



Harrietstown Housing Authority

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Happy Healthy Attitudes

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SARAH'S NEWS



LAKE FLOWER COMMUNITY ROOM REOPENS NOON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!

It's been 2 ½ years since we closed the community room in an effort to safeguard everyone's health. Oh, the changes we've experienced. Oh, the things we've learned. Oh, the terminology we've grown accustomed to using. Oh, the challenges we've faced ... and continue to

face. We've been conservative about reopening the community room; it's for the same reason we closed it – our interest in safeguarding everyone's health to the extent possible. It is our expectation that those who use the community room will keep some distance be-

tween themselves and others. Washing hands is also wise. While it is not necessary to wear a mask, it's always a good idea.

To recognize and celebrate the reopening of the community room, there will be an informal get-together at 2pm, Wednesday, September 14. All Lake Flower residents are welcome. There is no cost.

The Activities Committee, long dormant, will be reactivated. We'll talk about this on the 14th. If you're unable to make the get-together on the 14th and have an interest in being on the committee, reach out to Irene. She can provide you with information about the committee's mission, member responsibilities, and qualifications. A suggestion box for activities is on Irene's desk.

In September, we transition from summer to fall. For most of us, that means changes in our daily lives. As for the daily life of the Housing Authority, I'm hopeful we'll have the entire staff back and working by September's end. It's been almost as long as the pandemic that we've not had seven staff on-site and working at the same time. My fingers are crossed. Enjoy the month!

HELP US, HELP YOU

If you witness or are involved in an event or interaction that you believe violates the lease, you should notify HHA office staff. Provide as many details as you can including exact date(s) and time(s) incidents occurred. As you know, there are security cameras inside and outside Lake Flower high rise, and in the community building and outside at Algonquin. Video footage is the most accurate way to verify information provided. Knowing the exact date/time an incident occurred allows staff to review the footage in an efficient and timely fashion. Staff are not watching video feeds at all times. Decisions cannot be made based on a he said/she said situation. Help us help you in resolving issues by getting us the information we need to address issues efficiently and appropriately.

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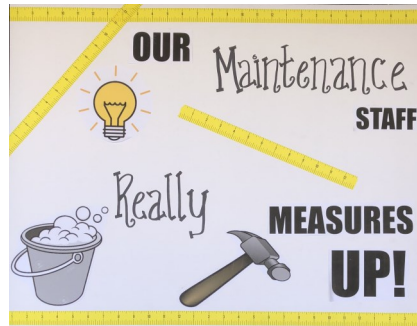


TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

Wow , a fast month of rain, heat, and humidity has come and gone. September will hopefully be a little more seasonal for everyone to enjoy.

Maintenance is scrambling to prepare apartments for rental and doing a fine job. It's a lot of work for one guy right now and it's a balancing act. Circus experience looks good on a job application.

Every day is something new and we tackle all challenges head on. Let the Maintenance Department know how they are doing because, let's face it, without them things come quickly to a halt.



The fencing project at the Algonquin complex is moving along nicely. Not much new at the Lake Flower apartments other than the usual crazy pace.

While I've said it before, any help residents can give us keeping miscellaneous trash picked up helps a lot. These places are your homes and we want them to look as good as do you, the tenant.

Fewer non-recyclables have been placed in the recycling bins at the Algonquin and we thank you. I personally am glad to see how much we do recycle and praise those who are so diligent to keep recyclables out of the landfill. Together, we can keep our complexes looking good and running efficiently.

Time to head back to school and we hope all have had great summer vacation and are looking forward to hitting the books again.

Trust me school will be over before you know it and the real world will be at your feet. Just look before you leap. It can be a long way down. Did anyone pack my backup chute?

See you next month.

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 clothes form went out this week to all qualifying families at Algonquin Apartments. If you live at Algonquin and have children 13 and under, don't forget to send your form back to receive a gift card for new winter clothes.

COMMUNITY ROOM RE-OPENING CELEBRATION

Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 14
12:00 Noon

All Lake Flower Residents Welcome

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.

