



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

Give Yourself the Perfect Gift! A COVID Vaccine/Booster!

Did you know that everyone 18 years of age and older is now eligible for a COVID booster?! Here are some FAQs, courtesy of the Adirondack Health Institute:

I received the Pfizer vaccine. Do I need a booster, and if so, when?

Both the FDA and CDC approved a booster after six months or more after dose two.

I received the Moderna vaccine. Do I need a booster, and if so, when?

Both the FDA and CDC approved a booster after six months or more after dose two.

I received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Do I need a booster, and if so, when?

Both the FDA and CDC have recommended a J&J booster two or more months after the original dose.

Do I have to get the same vaccine for my booster as I got originally?

The FDA has approved a "Mix and Match" strategy for boosters. This means that a booster dose can be either of the three approved vaccines, regardless of the original vaccine received.

Even though we can "Mix and Match," is there any reason to prefer one over the other for my booster?

All the vaccines are considered safe and effective. But, to truly minimize the risk of some rare known side effects or truly maximize immunity, there are a few things you might consider.

- ⇒ Younger women are at the most risk of the rare bleeding complications of the J&J, so they may prefer Pfizer or Moderna.
- ⇒ Older teens and young adult men are at the most risk for the rare heart inflammation from Pfizer/Moderna, so they might prefer a J&J booster.
- ⇒ Boosting a J&J vaccine with Pfizer or Moderna seems to give stronger immunity than two J&J vaccines.

I am fully vaccinated but had a breakthrough infection. Do I need a booster?

There is no data on this yet. It is very likely that asymptomatic breakthrough infection works like a booster. It is probably not necessary to get a booster in that situation, but discuss with your physician if you have questions.

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

It's all a numbers game.

Anecdotally, the actual number of daily cases is twice the number reported.

What's the temperature outside? 13°F — Um that's -10.56°C about an hour north in O Canada.

Where did the DOW close at the end of trading? What's the DOW? A chemical company? An electrical contractor? DOW onto others?? Huh?

How many beverages are left in the fridge? Very important number!

How many plumbing fixtures (toilets, showers, sinks) is one maintenance worker responsible for at the Harriestown Housing Authority on a daily basis?

Answer: Rough estimate 454!!

How many apartment heaters are at the Algonquin?

Answer: Rough estimate 315!

How many other things is one maintenance person responsible for on a daily basis at the Harriestown Housing Authority?

Answer: Too many to fathom!!!

How many problems get fixed if the one maintenance worker isn't here?

Answer: ZERO

Give this sole worker a break. Yes, I'll have one of those beverages.

Happy Holidays!

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

**Warmest thoughts
and best wishes
for a wonderful Holiday
and a Happy New Year.**

EVERYDAY **POWER**

DON'T FORGET YOUR KEY!

When leaving your apartment, remember to grab your keys. You were issued two keys – one for your use and one for you to give to a friend or family member as a backup in the event you get locked out. Although there is an answering service to call if you are locked out during non-business hours, staff may not be able to respond for a couple hours. You should always contact the person with the spare key before contacting the answering service.



There is a \$35 lock out charge if a staff member has to let you in.

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."

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact us.



