



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, (Please note Change for January Meeting) 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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Ext. 219 Jenna, 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 Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Warning.. Grease causes Fires

The Saratoga Springs Fire Department has been called to extinguish three grease fires in stoves/ovens at SSHA apartments in the last month. This is a reminder that page 8, Section 8 of the lease requires that "the stove should be cleaned and free of food and grease".

Failure to comply with this provision puts lives in danger and the SSHA will be required to pursue evictions if residents fail to comply with this provision. Inspections are currently taking place to ensure that residents are in compliance. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

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.

Calling in Work Orders

When work orders are called in, in order to complete the work in a quick time frame, you will need to provide authorization for Maintenance to enter your apartment. Please note, if you require the 48-hour notice set forth in your lease, there will obviously be at least a 2-day delay to complete the required work. Also, a reminder, all work orders **NEED** to be called into the Maintenance/work order line at 518-290-9079. If you do not have a phone, please come to the office and it will be completed for you.

Monthly Calendar

- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Office CLOSED for New Year's Day**
- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - Residents Meeting with Executive Director 10:00am @ Stonequist Community Room
- Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Stonequist Resident Council Meeting 1:00pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- **Monday, January 20, 2020 – Office CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Thursday, January 23, 2020 - Board Meeting 2:30pm @ Stonequist

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

Medicare Information

Sibyl Masten, Independent Agent, offering a variety of Medicare plans will be on site to answer any questions you may have regarding Medicare and other programs available here in Saratoga County. Light refreshments will be served.

1/3/2020 10am-12pm

1/24/2020 10am-12pm

Stonequist News

Stonequist Community Resident Council Meeting

The first Stonequist Resident Council Meeting of 2020 will be January 8th at 1pm in the Community Room. We will be looking at the year ahead & plans we would like to make on behalf of our residents. We encourage all residents to come and share the things they would like to see here at Stonequist in 2020. Light refreshments will be served for those who attend. Come & voice your matters because all your voices matter.

The Egg Man will be here Wednesday, January 8th and Wednesday January 22. Cost is \$2.00 Large/dz. & \$2.25 Jumbo/dz.

Thank you to Kathy B, Donna M, Rachel B, Louise C, Missy P, Cathy C. & Chris D for providing refreshments for the Barbershoppers music concert.

The Bird IS the word so dig out your poodle skirts & greaser jackets for the Fish Fry & Sock Hop! Come on down to Grub St. & jive! We will be serving Fish Fry, Cris-py Fries, Onion Rings & Chocolate or Vanilla Milkshakes! We will start jitterbugging at 5pm on Friday, January 10th. Tickets on sale now for \$7.50 adults, & \$5.00 kids under 10 yrs old.

The 2019 Holiday Resident Appreciation Dinner was amazing! If you were unable to attend you were definitely missed. It was the sincere privilege of the Resident Council to recognize nine of our residents for the kindness they displayed in many ways throughout the year. Recipients were: Paula DeGearo, Dave Harris, Steve & Virginia Martin, Chuck Chamberlain, Missy Pantoja, Phil Harrington, Mary Lou Suttle, Chris Duffney. We would also like to extend a huge thank you for a generous contribution made by one of our dinner guests, Uncle D. Giglio. We are proud to be residents alongside all of the residents here at Stonequist. We look forward to many more memorable moments with everyone in 2020. We also thank Chef Chris for his delicious dishes. No one left hungry.



Terrace News

GIRL SCOUTS ARE COMING TO THE TERRACES! IT'S FREE!

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY) believes in the power of every G.I.R.L.
(Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™!

Join the Terraces Troop (at no cost) and be a part of an organization which builds girls of courage, confidence, and character. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization, offering every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

When you unleash your inner G.I.R.L., you can accomplish anything!

Discover what Girl Scouting is all about at our first Troop Meeting!

January 14

5PM – 6PM

The Community Room at the Terraces

What is a Girl Scout?

Founded in 1912, by Juliette Gordon Low, the first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves—and for girls everywhere. They played basketball. They hiked and swam, and they went camping. But most importantly, they shared a sense of adventure and a belief that they could do anything. And just like Girl Scouts do across the country and around the world today, they worked together to make their corner of the world a better place.

