



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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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

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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

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**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE
PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC
HOUSING RESIDENTS
(AFTER HOURS)
857-1051**

Notice

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PET POLICY

In order to protect and preserve SSHA property we will be strictly enforcing the pet policy. Over the last two years the SSHA has suffered thousands of dollars in damages that have been done to SSHA property by pet owners who did not properly supervise and care for their pets. Beginning with a census of resident's who own pets according to SSHA records we will be referring to the pet policy that only 1 animal is allowed and they must be properly cared for. If you own a pet and have not notified SSHA and paid the required pet deposit you will be required to remove the pet from your apartment.

WELCOME TO THE SSHA TEAM

The SSHA would like to welcome James Savignano to the SSHA maintenance team.

SQ Residents Price Chopper Bus

Every Wednesday beginning December 5th the sprinter van (black) will be bringing residents 50 and older who are independently functioning to Price Chopper on RT 50. The van will be boarding approximately 12:15 at SQ and boarding to leave P.C. approximately 1:30.

Smoking Policy

We will be increasing our scrutiny and enforcement of the non-smoking policy effective **December 1st**. Beginning with the new year the SSHA maintenance department will be assessing conditions of units where smokers reside. Any present effects of smoke residue will be scheduled for abatement. Then, future inspections will be scheduled to assess whether smoking is taking place in the apartment. HUD has advised PHA's to strictly enforce no smoking policies to the point of eviction if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday December 4, 2018 – Residents Meeting with Exec. Dir. 10:00am in Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday December 20, 2018 – Board Meeting at 2:30 pm at Stonequist
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25 & 26, 2018 – Office CLOSED for Christmas**
- **Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Office CLOSED for New Year's Day**

Squirrels

Due to a small number of resident's hand feeding squirrels making them lose their natural fear of human contact the SSHA was forced to do a catch and release program to relocate the squirrels. When squirrels lose their natural response to flee human contact it poses a threat to resident's health and safety. Because their natural diet was altered, they also began to chew wires in vehicles causing thousands of dollars in damages. Feeding squirrels is no longer allowed on SSHA grounds. If you wish to feed squirrels you may go to Congress Park



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.

SNOW REMOVAL

Stonequist: All cars are required to be parked on the north side of the lot closest to the outer fence by **7:00 a.m.** Between 8:00 – 8:30 am they are to be moved to the south side of the lot so maintenance can finish the lot in a timely fashion. The moving of the cars shall include the handicap spots closest to the building. If there is anyone who cannot do this, we suggest parking on the street before 7:30 am.

Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace: Residents must have their vehicles removed no later than **7:00 a.m.** from Jefferson Street and parking lots owned by the SSHA including but not limited to the parking lot on East Fenlon Street, and the parking lot where the dumpsters are located at Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace.

Any resident's vehicle, parked during the time our maintenance staff are plowing, will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. If there is no SSHA registration sticker, the vehicle will be towed regardless. Again, this must be done in order to properly clear the parking lots to insure maximum safety for our residents. We thank everyone in advance for your anticipated cooperation this winter. Stay safe and warm!

Shopping Carts

Reminder that carts being left in SSHA common areas are a violation of the lease.

Work Orders

If you are putting in a work order or if this is an emergency DURING working hours call 518-584-6600 Ext 251. If this is an emergency M-F after 3pm, weekends or holidays, call 518-857-1051

Reminder

If your rent is not paid in full prior to the 5th business day you will get a \$15 late fee. To avoid a late fee, sign up for automatic deduction! Please see Kathy in the office for the paper to sign up to avoid late fees.

Terrace Resident Reminder

Residents are in violation of the lease if they drive on sidewalks or on the lawn. This is also a danger with children playing and running around



Stonequist News

Stonequist Resident Council Meeting

There will be no meeting in December!
Our next meeting will be on 1/17/19 in
the Community Room.

The Resident Council will be doing a Cookie Swap fundraiser on December 7th from 9-3 in the Community Room. We are still looking for bakers to make 4 dozen cookies to complete a basket. If you are interested, please contact Chris Duffney in Apt. 301

Thank you to Steve Sullivan from Longfellow's & Olde Bryan Inn for providing Thanksgiving meals to our residents on Thanksgiving Day again this year! Thank you to all that helped organize the dinners, and deliver them to residents, including Cathy Caruso, Michelle Roddy, Chris Duffney, Donna McCarthy, Buddy McCarthy, Don Perkins, Robert Dixon and Tina Wasnesky.

50/50

On December 11th at 8pm The Barber Shoppers will be here. Please come down and enjoy the music. On December 21st we will have our Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet will be in the Community Room on December 1st. When you sign up you need to pay \$5.00 and you will receive this back at the dinner. Dinner will be at 6pm. Bring a grab bag gift and you will receive a gift.

Congratulations to Stonequist Resident Eddie Lehman for being featured in "Simply Saratoga" for his photography. Below is some of Eddie's photography.



Community Events and Announcements

Elf the Musical Jr at the Saratoga Springs High School

When: Friday, Nov 30, 2018 until Saturday, Dec 1, 2018 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Where: Saratoga Springs High School Teaching Auditorium, 1 Blue Streak Blvd Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Adults \$10 / Students & Seniors \$5 / Kids 10 and under

Event Description: Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Breakfast with Santa

When: Saturday, Dec 1, 2018 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs

Cost: \$8 per person (Adults must accompany children)

Phone: 518-587-5000

Event Description: Enjoy a continental breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus and other Holiday friends as part of the Saratoga Festival of Trees! Adults must accompany children. Reservations and tickets required for both adults and children. Seating's at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM. Call for reservations: 518-587-5000



First Night Saratoga 2019 - Let's Celebrate

When: Monday, Dec 31, 2018 until Tuesday, Jan 1, 2019 5:30 PM to 12:00 AM

Where: Downtown Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: \$20 Adult

Phone: 518-584-4132

Event Description: As one of the oldest and largest First Night celebrations in the country, First Night is the most affordable, accessible, family-friendly, safe and exciting way to spend New Year's Eve in the region. On Monday, December 31st, join over 15,000 revelers as Saratoga Arts hosts dozens of 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.

