

## HEALTHY HAPPY ATTITUDES

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### **Sarah's News**

I'll start this monthly blurb with two updates.

Update #1. The March REAC inspection resulted in a score of 89 for the Lake Flower Apartments. The inspector deducted 6.9 points because a recently developed frost heave prevented the trash room doors from operating properly. We appealed this deduction to HUD and WON! The Lake Flower score has been revised to 96. With that database adjustment, the Harrietstown Housing Authority, once again, is designated a High Performer.

Update #2. The Lake Flower façade project cleared another hurdle with the Village Development Board's approval. Once we receive the State's concurrence that environmental review is complete, we can request the release of the State grant funds and proceed to Go. Go means the finalization of project specs, the preparation/announcement of bid packages, and the bid award.

Debbie Zerrahn is officially retired. The May 10 party in the Lake Flower Community Room was very nice. Great people, great decorations, great food! Thanks to all who helped make it happen. As I type this, I imagine Debbie sipping her hot chocolate and enjoying being amongst people and at a place she enjoys.

I am pleased to announce Tammy Burdt is the new Public Housing Assistant. You can help make her job easier by paying your rent on time!

A reminder to all: smoking is prohibited on Housing Authority property. You must go off the property to smoke. The penalty for a first offense is \$50; penalty for a second offense is lease termination. Everyone has a copy of the policy.

Enjoy these glorious days.



## HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson: Jim Connolly  
Dave Bauer  
Allen Dunham  
Emily Fogarty  
Agnes "Liz" Latour  
Eugene O'Dell  
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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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\* Tammy Burdt \*  
\* HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SPECIALIST \*  
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\* Robert Mathers \*  
\* ACCOUNT CLERK \*  
\* Vacant \*  
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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

We must congratulate Tammy Burdt as our new housing assistant, racking up an occupancy rate of like 98%. Go Tammy!

With most apartments now filled, maintenance has nothing to do. Ok, not really. We still have a lot to do.

As we were unable to secure a contractor to handle lawn service this year, our two guys must handle the task.

This one is a little tricky, as weather usually wreaks havoc. We cannot effectively schedule when lawns will be mowed, so we ask tenants to be patient and try and keep their yards cleaned up, so that when conditions allow, we can get in and take care of business.

We also want to catch up on a few lingering work orders. We will try and schedule these for a convenient time for tenants.

Annual inspections are right around the corner in July. These will give us an idea of work that may need to be completed, in addition to submitted work orders.

As temperatures rise, please remember to keep our doggie friends well hydrated when they are outside in backyards. Remember to clean up after them, as maintenance has the option of not cutting yards with lots -0- poop .

Let's all enjoy being outdoors for a change. Just don't put your foot in it. I hope that was a dog!



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

Well, it's true. Debbie Zerrahn, after 27 years as the Public Housing Assistant for Harrietstown Housing Authority, has retired. We would like to thank her for her years of service and wisdom. We hope she is thinking about us as she is relaxing in the sun!

As you may have already noticed, there have been some changes around the office. Irene Snyder now occupies Debbie's old office and has taken on some of her duties. I remain in my office, but have been promoted to Public Housing Assistant. I will be taking on the duties associated with the public housing side of things.

As you may already have seen the advertisements, the Housing Authority is looking for a new Account Clerk. This will be a part-time position. Qualified candidates will be canvased from the Franklin County Civil Service list.

The Lake Flower Apartments has seen some new residents move in and has seen some long-time residents go. We wish all the residents a comfortable transition to their new homes, whether it be here or there.

As a reminder to the Lake Flower tenants, even with inclement weather, smoking is not permitted under the canopy. You must go off the property to smoke. Fines and/or lease terminations are the consequences.

As for the Algonquin Apartments, we have two families that have just moved in. Please make them feel welcome.

