



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

While COVID has not been erased from our world, as a species, we are learning how to carry on in its presence. At the Housing Authority, we are rounding what I hope is the final curve, getting back to where we were three years ago.

Those of you who have lived in Lake Flower and/or Algonquin during the last three years are well aware of how the pandemic impacted our daily administration, operations and maintenance. With the essential services we provide, it's been imperative that a minimum number of staff be healthy at all times. With a conservative approach and small steps, we have made it this far. I am confident we'll continue our forward momentum.

With daily life returning to what resembles normal, procedures that we or others have waived have been, or will soon be, reinstated. Certainly, the courts have reopened and evictions are occurring. We have evicted residents from both the Lake Flower and Algonquin apartments. To be clear, we do not want to evict residents – the residents lose their home and may not have new home; the Housing Authority has an empty unit that requires time and money to make ready for new residents. We strive to work with residents who are in jeopardy of having their leases terminated. With that noted: if rent is not being paid and no efforts are being made to work with the Housing Authority; if recertification requirements are not being complied with; if behaviors are disturbing others' peaceful enjoyment of their homes, we will terminate and, if necessary, evict. A procedure that will be reinstated soon is the assessment of late charges if rent is paid after the fifth of the month.

With March, minds begin to turn to spring. Looking back, though, I hope everyone enjoyed Winter Carnival. The weather could not have been better for the parade. Ideas for next year's theme?

Happy spring!

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HHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TID BITS FROM DAVID SIEGRIST

My yard is still covered with snow.

Animals are starting to frequent my property.

Racoons, foxes and skunks, oh my.

Crows are welcome and clean up around my feeders.

How would we mange without or little friends?



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



MARCH INTENTIONS

Magnificent March

Mindfulness March

Meditation March

Make-it-happen March

Motivation March

OurMindfulLife.com



Lake Flower Residents: start planning now for the St. Patrick's Day gathering at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Find your green tops and join us for fun.

Daylight Savings begins on March 12. We get to spring ahead!

The first day of spring is March 20th. This date is also International Day of Happiness. Let's all wear a smile that day.



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."

March is
Nutrition
Awareness
Month





March 2023



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>RED: ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY ROOM PURPLE: L.F. COMMUNITY ROOM GREEN: L.F. BOARD ROOM</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15 HHA Board Meeting 4pm	16		18
	19	20		22		23
26	27	28	29	30	31	



The tricky flower power brainteaser is challenging puzzlers to find the lettuce - and it's blooming difficult



RESIDENT NEWS AND ISSUES...By Tammy Burdt

Wow, March is here!! That means spring and daylight savings time. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on March 12th. Get your green on for St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. Keep your eyes out for those spring bulbs popping out. They are a sure sign of spring and warmer temperatures.



The following are observances for the month of March: Read Across America Day 2nd, Employee Appreciation Day 4th, Full Moon (Worm) 7th, Daylight Savings Begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour) 12th, Pi Day 14th, St. Patrick's Day 17th, First Day of Spring and International Day of Happiness 20th, World Water Day 22nd, and Ramadan begins 23rd.

Lake Flower News: I still have a couple of stragglers who need to complete their annual recertifications. Remember, failure to recertify is a violation of the lease and the tenant will be subject to termination. The Lake Flower Apartments is working with their architectural firm to look at possible alternatives to replacing the awnings outside of the building. Something will eventually be going up! Good news! There is a little more progress as far as units being made ready for vacancy. We anticipate some openings soon. If you are interested and have not yet completed an application, please stop by the office, and pick one up. If you would like one mailed to you, please call 518-891-3050, extension 102. Lake Flower had one tenant move in and no one move out.

Algonquin News: Guess what? It's that time of year again when everything that was left in the yard last fall starts popping up as the snow melts. That's where that went, I have been looking all over for that! In addition, if you have pets, well, you know what shows up! Time to get the shovels out and clean up the backyards. Remember, that is part of the pet policy. The Housing Authority and the architectural firm are looking into the parking lot situation. We will keep you updated. The Algonquin apartments had no tenants move-in or move-out during the month of February.

Reminder: Please make sure your rent is paid. If you are having difficulties, please call the office and set up a repayment agreement.



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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