



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

The Housing Authority and the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department have formalized a partnership that will build upon the well-established positive relationship between the two entities. An agreement, signed by both the Housing Authority and Police Department, and approved by the Village Board of Trustees, includes several varied provisions that, everyone hopes, will further ensure residents' overall quality of life while at home.

With all parties committed to ongoing dialogue and flexibility, details will be worked out over time. Generally speaking, both the Lake Flower and Algonquin residents will benefit from having more contact with police officers. Officers will be at the properties more often and have the time and flexibility to listen to residents' concerns, interests, and requests. Residents, young and old, will have more opportunity to meet and interact with officers in a relaxed setting. Information sessions on a number of topics, including how to avoid phone scams and identify theft, are being discussed.

I'm also pleased to report the Housing Authority has retained its architectural and engineering firm, AEDA, to undertake a feasibility study regarding the cursed walkway coverings. Over the coming weeks, AEDA will conduct some field work, take measurements, and prepare design sketches and cost estimates for possible solutions. Its report is due March 31; so, stay tuned.

I'll close out by wishing everyone a Happy Winter Carnival! Roman Around Carnival promises FUN FUN FUN. Dress warmly and get out there!



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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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- Dan Ruchkin
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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

There are quite a few vacant apartments at both of our locations. Units are vacant for different reasons; unfortunately, most are not a quick clean and turn over to the next lucky customer.

Maintenance takes pride in their hard work to present a nice apartment. When a vacant unit is basically trashed, it kinda takes the wind out of their sails.

It behooves you as a tenant to take pride in your home and, should you decide to move for whatever reason, leave it with only signs of normal wear and tear. Damages above normal wear and tear can and will be charged and can be quite costly. Some of the charges will follow you around in the future and may make it difficult for you to obtain housing assistance. We realize accidents can happen, but blatant disregard for doors, walls, and fixtures will not be tolerated.

Also, remember that we are a nonsmoking facility. If you've smoked in your unit, you'll pay for the paint job. It costs money and time to clean walls of smoking residue. Did you know that paint is like \$34 a gallon!!!



You are presented with a pretty decent apartment at the start, so present it as a decent apartment when you leave and keep some money in your pockets.

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



There is always A LOT to do in Saranac Lake in February! Make sure you get out and enjoy the Winter Carnival FUN. The Palace is finally coming together.

Enjoying Winter Carnival could also improve your health. I recently read an article from

<https://www.nbcnews.com/better/health/5-good-reasons-go-outside-even-when-it-s-freezing>

The five things are:

- It'll lift your mood
- You'll get a dose of vitamin D
- It's an opportunity to be mindful
- It can improve your memory
- It Charges up your immune system

So let's get outside- even if it's for a short time!

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.

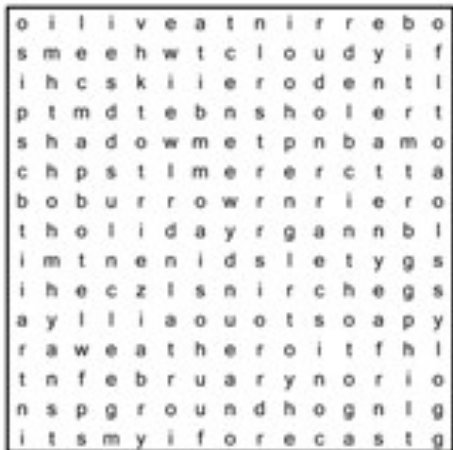
You must be at least 18 years old, and a United States citizen or a non-citizen who has eligible immigration status. Single persons are eligible, as well as households with or without children. HUD commonly refers to a household as a "family," so don't let that term confuse you. A "family" consists of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



FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2  <i>Happy Groundhog Day!</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14 	15 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	16	17	18
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Groundhog Day Word Search



- groundhog
- cloudy
- shadow
- winter
- spring
- hibernate
- emerge
- february
- hole
- holiday
- rodent
- tradition
- weather
- burrow
- forecast
- phil



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

We are finally getting some accumulation of snow! I wonder if they are going to have ice thick enough for the palace this year. Did anyone attend the FISU games? I didn't get the chance. I do not think it was as crazy as everyone thought it was going to be. I hope everyone is getting out to enjoy some winter activities. Winter Carnival is days away. Super Bowl LVII is just around the corner.

The office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

The following are observances for the month of February: National Freedom Day 1st, Ground Hog Day 2nd, Empire State Games 2nd – 5th, Saranac Lake Winter Carnival 3rd – 12th, Northern Challenge Ice Fishing Derby 4th, Full Moon (Snow) 5th, Super Bowl LVII 12th, Valentine's Day 14th (don't forget), National Random Act of Kindness Day 17th, President's Day 20th, Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday 21st, and Ash Wednesday 22nd.

Lake Flower News: Annual recertifications for February 1, 2023 are almost complete. We have a few stragglers out there. If you are one of them, you need to turn in your required documents A.S.A.P. Remember, failure to recertify is a violation of the lease and the tenant will be subject to termination. At Lake Flower, two tenants moved-out during the month of January. Maintenance staff continue to work on vacant apartments to make ready for future tenants.

Algonquin News: Remember to keep your sidewalks clean and shoveled. If you need sand, you can get it from the sand shed in the lower parking lot. How many children are going to be in the Winter Carnival Parade this year? Make sure to bundle up! The Algonquin apartments had no one move-out and one family move in during the month of January. Apartments continue to be made ready for new occupancy.

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.

Bundle-up and stay warm!!

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