

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.

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Board Meetings

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

**Saratoga Springs Housing
Authority: 518-584-6600**

Our Staff

Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, *Executive Director*
Ext. 17 Cindy, *Director of Finance*
Ext. 10 Kathy, *Executive Secretary*
Ext. 11 Katie, *Executive Resident Advisor*
Ext. 13 Lindsey, *Housing Assistant*
Ext. 19 Jenna, *Housing Assistant*
Ext. 21 Joan, *Housing Assistant*
Ext. 12 Gerard, *Facilities Manager*
Art, *Asst. Facilities Manager*
Josh, *Maintenance Staff*
Thomas, *Maintenance Staff*
Larry, *Maintenance Staff*
Derek, *Maintenance Staff*

**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE PHONE
NUMBER FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**

**RESIDENTS
(AFTER HOURS)
857-1051**

Notice

Articles published in the Saratoga Housing Newsletter do not necessarily represent an endorsement by the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michelle Roddy on winning the election for two more years as Resident Board Commissioner!

Office Reminder

Effective April 1, 2018 the SSHA window hours will be changing to 8am-12, Monday thru Friday.

Walk-ins cannot be honored. If you need to meet with staff you will need to call the office to make an appointment.

Rents are due on the 1st of each month. You have a 5 day grace period (5th business day).

Rents are not taken after 12pm and must be in the correct amount. The office does not give change.

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.

Monthly Calendar

Tuesday, April 10, 2018-Resident Meeting with Director @10am in the Stonequist Community Room
Monday, April 16, 2018 – Resident Council meeting @7pm in the Stonequist Community Room
Tuesday, April 17, 2018- Terrace Resident Meeting @6:30pm at Blg 24
Thursday April 19, 2018 – Board Meeting @2:30 pm at Stonequist

*For more information, including locations, and time of these events please see the inside pages of this newsletter for details.



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!

This is a great opportunity for those with community service requirements. We are looking to beautify the grounds outside. Please contact Gerard in the maintenance department.

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.

Saratogacares

The best way to help and care for others in need of food, clothing, housing and other services in our community is to connect with the agencies listed below. Please join the Saratoga Cares movement.
Breakfast & Showers-Salvation Army- 27 Woodlawn Avenue
Lunch & case management-EOC soup kitchen-Circular Street-7 days a week
Meals, Clothing, Personal Care Items & Case Management-Shelters of Saratoga-Walworth Street
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault- 24 Hr. Hotline: 518-584-8188
Captain Youth Street Outreach-call or text 24 Hrs. 518-469-7897
Food Pantry, Clothing & Personal Care Items-Franklin Community Center-10 Franklin St. 518-587-9826

STONEQUIST

Our next resident council meeting will be held April 16th @ 7pm in the community room.

We are pleased to announce we will have 2 guest speakers, Anna Reeves, a senior at Skidmore College finishing her degree in Sociology, and Diane Whitton, Food & Nutrition Ed. from Cornell Cooperative Extension Center.

We will also be discussing the roles of floor captains. Light refreshments will be available after the meeting. We encourage all residents to attend! We hope to see you there! 😊

We would like to say congratulations to Michelle Roddy on 2 more years as Resident Board Commissioner!!!

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Bake Sale & Hot Dog Lunch
Friday, April 6, 2018
Time:11:00am-1:00pm



THE TERRACE COMMUNITY RESIDENT COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR MEETING

TUES, April 17th @ 6:30P

Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace (Senior Way) TCRC Meeting Room

All are welcomed! Refreshments will be served.

