

HEALTHY HAPPY ATTITUDES

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Sarah's News

Some numbers:

- 113 Apartments in the Lake Flower high rise and Algonquin complex
- 135 Housing Choice (Section 8) vouchers

- \$877,000 2017 Public Housing operating budget
- \$804,000 2016 Public Housing operating revenue (includes \$394,000 tenant rent and \$238,000 HUD subsidy)
- \$283,000 2016 HUD subsidy for which HHA was eligible (\$45,000 more than received)
- \$402,000 2016 rental assistance payments to area landlords for Section 8 participants
- \$ 78,000 2017 Housing Choice Voucher operating budget
- \$ 83,000 2016 Housing Choice Voucher operating revenue
- \$449,000 Cost to modernize elevators in Lake Flower high rise
- \$ 63,000 2016 electric bill for Lake Flower high rise
- \$ 20,000 Annual cost for pest management
- \$ 19,000 2016 cost for trash and recyclable pick up/removal
- \$ 3,000 Re-carpeting a 3-bedroom apartment at Algonquin
- \$ 24,000 2016 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

- 7 Full time staff
- 6 Resident Advisory Board members
- 7 Commissioners (5 town appointed and 2 resident-elected)

HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson: Emily Fogarty
Dave Bauer
Jim Connolly
Allen Dunham
Cecilia Meyer
Eugene O'Dell
Dan Ruchkin

HHA OFFICE HOURS

9:00am- 11:30am

And 1:00pm—3:30pm

After hours

Emergency call
number **923-1082**



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John Burns



Robert Mathers



ACCOUNT CLERK



Tammy Burdt



TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

ON CALL EMERGENCY—WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ON CALL EMERGENCY?

Many residents wonder what is considered an emergency situation for after-hours on call.

EVERYTHING?

Really?

No. The emergency on call service is in place for situations that would endanger a tenant's life or present a major health issue.

EXAMPLES

- Uncontrollable leakage of water. **Yes.**
- Dripping sink. **No.**
- Warm refrigerator. **No.** This can be remedied during normal business hours.
- No heat. **Yes,** if there is no heat in the entire apartment.
- No electricity. **Yes,** but only if it's the entire apartment. Partial outage can be taken care of during normal business hours.
- No water at all. **Yes.**
- Fire. **Call 911.**
- Medical issue. **Call 911.**
- Lockout. **Yes,** but remember to call the person with your second key first. There is a \$35.00 lockout fee.
- Blocked toilet. **No.** Algonquin units have 2 toilets. If one is blocked, use the other and call in a work order. Lake Flower residents have 3 public bathrooms available for use. Do call in a work order as soon as possible.
- No cold beverage or potato chips in pantry? **YES**
I mean **NO,** that's an emergency at my own home.

Common sense prevails with after-hours emergency calls. Maintenance staff, if called, will make a determination about the emergency, and if they respond to what turns out to be a non-emergency situation, the tenant will be charged accordingly.

So save your money and use your common sense.

There have to be some chips here somewhere!

What's the number for 911?

RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Debbie Zerrahn

Wow, what a March we had. Here's hoping April is a lot better.

Spring break is fast approaching for all the little ones. If the snow is gone, suggest they go on a scavenger hunt to find things that have been buried under the snow, like soda cans, paper, toys, and anything else you see. They will have fun "playing a game" and the property will get cleaned up too.

All re-certifications should be completed by now. If yours has not been completed, your lease is subject to termination. Contact me ASAP.

Easter is April 16th. On Saturday, April 15th, the Easter Bunny will be at the Saranac Lake Fire House on Broadway to take your **FREE** picture with the Easter Bunny.

Things are quiet at the high-rise these days, but I expect they will pick up with the nice spring weather. The deck will be open with tables, umbrellas, and a gas grill for outdoor fun. Keep an eye out for the flowers in front of the building. They will be poking their buds out soon. Spring has arrived. Get out and enjoy!



Get the Newsletter Via E-Mail!

We encourage those with access to e-mail to sign up for e-mail delivery of the monthly newsletter.

To sign up, send a quick e-mail to
tburd@harriestownha.org.

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

EHRlich PEST CONTROL INSPECTIONS

Notices of inspections will be distributed.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, IT WILL ALSO BE NOTED IF YOU
ARE
MAINTAINING YOUR APARTMENT IN A CLEAN,
SAFE AND SANITARY
CONDITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR LEASE.

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF UNWANTED TELEMARKETING CALLS?

