



Harrietstown Housing Authority

A Place to Live is more than a Roof over your Head

Happy Healthy Attitudes

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PATRICK'S NEWS

Happy November folks,

The leaves have fallen, and the seasons have begun to turn again. While we wait for the climate to figure out whether it wants to snow or climb temperatures into the 60s, the Housing Authority continues to move forward with more transitions. I'd like to welcome Erik Schue to the Housing Authority staff. He is the new Facilities Manager after David Siegrist's retirement last month. He has already proven himself eager and ready to jump into projects. Please join me in welcoming Erik. I know he will be a great resource and addition to the team.

As you all may have realized, our HUD REAC NSPIRE inspection did not occur. There was a scheduling issue with the inspection team. We apologize if this caused any inconvenience. However, have no fear, we aren't going to miss out on this. Erik will send out a notice as the time comes closer but, you heard it hear first, the make-up HUD NSPIRE inspection will occur on **November 8th**. Inspectors will arrive at the Lake Flower Apartments first thing in the morning and then move up to the Algonquin Apartments. Not all units will be inspected, however, we ask all to be prepared to allow Housing Authority staff and HUD REAC Inspectors access to your apartment on **November 8th**.

I'm not particularly looking forward to seeing snow fly. I'll have to put my bike away and give up the rail trail to the snowmobilers. I tried the new brewery in town, and it wasn't half bad. The place was busy.

Hope everyone has a happy and turkey filled Thanksgiving!

Patrick

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TID BITS FROM ERIK SCHUE

Hello Everyone!



I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Maintenance Supervisor at the Harrietstown Housing Authority.

Having deep roots and a special connection to Saranac Lake, it feels wonderful to be serving our community in this role. While I already know many of you from around town, I look forward to meeting those I haven't had the pleasure to meet yet.

Please don't hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself when you see me around the complex. I know I have some big shoes to fill, but thankfully, I already have a good crew to work with and help train me.

I'm committed to ensuring our facilities are well-maintained and that all residents feel comfortable in their homes. I look forward to working with, and for, all of you here at the Housing Authority!

See you around,

Erik

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

CAN I MOVE AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ASSISTANCE?

A family's housing needs change over time with changes in family size, job locations, and for other reasons. The housing choice voucher program is designed to allow families to move without the loss of housing assistance. Moves are permissible as long as the family notifies the PHA ahead of time, terminates its existing lease within the lease provisions, and finds acceptable alternate housing.

Under the voucher program, new voucher-holders may choose a unit anywhere in the United States if the family lived in the jurisdiction of the PHA issuing the voucher when the family applied for assistance. Those new voucher-holders not living in the jurisdiction of the PHA at the time the family applied for housing assistance must initially lease a unit within that jurisdiction for the first twelve months of assistance. A family that wishes to move to another PHA's jurisdiction must consult with the PHA that currently administers its housing assistance to verify the procedures for moving.

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."





NOVEMBER 2024

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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

I hope everyone had a safe, happy, and spooky Halloween. Many activities were happening around the community. Thank you to all the committees, business owners, volunteers, etc. that make this happen. This is what makes our Village special. Do not forget that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd and the clocks need to be set back 1 hour. We saw our first snowfall, gearing us up for what lies ahead; colder temperatures, ice, higher heating bills, treacherous driving, etc.

So many new changes are happening here at the Harriestown Housing Authority. In addition to Sarah Clarkin retiring, so has David Seigrist, our Facilities Manager. I will miss his camaraderie and quick wit. I would like to wish Sarah and her husband and David and his wife all the best in their retirement adventures. It was a pleasure working with them and they will be dearly missed. That being said, out with the old; in with the new. I would like to welcome Patrick Murphy, our new Executive Director, and Erik Schue, our new Facilities Manager. Welcome to the team! I look forward to working with them. The staff will be adjusting to some different, “younger” management styles, hope us “older,” or should I say, “seasoned” staff can keep up. Know that we are all here to assist in whatever needs to be done.

The REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) HUD inspection that was scheduled for October 21, 2024, has been rescheduled for November 8, 2024. Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

The following are observances for the month of November: All Saints Day 1st, Daylight Savings Time Ends 3rd, Election Day 5th, Veteran’s Day 11th, World Kindness Day 13th, Full Moon (Beaver) 15th, Great American Smokeout 21st, Thanksgiving 28th, Black Friday and Native American Heritage Day 29th, and Small Business Saturday 30th.

The office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veteran’s Day and November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Lake Flower News: The Lake Flower Apartments have received two new 500-gallon propane tanks, these are replacing the one 500-gallon tank used as the fuel source for our generators. The Lake Flower Apartments had no tenant move-out, and one tenant moved-in during the month of October.

Algonquin News: Thank you to the families for putting out Halloween decorations. It always makes the complex look so much more inviting. The Algonquin Apartments had one tenant family move-out, and no tenant families 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.

Happy Veteran’s Day, Election Day, and Thanksgiving to all. Be responsible, respectful of others, and be kind! Stay safe everyone!!

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.

If a tenant declines any regularly scheduled inspections and/or preventive treatments, the tenant is responsible for the full cost of any treatment of any subsequent infestation that occurs in the next six calendar months.

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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Get the Newsletter Via E-Mail!

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The newsletter is also available on the website:
www.harrietstownha.org

After Hours

Emergency Call Number

(518) 619-0720