to reduce exposure to staff and tenants. We primarily worked remotely from home. We are now back to "somewhat normal" full-time office activities, with some restrictions still in place like safe distancing and wearing masks.

We all need to be patient and considerate during these difficult times and the "new norm". Ehrlich Pest Management is continuing to provide service. However, they will not be entering individual units unless there is an active case or a tenant requests their service.

Reminder, although these are difficult times, monthly rent is still due. If you are having difficulty making payments or if there is a change in your financial situation, please notify the office. We are here to help.

**Lake Flower News:** We have one new addition to the Lake Flower apartments. This leaves only one unit vacant pending maintenance turnover. Maintenance's priority these days is keeping all the common areas cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis. David and John, kudos to you!

**Algonquin News:** Great news! Algonquin's apartments are at full capacity. There are still a few tenants who have not completed their annual recertification. This is a yearly requirement, that, if left undone, is a violation of your lease. If you have not completed yours yet, please call the office to make arrangements to provide the proper documents to get this done.

Remember, life will return to "normal". We don't know when, but it will. It is said, "Patience is a virtue". Please remember to be kind and respectful of your friends and neighbors. We are all going through the same thing. Be diligent with washing your hands, social distancing, and wearing a mask. Thank you..



## **WORK ORDERS**

**Please remember to call the office at**

**518-891-3050 option 3**

**For a work order.**

**This is the only way to schedule your  
maintenance needs.**

## IRENE'S THOUGHTS



During this odd time, be sure to take care of yourselves. Call your friends and family, turn off the constant information on the TV, and go for a walk. It isn't difficult to social distance while taking a walk. Most of all, reach out for help if you feel like you need to. Please don't allow yourself to go without food, company, or healthcare.

Call me at 518 891-3050, ext. 105, if there is anything I can help with. We can work on a solution together.

### **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 [tburd@harriestownha.org](mailto:tburd@harriestownha.org). The newsletter is also available on the website: [www.harriestownha.org](http://www.harriestownha.org)

### **EHRlich PEST CONTROL INSPECTIONS**

**Notices of inspections will be distributed.**

PLEASE BE ADVISED, IT WILL ALSO BE NOTED IF  
YOU ARE  
MAINTAINING YOUR APARTMENT IN A CLEAN,  
SAFE AND SANITARY  
CONDITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR LEASE.

### **ARE YOU A VICTIM OF UNWANTED TELEMARKETING CALLS?**

CALL THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

**1-888-382-1222**



**Do Not Call  
Register**

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST CALL FROM YOUR  
PHONE IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE DO  
NOT CALL REGISTRY LIST**

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21 Happy Father's Day! 	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**The Harrietstown Housing Authority  
has apartments for rent in the  
Lake Flower High-rise and  
Algonquin Apartment Complex.**

**Additionally, we have a Housing Choice  
Voucher program that may assist you  
with your monthly rent in the  
community.**

**For additional information and to  
obtain an application please  
contact us at 518-891-3050  
or stop by the office at  
14 Kiwassa Road, Saranac Lake.**

**You may also go online at  
[www.harrietstownha.org](http://www.harrietstownha.org).**

## Horoscopes

### **GEMINI**

**May 21 - June 20**

The June 2020 Horoscope will bring a change both in your general outlook and in the pace of your life. You'll begin to feel more settled and serious-minded (this could apply either to work or to your private life). Whatever you achieve this year will stand you in good stead in years to come. Your inherent restlessness, which can always take hold if things become a little slow-loving and stodgy, will be less evident, and you'll feel that your general progress has become steady and positive.

[www.yearly-horoscope.org](http://www.yearly-horoscope.org)

### **CANCER**

**June 21 - July 21**

Cancerians generally love entertaining, and this month you'll definitely feel like giving your friends a good time, in one way or another. Don't worry about all those things you should be doing; let them go hang for a while, or delegate them—none of them are likely to be life-threateningly important. One way and another there'll be plenty of opportunities to enjoy life with whoever you want to be with—and everyone will appreciate the treats you arrange for them.