CALL THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

1-888-382-1222



**Do Not Call
Register**

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST CALL FROM YOUR
PHONE IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE DO
NOT CALL REGISTRY LIST**

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please pay your rent on time.						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		WIC 9AM			Good Friday Office Closing @ 11:30	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		WIC 9AM	National Administrative Professionals' Day			
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**The Harrietstown Housing Authority
has apartments for rent in the Lake Flower
High-rise and Algonquin Apartment Complex.**

**Additionally, we have a Housing Choice Voucher program
that may assist you with your monthly rent in the
community.**

**For additional information and to obtain an application
please contact us at 891-3050 or stop by the office at
14 Kiwassa Road, Saranac Lake.**

You may also go online at www.harrietstownha.org.

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.

891-4471 ext. 3016

Franklin and Essex Counties

Cancer Services Program

Your partner for cancer screening, support and information



CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Boyle	04/01
Christopher Meloni	04/02
Alec Baldwin	04/03
Robert Downey Jr.	04/04
Pharrell Williams	04/05
Paul Rudd	04/06
Jackie Chan	04/07
Kristen Stewart	04/09
Shay Mitchell	04/10
David Letterman	04/12
Loretta Lynn	04/14
Seth Rogen	04/15
Emma Watson	04/15
Martin Lawrence	04/16
Jennifer Garner	04/17
Jeff Dunham	04/18
Conan O'Brien	04/18
Kate Hudson	04/19
George Takei	04/20
Queen Elizabeth II	04/21
Jack Nicholson	04/22
John Cena	04/23
George Lopez	04/23
Kelly Clarkson	04/24
Al Pacino	04/25
Renee Zellweger	04/25
Kevin James	04/26
Channing Tatum	04/26
Jessica Alba	04/28
Drew Scott	04/28
Willie Nelson	04/29
Jerry Seinfeld	04/29
Cloris Leachman	04/30

APRIL THE MONTH OF...

Arab American Heritage
 Autism Awareness
 BLT Sandwich
 Child Abuse Prevention
 Confederate History
 Financial Literacy
 Florida Tomato
 Grilled Cheese
 Garlic
 Keep America Beautiful
 Lawn & Garden
 National Humor
 Jazz Appreciation
 Occupational Therapy (OT)
 Parkinson's Disease Aware
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 Pecan
 Poetry Writing
 Rape Awareness
 Sexual Assault Awareness
 Soft Pretzel
 Soy Foods
 Stress Awareness

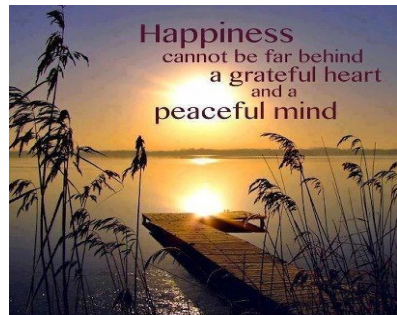


WORK ORDERS

**Please remember to call the office at
891-3050 option 3
For a work order.
This is the only way to schedule your
maintenance needs.**

IRENE'S THOUGHTS

In April we can start thinking about planting. As I do every year, I'm hoping to pretty up the front of the Lake Flower Apartments. If anyone has any interest in planting and taking care of the gardens, please let me know.



GeniusQuotes.net

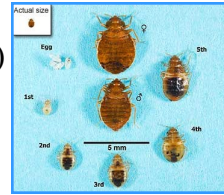
The Activities Committee will post upcoming events. Maybe we can sneak in a cookout before the end of the month. Watch the bulletin boards outside my office and in the elevators for dates and times.



Bed Bug Information Center

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.



“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want - oh, you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”
~Mark Twain~

April’s Pop Culture History

04/13/1870—The New York City Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded.

04/07/1906—Mount Vesuvius erupted and devastated Naples.

04/18/1923—Yankee Stadium, “The House that Ruth Built”, opened.

04/12/1934—The strongest surface wind gust ever recorded on Earth, at 231 mph, was measured on the summit of Mount Washington, New Hampshire.

04/30/1939—The New York World’s fair opened at Flushing Meadow Park in Queens.

04/10/1953—The House of Wax, in 3-D and starring Vincent Price, opened at New York’s Paramount Theater.

04/15/1955—McDonald’s opened its first franchised restaurant by Ray Kroc, in Des Plaines, Illinois.

04/03/1956—Elvis Presley appeared on the Milton Berle Show.

04/17/1964—The Ford Mustang was introduced to the North American Market.

04/04/1975—Microsoft was founded as a partnership between Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

04/01/1976—Apple Computer Company was formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

04/02/1978—Dallas premiered on CBS.

04/05/1997—The Crocodile Hunter premiered on Animal Planet.

04/09/1998—The Price is Right aired its milestone 5,000th episode. Every prize given away on that episode was a car.

(www.popculturemadness.com)

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