



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 cold weather is beginning to settle in. I see a few people (John!) who persist in wearing shorts and t-shirts. Soon, though, they will resign themselves to long pants and outerwear.

The pandemic continues to impact our operations – the fun and the not-so-fun have been affected. Certainly, the lack of social activities has been disappointing. Ice cream socials, coffees, barbecues.... The cancellation of trick or treating was necessary but sad. Can I justify picking up a bag of candy bars? I'm sure going to try! I want to thank Irene for decorating the first floor of the Lake Flower high rise – spooky! "They're creepy and they're kooky...." A bit of trivia: the creator of the Addams Family, Charles Addams, was from my hometown; and, the house that inspired the Addams Family's house is in my hometown!

I've been told the much beloved Veterans' Day boards will be posted once the Halloween decorations are taken down and put away. If you and/or family is a veteran, please give Irene a photo to post!

After meeting with Irene a week or so ago, we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Harvest Dinner. We tried to come up with a way to pull it together while maintaining residents' and staff's safety – couldn't do it. Irene made me promise that, when safe, the Harvest Dinner will return. I promised! The Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs have been impacted by the pandemic. Both the federal and state governments have passed laws, and issued notices and orders that have helped or hindered implementation. One day at a time!

By the time November ends, the façade project should be complete! It's been difficult, I know. Thank you for your patience and adherence to requests. With the project behind us, we will regain some small sense of normalcy. As the weather grows consistently colder, more of us will be spending more time indoors. Please take all precautions – wear a mask, maintain your distance, wash your hands. Don't congregate. It's critical everyone do their part – for everyone's sake.

Thank you.

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Jim Connolly (Chair)
- Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)
- Emily Fogarty
- Emma MacPherson
- Dan Ruchkin
- Rhonda Couwenhoven
- Eugene O'Dell



TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

No major snow on the ground yet but it will be here soon. Once it arrives, all the winter activities will commence. While we all want to have fun in the snow, we need to remember to secure our winter toys after use. As snows continue to fall, sleds, snowboards, shovels, skis, and the like get buried and are not readily visible.

When the maintenance staff clears sidewalks and lots, many times, the above — named winter toys — are met with less than idyllic holiday greetings. The mechanized equipment used to clear areas can consume, say, a plastic sled and turn it into plastic confetti in the blink of an eye. We also ask that, while equipment is running, everyone stay away to prevent injury. While we do pay close attention to our surroundings, we do encounter snow and vehicle related blindness.

Depending on conditions, salt and/or sand will be spread on sidewalks and roadways for safety. Should you, as a resident of the Algonquin Apts., need any additional sand/salt mix, please feel free to take some from the sand shed.

Parking at both locations always becomes a challenge this time of year. Vehicles that are not within the relative boundaries of the parking area will be removed. R&L's impound fee is \$200 dollars cash. \$250 and up if you don't play nice.

Let's also remember our furry little friends. The cold weather can be hazardous to their health. Please keep them inside during the extreme weather and clean their outdoor areas often. It's much easier to dispose of their little presents when they are nice frozen treats.

Finally, as the holidays get closer, please be cautious when setting up light displays in and around your apartments. Electricity can be dangerous, and excessive lights concentrated in one place are a fire hazard. Let's all look forward to the winter weather.

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

November Daily Holidays and Observances

- ⇒ **November 4:** King Tut Day, Use Your Commonsense Day, International Stress Awareness Day (first Wednesday), National Candy Day, National Healthy Eating Day (first Wednesday), National Military Families Recognition Day
- ⇒ **November 5:** National Men Make Dinner Day (first Thursday)
- ⇒ **November 6:** National Saxophone Day, National Nacho Day
- ⇒ **November 7:** Book Lovers Day (first Saturday), International Merlot Day
- ⇒ **November 13:** Caregiver Appreciation Day, Sadie Hawkins Day, World Kindness Day
- ⇒ **November 14:** Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day, National American Teddy Bear Day, World Diabetes Day, National Spicy Guacamole Day, National Pickle Day
- ⇒ **November 15:** I Love to Write Day, National Philanthropy Day, America Recycles Day, National Clean Out Your Fridge Day
- ⇒ **November 16:** International Day of Tolerance, National Button Day, Have a Party with Your Bear Day, National Fast-Food Day
- ⇒ **November 17:** World Peace Day, Homemade Bread Day, National Take a Hike Day, Use Less Stuff Day (Thursday before Thanksgiving)
- ⇒ **November 24:** Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day, Evolution Day
- ⇒ **November 27:** Black Friday (day after Thanksgiving), Buy Nothing Day, You're Welcome Day (day after Thanksgiving)
- ⇒ **November 30:** Stay at Home Because You Are Well Day

Things feeling a bit overwhelmed with Co-vid 19, politics or just the day to day “stuff”, here are a few ways to break up your month. I see a few that I may celebrate, especially the 30th.

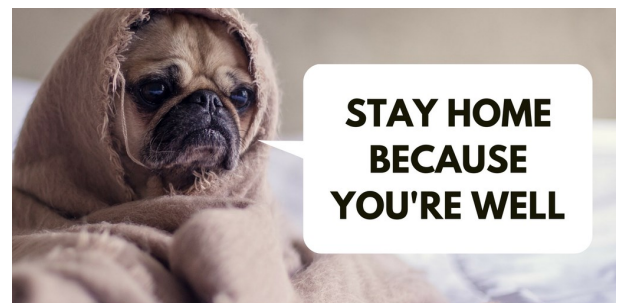
INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

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.”

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact us.



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ^{HHA} Meeting via Zoom	19 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30					

RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM

PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM

GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM



TURKEY JOKES

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day? Quack, Quack!


Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? He sensed fowl play.

What key has legs and can't open a door? A turkey.

Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had his own drumsticks.

Name: _____ Date: _____

A Thanksgiving Feast




DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the delicious Thanksgiving food in the grid. Look for the words in all directions including backwards and diagonally. What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?

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- GREEN BEANS
- MAC AND CHEESE
- MASHED POTATOES
- MINCEMEAT
- PEAS
- PECAN PIE
- PUMPKIN PIE
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- STUFFING
- SWEET POTATOES
- TURKEY
- YAMS

APPLE PIE	COLLARD GREENS
BISCUITS	CORNBREAD
BRUSSEL SPROUTS	CRANBERRY SAUCE
CASSEROLE	DRESSING
CHESTNUTS	GRAVY



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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Fall was here and now is gone! It goes by so fast, yet it is so beautiful up here in the mountains. With that being said, the cold nights and light snowfalls are not far behind. Make sure you have your ice scraper and snow shovel at the ready. Kathy Scriver continues to amaze us. Thank goodness we now have an Account Clerk. Thank you.

Lake Flower News: The façade project should be complete by Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not be holding our annual Harvest Dinner this year. We know the tenants at the high-rise look forward to it every year. We just want to keep tenants and staff happy, healthy, and safe. In addition, we look forward to a new couple moving in this month.

Algonquin News: Algonquin Apartments are now at full occupancy. Thank you to those tenants who have removed their disabled cars from the parking lot. There are still a couple left, but the Housing Authority continues to work on it to get them removed. **Reminder:** there is no parking in the fire lanes in front of the apartments. Thank you to all the tenants who are now in compliance. The fire department, garbage truck drivers, and school bus drivers thank you. In addition, I would like to remind the tenants that, with the colder temperatures upon us, please keep your walkways clear of ice, snow, and of course toys, scooter, bicycles, etc. Safety first! If you still do not have a Parking Permit for your car/truck, please stop by the office and pick one up. I will need a copy of your license, registration, and insurance card. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving .



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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