



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 I write this, we're on the cusp of Memorial Day Weekend. As this holiday draws near, two things come to my mind immediately, those who died while serving our country and the Karner blue butterfly.



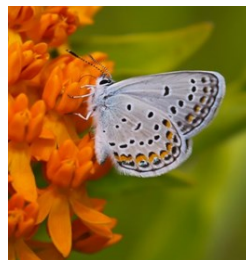
Memorial Day was first known as Decoration Day. In the years after the Civil War, Americans began to hold springtime ceremonies in honor of those who lost their lives while serving their country. People decorated their graves with flowers and recited prayers. In 1868, General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance. He said, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their

country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land." It became a federal holiday in 1971.

www.history.com

This is also an important time of year for the state- and federally-endangered Karner blue butterfly (KBB) as the first of two broods typically begins to appear. Today, these beautiful butterflies are found in just a few places in the country. We are lucky in that the largest eastern population of the butterfly is in Saratoga County.

The Karner blue butterfly depends on plants that thrive in sandy soils and savannah-like spaces. The butterfly's larvae feed on just one species, the native blue lupine (not the hybrid found here). The adults obtain nectar from a number of flowers including butterfly weed (seen in these photos), horsemint, and Jersey Tea. The butterfly's habitat has diminished significantly over the decades as development expanded and fires (caused by lightning strikes and trains) were suppressed. Today, a great deal of people power is invested in restoring and maintaining the open areas needed to sustain these plants. In some areas, controlled burns are undertaken to achieve this purpose. The brood appearing now lays eggs that will hatch in early July. That second brood will lay the eggs that hatch next May!



Before my career in housing, I spent twelve years working to save this butterfly and numerous state-threatened species, and educating people about their and their habitat's importance. Keep your eyes open for butterflies here. There is a blue butterfly flitting about Saranac Lake right now. That's the azure blue butterfly!

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NOW IN EFFECT
Masks are mandatory in all public spaces.

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Journey along the trail and leave with memories of mountain tops.

UV-protection is a must while ascending to new heights.

Nature abounds while the mind too has a chance to wander.

Exercise and outdoor air help to cleanse the soul and renew hope for the world.



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

Housing Choice Vouchers Fact Sheet

What Are Housing Choice Vouchers?

The Housing Choice Voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program. Housing Choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's present residence. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the PHA.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



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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*Masks & social distancing required.

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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Memorial Day weekend! Community events seem to be resuming, with more scheduled throughout the summer. There is a light at the end of this very dark tunnel! Please be careful in your travels, whether it be in a vehicle or on foot. There is a lot of road construction going on. The Housing Authority is still looking for a full-time/part-time maintenance worker. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please go to our website www.harriestownha.org or call the office at 518-891-3050 for details.

Lake Flower News: It is great to see a lot of the residents starting to get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. If you have not already noticed, the lilac tree out front is blossoming and some of the daffodils have come out. Staff at the Lake Flower High-rise will continue to wear face masks indoors, whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Residents are encouraged to do the same, as the vaccination status of all tenants and visitors is not certain.

Algonquin News: I would like to congratulate all the graduating seniors and wish them good luck in their future endeavors. It is hard to believe another school year has passed and summer vacation begins soon. Parents, please make sure your children are supervised when outside. Make sure they play on the playgrounds, backyards, etc. Do not let them play in the parking lots. There have been several incidents where vehicles are being scratched, dented, and damaged due to children playing between or riding their bikes between cars in the parking lot. Reminder: There are still a few residents who have not completed their annual recertification. Paperwork needs to be turned in A.S.A.P. This is a mandatory yearly requirement to remain qualified for housing at the Algonquin Apartment complex. Tenant vehicles must have parking permits. If you do not already have one, please stop by the office with your driver's license, registration, and insurance card, and one will be issued to you. Any tenant who does not have a parking permit on their vehicle risks having their vehicle towed at their expense. The Housing Authority has contracted with someone to mow the common lawn space. Residents are responsible for their backyards.

To all you dads out there, Happy Father's Day! Stay safe and have fun this summer.



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