



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

The Evolving Situation

As I write this on July 30, the pandemic and our lives vis a vis the pandemic are evolving – not in a positive direction. Here are data from either July 28 or July 29, depending on date of most recent information.

- ⇒ In the United States, new cases of COVID have increased 151% over the past fourteen days.
- ⇒ In the United States, new deaths due to COVID have increased 15% over the past fourteen days.
- ⇒ In New York State, on July 28, 103,159 people were tested; 2,567 tested positive. Positivity rate: 2.5%
- ⇒ In Franklin County, on July 28, 99 people were tested; two tested positive. Positivity rate: 2.0%
- ⇒ In Essex County, on July 28, 83 people were tested; one tested positive. Positivity rate: 1.2%

The public and private sectors are taking steps to further encourage the unvaccinated to get vaccinated:

- ⇒ All federal employees and contractors will be required to be vaccinated or submit to regular frequent testing.
- ⇒ In New York State:
 - Patient-facing healthcare workers at state-run hospitals are required to get vaccinated by Labor Day.
 - All state employees are required to get vaccinated by Labor Day or be tested weekly for COVID.
 - Local governments are being encouraged to require all employees to be vaccinated or submit to regular testing.
 - Several municipalities are requiring all workers to be vaccinated or submit to regular testing.
 - A number of private companies are mandating employees be vaccinated.

From the New York State website:

*All COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use in the United States have proven extremely effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. The effectiveness of the FDA-approved vaccines remains strong even against newer strains, including against variants of concern such as the Delta variant identified in India, also known as B.1.617.2. **Those who are unvaccinated have the greatest risk of becoming seriously ill, which is why the New York State Department of Health urges all eligible New Yorkers to get vaccinated as soon as they are able. GET THE JAB!***

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

While the pandemic may be slowing down, we still need to be careful and not think we are totally out of the water. Speaking of water, I got talked into replacing the old wooden swim platform at my mother-in-law's lake house. Did we really need to? No, but there were a few toe catchers, some splinters and some very large spiders, so I gave in. Didn't really have a choice because I hear divorces can be very expensive. I only had to pay for half of it so that's good.

My brother-in-law got the thing ordered and delivered. The only problem is: how do we get it into the water? This thing is like 12x12 and, although it was aluminum, we weren't just going to pick it up like he thought.

Facilities manager to the rescue! We're going old school. Some rigid pipes, a few boards, a jack and a chessy winch, and, of course, some very choice words. Finally get it to the water do some final assembly and then have to walk it along the rocky cliff shoreline to get it in place.

Now I have been in the water for about an hour with dungarees, a tee shirt and old work boots while negotiating the rocks. I'm a little fatigued, cause I'm in such great shape and sort of cold, but we are approaching Nirvana! And then, it happens. I'm scaling the rock face and holding the floating platform and then there is no foot hold under the water. Bloop, I'm now under the water. And now I have this strange feeling like hey I'm going down not up while I'm trying to tread water!! Being fully clothed with steel toed boots on is not the most ideal choice of swim wear! It takes a little more effort. I was ok but sometimes when we think things are all good we must also be prepared for when things are not so good.

So now, back to the pandemic. Just because I can go to Lalapalozza unmasked doesn't mean I should not be prepared for things to go bad. Let's all keep our heads above water. Sink or swim! Hey wasn't Nirvana at Lalapalooza years ago?

Here we go again.

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

Don't let the Summer disappear without seeing what our hometown has to offer. There are concerts on Wednesday evenings, the farmers' market, baseball games, art walks and nice walks along the river. The weather will be changing soon enough— so get out and enjoy.

There are openings for the Housing Choice Voucher program. If you know someone who is struggling to pay their rent have them give us a call at 518-891-3050 ext. 105.



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."

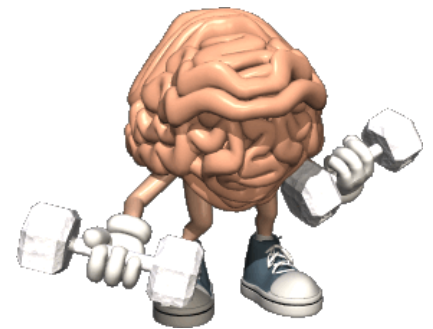
August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM
PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM
GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM

KEEP YOUR BRAIN SHARP!

- Question:** Find the three-digit number using the three clues below.
 - The number 682 shares one digit with the number, and it is correctly placed.
 - The number 614 shares one digit with the number, but it is wrongly placed.
 - The number 296 shares two digits with the number, but they are wrongly placed.
- Question:** Five sisters are busy. Ann is reading, Rose is cooking, Katie is playing chess, and Mary is doing laundry. What is the fifth sister doing?
- Question:** Guess the next three letters in the series GTNTL. These letters should be familiar if you think (or look) hard enough!



Answers:

1. 942 The first and second clues imply that the number 6 is not part of the final three-digit number. The third clue then implies that both 2 and 9 are part of the number—and since the number 2 in the first clue is already "correctly placed," that means that the number shared with the second clue can't be 1 and thusly has to be 4. Lastly, since we know that the number 9 is not the second number in the three-digit combo, we can assume that the number 4 is, making the final number 942.

2. Playing chess with Katie. You can't play chess by yourself, after all!

3. ITS. The complete sequence is the first letter of every word in the sentence. **G**uess **T**he **N**ext **T**hree **L**etters **I**n **T**he **S**eries!

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

It is hard to believe that August is here already! Ads are popping up all over for Back-to-School shopping. It is crazy to think that this year is already half over. The Housing Authority is still looking for a full-time maintenance worker. It has been sixteen months with only one maintenance worker and the facilities manager. Your patience is appreciated. If you know of anyone interested in employment, please have them visit our website www.harrietstownha.org or call the office at 518-891-3050 for more information.

Lake Flower News: The Housing Authority has purchased new park benches for the front of the building. Sadly, they won't arrive until fall. Also coming, a new outdoor handicap lift and new awnings. Hopefully, they will all be in place by the end of September.

Algonquin News: The lawns are looking great! Our new lawn contractor is doing a terrific job!! Please remember to have the children keep their toys picked up so as not to have them in the way of the mower. The trash situation seems to be a little better. There does not appear to be as much trash being left around the dumpsters. Thank you, it is much appreciated. With summer upon us, please be mindful of your neighbors and try to keep the "noise" down after 10:00 pm. There are a lot of small children that are trying to sleep and possibly some adults. If your older children are outside, please remind them as well. They should not be in the parking lots "playing" around the vehicles.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures, as we know what follows!!!!



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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