



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

We had a taste of spring this week. Robins! Once the snow leaves, new plant growth follows immediately. I've already seen snow drops, one of the first flowers to bloom, and some crocus.



If the local/regional COVID situation continues to improve, the Housing Authority staff will return to full-time on-site staffing in mid- to late-April. It will be great to be together again, albeit masked and at a safe distance from one another!

In last month's newsletter, you may have read about a new maintenance worker starting in mid-March. Well, the person backed out of the job two days before he was supposed to start. We're back to the drawing board. David and John are working very hard to maintain the properties, inside and out; but, they can't be everywhere at once. They, and I, appreciate your understanding.

While there's no date yet, the company that undertook the façade restoration will be back to finish some painting, restore the lawn areas, and do a final clean up.

In recent weeks, I've received complaints about smokers congregating at the bottom of the steps. Smokers, please move away from this area to allow people healthy and safe passage. For non-smokers, it can be very unpleasant to walk through the smoke. For everyone, during this pandemic, it is unsafe to pass through a group of unmasked individuals.

With the contract for new security cameras signed, we hope the project will begin this spring and wrap up this spring/summer. This project, which will occur at both the Lake Flower and Algonquin properties, will expand coverage area (inside and outside) and provide better quality video. Smile!

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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NOW IN EFFECT
**Masks are
mandatory in all
public spaces.**

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Already my wife has multiple projects in mind to get done as the weather gets nicer. Poop in the yard is a monumental task as the snow fall yields. Right now, the 3 dogs are itching to get their fenced in yard back.

I personally enjoy the two days of quiet from the highway in front of my house before the motorcycles really start running.

Look at that forecast, seems there is more snow on the way.



WE CAN HELP!

If you have a disability and are in need of help registering for your COVID-19 vaccination please give us a call.



**EDUCATION
REGISTRATION
TRANSPORTATION
VACCINATION!**

We can:

- Provide you with information about the vaccination process
- Help you register for your vaccination
- Possibly help you find transportation to get to your vaccination destination and then home again

LET'S KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

Please Contact the Tri-Lakes Center for Independent Living to speak to a staff member about this program.

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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

April is a great month to start a new walking program. Even a 10 minute walk every day does great things for us physically and mentally.

Hopefully, we will be able to start up some activities at the Highrise soon. Please feel free to share any ideas you may have.



Spring Time Word Scrambles

April showers bring...

YEWSAFORML _____

Early morning sounds coming from the trees

DRPGRIBSNICIH _____

Someone that is great at growing plants and flowers has a

TNGEBRUEHM _____

What all the flowers are doing

BMGONOIL _____

A great activity to do on a windy day

LKGOYIETAF _____

What bees do to flowers

TILPLNOEA _____

What you do on Arbor Day

EPALATNETR _____

A seasonal school dance or event

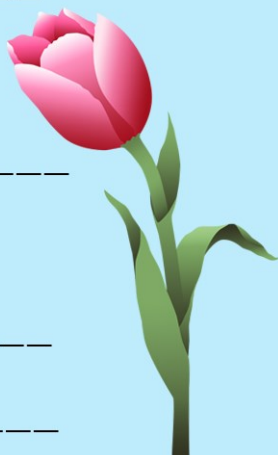
INNFG LISPRG _____

Two insects often seen flying near and crawling on flowers

TFSLEUBEITR _____

UBALYDSG _____

*Keep Your
Brain
Sharp!*



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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."

Q: What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?

A: Two points just like everybody!

Q: What does the Easter Bunny order at a Chinese Restaurant?

A: Hop Suey!





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25	26	27	28	29	30	

RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM

PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM

GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM



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(518)897-1446
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Services:
Food Pantry
Emergency Services
Medical Transportation Program
Energy Services
Information and Referrals

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED
CONTACT US**

If you need help with food for yourself and your family, the food pantry at JCEO is available 5 days a week. Contact them to make arrangements.

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

CALL THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

1-888-382-1222

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



**Do Not Call
Register**

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Spring is officially here! Temperatures are rising and more time will be spent outdoors. I saw a gaggle of geese fly in and land on Lake Flower the other day. A sure sign of Spring. I look forward to seeing the small buds of flowers popping up out of the ground. However, I am not a fan of all the mud and the sand. Spring clean-ups should begin soon. Come April, staff are hoping to be able to all come back to work full-time in the office.

Lake Flower News: Residents continue to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Housing Authority reminds everyone to continue to wear your masks, keep your distance, and wash your hands often. We are still looking for a full-time maintenance worker. If you know of someone, please go to our website www.harrietstownha.org or call the office at 518-891-3050. As time and manpower permits, units are being cleaned and renovated to be made ready for occupancy. Murnane Construction should be returning soon to finish up some last-minute details and complete the landscaping associated with the façade project.

Algonquin News: Annual recertifications continue. If you are a resident of the Algonquin Apartments and have not turned in your annual paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. Recertifications are due to be completed no later than May 1, 2021. Failure to do so is a violation of your lease. Parents, make sure to supervise your children when they're outside playing and remind them not to play in the parking lot. The parking lot has a lot of traffic and we do not want to see any accidents. It is hard to see little ones jumping out between cars. Now that the snow is melting, it is a good time to begin Spring clean-up of your yards. Remember to keep all walkways and entrances clear of clutter, garbage, and debris.



Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and remember social distance. Hopefully soon we will be able to come together again!! Get out and enjoy the spring weather!!

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.

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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The newsletter is also available on the website:
www.harrietstownha.org

NOTE: NEW OFFICE HOURS