



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

It's been thirteen years since the last revision to the Housing Authority lease. It's time for a makeover! After a couple of years of moving between the front and back burners, a draft is prepared and being reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

Once the Board approves the draft, it will be distributed to all residents for review and comment. Residents will have a minimum of thirty days to provide comment on the proposed lease, including attachments. Following the comment period, the Board of Commissioners will consider all comments and determine if additional changes are warranted. Upon final approval by the Board, residents will receive sixty days' notice of the effective date.

Each household will have thirty days to accept the new lease. To accept the new lease, a rider must be signed. A resident's refusal to accept permissible and reasonable lease modifications that are made in accordance with HUD requirements, or are required by HUD, is grounds for termination of tenancy [24 CFR 966.4(1)(2)(iii)(E)].

Informational sessions will be scheduled during the thirty-day comment period at both the Lake Flower and Algonquin apartments. At these sessions, the more significant revisions will be identified and explained. These sessions are opportunities to learn about the proposed lease and ask questions.

It is anticipated that the new lease will go into effect late summer/early fall.

I hope you enjoy the month of May. New signs of the season appear daily – it's uplifting! Enjoy.



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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Many
Avian
Younglings

The world has gone to the birds!
Maybe winter is over.



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



MAY TO-DO LIST

Check every item on daily to-do list

Get your space organized

Reconnect with an old friend

Explore a new place or city

Make time for your passion

Smile more, worry less

OurMindfulLife.com



Lake Flower Residents-How does Saint Patrick's Day in May sound? We will be re-scheduling so watch the bulletin boards and find your green. We'll also be scheduling a pizza party.



I've noticed a lot of cigarette butts on the ground. Please use the "butt cans" or throw them in the garbage. Spring is a great time to clean up.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1		3	4	5 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		16	17 <small>HHA Board Meeting 4pm</small>	18	19	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28		30	31	<div> <p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p> </div>		

Find 10 differences.



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

April showers bring May flowers!! I certainly hope that's true. I do see some daffodils here and there, even a few dandelions. It is so nice to see the sand being swept up off the streets and people out doing yard work. I do believe that the Farmer's Market will be starting soon in Riverside Park. Maybe some tenants are doing some spring cleaning of their own. Remember that late fees will be applied to all rents not received by the 5th of the month. Late fee charges are based on 5% of the monthly rent amounts. Please be sure to pay on time. Now that the eviction moratorium is now over, tenants who fail to pay their rent risk termination.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. We would like to say thank you to all our service men and women who are currently service members, past service members, and to those who have given their lives for our country. God Bless you all!!



Several units were made ready for occupancy in the month of April. I would like to give a big shout out to the maintenance department (David Siegrist, John Burns, and Patrick Giblin) for their fine work. Also, a huge thank you to the volunteers from the Ecumenical Council, who have been donating their time to make units available too.

The following are observances for the month of May: May Day 1st, National Teacher's Day 2nd, Cinco de Mayo & the Full Moon (Flower) 5th, National Nurses Day 6th, World Migratory Bird Day 13th, Mother's Day 14th, Endangered Species Day 19th, NCCC Graduation & Armed Forces Day 20th, Paul Smith's College Graduation & National Waitstaff Day 21st, Victoria Day 22nd, National Scavenger Hunt Day 24th, Shavuot Begins 25th, Shavuot Ends 27th, and Memorial Day 29th.

Lake Flower News: Do not forget to take advantage of those nice new benches in the front of the building. How could you not enjoy the warm weather and a view of the beautiful lake and mountains surrounding us? There has been a lot of activity at the high-rise lately. Lake Flower had three tenants move-in and zero move-out during the month of April.

Algonquin News: Annual recertifications are still in progress for the Algonquin Apartments. The deadline was May 1, 2023. Failure to complete your annual recertification is a violation of the lease and the tenant(s) will be subject to termination. If you have not turned in your paperwork, do so immediately or risk termination for failure to comply with your lease. The Housing Authority is looking into repairing the parking lot. As you are all aware, there are several humps and bumps. The Algonquin apartments had one tenant move-in and zero move-out during the month of April.



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