

Happy  
Holidays

# 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*  
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**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.

In an effort to minimize maintenance costs due to water related damages resulting from leaks, the SSHA is requesting all residents to perform periodic visual inspections of their apartments exposed plumbing. This means under kitchen and bathroom sinks, bathroom, kitchen and basement floors to look for any signs of water leakage. If you ever find water in a spot where it doesn't belong, it is vital that you report your findings immediately on the maintenance hotline. The SSHA conducts at a minimum, an annual inspection of all apartments but unfortunately that is not always sufficient enough to identify leaks that may occur in between inspections. In order to insure a safe and sanitary environment for our residents we need cooperation in reporting any water related problems immediately. This also means leaky or dripping faucets, shower heads etc. Failure to report a water related problem immediately to the SSHA may result in the resident being charged for damages. It is very easy to identify whether water related damage happened from a catastrophic plumbing failure or occurred over a period of time due to the failure to report the problem. **Please be proactive and if you don't receive a response to a reported water related problem within 24 hours, contact the Executive Director.**



## Monthly Calendar

- Saturday December 9, 2017- Terrace Children's Christmas Party 1:00-4:00pm at the recreation center
- Tuesday December 12, 2017 – Residents Meeting with Exec. Dir. 10:00am in Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday December 14, 2017 –Terrace Resident council meeting 6:30pm at Building 24 Jefferson Terrace
- Thursday December 21, 2017 – Board Meeting at 2:30 pm at Stonequist
- **Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26, 2017 – Office CLOSED for Christmas**
- **Monday, January 1, 2017 – Office CLOSED for New Year's Day**

Refrigerator Magnets are being handed out to all residents with the work order and emergency work order number. If you did not receive one please contact the office.

*Please do not contact maintenance staff directly for work orders. Please call the Maintenance hotline*

*The EPC will be installing new toilets at Stonquist and Vanderbilt Terrace in January. Please keep in mind that bathroom floors and walls will need to be clear to allow workspace for the installation.*



This is a reminder that winter is almost upon us so the snow will be falling soon. The lease you have signed requires that you remove snow from your porch stoops because these are considered egresses within the building codes. The Housing Authority must insure that this part of your lease is adhered to. Please clear porch steps promptly after a snowfall. If snow remains on your porch stoops 48 hours following a snowfall, the Housing Authority will be contracting someone to remove snow and the cost of the snow removal will be the responsibility of the resident lease holder.



# Stonequist News

**Resident Council will not be holding a meeting in December**

We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays!  
See you at our next meeting January 18, 2018!

The 50/50 Christmas Party is December 15, 2017 6:00pm.  
Bring a gift-get a gift! \$5.00 for dinner.  
The sign-up sheet will be in the Community Room. Please sign up by December 10, 2017

Our Stonequist Halloween party was a success! We had a great turn out, with great food, drinks, and candy! We would like to thank those who helped to make it so fun, first our residents who came, those who helped us with the wonderful food you brought, those who dressed in costumes, and those who helped with the work of putting it all together, Donna McCarthy, Chris Duffney and Cathy Caruso who decorated our community room for Halloween. Congratulations to our winners in the games, Rich Shipman, a gift card, Mary O'Shea, a gift card, Marylou Suttle, a gift card, Phil Harrington, a gift card, and Paula DeJerenio, a bottle of candy.



# TERRACE COMMUNITY RESIDENT COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30PM**  
Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace (Senior Way) TCRC Meeting Room  
All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

A message from your Resident Council President:

As this year quickly comes to a close I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a huge impact for the Terrace Community Resident Council. To say "thank you" to all of our officers and volunteers who continually dedicate their time and efforts to help make a difference in our Terrace Community throughout each year just doesn't seem to be enough. You have done a *wonderful* job. Because of your dedication we were able to implement many programs again this year that have helped to make a difference in the lives of our families and children here at the Terraces. It has also been a warm welcome to work side by side with the Stonequist Resident Council, and with no question, I thank them. We look forward to many years of continued collaboration. I would also like to thank our Executive Director Paul Feldman, our Board of Directors and the staff of the SSHA for the continued support and guidance you have given us as it comes with great pride we are working towards our 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a Resident Council. Of course I would also like to thank all of our Community Agencies who come to our meetings/events and provide essential resources and generosity for our Terrace Community. Above all, I would like to thank ***all of our residents***. Those who come to our meetings, who volunteer, who participate in our events/activities and continue to support and believe in the Terrace Community Resident Council's mission that if we can make a positive difference in one family's life or in all of our lives by assisting to provide resources and training and using these tools towards self-sufficiency, then we have accomplished what the resident council is here to do. My point is that each of us holds many great ideas in our hearts that when all of these ideas are brought to the table and we work together as a whole there are so many opportunities available and so much we can accomplish together right here where we live!! I look forward to continuing our mission and hope you will join us!!

