



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

Three bits of news to share with you:

- ⇒ **Tenant Elections.** If you haven't already, you will soon see or receive information about upcoming tenant elections. The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners includes two commissioners who are elected by participants in both the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. It can be an eye-opening experience. One relatively new commissioner recently emailed me, "After joining the HHA board I have learned just how much goes into running such an operation and the complexity of it all." If you have an interest in running for one of the two seats, please refer to the information you see or receive.
- ⇒ **Long-Time Commissioner Allen Dunham.** Allen Dunham, who joined the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners in 2006, recently announced his resignation from the Board. Al has been instrumental in all the Housing Authority has accomplished over the last 18 years. He has been a stalwart cheerleader, supporting the mission, staff, and residents – never wavering, never silent. I am very grateful to Al for his encouragement, confidence, and understanding. He will be greatly missed.
- ⇒ **Executive Director Sarah Clarkin.** At the March 20th Board of Commissioners' meeting, I announced my retirement from the Housing Authority. My last day in the office will be September 27. In the six months between now and then, I hope, with the help of staff and others, to accomplish a few more tasks on my HHA bucket list. The Board of Commissioners will seek and hire my replacement.



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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Rich Loeber (Chair)
- Amy Oliveras (Vice Chair)
- Carrie Bradley
- Rachel Karp
- Eugene O'Dell
- Susan Steen
- Vacancy

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

April showers? April sunshine? April snow?

Yes, yes and yes.

By the time this newsletter is published the Total Eclipse may already have happened!

If it has and the world still exists, or at least Saranac Lake, then the aforementioned events will most likely happen as well.

April is a mixed bag. We may look stupid, but yes, we still have the snowplow on the truck. We can't get caught with our pants down.

Please be aware that mud season is a real thing and grounds around our facilities will be, umm, mud! Please do not tread on lawns with vehicles or bikes. etc.

There will be some damage that was caused by various plow drivers. OK, me. Those repairs will take place after snow is totally out of the forecast. So June maybe.

Maintenance is busy preparing apartments, performing work orders and, eventually, maintaining the grounds.

As a reminder, as spring progresses, tenants at Algonquin are responsible for maintaining their fenced in backyards.

Highrise residents... I'll get one of the boys out there. Haha.

Enjoy.

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

8 Great Reasons to Walk More

It's good for your heart and weight, but the benefits go further.

1. Add years to your life
2. Bolster your brain
3. Trim those extra inches
4. Save your vision
5. Get a good night's sleep
6. Chill out more easily
7. Ward off depression
8. Keep yourself moving for the long term

By
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<https://www.aarp.org/health/healthy-living/info-2019/good-reasons-to-get-walking.html?>



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.

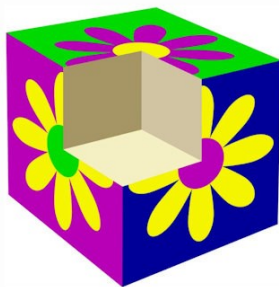
You must be at least 18 years old, and a United States citizen or a non-citizen who has eligible immigration status. Single persons are eligible, as well as households with or without children. HUD commonly refers to a household as a "family," so don't let that term confuse you. A "family" consists of one or more persons, and having children is not required to be considered a "family."





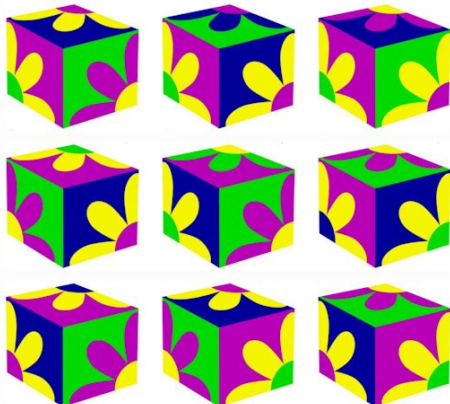
APRIL 2024

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MISSING PIECE



Find the cube that fell out of the larger one.



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FOLLOW THE NUMBERS

Follow numbers 1 - 55 to help the bee find its way to the flower.

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8	7	28	16	17	18	19	8	37	48	47
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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

It is great having it lighter out longer in the evening! This is a great time to get some outside work done that has been left unfinished because of the cold weather and some snow. Definitely did not have much of that this winter! Hope everyone had a Happy Easter and start of Spring Break. Do not forget to get your special glasses for the Solar Eclipse!

The following are observances for the month of April: Spring Break March 29th – April 12th, April Fool's Day 1st, Autism Awareness Day 2nd, World Health Day 7th, Ramadan Ends 8th, **Total Solar Eclipse 8th**, Eid-Al-Fitr 9th & 10th, National Pet Day 11th, Tax Day 15th, **Earth Day 22nd**, Passover 22nd – 30th, Shakespeare Day and Full Moon (Pink) 23rd, Administrative Professionals Day 24th, and Arbor Day 26th.

Lake Flower News: Lake Flower residents are looking forward to enjoying the outdoors. Mother Nature keeps toying with everyone, one day warm and sunny, the next, cold, rainy, or snowy. Spring is not sure it wants to arrive yet. I have seen a couple of Canadian Geese on Lake Flower! The Lake Flower Apartments had no tenants move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of March.

Algonquin News: Annual recertifications are in progress. Failure to complete your annual recertification is a lease violation and subjects you to lease termination. New rents go into effect May 1, 2024. Reminder: Except when in their individual backyards, all pets must be on a lease when outside the buildings. Failure to do so is a violation of the Pet Policy. You must pick up after them and dispose of their feces in a proper receptacle. The Algonquin Apartments had no tenant move-out, and one tenant move-in during the month of March.

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.

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.

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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The newsletter is also available on the website:
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