**HANDWASHING
AWARENESS MONTH**
DECEMBER



December 2021



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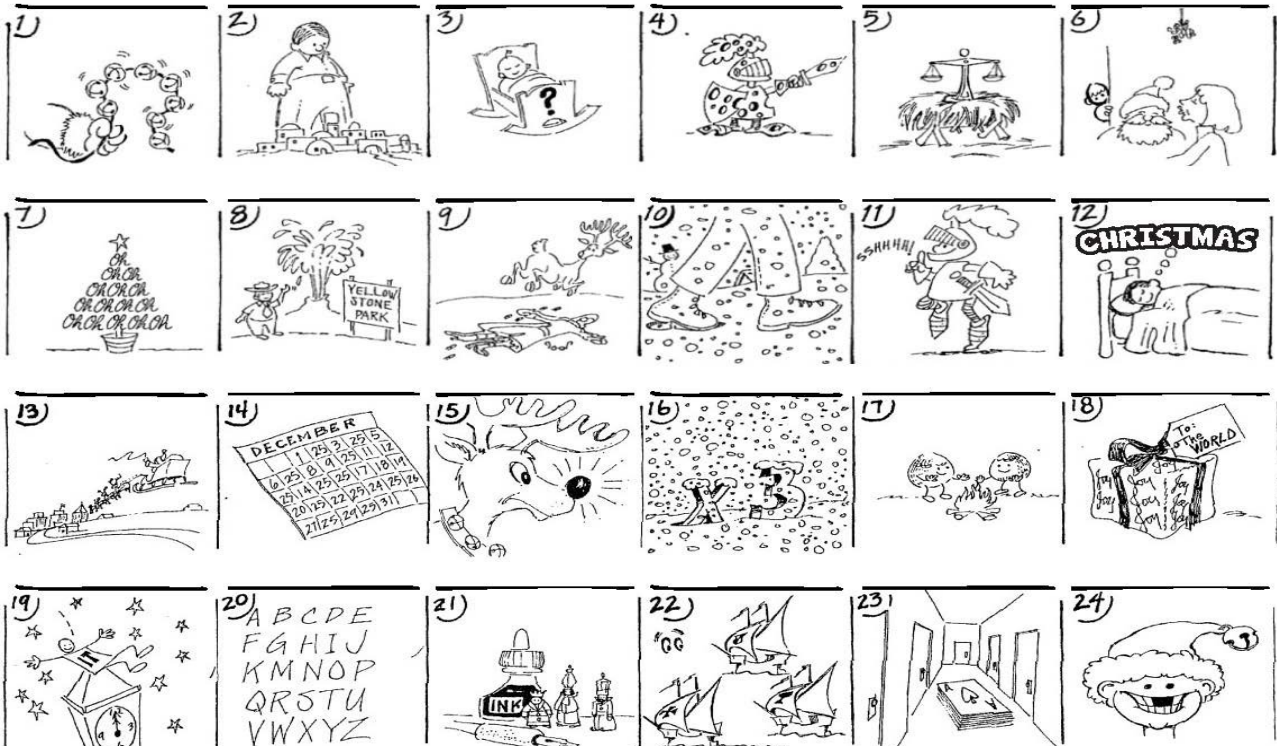
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<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15 HHA Board Meeting 4pm Via Zoom	16	17 CLOSED 12:00 PM staff holiday celebration FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!	18
19	20	DECEMBER 21 THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23 OFFICE CLOSING @ 11:30 AM	24 Office Closed	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
26 HAPPY KWANZAA	27	28	29	30 OFFICE CLOSING @ 11:30 AM	HAPPY NEW YEAR! OFFICES CLOSED.	

Guess the Christmas Carol



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Wow, it is already December! I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. Now, it is time to get ready for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the New Year. Dave and John are looking forward to the snow. NOT!! However, they have a brand-new plow truck to break in (not literally)!! The Housing Authority has not given up hope of finding a maintenance worker. If you know of anybody, please send them our way. The description and application can be found on our website at www.harrietstownha.org.

The office will be closed starting at 11:30am on Thursday, December 23rd and all-day Friday, December 24th and again starting at 11:30am on Thursday, December 30th and all-day Friday, December 31st in observance of the Holidays and the New Year. Happy Holidays everyone!!

Lake Flower News: Automatic doors will be installed on the outdoor lift on December 1st. The two park benches for the front of the building have finally arrived. Just in time to be stored away until Spring. We received word that the new awnings should be installed before Valentine's Day. The Lake Flower High-rise had two people move-out and one person move-in during the month of November.

Algonquin News: A new sewer line has been installed for the 100 and 200 buildings. Happy flushing!!! Remember, do not flush wipes (even if they say flushable), paper towels, cat litter, etc. down the toilet. Let us keep the pipe clear. Reminder: please keep your walkways clear of snow, ice, and any items blocking entry. It is important to keep them clear as your family and friends or perhaps delivery drivers may need entry. If you need sand to spread around, there is some in the sand shed in the lower parking lot. It is there for you to use. The Algonquin Apartments had one family move-out during the month of November.

**Happy Holidays!
Stay safe!**



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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We encourage those with access to e-mail to sign up for e-mail delivery of the monthly newsletter. To sign up, send a quick e-mail to kscriver@harrietstownha.org.

The newsletter is also available on the website:
www.harrietstownha.org