Thank you all. I wish everyone a peaceful and safe holiday.  
With the warmest of regards,  
Susan Christopher  
President, Terrace Community Resident Council

## DECEMBER AGENDA:

This month, our **Speaker of the Month** is the **Saratoga County EOC**. Please come to hear about all the programs and resources they have to offer including the new Mobile Food Pantry which will begin serving the Terraces soon. We will also have updates on the upcoming Santa's Holiday Celebration and are still in need of volunteers!! We are already making plans for the upcoming year and would love to hear your ideas of speakers, agencies and programs that would interest you! As always, ALL are welcome so please come join us!! Though there won't be regular meetings held in Jan/February, there will still be activities being held during this time. Come hear about them and how you can get involved!!

**GET READY BECAUSE SANTA WILL BE HERE SOON!! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1-4PM at the RECREATION CENTER!**

**\*\*\* MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR CHILD SIGNED UP, UP TO 14 YEARS OF AGE, FOR GIFTS FROM SANTA!! \*\*\*  
THE WAITING LIST WILL CLOSE DEC. 4<sup>TH</sup> ... RSVP TO: (518) 587-5476 OR (518)879-7987**

AS SANTA PREPARES TO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY,  
Come join us as we recognize how this holiday season is celebrated around the world, for a wonderful afternoon of music, food and goodies, making fun crafts at our craft tables, helping to create and decorate the Christmas trees we'll be donating at the end of the party to needy families, as we anticipate SANTA coming to take pictures and give gifts to those who signed up.

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Please join us! We'd love to hear from you!!

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# Community Events and Announcements

## Ballston Spa Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

**Location:** Downtown Ballston Spa: Milton Avenue/Front Street/Wiswall Park

**Date/Time Information:** Friday, December 1, 2017 First Friday activities start at 6 pm, Parade step off at 6:30 pm, followed by tree lighting at approximately 8:15 pm.

**Event Description:** The Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association's annual Ballston Spa Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting takes place, Friday, December 1. The step off time is 6:30 pm, proceeding on Milton Avenue and ending in Wiswall Park on Front Street with Santa lighting the Christmas tree. The parade has become a hometown-style holiday tradition, with fire trucks, floats, animals, kids and Santa parading down the main street of the village. Once again this year, the parade will spotlight the Toys for Tots campaign, in partnership with the Ballston Spa Community Emergency Corps, Saratoga County Sheriff Department and U.S. Marine Corps. Volunteers from these organizations will be on hand to collect donations of new, unwrapped toys from spectators along the parade route as well as at the tree lighting.



## Breakfast With Santa

**Location:** St. Mary's School, 40 Thompson Street, Ballston Spa, NY

**Date/Time Information:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 8-11 am

**Fees/Admission:** \$5 per person

**Event Description:** The Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association (BSBPA) is once again presenting the annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2, from 8-11 am in the gymnasium of St. Mary's School, 40 Thompson Street, in the Village of Ballston Spa. A delicious pancake breakfast will be provided courtesy of the Eagle Matt Lee and Union Fire Companies. Children and their families will enjoy activities, live performances and a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Cost for the breakfast is \$5 per person and reservations are not necessary. Family activities at the breakfast include a craft table, a reading corner with a free book for each child, and a chance to take your own family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Ballston Spa Middle School Launching Pad group will put on a live performance during the event. The BSBPA would like to gratefully acknowledge our sponsors, Eagle Matt Lee and Union Fire Companies, McDonald's of Ballston Spa, Burlingame Orthodontics, North Country Printing and The Candle Collective. All proceeds will go to support community events and village beautification. A portion of the proceeds from the breakfast will go to support the youth programs at St. Mary's Parish. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots, so please bring a toy to donate if you would like.



## First Night Saratoga - Light Up the Night 2018

**Name:** First Night Saratoga - Light Up the Night 2018

**Date:** December 31, 2017 - January 1, 2018

**Event Description:** As one of the oldest and largest First Night celebrations in the country, First Night Saratoga is the most affordable, accessible, family-friendly, safe and exciting way to spend New Year's Eve in the region. On Sunday, December 31st, join over 15,000 revelers as Saratoga Art's hosts over seventy regional and touring performing groups in thirty venues throughout Historic Downtown Saratoga Springs. Starting with the 5k Road Race at Skidmore College at 5:30pm, culminating with the fireworks in Congress Park at midnight and packed full of live music, dance, comedy and magic in between, this event will be a highlight of your outgoing year. All this and more will keep kids of all ages amused, enchanted, and enjoying First Night Saratoga.

