

# 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

<u>New Lease</u>. The Board of Commissioners approved the newly revised lease and attachments at its June 21, 2023 meeting. If you haven't yet received the lease and attachments, you will shortly.

In addition to the revised lease and attachments, you receive a RIDER. All adult members of the household must complete and return the Rider to the office no later than **4pm**, **Friday**, **August 4**, **2023**.

Do not complete and return the lease! The revised lease and attachments will go into effect September 4, 2023. Failure to return the signed rider is mandatory grounds for termination of lease (24 CFR 966.4(1)(2)(iii)(E)).

Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is looking for new members! To be eligible, you must be a live in the Lake Flower Apartments or the Algonquin Apartments, or participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. As set forth in HUD regulations, the RAB's principal purpose is to make recommendations regarding, and suggested amendments/modifications to, the Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan. The next Five-Year Plan will be developed next year! A secondary purpose is to serve as liaisons between the Housing Authority and residents regarding news, issues, and/or concerns.

The RAB meets quarterly: in March, June, September, and December. Additional meetings may be held during the Five-Year Plan's development.

A typical meeting serves as a forum to share news of the Housing Authority and discuss any issues or concerns. Meetings typically start at 3:00pm and take no more than one hour. Meetings take place in the Lake Flower high-rise. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me.

Summer. Make the most of it!

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# HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rich Loeber (Chair)
Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)
Rachel Karp
Eugene O'Dell
Amy Oliveras
Susan Steen
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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

As July unfolds, bats take to flight, guardians of balance, hidden from sight.

Fireflies illuminate, enchanting the night,

Reminding us to protect nature's light.

Let's get out there and enjoy our place on earth!





# 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**



At Lake Flower Apartments we will be celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room at 1:00 p.m.. Come enjoy a nice picnic. \$2.00 per person and don't forget to sign up.

July 16<sup>th</sup> is National Ice Cream Day- We will celebrate on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with a make your own sundae social in the Community Room.

The Housing Choice Voucher/ Section 8 program has openings – if you know a family or individual in the Saranac Lake community who may be struggling to pay rent – have them give us a 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."



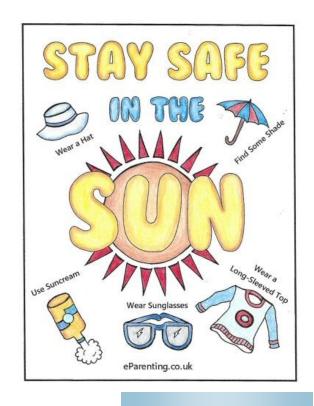


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# SUMMER WORD SCRAMBLE

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

School's Out For The Summer!! Let summertime activities begin! However, let us be mindful of our neighbors. Not everyone stays up late or gets up early!! Please keep the noise to a respectable level.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

The following are observances and events for the month of July: Canada Day 1st, Lake Placid Horse Show 1st & 2nd, Full Moon (Buck) 3rd, Independence Day 4th, I Love NY Horse Show 4th — 9th, Bastille Day 14th, National Ice Cream Day 16th, Ironman 23rd, and CanAm Rugby 28th — 30th.

Lake Flower News: Awnings? What Awnings? Yes, they are still on the horizon. Talks continue. I hope tenants are getting the chance to take advantage of the Farmer's Market and the music in the park. Lake Flower had one tenant move-in and one tenant pass away during the month of June.

Algonquin News: Once again I would like to remind residents to make sure your children are aware of the dangers of riding their bikes in the parking lot. Please watch for cars and supervise your children. Do not leave bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. on the walkways or in the parking lot. This is a safety concern. In addition, there have been "drawings" left on the brick walls of some apartments. This is not permitted, and it is the responsibility of the parents to make sure it is removed. The Algonquin apartments had two tenants move-in and zero tenants move-out during the month of June.

**Reminder**: Please make sure your rent is paid. If you are having difficulties, please call the office and set up a repayment agreement if necessary.

Stay Safe & Enjoy!!



## **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.

# **Our Staff**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Sarah A. Clarkin

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Tammy Burdt

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SPECIALIST RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

Irene Snyder

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#### ACCOUNT CLERK

Kathy Scriver



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

**After Hours Emergency Call Number** (518) 923-1082