



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 of April 27, the staff bubbles are burst. All staff are now permitted to be at the same place at the same time – masked and socially distant, of course. To celebrate this landmark day, staff received bottles of bubbles.

With the vaccine readily available, I encourage those who haven't yet received it to consider it. It will **FREE** you – to see those you haven't seen in a long time, to visit places you haven't been in the past year, to worry less about contracting the virus, and to eliminate all fear of getting very sick and dying from it. And, as of April 27, with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks outdoors if walking, running, hiking, or biking, either alone or with members of their households, and in small outdoor gatherings. Alas, indoors, everyone must still wear a mask, practice safe distancing, and wash hands!



If you are unsure how to get the vaccine, reach out to Irene. She will be more than happy to help you. I don't want to jinx it; but, we may be nearing the light at the end of the tunnel!

If the good news continues, we may resume responses to all work orders this month. Specified safety protocols will need to be followed or the work order will not be addressed. As I'm sure you can imagine, there is a backlog (or a backforest) of work orders. We remain short-staffed in the maintenance department. David and John are working hard but, obviously, cannot be everywhere at once. As I've written in previous newsletters, the demands are many. Patience, courtesy and respect are called for - now and always.

The project to install new security cameras is nearing completion. The effort to replace the outdoor lift is underway.

It's been a long winter. Spring is here. Get outside. Breathe.

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Connolly (Chair)
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NOW IN EFFECT
**Masks are
mandatory in all
public spaces.**

TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Yes, the Covid-19 pandemic is still with us and at disaster levels in other countries. The housing authority will remain diligent about following safety precautions in our daily activities.

Completion of work orders will start to pick up pace — other than those of an emergency type nature which are taken care of within 24 hours.

Specific health and safety protocols will be put forth for tenants. They need to be adhered to or the work will not be completed. Work orders will be scheduled such that all parties can be prepared to follow the protocols.

Since most tenants possess a cell phone, tenants will be contacted via text message for scheduling purposes. You must acknowledge these texts, or the work order will not be addressed. Those who do not have a cell phone will be contacted via other means.

Please keep in mind that the housing authority has one maintenance worker to take care of 113 apartments and prepare vacant units for rental.

The new normal is still evolving.

Enjoy the upcoming nice weather and maybe pick up a piece of trash.



SUBMITTING WORK ORDERS

No work will be performed without a proper work order request and compliance with Covid safety protocols.

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

IF you would like a Covid 19 vaccine and need help, please contact me and I can help. My e-mail is isnyder@harrietstownha.org and phone number is 518-891-3050 ext. 105.

We have openings for the Housing Choice Voucher/ Section 8 program. If you know someone living in the community or wanting to move to Saranac Lake who may need rental assistance, please have them call for an application.



Mother's Day Second Sunday of May

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LAUGHTER
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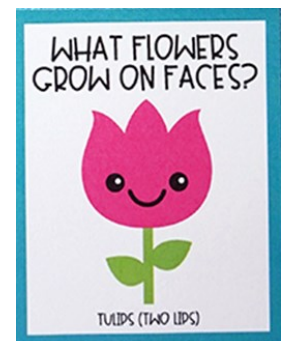
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INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?





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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16	17	18	19 HHA Meeting via Zoom	20	21	22
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30	31 OFFICE CLOSED 				<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>	



JCEO
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.



May is

Mental Health Awareness Month

1 in 4 people will suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year

**Break the Silence
Break the Stigma**

Not all pain is physical and not all wounds are visible

Out of the Ashes / FB

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Where did Spring go? I want it back! The trees are trying to bud, and some flowers are trying to sprout. All staff have returned to the office. Office hours are 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Please plan accordingly if you plan on coming down to the office. Appointments can also be made. The Housing Authority is still following CDC guidelines and asks that you wear a 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.

Lake Flower News: Murnane Construction has returned to the Lake Flower apartments to finish up some last-minute details and complete the landscaping associated with the façade project. It is nice to see a lot of the residents starting to get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air. This is always good after being couped up all Winter. Good for the mind, soul, and body. Most of the security cameras have been installed and have already come in handy. A few more will be installed in the coming weeks.

Algonquin News: Annual recertifications continue. If you are a resident of the Algonquin Apartments and have not turned in your annual paperwork, please do so immediately. Recertifications were due to be completed May 1, 2021. Failure to recertify is a violation of your lease. Several security cameras have been installed at the Algonquin Apartments complex. They are going to be very helpful to identify suspicious and/or malicious behavior. Remember, if you have a vehicle and do not possess an Algonquin Parking Permit, please let the front office know and turn in a copy of the required paperwork (driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance). Since Spring is here, please be sure to keep your front yards picked up and do not leave bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. laying around. Please keep all walkways clear of any hazards. Let us keep the apartments looking nice.

Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and remember social distance. Get out and enjoy the spring weather!! Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day!!



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

NOTE: OFFICE HOURS