



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

August...say it ain't so. The summer is passing far more quickly than I'd like. I hope everyone is making the most of the long and warm days.

Regarding the HUD-mandated annual audit, the Housing Authority provided information to the auditor over the course of several weeks. In July, the auditor spent two days on site. The completed audit identifies no findings. This reflects both the board's and staff's careful attention to the tracking and use of all funds.

The fencing project at Algonquin has begun. At this writing, the fencing behind the 100 building has been removed. The contractor intends to install new fencing behind the 100 building and remove fencing behind the 200 and 300 buildings the week of July 25. As a reminder, all Algonquin residents are expected to move items in their backyards to the concrete pad and remove all dog feces. It is important to facilitate the contractor's work.

There is no news regarding the Lake Flower awnings. Installation is expected sometime before October 31.

I want to remind all residents of a lease provision; specifically, Section 16(l), that, reads:

LEASE TERMINATION BY LANDLORD:

The Landlord shall not terminate or refuse to renew the Lease other than for serious or repeated violation of material terms of the Lease, such as, but not limited to, the following:

- l. any activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other Residents or employees of the Authority;*

The words "any activity" cover a wide range of behaviors. Please keep this lease provision and its possible applications in mind as you live and interact with other residents as well as staff.

Thank you. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

Who knew?

In the vast artistic community that we all live in I found out that I'm an artist too!

Do I sing? No
Do I act? No
Do I sculpt? No

Well what do I do? It turns out I'm a painter!

Ok so what style do you work in you might say.

Impressionistic? No
Abstract? No
Photorealism? No

It's great at parties when someone asks me, oh I hear you're a painter. What are you currently working on? Like I have some studio or loft space with multiple works on display. And then I tell them that yes, I am in fact a painter and my current project is a massive undertaking and then they just walk away.

What? I really am a painter and my house is really taking a long time! I've also probably painted every apartment at the Lake Flower and Algonquin apartments!

My work doesn't hang from people's walls because my work is the people's walls. Moral of the story: Stay in school so somebody else can paint your house for lots of money.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



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

Any
Suggestions?

We are thinking about starting up some activities at the Lake Flower Apartments in the fall. As a resident, what would you like offered? There will be a suggestion box set up soon to collect your ideas.

Monthly birthday celebrations, coffee hour, book club, game night? Let's get some fresh ideas.

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 is
national
IMMUNIZATION
awareness month



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 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM	

Summer Word Search

S F L I P F L O P S I S L E P
 S U N S C R E E N A N U O S I
 A U N G U E S T H D O N V W C
 B N E G J O C E A N F S S I N
 A P O O L J U R Y S U H O M I
 R U G U S A T A E U N I H S C
 B M G C R E S A M A S N I U S
 E E N U F O N S U M M E R I P
 C M A A S T O H E T H I N T R
 U V A C A T I O N S R H L A I
 E R O B I L K R X J O I O U N
 I I N S E F I T S F U N P T K
 C A R E L A X S U L Y L O L L
 E J U N E A C F A M I L Y S E
 I C E P O P A H O T S R E L R



AUGUST
 BARBECUE
 BEACH
 FAMILY
 FLIP FLOPS
 FUN
 HOT
 ICE CREAM

ICE POP
 JULY
 JUNE
 OCEAN
 PICNIC
 POOL
 RELAX
 SHORTS

SPRINKLER
 SUMMER
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN
 SUNSHINE
 SWIMSUIT
 VACATION



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Riddle Word Puzzle

I have a neck,
but no head.

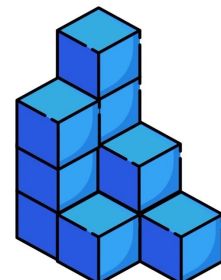
I have two arms,
but no hands.

What am I?

MindMelds

Answer: Shirt

**HOW MANY TOTAL
BLOCKS ARE THERE?**



mashupmath

Answer: 11

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Fourth of July. It is hard to believe that August is upon us already. I see the back-to-school ads already popping up! Good grief! County Fairs are in full swing. Lots of summer time activities in our local areas as well. Hope you are getting some time to enjoy them. Staff have been squeezing in some much-needed vacation time, hoping to catch some of the nice weather. Hope you are too!

Annual Recertifications: Residents of the both the Algonquin Apartments and the Lake Flower Apartments are mandated to complete an annual recertification. These are different than Interim Recertifications which are conducted when there is a change in income, family composition, etc. HUD mandates families living in Public Housing provide **current** and **accurate** information pertaining to income, assets, allowances and deductions, family composition and community service compliance as part of the reexamination process [24 CFR 960.259] on a yearly basis. Lake Flower Apartments are completed in February and Algonquin Apartments are completed in May. **Failure to complete the Annual Recertification process is grounds for lease termination.** It is imperative that tenants hand in all required documents in a timely fashion. Cooperation is most important.

Lake Flower News: We have no new information regarding the awnings. We patiently await their arrival and installation. The Lake Flower High-rise had no one move-in and no one move-out during the month of July. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

Algonquin News: The new backyard gate/fencing project has begun. If you can, please do not use your backyard until they have finished replacing the fence in your area. The crew is working on one building at a time. Currently the old fences behind the 100 building have been removed. If you have a dog, do not tie them up out back. Take them out on a leash and remain with them, and don't forget to clean-up after them too! We anticipate some transitions in tenants in August. The Algonquin Apartments had no one move-in and no one move-out during the month of July. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

Remember, a kind word goes a long way! Stay safe and have a great summer! Stay cool!



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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