



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, no meeting in the month of August.

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

Ext. 222 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
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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 2020

The nominating petitions are available February 5, 2020 at the main office of the Housing Authority at Stonequist Apartments. Petitions must be turned in no later than **March 5, 2020 by 12:00 pm**. Voting will take place on **Wednesday March 18, 2020 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 three 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 Josh McKay to the Janitorial Staff. We would also like to welcome Jon Antolowitz as the new Assistant Facilities Manager.

Monthly Calendar

- Thursday, February 6, 2020 – SQ Resident Council meeting 1:00pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 –Residents meeting with Exec.Director 10:00 am @ Stonequist Community Room
- Monday, February 17, 2020 – Office CLOSED for President's Day
- Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Board Meeting 2:30 pm @ Stonequist

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

Snowstorm-Thank you!

Art Kirker, SSHA Mod Coordinator would like to thank all the Residents for moving their vehicles during the last snowstorm. This made the clearing of the lots much more efficient. It was greatly appreciated by all SSHA staff. Thank you!

New protocol at lease up and annual recerts

The SSHA will now be acquiring photos of all family members in your household at Lease up and Annual Recertifications for Security Reasons.

Utility Allowances-Terrace Residents

The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority (SSHA) is required to review annually their Utility Allowances to ensure that residents are adequately compensated for the costs of utilities directly paid by the residents.

Utility Allowances starting April 1, 2020

Site	Bedroom Size	Monthly Utility Allowance
Jefferson	1	\$94.00
	2	\$122.00
	3	\$161.00
	4	\$229.00
Vanderbilt	2	\$62.00
	3	\$74.00
	4	\$127.00

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.

Stonequist News

Resident Council Meeting February 7, 2020 @ 1pm in the Community Room. All residents are encouraged & welcome to attend!

Grub Street

The Grub Street Crew would like to thank everyone who attended the Fish Fry held on January 10th!

The next grub Street dinner will be held on February 7th from 5-7pm. Dinner will include Lasagna, Salad, a drink and dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$5

"Save the Date"

On March 5th at 7pm, Stonequist Resident Council will be hosting an acoustic band, "The Young Novelists". Stonequist was chosen to host the band as art of a series sponsored by café Lena. More details will follow!

Community Events and Announcements

22nd Annual Saratoga Chowderfest

Date: Saturday, February 1st, 2020

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 Saratoga's Annual Chowderfest is one of the area's most highly anticipated events of the year. Family-Friendly, fun and utterly delicious, Chowderfest features more than 80 vendors—including Saratoga County's best restaurants and caterers—who open their doors to the public and serve hot bowls of chowder to event goers.

VolunTEENS

When: Thursday, Feb 6, 2020 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM

Where: Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, 475 Moe Road Clifton Park, NY 12065

Event Description: Teens in grades 6-8 can earn a certificate for volunteer hours by assisting with Library tasks or a community service craft project. Tasks will vary. Registration required; online, in-person, or call the Library at 518-371-8622.

7th Annual Ballston Spa Chocolate Festival

When: Friday, Feb 7, 2020 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Cost: \$1 per sample

Event Description: Area restaurants, bakeries, and chefs will compete to showcase their talents and tastes by preparing small, sample sized chocolate offerings in up to 3 categories: Dessert (Sweet), Savory, and Chocolate Beverage. These chocolate treats will be judged by a panel of our First Friday Fanatics as well our visitors in Fan Favorite competition. On First Friday, visitors can pick up a ballot form and map at any participating business and head to their favorite "Sweet Spot" shops, restaurants, and chefs to sample a \$1 chocolate taste. While savoring these chocolate treats, visitors will enjoy a variety of First Friday activities going on throughout the Village, including art gallery showings, live music, artist demonstrations, and special promotions and sales just in time for Valentine's Day.

Winterfest 2020 at Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park

When: Saturday, Feb 8, 2020 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Camp Saratoga, 80 Scout Road Gansevoort, NY 12831

Cost: FREE ADMISSION | \$5 Snowshoe/Cross Country Ski Rentals

Event Description: Join us outside for a day of snowy fun! Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will be hosting a day of fun activities to celebrate getting outdoors in winter. The events will all take place at Camp Saratoga on Scout Road in Wilton. The day kicks off with the DION 8k Snowshoe race at 10:30 am. Participants can warm up by a bonfire with hot cocoa and s'mores. Snowshoes and Cross-Country Skis will be available for rental from the Information Cabin in Parking Lot #1. *Rentals are \$5. No registration is necessary.* 10:30 Snowshoe Race 11:00 and 1:00 – Family Snowshoe Walks Ongoing – Snowman Contest, Bonfire, S'Mores

