



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

Forward steps, no matter how small, are forward steps. In recent weeks, the steps have been baby-sized. As March begins, I sense the steps are growing larger. The longer days help, no doubt. The increasing number of people who have received first and even second vaccines is tremendously uplifting.

I know our Resident Services Coordinator, Irene Snyder, has spoken with many of the residents in the high rise about getting vaccinated. She is available to assist anyone who needs help with scheduling and/or arranging transportation. Do not hesitate to reach out to her.

It is still critical that everyone wear a mask, practice safe distancing, and wash hands frequently. Thank you to everyone who has been vigilant in their efforts to protect family, friends, and neighbors.

Staff continue to operate in two bubbles. A number of factors, including staff's vaccination status, will enter into the decision when to pop the bubbles. The two-bubble approach, while difficult for everyone, has been necessary to ensure continued operations. I appreciate all staff have done to maximize protection efforts.

With the completion of the façade project, we take steps forward to begin the next projects. At this writing, a committee of staff and commissioners is reviewing proposals for a new security camera system at both the Lake Flower and Algonquin properties. Purchase and installation are anticipated this spring/summer. We also hope to replace the outside lift at Lake Flower this year.

March is the time when:

- ◆ We turn the clocks ahead!
- ◆ Spring begins!
- ◆ Baseball's spring training begins

I say hooray for all three!



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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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NOW IN EFFECT
Masks are mandatory in all public spaces.

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

As Adirondackers, we probably consider ourselves to be a hardy bunch. While this may be true, we cannot let our guard down.

Recent events in Texas should be a wake-up call, not only for us here within the blue line, but for all people in general.

While there are government agencies in place to respond to various disaster situations, one should not be complacent in thinking that all will be well without putting in any effort.

While a cell phone is a great tool it's not going to keep you warm or taste very good if you are hungry. We all need to be prepared to tough it out for at least 3 days in the event of any disaster.

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit> or <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/20200716/how-build-kit-emergencies> or <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html> to learn about what you and your family should have on hand to weather the storm so to speak.

Be Prepared. I have my extra can of SPAM at the ready. Big Medicine in Hawaii <https://www.spam.com/>

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



ARE YOU PREPARED AT HOME AND WORK?

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



STORAGE KITS

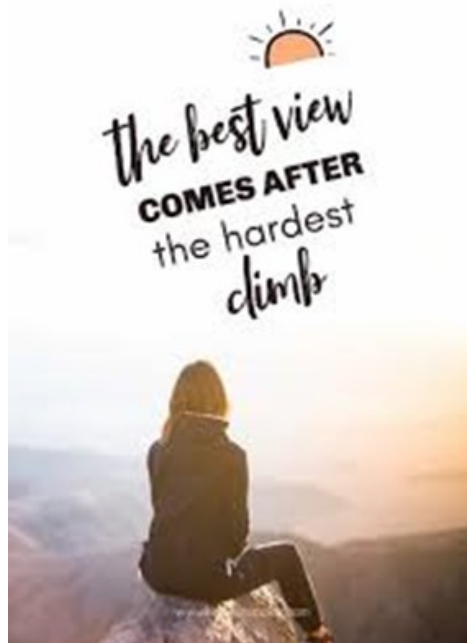


- Water
- Battery Radio
- Flashlight
- First Aid Supplies
- Duct Tape
- Medication
- Rope
- Canned Food
- Candles
- Matches
- Multi-Tool
- GMRS 2-Way Radio
- Permanent Marker
- Cash
- Bug Spray
- Basic Tools
- Batteries
- Board Games
- Word Searches
- Fire Extinguisher
- Blankets / Pillows

IRENE'S THOUGHTS

Don't forget to spring your clocks ahead one hour on March 14th.

I'm told the Saranac Lake businesses have been very generous with donations of food. Please do not hesitate to go to the Saranac Lake Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturdays from 10:00 am till noon. It's located across from Stewarts on Bloomingdale Ave. There are also some emergency supplies in my office if you are ever in need.



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."

Spring Word Search

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APRIL
BASEBALL
BLOOM
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CHICK
EASTER
EGGS

FLOWERS
GREEN
GROW
HATCH
JUNE
MARCH
MAY
NEST




PASSOVER
PUDDLE
RAINBOW
RAINCOAT
SEEDS
SHOWERS
SPRING
UMBRELLA



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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Fire Alarm Inspections LF & ALG					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17  HHA Meeting via Zoom	18	19	20 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28					<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>	



Joint Council for Economic Opportunity
of Clinton and Franklin Counties, Inc.

79 Canaras Ave, Door 17
Saranac Lake, NY 12983
(518)897-1446
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Services:
Food Pantry
Emergency Services
Medical Transportation Program
Energy Services
Information and Referrals

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED
CONTACT US**

If you need help with food for yourself and your family, the food pantry at JCEO is available 5 days a week. Contact them to make arrangements.



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Spring is right around the corner! Hopefully, temperatures will start to warm up and the snow will melt away. Before you know it, spring flowers will start popping out of the ground and spring birds will start chirping. Nice picture isn't it? Once again, I would like to remind everyone that the office hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Staff teams continue to work on an alternating work schedule.

Lake Flower News: I am happy to report that some of our residents have begun to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Please remember, this does not mean one can become lax in efforts to stop the spread of the virus. Wear your masks, keep your distance, and wash your hands often. Even if you have received the vaccine, you can still be a carrier and pass the virus along to others. The Housing Authority realizes that many people are experiencing cabin fever and tensions are running high. We are all in this together and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Hang in there!!! The annual fire alarm inspection will be held on March 1st and 2nd. Safety measures will be followed. On a much lighter note, I would like to share some good news! We have a new maintenance worker! Much to the relief of both David and John, our newest staff member will be reporting to work in March. See, things are looking up!

Algonquin News: Annual recertifications have begun. Please be sure to include all documents requested in the letter you received. If you have any questions, please call the office at 518-891-3050, extension 101 or email tburdt@harriestownha.org. Before you know it, the snow will be melting and everything you did not get a chance to put away last fall will start to reappear! Be sure to keep your yards and entryways clear of debris and to clean-up after your pets. Spring is usually the worst for this, and poop patrol is a must! The annual fire alarm inspection will be held on March 1st and 2nd. Safety measures will be followed. I would like to remind everyone that whenever there is a change in your income status, it must be reported to the Housing Authority. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sends us monthly reports identifying significant changes in income. Providing the Housing Authority with your correct income will save you from having to repay it in the future.

Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and remember to...



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

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HHA Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

After Hours Emergency Call Number
(518) 923-1082

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