

The SARATOGA HOUSING Newsletter

The mission of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority is to assist low-income families with safe, decent and affordable housing as they strive to achieve social and economic opportunities, and to improve their quality of life. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient economical and ethical manner.

Welcome
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Board Meetings

The Board meets each third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm @ Stonequist.

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
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Ext. 21 Joan, Tenant Relations
Ext. 10 Kathy, Executive Secretary
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**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE PHONE
NUMBER FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
RESIDENTS
(AFTER HOURS)**

**Stonequist-857-1051
The Terraces-365-6411
Notice**

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Flat Rents

The SSHA is going to be raising the Flat Rent on apartments. Federal Regulations require that housing authority's offer residents the option of paying an income based rent or a Flat Rent. Flat Rents are generally between 80% and 110% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a given jurisdiction. The SSHA has historically provided a Flat Rent of 80% of the FMR but due to continuing budget cuts by HUD we need to increase the Flat Rents to the current FMR. If you are currently paying a Flat Rent you will be notified of the increase and at that point, you will have the option to convert back to an income based rent in which case you would pay roughly 30% of your monthly adjusted income.



Farewell Tim Traver

Maintenance Mechanic Tim Traver retired on March 15th after serving the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority for over 30 years. I'm sure many of you join the SSHA family in thanking Tim for his exceptional service, dedication and commitment to our residents during his time at the SSHA. Tim will be missed but we wish Tim well in his retirement and much success in his future endeavors.



Welcome Joshua

Joshua Clark has joined the SSHA maintenance team and we hope you will welcome him aboard when you encounter him during his duties. Joshua is committed to earning your confidence in him as he works to familiarize himself with our residents and buildings. We are confident in Joshua's success.

Monthly Calendar

*Tuesday April 4, 2017-Resident Meeting with Director @ 10 am in the Stonequist Community Room
Thursday April 21, 2016 – Resident Council meeting 7p.m @ Stonequist Community Room
Wednesday April 19, 2017- Terrace Resident Meeting 6:30pm Blg 24
Thursday April 20, 2017 – Board Meeting 2:30 p.m. @ Stonequist

STONEQUIST

Please Obey Parking signs

This is a final reminder to please obey the parking signs in front of the Stonequist building. It is imperative that residents and guest adhere to the drop off restrictions so that emergency vehicles can get through the loop when needed. Chief Veitch of the Saratoga Springs Police Department has approved an agreement with the SSHA to allow his officers to begin ticketing vehicles who park in violation of these signs. Please make sure your visitors adhere to these parking restrictions as well. Thank you for your cooperation and insuring that someone in need of life saving assistance won't lose valuable seconds due to someone violating parking rules.

Stonequist April Events

Stonequist Resident Council is hosting a Hot Dog Luncheon on April 7, 2017 from 11am to 12:30pm in the Community Room. The cost will be \$2 a plate which includes Hot Dog, Salad and soda.

Easter Egg Hunt

Stonequist Resident Council will be hosting a Easter Egg Hunt on the back lawn of the Stonequist Building. This event is for residents who have grandchildren they would like to take to this event. The Terrace Residents who have children and/or grandchildren ages 2- 10 years old are also invited. The event will be on Saturday April 15, 2017 from 1- 2 pm.

Moving Furniture in or out of Apartments:

SSHA maintenance staff will have pads that will be hung in the elevators to protect them from damage while residents move furniture in or out of the building. No residents should utilize the elevators for moving large pieces of furniture without coordinating with the office first to insure the pads can be put up. We want to ensure that our new elevators don't get damaged. Thanks for your cooperation.

Stonequist Health Fair

Visiting Nurses of New York (VNSNY)

Come One! Come All!

