



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

Thinking globally, it seems there are not enough people working to do the things that need to be done. In the unlikely event people are available, It seems there are not enough materials/supplies to do the work that needs to be done.

Things are no different here at the Housing Authority. Everyone knows we are short-staffed. Help us spread the word that a maintenance position is open! It's a Civil Service position, part of the New York State Retirement System, and has good benefits. The application is available on our website or in the front office.

At the **Lake Flower Apartments:**

- ◆ Awnings - After reaching out to four companies multiple times last spring, one finally responded. We have been talking with them since April. A rep visited in late June. We still await a quote and plans.
- ◆ Benches - These were ordered for the front of the building. We were told it would be 14-16 weeks before they ship.
- ◆ Outside Lift - An order was placed and a deposit paid in early May. We were told it would arrive in 3-4 weeks. Still no word.

At the **Algonquin Apartments:**

- ◆ Fencing/Gates -The architecture/engineering firm prepared plans. They advised against moving forward because of the shortage and price of lumber. We still hope to go out to bid this summer/fall to see what happens.

I thank the staff for their dedication, resiliency, and almost ever-present good humor. It hasn't been easy. It isn't easy. Thank goodness for vacation days – the opportunity to restore oneself.

I ask residents for patience and understanding.

And, for the health and safety of everyone, please wear a mask when indoors and not in your apartment. This goes for everyone – vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Thank you.

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

Did you know that the date” the 21st of September in the song “September” by the group Earth, Wind & Fire means nothing?

That’s right — no significance whatsoever! It just sounded the best when writing the song. Why do I “remember” that and why do I know anything about Earth, Wind & Fire?

Well, of course, it has to do with a girl!!

Dudes were into bands like AC/DC, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin and, if you were really cool, Rush.

Girls, at least where I was from, liked Hall and Oates, Seals and Crofts, Orleans and, of course, Earth, Wind & Fire. If you wanted to be with “That” girl you had better be willing to listen to what a guy would call Alternative music!

Well I know all those sappy songs and the others by the cool rockers of the time. I saw “Yes” in Colt Park in Hartford, Connecticut, well before it became the murder capital of the world but I don’t “remember” that. All I remember is it wasn’t the 21st of September.

Let’s all remember to enjoy each day of September as winter is right around the corner.



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

The winter clothing forms have been mailed to residents of Algonquin Apartments. If you haven't returned the completed form, do it quickly. It's a great program for the kids.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS FACT SHEET

What are housing choice vouchers?

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's present residence. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the PHA.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. Under certain circumstances, if authorized by the PHA, a family may use its voucher to purchase a modest home.

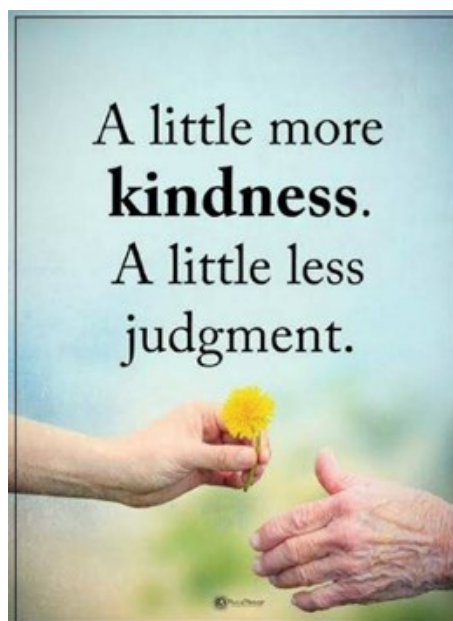
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/about/fact_sheet

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."



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closes @ 11am-Staff Development	2	3	4
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED 	7 	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15 HHA Board Meeting 4pm via Zoom	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
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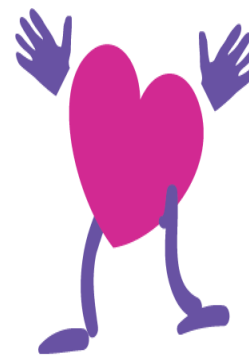
Back to School

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G	P	L	A	Y	G	R	O	U	N	D	Z	G

BOOKS	PAPER	TEACHER
DESK	PENCIL	WRITING
ERASER	PLAYGROUND	
GLUE	READING	
LUNCHBOX	RECESS	
MATH	RULER	
NOTEBOOK	STUDENT	



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SEPTEMBER IS
SELF ♥ CARE
AWARENESS
MONTH

FALL JOKES

Q: What did one autumn leaf say to another?
 A: I'm falling for you.

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
 A: With a pumpkin patch



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

It is sad to see that COVID cases are creeping up again in our region. If you have not been vaccinated, please reconsider, for your health and safety and the health and safety of others. There are employment opportunities everywhere you look, but no one seems to be applying. Businesses are having to reduce their hours or even close extra days of the week, just to make do. The Housing Authority, itself, is having a hard time finding a maintenance worker. It has been one and a half years with only one maintenance worker and the facilities manager. We ask that the tenants remember this when placing their work orders. Maintenance is doing the best that they can considering they have 113 units and two properties to maintain. Your patience is appreciated. If you know of anyone interested in employment, please have them visit our website www.harrietstownha.org or call the office at 518-891-3050 for more information.

Lake Flower News: Several purchases have been made for improvements at the Lake Flower high-rise: a new outdoor handicap lift which should be installed soon, new awnings we hope to have installed this fall, and park benches for the front of the high-rise. Unfortunately, these are on backorder, and we are not certain when they will be arriving. We have had a few people move out and our maintenance team is doing their best to try and make-ready the units for new tenants.

Algonquin News: It is Back-To-School time! I bet the children are ready to go back to school! Or not! Good luck and have a great school year. With that in mind, remember to watch out for stopped school buses and **do not park in front of the apartments or in the fire lanes.** Bus drivers must safely pick-up and drop-off your children. Recently, I sent out a notice regarding children riding their bicycles, scooters, etc. in the parking lots. There have been several complaints of dings, dents, and scratches on vehicles due to children riding in and around the vehicles. Please remind your children to stay away from the vehicles. It is you, the parent, and your insurance company, that will be responsible when damages occur. The dumpster areas have been looking much better lately. Thank you for those who are following the letter sent out by the Housing Authority regarding the trash.

Happy Labor Day! 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.

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