



# 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

### INSPECTION:

The HUD-mandated annual inspection took place October 5 and 6. We did not do as well as we would have liked. The COVID years have taken their toll: understaffed; supply chain challenges; inability to enter units; etc. The results of the October inspection are not shared with HUD unless requested. The results do assist us in preparing for the **all-important** REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) inspection. The results of the REAC inspection play a significant role in determining how much money we receive from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **We are due for a REAC inspection before year's end.**

Over the coming days/weeks, staff will address the more serious causes of deductions. If the office calls to schedule work in a unit, please be as accommodating as possible. Remember, residents benefit from a good REAC score, too! While deductions can be attributed to the housing authority, they can also be attributed to residents. Some residents have received a letter outlining causes of deductions in their units. Please address these items.

It is likely staff will visit all units in the few weeks preceding the REAC inspection to identify any additional needed work.

As a reminder, please move all items that block access to doors and windows. And, please address all tripping hazards, i.e., cords across floors.

### COVID/FLU:

As I write this, news reports are warning of potentially serious COVID and flu outbreaks this fall/winter. As always, I encourage everyone to get vaccinated/boosted for both COVID and the flu. If you need assistance scheduling an appointment at one of the local pharmacies, please see Irene. She can assist you.

### HHA COMMISSIONER EMILY FOGARTY:

Long-time Commissioner Emily Fogarty stepped down from the board effective October 17. For 13 1/2 years, Emily has been unwavering in her dedication, compassion, and support. These words apply both to staff and residents. On behalf of the board and staff, I thank Emily and wish her all the best.

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### HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Connolly (Chair)  
Allen Dunham (Vice Chair)  
Eugene O'Dell  
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## TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

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 Apartments, 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 at owner's expense.

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](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

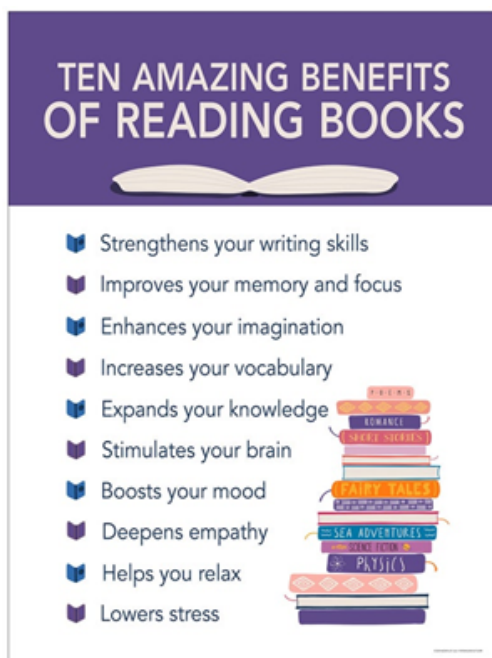
◇9:00am to 11:00 am, or

◇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 Community room has a great selection of books to borrow. It might be fun to start a book club with your friends and neighbors.



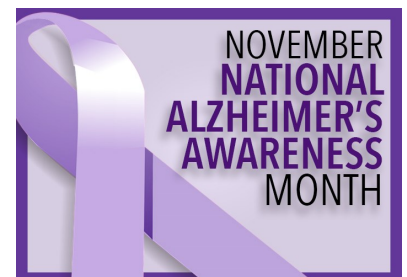
## INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

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

## 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	7	8 	9	10	CLOSED ON VETERANS DAY 	12
	14	15	16 HHA Board Meeting 4pm		18	19
20	21	22	23	CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING Have a Wonderful Holiday!		26
27	28	29	30	<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM</p> <p>GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>		



We are "Thankful" for Sudoku!

1	4				2	9		8
2			7	6			4	5
5				8	1	7		
	7	1			6		8	9
4			8	9			1	
	9					4	7	
9				7		3	2	1
6	5			1				7
	1	2		3	8		5	



Use the numbers 1-9 to solve the Thanksgiving Sudoku puzzle. Remember that no row, column or box may have the same number more than once.





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

I must say, 2022 is flying by! It is hard to believe it is November already. It was a beautiful fall, just did not last long enough! It is sad to see all the leaves blown away. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween. It is nice to see that some things appear normal, like all the children downtown trick-or-treating.

**Reminder:** As you may have noticed, court eviction proceedings have begun. If you are in default on your rent, it is best to make some arrangements for payment. If you don't, you are at risk of lease termination and court eviction.

The following are observances for the month of November: All Saint's Day 1<sup>st</sup>, Daylight Savings Time Ends 6<sup>th</sup>, Election Day and the Full "Beaver" Moon 8<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day 11<sup>th</sup>, World Kindness Day 13<sup>th</sup>, Great American Smokeout 17<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving 24<sup>th</sup>, Black Friday and Native American Heritage Day 25<sup>th</sup>, Small Business Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Advent 27<sup>th</sup>, Cyber Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Giving Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Sure is going to be a busy month.



We have a few reminders for the month of November. Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget to set your clocks back one hour. In addition, the office will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Lake Flower News:** As you were made aware of last month, the awning project will not happen as planned. Sarah Clarkin and David Siegrist are looking at alternatives. The Lake Flower High-rise had one tenant who passed away, two move-ins, one transfer and one move-out during the month of October. Maintenance staff continue to work on vacant apartments to make ready for future tenants.

**Algonquin News:** We would like to ask Algonquin tenants to please remember to keep walkways and front yards free of obstacles and safety hazards. In addition, if you have a vehicle that does not have an Algonquin Parking Permit sticker, please provide the necessary documents, and one will be issued. All tenants risk having their cars towed away at their expense if they do not follow the parking policy. The Algonquin Apartments had zero move-ins, one transfer, and one move-out during the month of October. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

Happy Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Holiday! Please travel with care!

## 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.



## 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

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### 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:  
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