To the VNSNY Choice Health Plan Spring Fair

Place: Stonequist Community Center

Date: Wednesday April 12, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Tables will be set up with different displays.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

***The Resident Meeting with the Director will be on Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 10am in the Stonequist Community Room**

Monday Dinners to go

Prepared by Village Pizzeria at the Adult & Senior Center of Saratoga Every Monday from March 27 – April 24, 2017. For more information on the menu, flyers are posted throughout Stonequist. Please call Adult & Senior Center 584-1621 to place orders for pickup

Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace

Terraces Community Resident Council

The council will have the April meeting on **Wednesday April 19, 2017 @ 6:30pm**. We will meet in **building 24 meeting room**. We are so sorry that we missed you last month due to the weather.

Agenda

- 1- We will discuss our agenda
- 2- Nominate a Secretary/Treasurer
- 3- Discuss finances
- 4- Talk about invites to our meetings
- 5- Easter Egg Hunt at Stonequist
April 15, 2017 @ 1-2pm ages 2-10

Thanks again! See you there!

Give your child a Head Start!

The Saratoga County EOC Head Start is for low income pregnant women and families with children new born to age 5. Preschool classrooms are located at Saratoga High School and at Jefferson Terrace. Transportation and meals are provided. Weekly home visits are available for pregnant women and children new born to age 5. SCEOC Head Start is FREE! Call **583-2584** to apply.

Emergency Maintenance

If any resident has an emergency maintenance issue between the hours of 3pm – 7am, weekends, or on a holiday please call the emergency maintenance line, for Stonquist- 518-857-1051, for the Terraces- 518-365-6411 to speak with an on-call maintenance person

Spring

Now that spring is in the air, we want to remind everyone that it's a violation of your lease and the Law if you do not clean up after your pets and/or do not put garbage in the specified dumpster. If you fail to immediately clean up after your pet or if trash is around your unit, charges will be made to your account based on the time it takes our maintenance to clean up. The current lease prohibits "tie-outs" on lawn areas when pets(dogs) are not out. This creates a safety hazard for staff and equipment, so any tie-outs, leashes etc. left on lawn areas will be removed. Don't forget, the way your yard looks is a reflection on you. Remember there are many people who see the outside of your home who will never see the inside



Just a reminder that the leases at the Terraces require residents to keep the front and rear of their apartments cleaned and organized. The snow will soon be melting so please join our maintenance team in ensuring that our property and grounds are something we can all be proud of, and do your part to keep the outside of your units looking great. Contact Gerard or Art if you would like to borrow rakes or need bags to pick up leaves etc. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

COMMUNITY EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final 4

When: Saturday, April 1- Sunday, April 2, 2017

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Place: Peabody's

Food and drink specials and the two big games

Love Saratoga

When: Saturday, Apr 1, 2017 - 11:00 AM

Where: New Life Fellowship Church, 51 Old Gick Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

On Saturday April 1st New Life Fellowship will be hosting their 1st annual LOVE SARATOGA community day. The event will run from 11:00am to 3:00pm at 51 Old Gick Rd in Saratoga Springs. It will be an afternoon of family fun and feature some great activities and community services. There will be safety demonstrations from the Saratoga County Sheriff's department and fire department, free haircuts, a car care clinic, food pantry, and a Taste of Saratoga raffle with proceeds benefiting the Wellspring Saratoga County Domestic Violence Center. There will also be a petting zoo, an Easter Egg Hunt, great food, live music, and much more! Love Saratoga is absolutely FREE for the community.

Saratoga Bridges NYSARC, Inc.

Sunday April 23, 2017

Autism Expo and Art Exhibit

Open to the public 12 – 3pm

For more information please visit:

Saratogabridges.org

Saratoga Job Fair

Wednesday April 12, 2017

Saratoga City Center

Free to the public

10:00am – 4pm

For more information please visit:

Capitaljobdevelopmentgroup.org



One Stop

The Saratoga One Stop Career Center has a variety of workforce services available for job seekers. Job seekers services include personal assistance from professional staff to provide career guidance, resume workshops job search workshops, job referrals, interview workshops, mock interviews and education and training grants. A resource Room is available for customer use and provides cost-free access to phone, fax, copier, a library of employment related materials, resume building software and internet connected computers.

