



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

First things first: We are fully staffed! For the first time since March of 2020, the Housing Authority has a full complement of staff in the Facilities/Maintenance Department! We're all overjoyed! Welcome back, John! You've been missed!

Of great importance: You all received notices that annual inspections are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7. These inspections are mandated by US HUD; submitting to them is part of your lease. The Housing Authority is well within its rights to terminate the lease of anyone who does not comply. As stated in the notice, a claim of COVID must be backed up with documentation of a positive test within the last ten days.

OK; next. As the saying goes, "Into each life some rain must fall."

Before I share the rain, let's call it a downpour, know that no one is more upset (ok, angry) than I. Deep breath: We are back to square one with the Lake Flower awnings. *[Insert hair pulling, contorted facial expressions, increased heart rate, one or two screams.]* After over a year of hearing excuses and delays, the company informed us that the project, for them, was not feasible. The Housing Authority immediately terminated the contract; all payments will be returned. We are exploring options and hope to have a plan soon. One thing is clear: the current design makes replacement very difficult.



Another rainstorm is impacting us as well. Those who live at the Algonquin Apartments have certainly noticed the problems with the areas of the parking lot/access road. Like the awnings, we are exploring options and hope to have a plan soon. In the interim, maintenance staff will take steps to mitigate hazards.

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

Of the 12 months of the year this is my favorite.

Colder temperatures to sleep by.

Twittering leaves on the trees.

Outside projects to finish before the snow flies.

Birds gathering food for the winter ahead.

Evenings coming much quicker than before.

Renewal of the planet on the way after a needed rest.

Have you had your Cancer Screenings this year?

Free Cancer Screenings Available:

Clinical Breast Exam

Pap Test

Mammogram

Colorectal (FIT) Test or Colonoscopy

(depending on risk status)

Eligibility:

Women who are 40–64 years old without health insurance.

Men who are 50–64 years old without health insurance.

If positive results are found, coverage for cancer treatment is available to individuals who qualify.

It's easy to enroll. Just give us a call.

518-354-7621

Northeastern NY

Cancer Services Program

Your partner for cancer screening, support and information

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

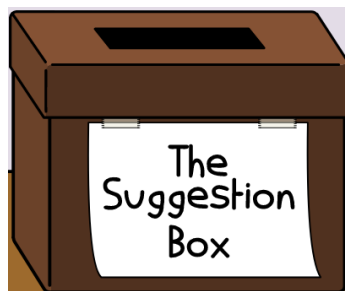
IRENE'S THOUGHTS



With the Community room now open, there will be activities. Be sure to watch the bulletin boards for announcements. Many of the suggestions received so far have been about meals. Hopefully,

we can get a schedule together and serve a meal at least once a month. If the weather cooperates, I hope to plan a cookout for sometime in October.

Suggestions are still welcome. They can be placed in the suggestion box located on the end table across from the elevators on the first floor.



INTERESTED IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE?



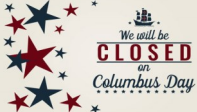



If you are not currently living in the Lake Flower high rise or Algonquin Apartments, and you are not currently participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, don't be shy!

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."





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RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM						
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30	31 	CLEANING OF EXTERIOR WINDOWS AT LAKE FLOWER				

Spot 15 differences



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Fall has officially arrived and so have the cooler temperatures. Also arriving is John Burns, who has been away on leave. Welcome back John! We are now back to full staff!! The children are back in school and, I hope, adjusting well. Leaves are changing in the beautiful Adirondacks. Watch out for leaf peeping tourists in your travels; they seem to stop on a dime to take in the view! I have seen a couple of posts of moose sightings, too! If you are driving, please be careful. There are wild animals crossing our highways. The following are observances for the month of October: Yom Kippur 4th & 5th, World Smile Day 7th, Full Moon 9th, Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day 10th, National Stop Bullying Day 12th, Boss's Day 16th, National Make a Difference Day 22nd, National Pumpkin Day 26th, and Halloween 31st. The office will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022, in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Lake Flower News: The Lake Flower Community Room is now open for use by the tenants of the Lake Flower high-rise. Irene Snyder and Sarah Clarkin held a little social to get things started. The Housing Authority asks tenants not to place items and furniture in the hallways. It becomes very unsightly and represents a potential health and security hazard. The Lake Flower High-rise had zero move-ins and five move-outs during the month of September. Maintenance will be working to make ready the vacated apartments for future tenants.

Algonquin News: The new backyard gate/fencing project is complete; but, there are still a few items that need to be attended to. We have already had reports of children climbing the fences! Parents, we ask that you talk to your children about not climbing on the new fences. They are there for your personal space and you want them to stay looking nice and free from damage. Watch out for the "little" potholes forming in the parking lots. Maintenance has placed orange pylons for easy recognition until they can be filled. I have noticed some nice Fall and Halloween decorations. They look great. Thank you for making the apartments warm and welcoming. The Algonquin Apartments had zero move-ins, one transfer, and one move-out during the month of September. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy. Happy Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend and have a safe and Happy Halloween!

I hear they are having downtown trick-or-treating this year!!



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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