



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 mandated annual inspection that occurred in late September was the first inspection under the new NSPIRE protocol. NSPIRE is an acronym for National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate. As mentioned in the June 2023 newsletter, under the NSPIRE protocol, scoring of units comprises 50% of the overall score. Scoring for inside and outside comprise 25% each of overall score. Tenants' care of their units, e.g., housekeeping and damages, will carry significant weight in scoring. As always, compliance with the housekeeping policy and reporting of damages are strongly advised.

The inspection was a learning experience. It HELPS US AND YOU prepare for the anticipated HUD inspection later this year. As a reminder, the lower the inspection score, the more often HUD conducts inspections. The more often HUD conducts inspections, the more often HUD representatives and staff enter your units.

Of the deficiencies in your control, the more common ones cited in this inspection included:

- Blocked Egress. There must be a safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel from any point in your unit to the outdoors. Inspectors look at paths through and to hallways, stairwells, bedrooms, and doorways. More specifically, points are deducted when (1) there is an obstructed means of egress; and (2) a sleeping room on the 3rd floor or below has an obstructed rescue opening. At Algonquin, in several units, furniture and/or other items blocked egress through a bedroom window or rear door. These items must be moved.
- Mold-Like Substance. Mold and mildew are most common in areas where there is potential water intrusion or captive moisture. Kitchens and bathrooms are two such areas. Please utilize fans to help remove moisture from these rooms. Please clean regularly to prevent the development and spread of mold and/or mildew.

As always, please call in work orders when something needs fixing or replacement. Inoperable sink stopper? Call in a work order. Leaky faucet? Call in a work order. Toilet not flushing? Call in a work order. We prioritize work orders – tackle the more serious issues first. So, if the work order is lower priority, it may take awhile to address. But, we know about it – and that's good. Come inspection time, if we get points deducted because we did not address a work order, that's our fault. On the other hand, if we get points deducted because you did not maintain clear egress or notify us of an issue needing attention, that's on you.

Our buildings and infrastructure are aging. Our facilities and maintenance team do their best to stay on top of it all.

Thank you for your part in preparing for the anticipated HUD inspection.

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

Now is the time to think about winter weather.

Obviously we will experience some snow events.

Varying conditions for travel should be expected.

Every vehicle should have snow tires.

Many people have studs too.

Blowing snow will hinder visibility.

Entering and exiting parking spaces should be done with caution.

Remember that winter weather is only about 8 months of the year in the Adirondacks.



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

How to Appreciate the Small Things in Life

1. Celebrate Small Achievements
2. Show Gratitude
3. One Good Thing (Name one good thing each day)
4. Spend More Time Outdoors
5. Slow Down
6. Focus On Now
7. Practice Positive Self-Talk
8. Indulge in Reminiscence
9. Don't Wait for "The Perfect" Moment!
10. Talk to a Loved One
11. Don't Wait for Happiness!
12. Look Good, Feel Great!!
13. Spend Time With Your Kids

To read more visit- <https://www.missteeapositive.com/blog/how-to-appreciate-the-little-things-in-life>



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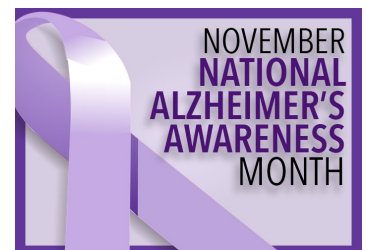
INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

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.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	6		8	9		11
12	13	14 8-3 WIC Clinic	15 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22			25
26	27	28 8-3 WIC Clinic	29	30	RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM	



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Cannot wait for those white crystals to fall from the sky!! I am surprised we have not seen any already. Hope you have the winter wear ready!!

The office will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day, and Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The following are observances and events for the month of November: All Saint's Day 1st, Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour) 5th, Election Day 7th, Veteran's Day observed 10th, Veteran's Day 11th, Word Kindness Day 13th, Great American Smokeout 16th, Thanksgiving 23rd, Native American Heritage Day and Black Friday 24th, Small Business Saturday 25th, Cyber Monday & Full Moon (Beaver) 27th, and Giving Tuesday 28th.

Lake Flower News: Reminder: there is no smoking under the awnings, even if it is raining or snowing. Smoking must be done off property. Annual re-examination letters have been mailed out. Please make sure to get in all your required documents before the December 8 deadline. Lake Flower had two tenants move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of October.

Algonquin News: PM Leary, Village of Saranac Lake Department of Public Works, and maintenance continue to work on resolving the storm sewer issue at the Algonquin Apartments. I am noticing some really nice fall decorations popping up. The Algonquin apartments had two tenants move-out, and no tenants move-in during the month of October.

REMINDER: Lake Flower Apartments and the Algonquin Apartments are non-smoking facilities. Smoking of any kind is not allowed in apartments, in yards, or anywhere on the property. This is a violation of the terms of the lease agreement.

Reminder: Please make sure your rent is paid. If you are having difficulties, please call the office and set up a repayment agreement if necessary.

Happy Veterans' Day and 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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