



# 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

A few of our log jams are showing signs of breaking!

Via an agreement with Citizen Advocates, we have a contract for some cleaning at the Lake Flower Apartments. Michael is on-site two days each week and vacuums hallways, takes out recyclables, cleans the elevators, cleans/mops the first floor hallway and restrooms. If you see Michael, say hello and thank him for all he's doing to make this a nicer/cleaner place to live and work.

Those who have been to the Lake Flower Apartments in the last week have seen the new outdoor lift. Hooray! Upon its installation, we realized it did not have automatic door openers. We have ordered them and hope they will be installed in the next few weeks. There has also been some forward motion regarding awnings for the Lake Flower Apartments' entrances. We received a quote (more than we thought but manageable) and have paid the deposit. A winter installation is anticipated.

Up at the Algonquin Apartments, we just replaced a section of sewer line. We did not anticipate doing this; but, it was necessary. We were fortunate in that the contractor could mobilize quickly and complete the project in a matter of days. Bids for new rear yard fences/gates at Algonquin are due November 4. The price of lumber and other supplies/materials along with labor shortages make this effort challenging. Depending on the bids received, we may need to go back out to bid late winter.

And, what would a newsletter these days be without mention of COVID? Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear masks whenever outside your apartment or indoors and with others. With the colder weather moving in and people spending more time indoors, it's critically important that we take steps to protect not only ourselves, but our families, friends and neighbors. If you have not been vaccinated, please make arrangements. If you have been vaccinated and are eligible for a booster, please make arrangements. If you have questions or need some assistance, please reach out to Irene.

...and remember! November 2 is Election Day!

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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Ah Yes! Another heating season has arrived. Time to batten down the hatches. Get out the warm clothes. And snuggle up with your animals. Yes I did use the word snuggle.

If you follow the news at all, other than what is up with the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, like I do, you may have heard that the cost of all forms of energy that we heat our homes with is going way up. Let's do our part to save some money.

Both of the housing authority properties heat primarily with electric baseboard heaters. Delivery of electricity isn't like propane/natural gas or fuel oil where a driver needs to show up at your house and dispense product. It's just there like magic. Unless, of course, weather takes down power lines or the grid is hacked by some 12 year old practicing their cybersecurity skills for a future lucrative position with the US government or probably Facebook. Any way here are a few tips, on how to maximize the heat produced via electric baseboard heat and keep that 12 year-old's computer running.

- ✱ Move furniture away from, and lift up, any window treatments well above the heater itself to promote air flow. Something called convection from science class is at work here.
- ✱ Close doors to individual rooms that are not in use. Set the thermostat in those rooms to 55 degrees such that they can be warmed up relatively quickly when needed. If it's a room that is rarely used turn the temp down to 45 degrees and save some money.
- ✱ Algonquin residents should consider hanging a sheet or blanket or other material at the bottom of their stairwell to keep warm air down in the main living area. Why pay for all that heat on the first floor just to have it go upstairs? Again, science: warm air rises. Just like a hot air balloon. Up, up and away.

Finally make use of that sweater you told your grandmother you loved as a gift, but would never wear out in the real world. Or just be like me and not care. Hey I'm warm and you're not and I have some extra money to order the large fries at that golden arch place. Not that I really go there. Ok, yes I do, but I'm warm doing it!

And remember to hug our little furry friends for warmth. It goes both ways! And save some money!

Disclaimer: No ugly sweaters were destroyed or regifted during or as a result of writing of this article. Yet.



## IRENE'S THOUGHTS



November 6<sup>th</sup> is "National Play Outside Day". Don't forget to celebrate! Then we turn the clocks back on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

We like to honor veterans by posting pictures of residents at Lake Flower Apartments and their family members who served. If you would like to add a picture, please bring it to Irene to add to the posters.

## 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.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR KEY!

When leaving your apartment, remember to grab your keys. You were issued two keys – one for your use and one for you to give to a friend or family member as a backup in the event you get locked out. Although there is an answering service, you can call to have a staff member unlock your door, staff may not be able to respond for a couple hours. You should always contact your friend or family member first before contacting the answering service.



There is a \$35 lock out charge if a staff member has to let you in.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16	17 HHA Board Meeting 4pm Via Zoom	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	 Closed Thursday & Friday HAPPY THANKSGIVING Have a wonderful holiday!		27
28 	29	30	<div> <div>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</div> <div>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</div> <div>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</div> </div>			

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## Thanksgiving Word Scramble

Unscramble the Thanksgiving words and then use the highlighted letters to form the secret message. You will have to unscramble the message as well.

Figure 1 displays a 10x10 grid representing the distribution of amino acid types across 10 protein sequences. The sequences are listed on the left, and the grid cells are colored white, orange, or black. The sequences are ordered by the number of orange cells, from top to bottom: ICUNROPKA (4), ETRSHVA (3), MEVRNOEB (2), ILIGPMR (3), KUTEYR (2), BCNERRRAY (3), YRAOMEFWL (4), TMLOPYUH (3), AYHLIOD (2), GWNMPAAAO (2), and INKPMUP (3).

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

Colder weather is upon us, and I am sure the snow is going to be flying soon. Start looking for your snow tires! The Housing Authority has a new plow truck, so we are all set! I bet David and John can't wait to get out and start using it! ☺ Get your shovels, ice melt, boots, jackets, and long-johns ready! We cannot complain, we have had a beautiful fall and some leaves are still trying to hang on. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween. Looking forward, we have Veterans Day and Thanksgiving coming up. A big shout out to our Veterans and enlisted soldiers. Thank you for what you have done, your sacrifices, and for what you continue to do for our country! God Bless America, the home of the free! Reminder: The Housing Authority is still looking for a maintenance worker. So, if you know of anybody, please send them our way. The description and application can be found on our website at [www.harriestownha.org](http://www.harriestownha.org). The office will be closed on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Lake Flower News:** A new, and much needed, outdoor lift has been installed out front. The Lake Flower High-rise had one person move-out and one person move-in during the month of October. We are anticipating some efficiency units being available in the near future. If you know of a single person looking for housing, please have them visit our website at [www.harriestownha.org](http://www.harriestownha.org), stop by the office, or call 518-891-3050, ext. 102 to request an application. Applications are subject to income eligibility and background checks.

**Algonquin News:** There has been a lot of digging going on at our Algonquin Apartments, particularly behind the 100 and 200 buildings. A new sewer line was installed. Thank you, P.M. Leary (Roto Rooter), for your quick and efficient service. The project went more smoothly than we had anticipated, and everything is moving swimmingly!!

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving! Stay safe!



### 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

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