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

Happy Healthy Attitudes

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SARAH'S NEWS

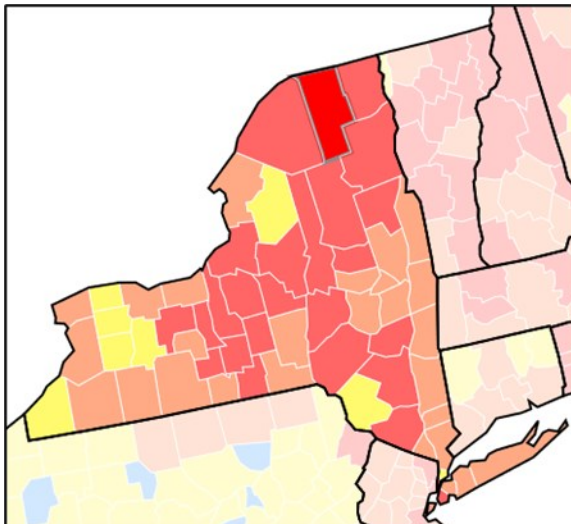
COVID News

A couple of residents have asked about reopening community rooms. Here's the answer: When the Centers for Disease Control's COVID-19 measure of transmissibility in Franklin County falls below High for five consecutive days, the rooms will reopen.

Some information: The CDC has four designations for transmissibility. From highest to lowest, they are: High (red), Substantial (orange), Moderate (yellow), Low (blue), and No Data (gray). Here is the map from March 29:

Franklin County, highlighted above, as well as the surrounding counties remain areas of high transmissibility. In these areas, the CDC recommends, "Wear a mask indoors in public...."

As it is part of the housing authority's mission to provide safe housing, we are being extra cautious for everyone's benefit.



Tenant Elections

Stay tuned for information about upcoming tenant elections. Two of the seven seats on the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners are filled by residents, you, the residents, elect.

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Connolly (Chair)
Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)
Christine Conover
Emily Fogarty
Eugene O'Dell
Dan Ruchkin
Chad Wilkes



TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

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.



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 Stress Awareness Month

Here are some basic ideas to help you cope with stress:

- Take care of yourself – eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break if you feel stressed.
- Share your problems and how you are feeling and coping with a family member, friend, doctor, pastor or counselor.
- Avoid drugs and alcohol. These can create additional problems and increase the stress you are already feeling.
- Recognize when you need more help – know when to talk to a psychologist, social worker or counselor if things continue.

Potentially the most valuable takeaway here is knowing how to talk to others about your stress. This goes both ways, as you need to know how to discuss your problems with others as well as talk to anyone that comes to you with their issues.

[Original post:](#)

By **Pam Meyer** is the Wellness Director, BLC-Wahpeton.

<https://www.stress.org/april-is-stress-awareness-month>





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!

