



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

We are getting new awnings at the Lake Flower Apartments – not a moment too soon! After an unfortunate experience with the previous contractor, we have signed an agreement with a new contractor. Awnings will be replaced this fall. The color? Burgundy.

At Algonquin, the problem(s) with the storm sewer will be assessed and repaired in coming weeks.

For both projects, we will strive to keep everyone updated. There will be some short-term inconvenience to permit the work and protect residents and visitors.

Onto another topic:

In various media outlets, words we'd rather not see or say are returning: COVID, RSV, and flu. As fall/winter near, the volume will become louder. With similar symptoms for all three, it is important to exercise care.

- ⇒ **COVID.** While numbers are low, data for Franklin County as of August 12 show an increasing number of cases and hospitalizations. In the week prior to August 12, eight people were hospitalized with COVID. Vaccines/boosters for the latest strain(s) will be available this fall.
- ⇒ **RSV** – Respiratory Syncytial Virus. This is a common virus that usually causes mild cold-like symptoms. While most people recover in one to two weeks, for some it can be severe. Infants and seniors are more likely to develop serious cases. The RSV vaccine protects adults 60 years and older from RSV disease.
- ⇒ **Flu.** You know the symptoms – feeling feverish, muscle or body aches, fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose.... Flu shots are available.

All of these infections are contagious. Returning to the oft-stated advice that began in 2020, keep your distance from others; cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or arm – or, better yet, wear a mask; wash hands well and often, and clean frequently touched surfaces regularly.

Stay Safe.

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SEGRIST

In a world where AI and humanoid robots are sparking job replacement concerns, it's reassuring to know that certain professions remain steadfast. Maintenance jobs in housing, for instance, continue to thrive despite the technological revolution.

While the rise of AI and robots is reshaping industries, roles that involve maintaining and repairing living spaces remain secure. These tasks demand a unique blend of human intuition and expertise that automated systems still struggle to replicate. From fixing leaks to addressing electrical issues, the human touch prevails. Imagine a tenant asking, "Do you offer extra bleach with that toilet plunging job?" While the maintenance team might not carry bleach bottles, they do bring a wealth of expertise and a touch of good humor to their tasks. Laughter makes plumbing predicaments a bit more bearable!

Looking ahead, the future of housing maintenance will likely integrate AI's diagnostic capabilities with the finesse of human technicians. While technology assists in pinpointing problems, the final fix will always rest in human hands.

Rest assured, tenants. Your home's upkeep remains in capable hands. And remember, when life presents minor hiccups, a swift solution is the best kind of bleach!

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

To promote more positivity, I would like to reintroduce the "Good Neighbor Award".

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD POLICY

Purpose: To encourage residents to recognize "good deeds" done by others.

Qualities of a "GOOD NEIGHBOR": *A Good Neighbor is a resident of Harrietstown Housing Authority, who has performed an act of kindness for another resident or residents. (Such as cleaning up spills in common areas, helping a neighbor with daily functions, or making a new resident feel welcome, etc.)*

There is not a limit on the number of times a resident can be nominated.

A resident or staff will complete a good neighbor nomination form. (Kept in Irene's office). Along with an award certificate, the person will receive a HHA Good Neighbor star for their door and their name will be listed in the monthly newsletter.


GOOD NEIGHBOR NOMINATION FORMS

NAME OF NEIGHBOR: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION: _____

SIGNED _____

Complete and return to Irene



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 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 We will be CLOSED TO OBSERVE Labor DAY	5 BACK TO SCHOOL 	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	21	22	23
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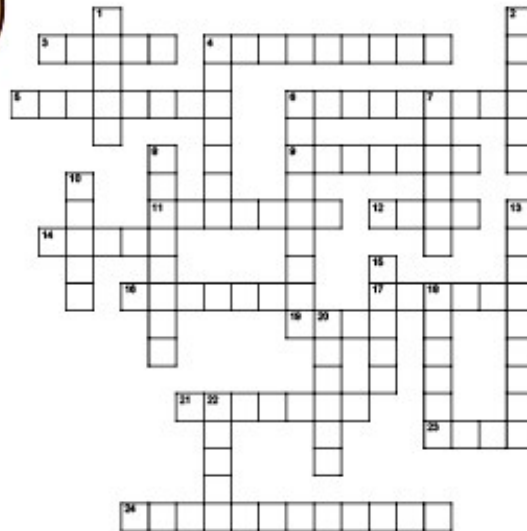
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PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM
GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM



Autumn Days Crossword

- Across
- Also known as corn.
 - October 31st.
 - The eleventh month of the year.
 - Used to keep birds off of crops.
 - Jack-o-lantern gourd.
 - The tenth month of the year.
 - The season that follows summer.
 - Might be patchwork.
 - Fun activity on a farm.
 - They fall from trees.
 - Leaf gathering yard tool.
 - Seat at a square dance (two words).
 - What squirrels often gather.
 - The fourth Thursday in November.

- Down
- Drink made from apples.
 - Halloween decoration made by a spider.
 - The gathering of crops.
 - The ninth month of the year.



- A bit cold.
- Popular autumn sport.
- Decorative squash.
- They're roasted on an open fire.
- Semi-frozen rain.
- Another word for the fall season.
- Honeycrisp
- Oak tree's fruit.



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Summer is almost over!! Short and wet!! School is starting up soon and I bet the kids cannot wait to go back. The schools have been doing a lot of work outside over the summer. Nice improvements! It seems like the leaves are changing color earlier this year too. I am hoping for beautiful fall foliage to make up for the cold and wet summer.

All tenants: remember the new lease provisions went into effect September 4, 2023.

The office will be closing at noon on Friday, September 15th for Staff Development Day.

The following are observances and events for the month of September: Labor Day & National Wildlife Day 4th, National Grandparents Day 10th, Patriot Day 11th, Rosh Hashanah 15th – 17th, Constitution Day 17th, First Day of Autumn 23rd, Yom Kippur 24th & 25th, Full Moon (Harvest) 29th, and National Coffee Day 29th.

Lake Flower News: Yes, it is happening! Work has begun on the awnings. As you can see, some of them have been removed. Hopefully, the new ones will be in place by the end of this month. Lake Flower had two tenants move-in, and one tenant move out during the month of August.

Algonquin News: School will be back in session soon and that means school buses coming to and from the apartments. Please be cautious and drive slowly through the parking lots. Children can get very excited and not pay attention to their surroundings. Also, remember, do not park in the Fire Lanes. The school buses have a hard enough time getting through the parking lots; when a car is parked in front of an apartment, it makes it almost impossible to get through. The Algonquin apartments had no tenants move-in, and no tenants move-out during the month of August.

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 fall!

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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www.harrietstownha.org