**So.
Much.
Awesome.
Fun!**



JOIN GIRL SCOUTS!
NO COST TO RESIDENTS OF THE TERRACES!

JANUARY 14, 5PM - 6PM
COMMUNITY ROOM @ THE TERRACES

GIRL SCOUTS ARE COMING TO THE TERRACES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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We're Bringing GIRL SCOUTS to the Recreation Center!

Do you have a daughter interested in discovering the adventures of Girl Scouting?
If she's not already a Girl Scout, and would like to find out what EVERYONE is talking about...

COME JOIN THE FUN! It's FREE!

OPEN TO GIRLS OF ALL AGES!

When: First Meeting January 14

Where: Community Room at the Terraces

Time: 5PM - 6PM

Questions? Contact Liz Wilcox at ewilcox@girlscoutsneny.org

Name of Child: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Email: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Date of Birth: _____

List allergies: _____

Photo and website use release: I authorize the use of any pictures taken of my daughter at this event for promoting Girl Scouts. Yes No

My daughter has permission to participate in the Girl Scout workshops.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this Form by January 10 to Kathy Peterson.
Questions? Contact Liz Wilcox at ewilcox@girlscoutsneny.org

The 2020 Census is Coming! Join a Census Expert for a PIH-Sponsored Webinar on January 28, 2020 to Learn How to Support an Accurate Count and Help Shape Your Community's Future.

The 2020 Census (2020census.gov) is a count of every person living in the United States. Conducted once every 10 years, the census is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, nonprofits, teachers, and many others use to shape your community's future. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding goes to hospitals, fire departments, Head Start, schools, SNAP, housing programs, community and economic development, roads, and other resources based on census data. Join our webinar to learn more from a 2020 Census expert, including how you can help support a full and accurate count!

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Time: 2 p.m. eastern

Register: <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2020-connecthomeusa-the-2020-census/3200/>

The Census is also recruiting thousands of people across the country to help with the decennial census. Positions they are looking to fill include census takers, census field supervisors, recruiting assistants, office operations supervisors, and clerks. These opportunities could be of interest to residents who are:

- Retirees.
- College students.
- Looking for temporary employment.
- Already working who are looking for a second job.
- Available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or weekends.

Job applications are all online and available here: 2020census.gov/jobs. Pay will vary by location and a background check will be conducted for applicants who are selected. For more information, please go to: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2018/2020-recruitment.html>

Community Events and Announcements

Pizza Bowl

Hosted By: Saratoga Strike Zone

When: Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020 9:00 PM to 11:45 PM

Where: Saratoga Strike Zone, 32 Ballston Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Event Description: Starting a 9 P.M. enjoy unlimited pizza, bowling and bowling shoes for \$15 per person!

Sipping for Seniors to Benefit the Saratoga Senior Center!

Hosted By: Bailey's Cafe

When: Thursday, Jan 16, 2020 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Where: Baileys Cafe, 37 Phila St Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Open to the public!

Event Description: It's that time of year again! Not to be missed - a fun night out to network and support a great cause - Saratoga Seniors! All guest bartender tips and 20% of the food and beverage sales benefit the Senior Center. Stop in for dinner and drinks. Join us at Bailey's Cafe in downtown Saratoga Springs.

Winter Princess Ball

Hosted By: Her Royal Treatment Parties, LLC

When: Saturday, Jan 25, 2020 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Gurtler Brothers VFW, 190 Excelsior Ave Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: \$20/child, \$10/adult

Event Description: Her Royal Treatment Parties, LLC is hosting a children's event called the Winter Princess Ball. The Ball will take place at the Saratoga VFW on Jan 25, from 1-4. We will have a live DJ who will get all the little ones moving and shaking, Princess Meet & Greet, photo booth & souvenirs photo, and face painting. There will be pizza, treats, and beverages for purchase. We will have hair stylists available to do up do's for an additional cost. A few vendors will be available for those interested in shopping a bit. Children are encouraged to dress in their favorite princess dress or Sunday best as there will be a lot of photo opportunities. We will also hold a raffle basket with all things princess for those who bring in items to donate to Veteran's in need.