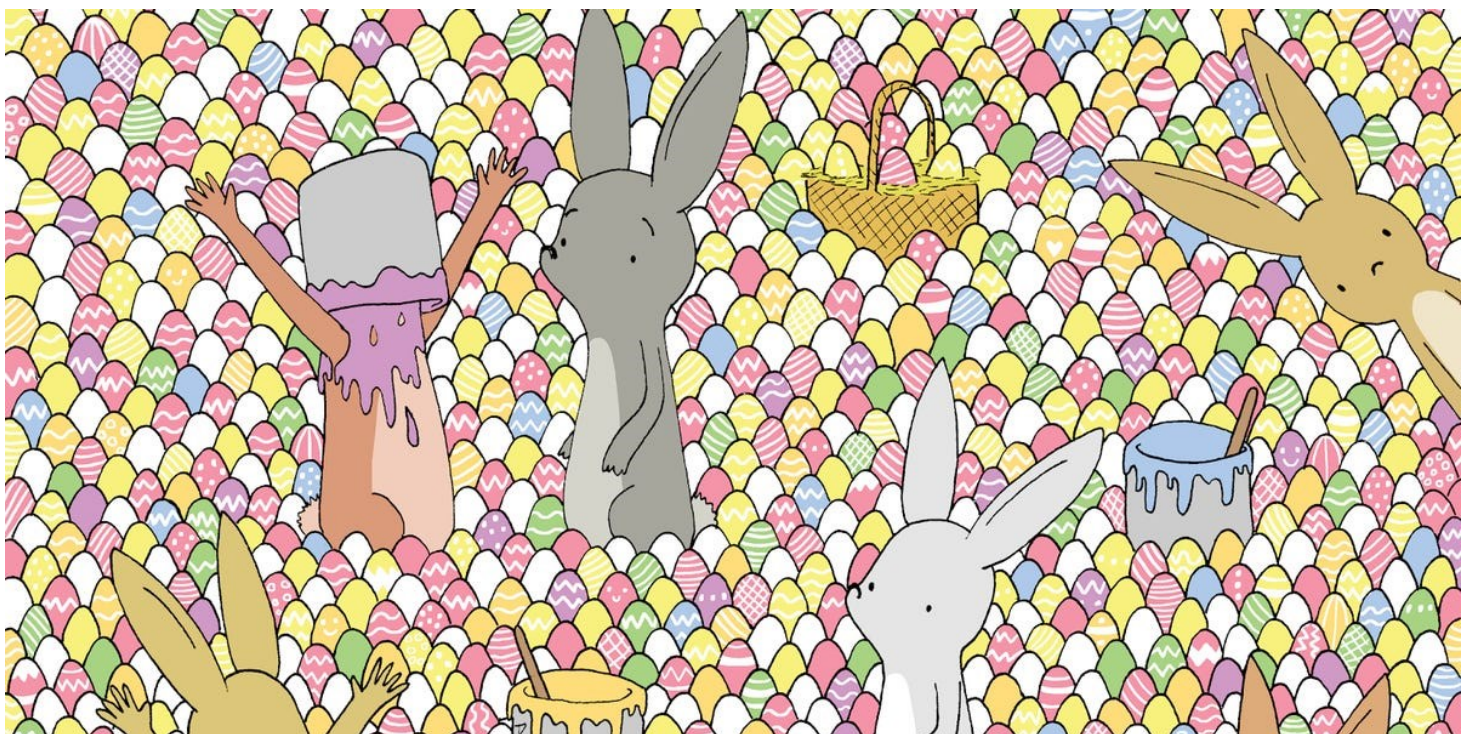
If you are interested in assistance, you should start the process of determining your eligibility. You can go onto our website to print out an application and either drop it off at the office or in the mail. you can also call us and have us mail you an application or stop by to pick up an application.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



<div>  <div>2022 April</div>  </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</div> <div>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</div> <div>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</div> </div>						2
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10	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Office Closing @ 11:30	16
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FIND THE HEART IN THIS PICTURE



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Well, I am still waiting for the flowers to start poking out of the ground. That is always a sure sign that Spring has arrived. It sure is nice watching the snow melt and the ice disappearing from the lakes. I think we all go a little crazy this time of year. We cannot wait for Spring, but Winter wants to hang around a little bit longer. April certainly is a busy month; Ramadan begins (2nd), Good Friday (15th), Easter Sunday (17th), Tax Day (18th), Earth Day (22nd), and Administrative Professional Day (27th). Hope I have not forgotten anything. The office will be closing at 11:30 am on April 15th, in observance of Good Friday. If you know of anyone looking for employment in the maintenance field, please send them our way. The description and application can be located on our website at www.harriestownha.org.

Lake Flower News: Otter Creek was here in March to take more measurements for the new awnings. Hopefully, they will be installed this Spring. Their manufacturer is experiencing delays, just like the rest of the world. The new benches will be installed soon. The ground is still a little frozen. Let us hope that Irene's daffodils start coming up out front. There sure were a lot of them planted! The Lake Flower Apartments had two people move-in during the month of March.

Algonquin News: Now that the snow is melting, everything that was outside before the snow came is quite visible. Oh my, that is where that went!! Oh my, look at all that dog poop!! Now is the time to start picking/cleaning everything up. Please make sure that, if you have pets that use the backyard, clean up after them on a regular basis. This smell lingers into the backyards of others that might not have pets and can be a little offensive. Thank you to the residents that keep their yards looking nice. It does a lot more than you think to the appearance of your living environment. The Algonquin Apartments had one family move-in during the month of March.

Remember, a kind word goes a long way! Stay safe! Happy Spring!



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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