



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

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

Notice

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Notice to all Residents for the Resident Commissioner Election 2019

The nominating petitions are available February 1, 2019 at the main office of the Housing Authority at Stonequist Apartments. Petitions must be turned in no later than **March 1, 2019 by 3:00 pm**. Voting will take place on **Wednesday March 20, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Residents unable to vote on the day set for the election shall be allowed to submit an absentee ballot five days prior to the election. Such ballots must be in a sealed envelope and will not be opened until all ballots are cast and it is determined that the person did not vote. No absentee ballot will be accepted unless accompanied with a signed statement by the tenant stating their name, address and apartment number and that they are eligible to vote. Such statement shall also contain the reason the person cannot vote on the date of election and are subject to verification. Election Regulations are posted in the 1st floor display case at Stonequist Apartments.

Welcome!!

Please help us welcome Angela Whiteaker and Jaeyeon Kim to the SSHA team. Angela and Jaeyeon are seniors at Skidmore College completing their degree in Social Work. Angela and Jaeyeon will be helping to connect eligible residents with services available to them and providing other assistance to the SSHA staff. They will also be working with the 5-year plan.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday, February 12, 2019 –Residents meeting with Exec.Director 10:00 am @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 – Residents meeting 7:00 pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 – Board Meeting 2:30 pm @ Stonequist
- Monday, February 18, 2019 – Office CLOSED for President's Day

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

Government Shutdown

There has been a lot of concern over how the government shutdown will affect the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority. The SSHA has enough resources to continue to operate for the next 4 to 5 months.

Capital District Child Care Council

You can get a free copy of the Summer 2019 Camp Catalog by visiting CDCCCC.ORG or call 518-426-7181.

Email Address

The cost of postage will be increasing once again. Due to this the SSHA would like to receive an email address from residents to begin sending letters and notifications by email.

Captain Community Human Services-Getting Ahead

Captain Community Human Services is kicking off the new year with 2 new Getting Ahead classes in Saratoga Springs. Classes are open to adults 18 years or older in Saratoga county. Saratoga County-Classes begin Tuesday, February 5, 2019 and meets every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm at Healing Springs recovery Center. To register please call 518-371-1185 or bonnie@captaincares.org

Work Orders for Heat Related Issues



It is extremely important to call in any work orders related to heating issues. Please be sure to call in work orders as soon as you notice a problem.

Reminder SQ Residents

Please do not throw large boxes or overstuffed garbage bags down the trash chute. This causes the trash shoot to become clogged. If this becomes clogged, the cost for maintenance to clean it out will be charged to the tenant who caused the clog.

Drain Lines

Using Draino or any other drain cleaner is prohibited. This can cause serious harm to maintenance staff.

Terrace Maintenance Shop

For your safety, parking is not allowed in the Terrace Maintenance Shop parking lot for any reason. Maintenance vehicles and equipment are always entering and leaving this lot. Please do not walk through this area to go to your apartment.

Stonequist News

Resident Council Meeting February 21, 2019 @ 7pm in the Community Room.

Stonequist Resident Council Elections

Have you been looking for a way to get more involved in the Stonequist Community? Now is your opportunity to get involved! Stonequist Resident Council needs to fill the following positions-Secretary, treasurer & 1-2 Resident-At-Large. Nominations will be accepted at the February 21st meeting. All interested nominees MUST be present at this meeting. The election will be held in march. If anyone has any questions regarding the Resident Council, or the positions open, please contact Michelle Roddy (#809) or Paula DeGearo (#619).

Terrace News

Scholarship Program available for SSHA Kids

The SSHA strongly encourages children to get involved in school sports, clubs, programs and activities. In order to support this effort, the SSHA will be awarding a limited amount of scholarships to children who participate in a school activity but need funds to purchase equipment or supplies for these sports, activities and programs that are not covered by the school or program. If you have a child enrolled in a sport, activity or program and need funds to purchase equipment, please contact Jenna at the SSHA office at extension 219.

Salt/Sand

The SSHA does not provide salt or sand to use on individual porches or stairs. It is the resident's responsibility to obtain this for porches and stairs.

Bryant & Stratton

Bryant & Stratton had a meeting at the Terraces on January 17th to discuss scholarship opportunities available to residents. Only one resident was in attendance for this meeting. Bryant & Stratton offer a \$5,000 scholarship to residents and if they have at least 4 people sign up they will also provide transportation. If you are interested in more information, please contact Jenna at 518-584-6600 ext. 219.

Basements

Last week the heavy rains and snow resulted in multiple basements taking on water. The basements are not meant for storage and should not be considered safe for storing personal property. Although it is rare that water will infiltrate the basement it may happen during certain parts of the year. Please be aware that the SSHA is not responsible for damage to items stored in the basement.

Snow Removal

The SSHA is responsible for removing snow from walkways, parking lots and driveways. It is the resident's responsibility to keep their porch and stairs clear of snow.

Power Outage

In the event you lose power for an extended period of time and are without heat and you do not have a place to go you are encouraged to come to the Stonequist Resident Community Room.

Community Events and Announcements

2019 Chowder fest

Date: February 2, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Downtown Saratoga Springs

Fees: No tickets necessary! Pick up a ballot form at any participating Establishment. Taste different chowders for a \$1 a cup (3 oz. serving)
Event Description Part of Winterfest, Chowderfest is one of the area's most perfect activity for a cold winter's day. Stroll through downtown Saratoga :



chowder from as many participating establishments as you'd like. Some restaurants will be offering classic varieties, while some may be serving original, unique concoctions. Over 80 vendors participate, including Saratoga County's best restaurants and caterers. After you've enjoyed sample after sample of delicious, warm chowder, vote for your favorite! Voting ends at 5pm and votes will be tallied into 7 award categories.

Dance Flurry Festival 2019 (celebrating its 31st year)

Date: February 15-17, 2019

Location: Saratoga Springs City Center

Fees/Admission: All ticketing and pricing is available at: www.flurryfestival.org

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Beginner, Intermediate and Experienced-Level Workshops and Dances. Over 300 Performers - Five Venues - Over 200 Events ***This is a weekend you don't want to miss!***

Event Description: Shake off the winter blues! It's time to dance, sing, jam, and more at The Flurry Festival! The 32nd Flurry Festival will run from February 15 - 17, 2019, in Saratoga Springs, NY!



Reptiles & Amphibians at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

When: Thursday, Feb 21, 2019 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Where: Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, 80 Scout road Wilton, NY 12831

Cost: Free Admission

Event Description: What makes the Eastern Hognose Snake reptile? What makes a Wood frog an amphibian? Meet us at the Park Office for a fun and interactive lesson on the defining characteristics of both reptiles and amphibians. Participants will also be making their own reptile and amphibian animal crafts! *Pre-registration is required by February 20th.*

