



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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- Joy King, Commissioner
- Ann Bullock, Commissioner
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Board Meetings

The Board meets every third Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm @ Stonequist, no meeting in the month of August.

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

- Ext. 222 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
- Ext. 217 Cindy, Director of Finance
- Ext. 211 Katie, Executive Resident Advisor
- Ext. 210 Kathy, Executive Secretary
- Ext. 213 Lindsey, Occupancy Specialist
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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

Emergencies

If you have a Fire Emergency CALL 911 FIRST before calling SSHA maintenance.



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 ensure 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.

Shopping Carts

Reminder that shopping carts are not allowed in hallways and apartments. Carts being left in SSHA common areas and apartments are a violation of the lease.

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 10, 2019 – Residents Meeting with Exec. Dir. 10:00am in Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday December 19, 2019 – Board Meeting at 2:30 pm at Stonequist
- **Wednesday & Thursday, December 25 & 26, 2019 – Office CLOSED for Christmas**
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2019 – Office CLOSED for New Year's Day**

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. You must remove your vehicle until the lot is completely cleared.

*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 ensure maximum safety for our residents. We thank everyone in advance for your anticipated cooperation this winter.
Stay safe and warm!*

Health Insurance

Nancy Ramos, an insurance agent for Empire Blue Cross, Medicare Advantage, will be in the SSHA Community Room Monday, December 2nd at 9:00AM explaining the different options with Medicare Advantage. She will be bringing light refreshments. All are welcome.

Bikeatoga

Saturday, December 7th, 10AM-1PM you can receive a refurbished kid's bike and a helmet at The Bikeatoga Workshop, 241 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY. Call 518-542-5464 to schedule an appointment.

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 and it is after 3pm, weekends or holidays, call the Hotline at 518-857-1051

Notice-Pet Owners

All pet owners and assistance animal owners. If the SSHA does an inspection and finds animal waste on the floor, you will be **required** to remove the animal.

Stonequist News

For anyone who would be interested there is a Free Food Pantry Program sponsored by The Elks. If interested in signing up for this stop by The Resident Council Room and get the paperwork.

The Resident Council has established a phone line for our organization. The number is (518) 290-6869.

The Resident Council would like to thank Missy Pantoja for the spaghetti dinner. We would also like to thank everyone who has been supporting Grub St.

Keep an eye out for The Barber Shoppers. We will put up flyers as soon as we have a date.

Stonequist Resident Council Meeting

There will be no Resident Council meeting in December!

The December Christmas dinner is on December 13th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Community Room

Community Events and Announcements

2019 Saratoga Festival of Trees

When: Wednesday, Dec 4, 2019 until Sunday, Dec 8, 2019

Where: Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Varies

Event Description: From December 4-8, 2019, the city of Saratoga Springs will come together to celebrate the holiday season. The Saratoga Springs City Center will be transformed into a winter fantasy filled with the bright colors and twinkling lights we all adore. Between the many events, including Family Day Breakfast and Sundaes with Santa and the Preview Reception, the Festival is a joyously fun way to kick off the holiday season for children and adults alike. The Festival's main attraction is a wonderland of over 250 delightfully decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces all donated and designed by community sponsors. Visitors are encouraged to savor in this visual feast and experience the magical moments that fill our spirit with hope and gladness every holiday season.

2019 Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony

When: Thursday, Dec 5, 2019 6:00 PM

Where: Putnam Market, 435 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Event Description: Kickoff the Victorian Streetwalk with the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony! Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance, arriving by horse drawn carriage, and they will visit with your children. Christmas Carols will begin at 5:45pm. The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 6:00pm.

First Night Saratoga 2020

When: Tuesday, Dec 31, 2019

Where: Downtown Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: TBD 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 Tuesday, 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 roadrace at Skidmore College, 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.



For an application, please contact Jenna at 518-584-6600, Ext 219



NYSPHADA

2020 Scholarship Application



**A scholarship for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing
at a NYSPHADA member agency.**

One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500.00

One runner-up will be awarded \$1,000.00.

Applications are due to NYSPHADA by February 24, 2020.



Scholarship Program

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, NYSPHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter higher level learning (defined as a 2-4 year college, trade school or formal certification program). NYSPHADA will award one (1) scholarship to a deserving youth currently residing in a NYSPHADA member agency.

This scholarship will be formally presented at NYSPHADA's Annual Conference and Exhibition on May 6, 2020 at the Turning Stone Casino & Resort in Verona, New York. The winner will receive travel accommodations for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the conference.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the NYSPHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student's account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to NYSPHADA.

Eligibility Checklist

Please complete checklist. All documents must be typewritten. Please do not fold or staple documents.

Status

Applicant must be a **high school senior and reside in a NYSPHADA member agency** owned or managed unit throughout his/her entire senior year. Public Housing residents, Section 8 participants or other low-income housing residents are eligible, as long as the agency at which they reside is a NYSPHADA member.

Minimum Grade Point Average

Student must have at least a "B" average on his/her school's applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship. (NOTE: School counselor must complete the Grade Point Average Verification form on the verification page of this application.)

For consideration of this scholarship, applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.