We have a full meeting planned, including
this month's Guest Speaker: Youth²

Parents, this is a very special meeting! This meeting is for any youth resident, ages 8-21 yrs old who has ever had a dream of doing something to help others where they live, their community, and/or around the world! You and your child are invited to join us for this informative speaking engagement of this wonderful program, Youth Squared. Do you want to design your own volunteer project or learn how to get your project started? Do you want to be able to make a difference in the lives of youth in your community or the world? Youth² has been created to engage young people to think about issues that they care about and to give young people an opportunity to help others in their community in a meaningful way by supporting their ideas with financial grants and organizational support that helps your projects happen.

please see attached flyer

We are looking for someone to fill the Secretary and JVT Rep position if you or someone you know is interested.

As you know, each month we are recognizing residents that have given their time, big or small, to help make a difference here at the Terraces. If you know someone who has made a difference in your life or others, and you would like to nominate him/her, please send their information and your reason for wanting to nominate them to us.

APRIL 2018 RESIDENT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH ***BILL BLOOM***

Bill has been a dedicated volunteer for the past 10 years, coming to the TCRC with a wealth of experience and a deep passion for our mission, doing everything from being President of the Terrace Community Resident Advisory Board, the Co-founder and the 2015-2016 President of the Terrace Community Resident Council, and an active member to present. He has continued his volunteering service by staying involved with all issues affecting the Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terraces, including the William Ford Center project, the planting of the trees with Sustainable Saratoga, maintaining the property landscaping for years by trimming bushes and planting flowers throughout the property, helping the SSHA by providing detailed surveys of repairs needed, and of course, his involvement with the CDTA project that inspired the CDTA bus route to include Worth Street so to continue the service for our residents, are only a few of the amazing things that Bill has done to present. Thank you, Bill, for your years of commitment and dedication!

We absolutely know how lucky we are to have you!

As always, THANK YOU for your continued support!!

Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace (Senior Way) * jvt.residentcouncil@yahoo.com * (518)
587.5476

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saratoga Wine & Chocolate Festival

Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT

Location: SARATOGA CITY CENTER 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 United States

Fees/Admission: \$10 - \$40

Event Description: JOIN US, AS WE CELEBRATE GREAT WINE AND SWEETS FROM DOWN THE STREET AND AROUND NEW YORK! Wineries and wine enthusiasts from across the region will gather on February 10th for an unlimited sampling of dozens of fabulous wines of all styles and tastes. Then, buy bottles of your favorites, all for great prices!! We'll have distilleries and cideries too. Enjoy a fabulous selection of tasty nibbles and treats, chocolates, cheeses and sweets. Take a dip at our chocolate fountain. Then get some serious shopping done. Browse through fantastic mini boutiques featuring purses, jewelry, clothing and more.



Junior Ranger Day

Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT

Location: Saratoga National Historical Park 648 Route 32
Stillwater, NY, 12170

Fees/Admission: FREE

Event Description: Have you ever held deer antlers? Have you ever wanted to try on a ranger hat? Do you know what a bladder bag is used for? Kick off National Park Week with some special activities - programs are available for children of all ages. Ongoing activities to include a touch table, uniform try-on station for kids, and Junior Ranger activity book!



Albany Times Union Job Fair

Date: April 24, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT

Location: Albany Marriott on Wolf Road

Fees/Admission: Free

Event Description: LARGEST & LONGEST RUNNING JOB FAIR IN THE CAPITAL REGION Albany Times Union Job Fair - Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Rd, Albany, NY Looking for a new job? Attend our Job Fair on Tuesday, April 24th; 10AM - 4PM Bring Plenty of Resumes to hand out to Recruiters - Plus, all resumes will be scanned and distributed to all of the recruiters attending! FREE ADMISSION FOR JOB SEEKERS & FREE PARKING Plus, Free Resume Critiquing - have a top HR professional help you make the most out of your resume See our website <http://timesunionjobfair.com/> to register & see more details.



JOB FAIR

The Law Offices of Wilcenski & Pleat, LLC presents The 7th Annual Autism Expo

Date: April 29, 2018

Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Location: Saratoga Springs City Center
522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

Fees/Admission: Free for the entire family

Event Description: Exhibitors from Camps, School Programs Pre-K through College, Technological Apps for Autism and Recreation & Therapeutic Programs. Bounce House and Arts & Crafts



Youth² — Youth Helping Youth Advisory Council

Our Advisory Council has youth and adult members. We meet to review grants, distribute funds and educate the community about volunteer action.

