



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

As the calendar turns to a new year, hope grows. Hope that, by the end of 2021, everyone will receive the vaccine; few people will get sick; and, no more will succumb to the virus that has ruled our lives for the past ten months.

There is a lot of excitement about the new vaccine. There are also a lot of questions about its rollout. Who will receive it when? A December 29, 2020 article in the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* stated:

Under the state's vaccine distribution plan, essential health care workers, EMS workers, and high-risk nursing home residents are the first to be eligible for coronavirus vaccines. Next to be vaccinated will be other first responders; teachers, school staff and child care providers; public health workers; high-risk people and essential front line workers who have regular contact with the public. Then vaccinations will be open to everyone over the age of 65 and those under the age of 65 with underlying conditions, then all other essential workers, then the general population.

To date, a few hundred thousand vaccines have been administered in New York. With roughly 19.45 million people in the state, it will take some time before enough vaccine has arrived and been distributed. So, the reality is this: it will take awhile before everyone gets a vaccine. The Housing Authority will do its best to share the latest information. The new few months are critical to our overall health and well-being. Please continue to wear face coverings, wash your hands, and practice safe distancing.

And, news flash! The days are getting longer!

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NOW IN EFFECT
**Masks are
mandatory in all
public spaces.**

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

A little slow start to the winter season. Just enough to make life miserable for the construction workers on the Lake Flower façade.

We did manage to squeak out a little snow for Christmas weekend. Maybe not quite a white Christmas Day as you need at least one inch of snow on the ground. Well not at my house anyway. We do need to keep in mind that the weather up here is always unpredictable. At times snow may not be removed right away as it can make surfaces more treacherous. Removal probably won't take place until at least 4 inches has fallen.



As we are running somewhat of a skeleton crew as far as staff—not all sidewalks will necessarily be cleared at all times. There are shovels around at the Lake Flower location that tenants may use to help out and there is a plethora of youth at the Algonquin apartments that can certainly expend some energy in helpful ways.

We should all enjoy the winter weather and get outside especially in these trying times.

A little cold wind and snow in the face and knowing that hot chocolate is at the end of the journey. That's what it's all about. Bring it on!

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



Happy New Year to ALL! May we all have a year full of positives.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Do something you love everyday.
2. Spend more time with family.
3. Learn a new language.
4. Quit smoking.
5. Do something just for you.
6. Get fit.
7. Drink less or quit drinking.
8. Give yourself credit when you deserve it.
9. Travel once Covid is done.
10. Strive to learn something new every day.
11. Get outside more.
12. Invest more in meaningful friendships.
13. Make a difference.
14. Start a new career.
15. Listen more than you talk.
16. Take up a new hobby or activity.
17. Get out of your comfort zone.
18. Decrease screen time.
19. Take yourself a little less seriously.
20. Relax!



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."

hello
2021

January 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM

PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM

GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM

					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLK JR. DAY OFFICE CLOSED	19	21 ^{HHA} Meeting via Zoom	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

New Years
WORD SCRAMBLE

BE THE FIRST TO UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS AND WIN!

- elrcntioeab
- sgalohrus
- blubyb
- hegrngia
- keraemoins
- olcck
- phyap
- rtpya
- rspkarels
- atsot
- arey
- ttriadno
- gaamhpen
- olbalsno
- ietm
- lutosenior
- dinihgtm
- teitnfoc
- mreerats
- iersmmeo

HAPPY
New
YEAR
2021

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday. It is hard to believe 2020 is gone. GOOD RIDDANCE!! Hello 2021!! I am hopeful for a more normal year or at least a better “new” normal. I would like to remind everyone that the Housing Authority has new office hours. They are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We are open through the regular lunch hour to accommodate who cannot make it before or after work. The Housing Authority is still searching for a maintenance worker. If you know of anyone with these skills looking for employment, please send them our way. There is only so much maintenance can do with limited staff and COVID preventive protocols. We have 78 units at the high-rise and 35 units at Algonquin. Thank you in advance for your patience on the completion of work orders. Right now, only work orders deemed emergency or urgent are being completed at this time.

Lake Flower News: The façade project is ongoing, much to the dismay of the tenants. I, personally, have just gotten used to it. The new completion date is said to be mid-January. Annual recertifications are underway. Please make sure you turned in all the required documentation for completion. We would like to thank the Office of the Aging for providing holiday gifts to our residents. Irene passed them out to the residents.

Algonquin News: Algonquin Apartments are still at full occupancy. We would like to thank Adirondack Health Foundation for their donation of holiday gifts to thirteen families. It is very much appreciated by all. On another note, you may have noticed some disabled vehicles have been removed from the parking lot. Remember, if you have a car in the lot, it must have a parking permit sticker. You can get one from the office by providing your driver's license, current registration, and current insurance. If you continue to leave your vehicle in the lot without a permit, you risk having your car towed away at your expense. This is part of your lease agreement. It seems that we are having several problems with the laundry room. Remember, it is there as a convenience to you, the tenants. If the tenants choose to not take care of it or allow their children in there unsupervised, destroying and vandalizing the new machines, you may risk losing the facilities altogether. Snow and ice are upon us for a while, please keep your walkways clear of ice, snow, and of course toys, scooter, bicycles, etc. Safety first! If you need sand for your walkways, you can find some in the sand shed in the lower parking lot. Help yourself. Let us start the new year out on a positive note. Enjoy the outdoors and make the best of it. Let us hope it doesn't get too cold out there!



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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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.

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

NOTE: NEW OFFICE HOURS