

## Happy Healthy Attitudes

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### PATRICK'S NEWS

As the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you. Your patience and cooperation during the recent inspections have been invaluable. We understand that inspections can be disruptive, and we deeply appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure our housing meets the highest standards of safety and quality.

As part of the NSPIRE inspection process, our maintenance team will soon begin addressing follow-up work orders identified during the inspections. You may receive notices regarding scheduled maintenance in your unit or common areas. We kindly ask for your continued cooperation to ensure these tasks are completed efficiently and in a timely manner.

From my office, I observed the installation of the Christmas tree in Riverside Park, a seamless blend of precision and festivity. Crews worked diligently, securing the towering centerpiece and carefully stringing it with lights. By evening, the tree stood as a striking symbol of the season, ready to inspire holiday cheer.

From all of us at Harrietstown Housing Authority, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, happiness, and community. Thank you for being a part of our Harrietstown Housing family.

Here's to a bright and hopeful 2025!



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#### HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## TID BITS FROM ERIK SCHUE

### Winter Weather Safety:

Tips for staying safe on slippery surfaces.

As we head into colder months, winter weather brings with it the risk of slippery surfaces. Whether you're walking from the parking lot, entering the building, or just walking down the sidewalks, it's important to stay vigilant and take extra precautions to prevent slips and falls. Ice and snow can create hazardous walking conditions that might not always be visible. Even a thin layer of ice can make surfaces dangerous.

Here are a few tips that can help:

1. **Wear proper footwear**- Make sure your shoes or boots have slip resistant soles. Avoid high heels or shoes with smooth soles.
2. **Take your time**— Taking shorter careful steps will help you maintain your balance and reduce your chances of falling. Always use handrails when provided.
3. **Stay alert to changing conditions**- Ice can form unexpectedly, especially in shaded areas, parking lots, or near entrances.
4. **Stay off sidewalks and stairs that haven't been shoveled and salted/ sanded.** If you do come across any icy or slippery areas near our facility, please report them to the maintenance staff right away.

Winter weather travel can have its challenges, but with caution and preparation we can minimize the risks of slips and falls. By staying alert, wearing the proper footwear, and taking extra time to walk safely we can help ensure that everyone stays safe this winter.

Stay safe out there! Erik

### 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](mailto: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



## 30 DAY DECLUTTERING CHALLENGE



1 Clean out and organize two kitchen cabinets.	2 Clean out refrigerator.	3 Clean out your freezer.	4 Organize spices and throw out old/expired ones.	5 Clear out one junk drawer.	6 Clean out your pantry.
7 Clean out purse and wallet.	8 Clean out makeup drawer/bag.	9 Clean out and organize two kitchen cabinets.	10 Clean out cars.	11 Clean out bathroom cabinets.	12 Clean out medicine cabinets.
13 Organize cleaning supplies.	14 Clean out kids' closets and donate clothes.	15 Clean out kids' drawers and donate clothes.	16 Clean out toy chests and donate gently used toys.	17 Clean out and organize two kitchen cabinets.	18 Clear out your nightstands.
19 Clear out and donate old books, DVDs and other media.	20 Clear out one junk drawer.	21 Go through old papers and mail.	22 Clean out adult closets and donate clothes.	23 Clean out adult drawers and donate clothes.	24 Go through old shoes and donate gently used items.
25 Go through accessories (purses, scarves, hats, etc.).	26 Clear off your desk or workspace.	27 Clean up computer. Unsubscribe from unwanted emails.	28 Organize the linen closet.	29 Clean out the laundry room.	30 Delete unwanted apps and photos off your phone.

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### AFTER-HOUR EMERGENCIES

All calls during non-work hours or when office is closed, should be placed to the number below. This includes any maintenance issues or lock outs.

**AFTER HOUR EMERGENCY**  
518-619-0720

Messages left on staff voicemails or the work order line during non-work hours will not be returned until the next business day.

### INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

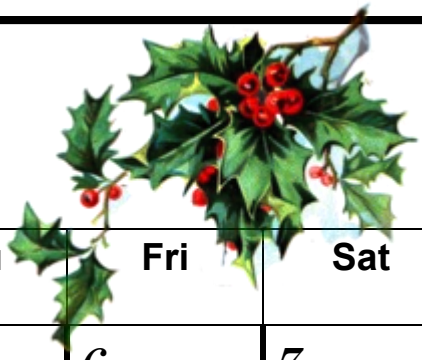
If you are not currently living in the Lake Flower high rise or Algonquin Apartments, and you are not currently participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, don't be shy!

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."