We hold an Annual Benefit dedicated to our mission.

Youth² engages young people:

- to think about issues that they care about
- to create and design their own volunteer, social awareness, or fundraising projects
- to help youth locally or globally

Youth² is committed to giving financial and thoughtful support to help interested young people turn their ideas into realities.



Youth² — Youth Helping Youth is a field of interest fund formed under the guidance of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

For more information on ways to contribute, visit www.youthsquared.org

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YOUTH² — YOUTH HELPING YOUTH
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SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866



YOUTH² — YOUTH HELPING YOUTH

What is a grant?

A grant is a gift of money awarded to an individual who wishes to turn a community service idea into a reality. To receive a grant, youth can design a project and apply for funding. Youth² gives out grants up to \$500.00 and can also match fundraising efforts up to \$500.00.

The Application Process

You can download the easy grant application that is located on our website and submit it to the address on the form. Be sure to review our list of past successful grants to inform your application.

Youth² has given out many grants to youth applicants, ages 22 and younger who reside in Saratoga County. The grants can be written to help youth anywhere in the world.

Youth² has helped to support:

- Bicycle Helmets for youth
- Malaria Prevention
- The Cheyenne River Youth Project
- Bike and Build - Affordable Housing
- Community Allies - Anti-Bullying
- Kagoma Gate School, Uganda
- AHOPE Orphanage, Ethiopia
- Alopecia Areata Foundation
- Building playgrounds, camp facilities and pediatric wings
- Projects to increase self-esteem through theatre and the arts
- Raising social awareness about runaways and gender issues

Some Ideas on Designing Your Own Project

Some young people meet immediate community needs by helping to feed the hungry, working at a local community center, or talking on a crisis telephone line.

Other youth may focus on the causes of social problems such as the impact of drug and alcohol abuse, school violence and bullying, teenage health concerns, the foster care system, environmental hazards, racial discrimination, AIDS, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, eating disorders, gun violence, homelessness, suicide and depression, teen pregnancy, tobacco and smoking and other sources of low self esteem.

Think about changes that you want to make!

Want to Volunteer? Here's How!

In addition to helping youth create projects, Youth² is committed to connecting young people to already existing human service agencies, arts and cultural centers, health organizations and school facilitated community service activities.

Youth² — Youth Helping Youth created the Book of Good Deeds - Social Action and Volunteer Opportunities in the Saratoga County Region. The Book of Good Deeds has a list of over 100 agencies, food pantries and school clubs with descriptions of ways youth can volunteer.

Please visit our website to view the Book of Good Deeds: www.youthsquared.org and visit our facebook page.

Community Service Award

We have a "Community Service Incentive Award" presented yearly to two deserving high school seniors from the area high schools in Saratoga Springs, NY.



What Youth Gain

The youth on the Advisory Council gain skills in:

- Teamwork
- Youth philanthropic volunteer/community giving
- Fundraising
- Collecting community resource information
- Proposal development
- Grant application and review
- Program assessment and evaluation
- Website construction
- Distributing resources
- Public speaking skills
- Interviewing
- Publicity
- Interagency networking
- Reading financial statements
- Writing press releases
- Documenting social action
- Leadership
- Celebrating youth who give

BRYANT & STRATTON COLLEGE



**INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN
THE MEDICAL FIELD?**

ENJOY SMALLER CLASS SIZES?

Contact Michael Rheubeck at Bryant & Stratton College to learn about a dedicated Saratoga housing resident grant, that will help tuition and cover transportation (as needed)!

**Michael Rheubeck – 518-437-1802 ext. 227 or
mcrheubeck@bryantstratton.edu**