



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

Over the past few weeks, there has been a shift in pandemic-related behaviors in our area. With the lifting of most mandates in New York State, many of life's "normal" activities have returned. The same is true at the Housing Authority.

All staff have been on-site full-time a few weeks now. And, as of the lifting of the statewide mask mandate, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. For those who are not (yet) fully vaccinated, masks are strongly encouraged.

Normal day-to-day activities and operations are ramping up. Those work orders that were not addressed during the pandemic are being prioritized and will be resolved in the near future. All work orders will trigger a response from Housing Authority staff. The canine pest inspections are scheduled for early July. If you've not yet received a notice about this, you will soon. Also, we are working with a third-party provider to identify September or October dates for the annual unit inspections.

I am aware a lot of residents are curious about the re-opening of the Lake Flower and Algonquin community rooms. With everyone's safety our primary concern, we are thinking seriously about the best way to move forward and, in doing so, gathering information from other housing authorities. Stay tuned.

As we near what may be the end of the pandemic, I want to thank the Housing Authority staff - David, John, Tammy, Irene, and Kathy - for their commitment, hard work, flexibility, understanding, and resiliency during this incredibly challenging time. I also want to acknowledge the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners who served during this time for their support and understanding - Jim Connolly, Al Dunham, Emily Fogarty, Dan Ruchkin, Emma MacPherson, Peter Rogers, Eugene O'Dell, Rhonda Couwenhoven, and Christine Conover. Each of them has listened and responded in ways that enabled us to succeed.

With all of this said, I am all too aware risks remain. The Delta variant is concerning. Those who are vaccinated appear to be protected from this mutation. Please, if you have not yet been vaccinated, get vaccinated. If you need help finding locations and arranging transportation, reach out to Irene Snyder.

We are entering the height of summer. Fireworks are planned for the 4th. Enjoy!

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Emily Fogarty
Eugene O'Dell
Peter Rogers
Dan Ruchkin



TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Oh the glory of the music shuffle feature on your device of choice. They say that music soothes the savage beast (which isn't the original phrasing of the saying), and most times I leave music playing for my three savage beasts while I'm away.

But sometimes, even this beastly boy needs some brain freeing tunes. A while ago, I made the big mistake of telling my wife that I would take over responsibility for caring for the kitchen. What was I thinking!!? Commit to nothing! That's where the music comes in again.

I took that old I-pod I leave on for the dogs, put it on shuffle, and toiled away. All of a sudden, the former band weenie is hearing songs he never knew existed by artists he never ever wanted to hear again because of the one hit that makes you want to bang your head against the wall. Unless you are a headbanger, and then, that's ok.

Wow! A whole new appreciation for that lame artist. And look at all these other artists. Who knew? According to this thing, I now have 20 days of non stop music! That should be enough time to get this kitchen cleaned up!

Ok, now I don't ever want to hear another Beastie Boy song! Moral of the story... Just say no!! Unless someone says take this money.



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

philosophy

*"some of the best
memories are made
in flip flops."*

kellie elmore

It's a good time to get out and enjoy some of the local events- the Farmer's Market, Music on the Green and Baseball – to name a few.

Let's hope activities at the high-rise start up soon. Please share your ideas and/or ways you can help. Stop by my office, email me at isnyder@harriettstownha.org or call 518-891-3050 ext. 105.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 Canine Inspections LF	7 Canine Inspections ALG	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Fourth of July Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to write out the scrambled secret message.



ASTSET

ENDDEEPPNICN

DEARAP

LUEB

TENIUD

TWEHI

AEQTIULY

ERIRFKWOS

ARLANCDITEO

FDREOME

DER

ILBEYTR

RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM

PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM

GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM

THREE TIPS ON SUN SAFETY



July is national UV safety month! As you have fun in the sun, here are some tips on how to stay safe and protected from one of the leading causes of skin cancer.

Become sun smart!



Companies are selling "sunscreens pills," which may seem too good to be true. They are! This spring, the FDA published a warning against these products.



Know your risk. Some people are more prone to UV damage, including those with skin cancer in their family and with light eyes and skin that easily burns.



Always wear sunscreen when you're outside, and, when possible, find a shady spot and wear protective clothing and eyewear, too!

To read more about skin cancer, visit curetoday.com/tumor/skin

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Summer's here! Warm weather has arrived! It is so nice to be able to get outdoors and enjoy it! Hopefully, a lot of you will be able to take vacations, go camping, swimming, boating, etc. The Housing Authority is not requiring you to wear a mask if you are fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, please continue to wear your mask and social distance. The Housing Authority is still looking for a full-time maintenance worker. If you know of someone, please go to our website, www.harrietstownha.org or call the office at 518-891-3050, Ext. 107.

Lake Flower News: The façade project is complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday, June 24. Many local officials were in attendance. It is nice to see residents taking their lawn chairs outside, on the front lawn, and enjoying the weather. The Housing Authority will purchase park benches in the near future to replace the ones removed for the project. The Lake Flower High-rise will also be receiving a facelift in the form of new awnings. Hopefully, they will be in place by the time snow flies.

Algonquin News: The view at the Algonquin Apartments is looking much better. Two roll-off dumpsters were brought in to remove all the furniture and trash that had been tossed outside the dumpsters. Where does it all come from? In addition, the lawn contractor has been doing a very nice job keeping the common areas mowed. Please remember to keep the lawns picked-up and make sure to keep the sidewalks and parking lots clear of bicycles, skateboards, scooters, toys, etc.

Let's have a happy and safe Fourth of July!!



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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