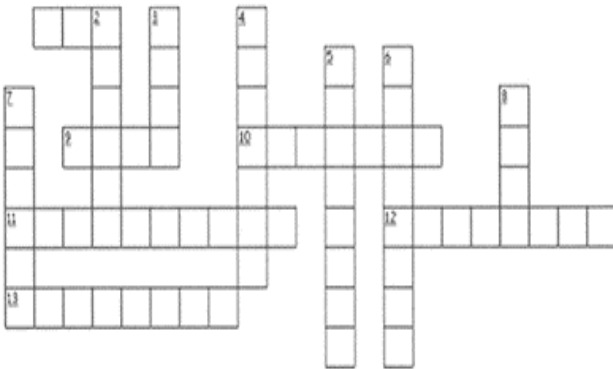
You must be at least 18 years old, and a United States citizen or a non-citizen who has eligible immigration status. Single persons are eligible, as well as households with or without children. HUD commonly refers to a household as a "family," so don't let that term confuse you. A "family" consists of one or more persons, and having children is not required to be considered



SEPTEMBER IS
SELF ♥ CARE
AWARENESS
MONTH

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM				1	2	3
4	5 We will be CLOSED TO OBSERVE Labor Day	6 BACK TO SCHOOL 	7	8	9	10
11	12 Noon Com-munity Room Reopens	13	14 2 pm—Community Room Get Together	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Down

- A glossy red, or occasionally yellow, pulpy, edible fruit that is eaten as a vegetable or in a salad.
- What tenants pay to landlord on a monthly basis
- A place fit to live in, HHA provides this type of housing
- The state of being free from danger or threat
- A listener or person who conducts an audit
- A person who rents property from a landlord
- a covering for part of your face that protects others from diseases

Across

- A domestic animal kept for companionship
- A strong open vehicle with two or four wheels typically used to carry a load
- A pear shaped fruit with a rough leathery skin, smooth oily edible flesh, and a large stone.
- Inexpensive, reasonably priced housing
- Expressing gratitude for what you have
- Someone who has an aptitude or skill, like our staff at HHA.

TOMATO AVOCADO SALAD

BY BAREFOOT CONTESSA



Ingredients

- ¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice,
- 2 firm, ripe Hass avocados
- 2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes, halved through the stem
- ½ cup medium-diced red onion
- Good olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 ounces baby arugula

Pour ¼ cup of the lemon juice into a mixing bowl. Cut the avocados in half, remove the pit, peel them (or scoop them out with a spoon), and cut in ½-inch dice. Immediately add the avocados to the lemon juice and toss carefully. Add the cherry tomatoes and red onion and toss again. In a small glass measuring cup, whisk together the remaining 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, ¼ cup olive oil, ½ teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper. Pour enough of the vinaigrette over the tomato and avocado mixture to moisten completely. Add the arugula, add more vinaigrette, sprinkle with 1½ teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon pepper, and toss well. Taste for seasonings (you want the salad well seasoned!) and serve at room temperature.

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RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Hopefully, everyone has been having a wonderful summer. Hard to believe it is over and fall is in the air. On my daily commute, I have noticed the leaves starting to change already. Ugh!!! School starts on September 6th. Who is happier to go back to school? The children, or the parents watching their little ones get on the bus? Why do our summers have to go by so fast? We get some warm weather and poof it is gone! The following are observances in the month of September: National Wildlife Day: the 4th, Labor Day: the 5th, Full Moon: the 10th, Patriot Day & National Grandparent's Day: the 11th, Constitution Day: the 17th, First Day of Autumn, the 22nd, Rosh Hashanah: the 25th – 27th, and National Coffee Day: the 29th. The office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

Lake Flower News: We are still *patiently* awaiting the arrival and installation of the new awnings. The latest report is by October 31, 2022. We will have to wait and see. Maintenance is working quite diligently on making units available for occupancy. Lately, the apartments have been left in need of a lot of repairs, making it twice as long to turn over. In addition, tenants have been leaving their unwanted furniture in the hallways. If there is something you need to dispose of, please contact the maintenance department for the proper removal. Do not assume that someone else will want it. This creates a safety hazard in the hallways and is unsightly. The Lake Flower High-rise had two move-ins and no one move-out during the month of August.

Algonquin News: The new backyard gate/fencing project continues. Tenants, please remember not to park in the fire lanes. With the start of school, there is going to be a lot more traffic; bus drivers need to drive through the lot. In addition, do not leave children unsupervised. This is in the lease and when children are left unsupervised, things can happen. We anticipate two transfers in the month of September. Once again, the vacated apartments have been left in need of a lot of repairs. It is taking twice as long to turn over units. The Algonquin Apartments had no one move-in and no one move-out during the month of August. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

Watch out and pay attention to the school buses! Never pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights!!! Remember, a kind word goes a long way!



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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