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## Jokes

**Q.** What did the tie say to the hat?

**A.** You go on ahead and I'll hang around.

**Q:** What washes up on very small beaches?

**A:** Microwaves!

**Q:** Did you hear about the carrot detective?

**A:** He got to the root of every case.

**Q:** What do you call a musician with problems?

**A:** A trebled man.

**Q:** Did you hear about the hair-dresser?

**A:** She dyed!

**Q.** What do you call purple when it is being mean?

**A.** Violent!

**Q.** What did Winnie The Pooh say to his agent?

**A.** Show me the honey!

**Q.** What did the man say to the wall?

**A.** One more crack like that and I'll plaster ya!

**Q.** Did you hear the one about the geologist?

**A.** He took his wife for granite so she left him.

[www.jokes4us.com](http://www.jokes4us.com)

### Bed Bug Information Center

#### ***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

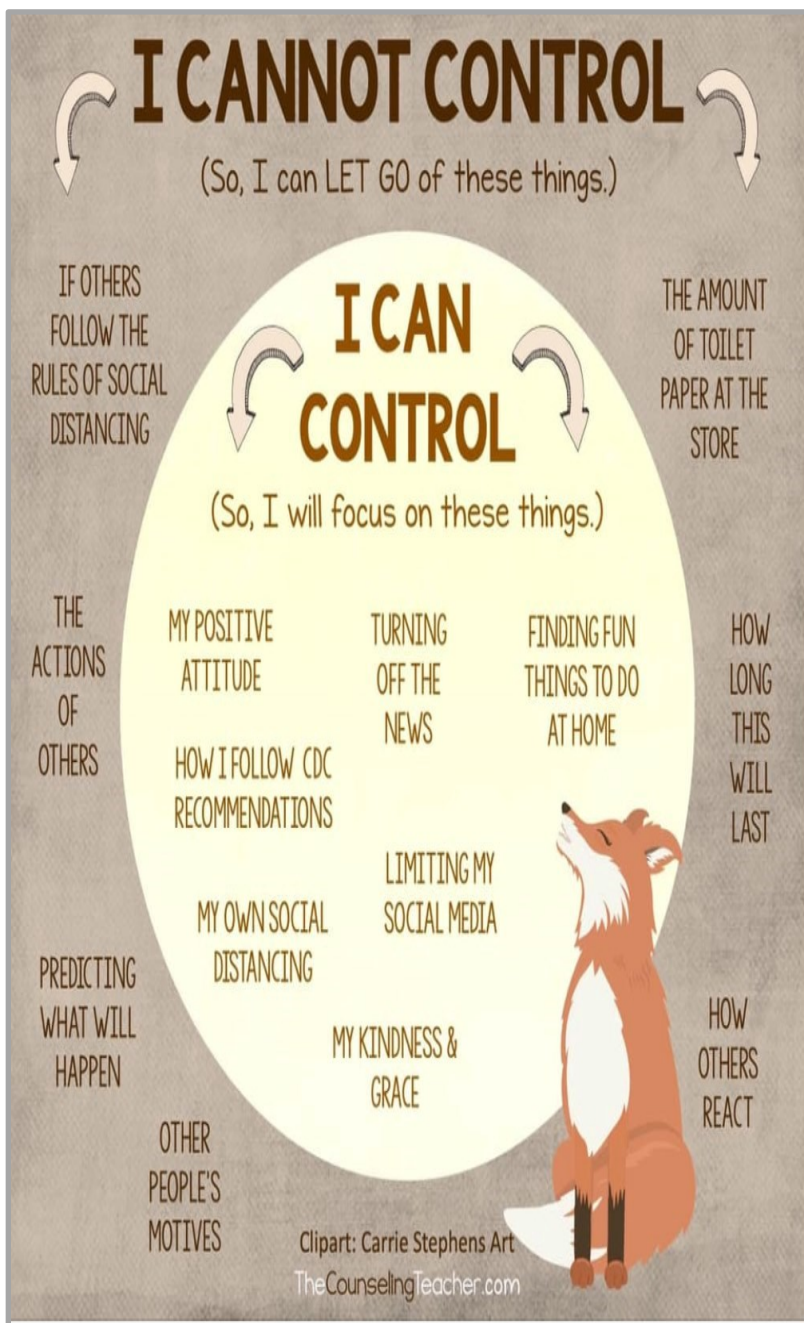
#### ***How do you avoid them?***

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.



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