



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

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a safe and healthy year, one in which goals are reached and dreams are fulfilled.

As I write this in the closing days of 2021, the warnings of the coming Omicron wave are dire. Even though we are all tired of wearing masks and social distancing, we have to continue to do so. The Omicron variant is more transmissible than the Delta variant. We must be vigilant. Wearing masks and social distancing will help protect you, your family, and your friends.

I implore all who have not been vaccinated or boosted to get the shots. Getting vaccinated and boosted is the best protection against severe illness. In the early days of 2022, keep your eyes/ears open for the Housing Authority's incentive effort that will benefit those residents who have done so.

If you test positive for COVID, please comply with all requirements and stay in your apartment. If you need help with groceries or other necessities, call Irene at 518-891-3050 ext. 105.

Also as I write this, town court anticipates re-opening mid-January. If you are behind on your rent or your lease was terminated, now is the time to pay what you owe, enter into a repayment agreement, or look for a new place. Going to court is something to avoid.

Whatever your New Year's resolution(s), the website www.goskills.com has suggestions as to how to make them happen:



1. Mentally prepare for change
2. Set a goal that motivates you
3. Limit resolutions to a manageable amount
4. Be specific
5. Break up big goals into smaller goals
6. Write down your goals
7. Share your resolutions with others
8. Automate where possible
9. Review your resolution regularly
10. If you fall off track, get back on quickly

I wish you well!

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Jim Connolly (Chair)
- Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)
- Christine Conover
- Emily Fogarty
- Eugene O'Dell
- Dan Ruchkin



TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

Only if we paid attention to what's happening around the world.

Many countries prior to ours have seen numbers rise exponentially.

If we only can see what is heading our way.

Closed eyes and heads in the sand.

Remember how many people were sick and how many people died.

Only if we paid attention.

Now we wait and see.



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

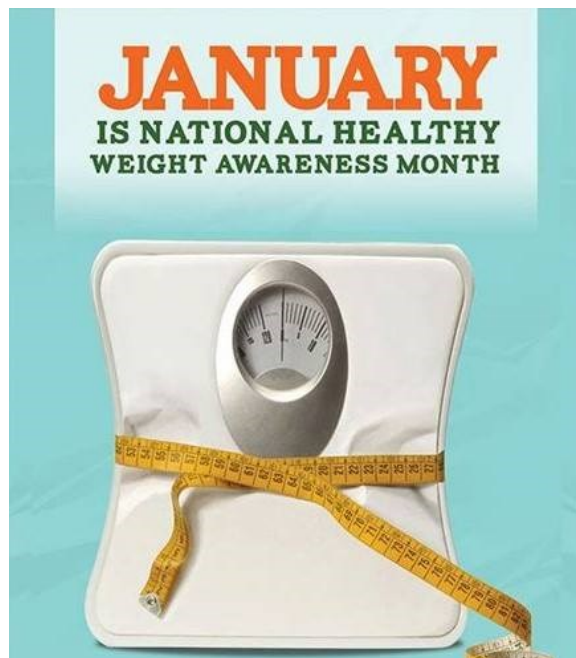
Requests deemed emergency are not subject to 24-hour prior notice to enter apartments

IRENE'S THOUGHTS



Cheers to the New Year! May we all enjoy a peaceful and safe new year.

We all need help from time to time. If you know someone struggling with their bills, have them get in touch with the Housing Authority. We may be able to relieve some of the stress of paying of rent.



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."



January 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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9	10	11	12	13	14	16
16	17	18	19 HHA Board Meeting 4pm Via Zoom	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31			<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>		

Puzzle Time

- 📅 January 71313
- 📅 February 82382
- 📅 March 53113
- 📅 April 54203
- 📅 May 35113
- 📅 June 46203
- 📅 July 47113
- 📅 August 68313

⚡ Find the number for September = ? 😞 😞

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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

So long 2021! Let us look at things getting a little brighter for 2022! I hope that everyone was able to spend time with family and friends safely over the holidays! It is hard to believe that the holidays have come and gone. The cold weather, snow, and ice are settling in. Let the winter sports and activities begin! Once again, and again, and again, the Housing Authority has not given up hope of finding a maintenance worker. We are still searching. So, if you know of anybody, please send them our way. The description and application can be located on our website at www.harrietstownha.org.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Lake Flower News: There are operating issues with the new outdoor lift. We hope to have all the kinks worked out with the dealer soon. It is hoped the new awnings are installed by spring. We shall see. The Lake Flower High-rise had one person move-in during the month of December.

Algonquin News: Please remember to keep your walkways clear of ice and snow. In addition, make sure the children's toys, sleds, etc. are not left out where they can be run over by cars, trucks, snowplows, snowblowers, etc. Children should not slide into the driveway. Please find alternate places to slide for their safety and yours. Be very mindful when driving in and out of the parking lot when children are out and about playing. The Algonquin Apartments had one family move-out during the month of December.

Let us be kind out there. Everyone is going through a lot during this pandemic. 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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www.harrietstownha.org