



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

In recent months, the Housing Authority staff, Board of Commissioners, and Resident Advisory Board have been preparing the draft Five-Year Plan for years 2025-2029. The Five-Year Plan guides the Housing Authority in its administration and operations and includes the mission; goals and objectives; specific goals related to the Violence Against Women Act; a report on progress made during the last five years; and policies for both the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs.

In June, the Resident Advisory Board approved the draft Plan. In July, the Board of Commissioners approved the draft Plan. New York State determined the draft Plan complies with its housing plan. In the coming days, this draft Plan will be available for public review and comment.

The draft Plan will be available on the Housing Authority's website, www.harrietstownha.org, and in the Housing Authority's office. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9AM-1PM.

The Housing Authority is accepting written comments on the draft Plan up through Wednesday, September 18, 2024. There will be a public hearing on the draft Plan at 4pm, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the Lake Flower Apartments' second floor meeting room. At this hearing, both verbal and written comments will be accepted.

The Five-Year Plan, in addition to being approved by the Housing Authority, also requires HUD approval.

As the summer winds down, I encourage everyone to make the most of it. Go for walks, swim, bike....

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Are you ready to enjoy more summer?

Usually it's very busy here with tourists.

Great for the local businesses.

Unhappy are some locals as our little village has no parking.

Should we pave paradise and put up a parking lot?

To be determined with various plans in the works around town.

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

What are housing choice vouchers?

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's present residence. [Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety](#), as determined by the PHA.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

https://www.hud.gov/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8#hcv08

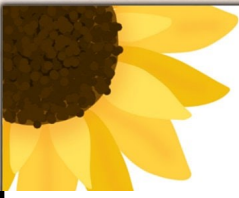
INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

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!

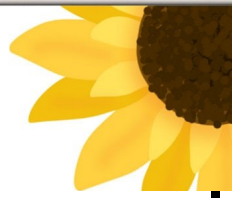
If you are interested in assistance, you should start the process of determining your eligibility. You can go onto our website to print out an application and either drop it off at the office or in the mail. you can also call us and have us mail you an application or stop by to pick up an application.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





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| <p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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Summer Word Scramble

- NEOSSA
- MUHDI
- IGKIHN
- NADLAS
- AONEC
- SCISTEN
- EBSE
- ISUDOTE
- CICPNI
- TPHA
- TEAGCTO
- RESRWIKFO
- ARLIT



Where do you learn to make ice cream?



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Wow, I cannot believe that some leaves are already changing. Fall, please do not be in a hurry to get here. The summer has been nice, and we want it to stick around a lot longer! There has been a lot of activity and music downtown and in the parks. I hope you have gotten to enjoy some of them. Traffic is bad, so be careful when driving or trying to cross the road.

The Housing Authority has two new resident commissioners: David Michael and Brian Connolly. Welcome aboard! We look forward to working with you. They have replaced Eugene O'Dell and Susan Steen. Thank you for your service to the Harrietstown Housing Authority.

The following are observances for the month of August: National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 4th, Franklin County Fair 4th – 11th, National Book Lover's Day 9th, National Bowling Day 10th, International Youth Day 12th, Adirondack Plein Air Festival 12th – 17th, National Left Handers' Day 13th, Essex County Fair 14th – 18th, National Relaxation Day 15th, Full Moon (Blue) 19th, National Senior Citizen's Day 21st, and Women's Equality Day 26th.

Lake Flower News: The Lake Flower Apartments is going to be getting a new air conditioning/heater unit installed in the Community Room. There will also be work being done to install two new propane tanks and remove one from the back of the building. The Lake Flower Apartments had two tenants move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of July.

Algonquin News: Tenants, please remember that if you want to get a pet, it must be pre-approved by the Housing Authority before bringing it into your home. Without the approval by the Executive Director, you are in violation of the Pet Policy/Lease. Failure to follow the Pet Policy subjects the tenant family to removal of the pet or lease termination. The Algonquin Apartments had one tenant family move-out, and no tenant families move-in during the month of July.

Reminder: Lake Flower Apartments and the Algonquin Apartments are non-smoking facilities. Smoking **of any kind** is not allowed in apartments, in yards, or anywhere on the property. This is a violation of the terms of the lease agreement.

Stay safe and be responsible!

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:
www.harrietstownha.org

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Emergency Call Number

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