With the warmer weather upon us (I hope), please get out and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. The Adirondacks have a lot to offer for just about everyone. 🐾



## **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

DON'T LET  
YESTERDAY  
*take up too much of*  
TODAY

Always move forward with a smile. Today is always a chance to start what you wish you had done yesterday. Go for that walk, call your friends and family, get out and meet new people—just plan to do something positive!

The Housing Choice Voucher program assists individuals and families with their rent out in the community. If you know someone struggling to make ends meet, have them call the office for information and an application.

### **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 [tburdt@harrietstownha.org](mailto:tburdt@harrietstownha.org). The newsletter is also available on the website: [www.harrietstownha.org](http://www.harrietstownha.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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Please pay your rent on time.						
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16 	17 Full Moon	18	19 HHA Annual Board Meeting 4:00PM	20	21 	22
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30	<div> <p><u>RED</u>: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p><u>PURPLE</u>: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p><u>GREEN</u>: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p> </div>					



**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).**

***Have you had your Cancer Screenings this year?***

**Free Cancer Screenings Available:**

Clinical Breast Exam

Pap Test

Mammogram

Colorectal (FIT) Test or Colonoscopy (depending on risk status)

**Eligibility:**

*Women who are 40–64 years old without health insurance.*

*Men who are 50–64 years old without health insurance.*

*If positive results are found, coverage for cancer treatment is  
available to individuals who qualify.*

***It's easy to enroll. Just give us a call.***

***518-891-4471 ext. 3016***

**Franklin and Essex Counties**

**Cancer Services Program**

**Your partner for cancer screening, support and information**





## HOROSCOPES

### ***GEMINI***

*May 22 - June 21*

Refuse to go to battle over every little detail of a controversial arrangement. Instead focus on the broad brushstrokes and be prepared to compromise in certain areas that will appease the other person.

**Lucky Day:** The 6th. You receive news just in time to clarify a confusing issue.

### ***CANCER***

*June 22 - July 23*

Grievances will come to the surface this month and need to be addressed. Though not everyone will want to hear what you have to say, you can rely on the advice of a loved one telling you to stand your ground.

**Lucky Day:** The 9th. A partnership regains elements.

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## JOKES

- 1) How do you keep a window from getting cold?
- 2) What happens to spoons who work too much?
- 3) Why did the watch go on vacation?
- 4) What do you call an angle that's gotten into a car crash?
- 5) Why isn't red happy to see purple?
- 6) Why did the cabinet go to the psychiatrist?
- 7) Why are riddles like pencils?
- 8) What did the tomato dad say to his tomato son who was lagging behind?
- 9) How do you find a spider on the Internet?
- 10) Why was the teacher cross-eyed?
- 11) What is a shark's favorite game?
- 12) Why wouldn't the canary pay for his date's dinner?
- 13) What do you get when you cross a duck with an alligator?

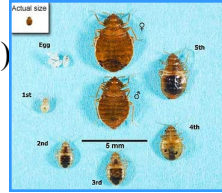
\*\*\***Answers Can Be Found  
On The Back Cover\*\*\***

Jokelopedia/Weitzman, Blank, Benjamin & Green

### 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.

JUNE

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| ALEXANDRITE | CANCER          | D-DAY    |
| FAMILY      | FATHERS DAY     | FLAG DAY |
| GARDENING   | GEMINI          | HIKING   |
| HONEYSUCKLE | MOONSTONE       | MOWING   |
| PEARL       | PICNIC          | ROSE     |
| SCHOOLS OUT | SUMMER SOLSTICE | VACATION |

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### **Answers to: Jokes**

- 1) Shutter.
- 2) They go stir-crazy.
- 3) To unwind.
- 4) A rectangle.
- 5) It starts to feel blue.
- 6) It kept talking to its shelf.
- 7) They're no good unless they have a point!
- 8) Ketchup!
- 9) Check out his Web site.
- 10) Because he couldn't control his pupils!
- 11) Swallow the leader.
- 12) He was too cheep.
- 13) A quack-odile.