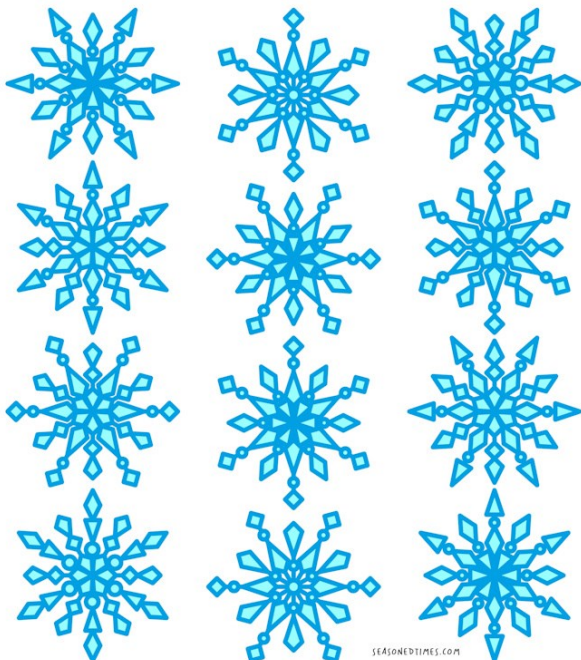
# DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 8-3 WIC Clinic	11	12	13	17
15	16	17	18 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	19	20	21  Happy First Day of Winter!
22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSING @ 11:30 AM	25  Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSING @ 11:30 AM		<b>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</b> <b>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</b> <b>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</b>		

## FIND THE MATCHING SNOWFLAKES

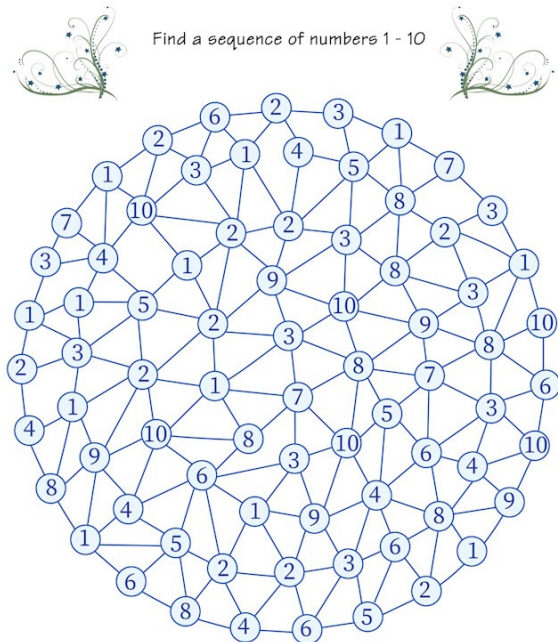
Match the identical snowflakes. View may be different.



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## FOLLOW THE NUMBERS

Find a sequence of numbers 1 - 10



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## RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2024 is coming to an end. We sure have had a lot of changes here at the Housing Authority. We said goodbye to Sarah Clarkin, Executive Director, and David Seigrist, Facilities Manager and welcomed Patrick Murphy and Erik Schue respectfully. The transition has been going quite smoothly. The staff are ready to see what is in store for 2025!

The following are observances for the month of December: National Christmas Lights Day and the First Sunday of Advent 1<sup>st</sup>, Cyber Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Giving Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, National Cookie Day 4<sup>th</sup>, Sparkle Village Craft Show 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7<sup>th</sup>, Green Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Lake Placid Holiday Village Stroll 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, Bill of Rights Day and Full Moon (Cold) 15<sup>th</sup>, National Twin Day 18<sup>th</sup>, National Ugly Sweater Day 20<sup>th</sup>, First Day of Winter 21<sup>st</sup>, Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup>, Hanukkah 25<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>, Kwanzaa 26<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>, National Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup>, National Call a Friend Day 28<sup>th</sup>, and New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The office will be closing at 11:30 am on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, and all-day Wednesday December 25, 2024 in observance of the Holiday Season and at 11:30 am on Tuesday December 31, 2024, and all-day January 1, 2025 to welcome in the New Year.**

**Lake Flower News:** The Lake Flower Apartments are working with a new company to get the front door access panel up and running. Hopefully, it will not be much longer. The Housing Authority is sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. The Lake Flower Apartments had zero tenants move-out, and zero tenants move-in during the month of November.

**Algonquin News:** Looking forward to seeing what the tenants come up with for decorations in December. Thank you to the families that make the Complex so festive and exciting. Remember to keep your walkways clear so that your packages can arrive safely and anyone else who may be visiting. The Algonquin Apartments had zero tenant families move-out, and zero tenant families move-in during the month of November.

**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.**

Be responsible, respectful of others, and be kind! Stay safe everyone!!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## 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.*

## Our Staff

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Tammy Burdt

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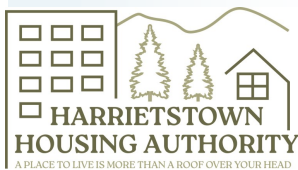
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**HHA Office Hours**  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Get the Newsletter Via E-Mail!

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](mailto:kscriver@harrietstownha.org).

The newsletter is also available on the website:  
[www.harrietstownha.org](http://www.harrietstownha.org)

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