



# 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

The word May has three letters; thus, I will share three things:

- LAKE FLOWER RESIDENTS: ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT LOCKING YOURSELF OUT AND HAVING TO PAY THE LOCK OUT FEE?** Worry no more! In coming weeks, key boxes will be installed outside each unit (once tenant signs paperwork). Each box will have a unique code. If a tenant is locked out of their apartment, they enter their code, open the box, use the spare key! Once the door is opened the spare key **MUST** be returned to the box. You will receive details in coming days! No more lock outs! No more lock out fees! HOO-RAY!!
- TENANT ELECTIONS ARE AROUND THE CORNER:** Ballots for the 2022 tenant election will be delivered/mailed Tuesday, May 10. This year, there are two candidates for two seats: Eugene O'Dell, a Public Housing program participant, and Susan Steen, a Housing Choice Voucher participant. Write-ins are also permitted. Ballots must be returned no later than 4pm, May 24. Please complete and return your ballot! The winners will serve a two-year term on the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.
- LAKE FLOWER HALLWAYS ARE NOT FOR STORAGE/DISPOSAL:** I continue to see (and get complaints) that items are being left on hallway tables and, at times, in the first floor lobby/hallway. While the intent is good – someone may like the item – it is unsightly and has possible health implications.

**PLEASE** – if you want to dispose of something, either dispose of it in the trash or ask Irene if she would like to hang onto it in the event someone may benefit from it. Staff and most residents do not want to encounter these things.

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### HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Connolly (Chair)  
Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)  
Christine Conover  
Emily Fogarty  
Eugene O'Dell  
Dan Ruchkin  
Chad Wilkes



## TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

### SO WHAT'S NEW?

The month of May is upon us and everyone is itching for some warmer weather.

It's time to clean up outside and make our sites look a little better.

We are still on the understaffed side in the maintenance department, so feel free to help get trash and other stuff into proper receptacles.

A fencing project is coming together at the Algonquin Apartments so tenants may want to empty out their back yards of unwanted junk.

Lake Flower will see new benches placed at the front of the building to enjoy views of the lake and park.

Irene's daffodils are actually blooming so keep a look out for those.

Hopefully the pandemic will go a little easier for all this spring, but you never know.

The word of the month is CHILL.

Facilities Manager OUT.



### 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](mailto: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



The Housing Choice Voucher program currently has openings for rental assistance. If you know of anyone struggling to pay their rent in Saranac Lake, please have them give us a call for an application or go to our website [www.harriestownha.org](http://www.harriestownha.org) and print one from there.

### 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!

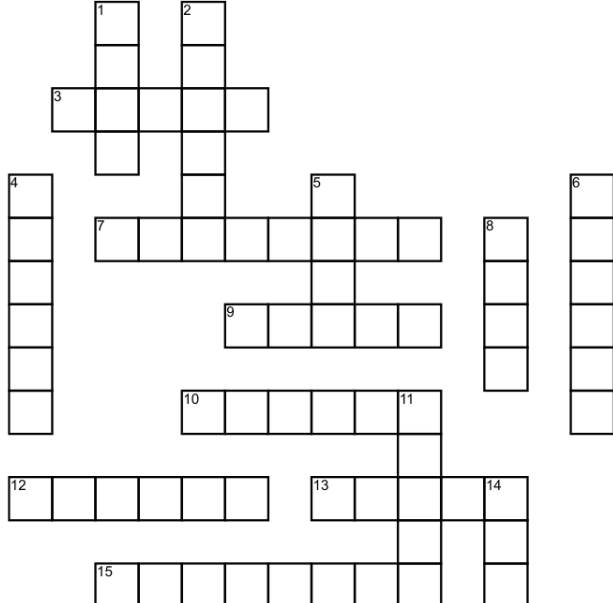
If you are interested in assistance, you should start the process of determining your eligibility. You can go onto our website to print out an application and either drop it off at the office or in the mail. you can also call us and have us mail you an application or stop by to pick up an application. 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."



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>RED:</b> ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM <b>PURPLE:</b> L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM <b>GREEN:</b> L.F. BOARD ROOM						
1	2	3	4 	5 	6 	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 HHA Meeting 4pm (via Zoom?)	19	20 	21 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 		31				



**Across**

3. round \_\_\_\_\_ or pretty bird

7. America's favorite past time

9. easter \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate \_\_\_\_\_

10. First spring flower

12. dutch bulbs

13. marshmallow treats at easter

15. cherry tree \_\_\_\_\_

**Down**

1. kermi the \_\_\_\_\_

2. little yellow furry animals

4. the opposite of fall

5. \_\_\_\_\_ maker or weather that you need an umbrella

6. Spring Holiday

8. color them at easter

11. you plant them in the garden

14. warms our day





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

Spring or not Spring? What does the weather tell us? Dress in layers! Cold mornings, warm or cold afternoons! Your guess is as good as mine. Ahhhh, Spring in the Adirondacks. At least we do not have to deal with bugs a little bit longer. Harrietstown staff continue to wear masks. Please be respectful of those that choose to continue to wear masks whether mandated or not. Coming up in May we have National Teacher's Day, Cinco de Mayo, National Nurses Day, Mother's Day, Endangered Species Days, Armed Forces Day, and, of course, Memorial Day. So, let us give a bid shout out of gratitude and appreciation for our Teachers, Nurses, Mothers, Armed Forces, and all active/inactive, wounded/fallen military service members.

The office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

If you know of anyone looking for employment in the maintenance field, please send them our way. The description and application can be located on our website at: [www.harrietstownha.org](http://www.harrietstownha.org).

**Lake Flower News:** New park benches will be installed soon and daffodils are beginning to resurface in front of the high-rise. The Lake Flower High-rise had one person move-out during the month of April. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

**Algonquin News:** Spring is here, and Spring clean-up should be on everyone's mind. It has been noticed there are several apartments that have accumulated a lot of "stuff" in their front yards. Let us be mindful of our units, and our neighbors, and keep them clean, not only for yourselves, but for visitors as well. The Algonquin Apartments had one family move-out during the month of April. Apartments continue to be worked on to make ready for those families on our wait list. Remember, a kind word goes a long way! Stay safe! Happy Mother's Day, and 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.*

## Our Staff

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sarah A. Clarkin

### HOUSING ASSISTANT

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### HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SPECIALIST RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

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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](mailto:kscriver@harrietstownha.org).

The newsletter is also available on the website:  
[www.harrietstownha.org](http://www.harrietstownha.org)