



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 August)

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority

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Ext. 222 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
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Resident Notification

Governor Cuomo has signed a new law that amends/changes certain provisions that affect rent eviction proceedings. Beginning immediately, the SSHA is required to use a new process for rent related court evictions. There will no longer be three-day notices served. SSHA is now required to serve 14-day notices to any tenant with an outstanding rent after the fifth business day of the month. The fee schedule has now been modified to reflect this change. Please see the new fees below:

On the sixth business day of the month the fee to serve the 14 day notice \$36. If SSHA is required to send the notice certified, the fee is \$12. If rent is still not paid and SSHA is required to serve the Court required Notice and Petition the cost for this would be \$32. If SSHA is required to send this Notification certified the fee is \$12 fee. This means if you fail to pay rent by the 5th business day an immediate charge of \$36 will be added to what you owe.

VCHC Waitlist

VCHC will be opening their Section 8 waiting list July 1st through October 1st.

The Habitat for Humanity has reached out to the SSHA looking for a hard working family who has the dream of home ownership in Saratoga Springs.

The dream home is a 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home in Saratoga Springs that is approximately 1,400 sqft.

The three eligibility requirements:

1. Need for Housing
2. Willingness to Partner - They believe in sweat equity vs cash equity (you would literally help build the home)
3. Able to pay an affordable mortgage - They partner with local banks to get the families a mortgage and they subsidize whatever you cannot afford (most of our partners are able to get mortgages between \$80,000-120,000 and they cover the difference to the value of the home)

Terrace Residents-Vegetation around your building

HUD prohibits any vegetation within one foot of any building. Therefore, nothing should be planted within 12" of the foundation. SSHA maintenance will be cutting back all vegetation near the buildings. If you currently have any plants/bushes near the building you will need to relocate them asap, otherwise they will be removed

Monthly Calendar

- Thursday, July 4th and 5th 2019-Office closed in observance of 4th of July Holiday
- Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – Executive Director meeting in the Stonequist at 10:00am
- Thursday, July 18, 2019 - Board meeting 2:30 pm at Stonequist

Fridge/Freezer

Please do not overload your fridge and/or freezer with food. This will cause the motor and fan to burn out.

Animals

You are required to take animals outside. **Pee pads are not allowed.** If pee pads are found you will be cited for violating the lease.

Saratoga Race Track Employment

For ANY seasonal employment you MUST report this income to the SSHA. Once you receive notice you have been hired you have five days to report the employment to the SSHA.

The EOC will be bringing the food pantry to the Jefferson Terrace parking lot near the head start building the 4th Thursday of the month beginning June 27th at 3:30pm.

JT/VT Residents-Storm Doors

Do not leave your storm doors unattended in the hold open position. This is causing the door to get damaged.

Youth Work Program

To locate American Job Center offices nationwide, visit: <http://www.servicelocator.org/>. The American Job Center offices can connect youth to local workforce area WIOA-funded youth programs. To access the Get My Future tool, visit: [GetMyFuture.org](http://www.getmyfuture.org) website. This youth-friendly site connects young adults to assessments, career exploration, education and job search resources sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. To join Workforce GPS, visit: <https://www.workforcegps.org>. This website contains technical assistance resources, news articles on workforce programs, and other tools related to workforce system programs and services. To learn more about this resource, PHAs may join the Workforce GPS as members. Two sites in particular which may be of interest: [Summer Jobs Community of Practice](#) provides a space to share promising practices and knowledge and expertise about summer programming. [Youth Connections Community of Practice](#) is an online learning destination for public workforce system staff and partners who connect youth to employment, training and educational opportunities.

Stonequist News

The next Stonequist Resident Council meeting is on July 18th at 7PM. There will not be a meeting in August

Stonequist Resident Council would like to thank Chris Duffney, Linda Crist, Donna McCarthy, Rich Shipman, Barry Guild and Missy Pantoja for all their help on the Father's Day picnic.

We would like to apologize to Caroline Williams for not mentioning her in the June newsletter for her help on the Easter Egg Hunt.

We may be having a Bake Sale in July. Watch the Bulletin Board for the date.

Stonequist Family Fun Festival is on August 3rd & 4th from 11am-4pm. It is open to the public and free admission. There will be games, vendors and food for a nominal fee. We are looking for vendors. If interested please contact Donna McCarthy at 518-695-7170.

Rabies Clinic

July 2, 2019 the 4-H Training Center located at 556 Middle Line Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 will be having a rabies clinic for cats from 6-7pm, dogs from 7-8pm and domestic ferrets from 6-7pm. The cost is free however, donations are accepted.

Community Events and Announcements

Saratoga's 2019 All-American Celebration

When: Thursday, July 4, 2019

Where: Downtown Saratoga Springs, NY

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Event Description: Saratoga's 2019 All-American

Celebration will begin on July 4th with the Firecracker 4 Road Race, a four-mile road race through Saratoga Springs. NEW this year, the Annual Citizenship Ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park will be live-streamed for everyone to watch at 10:00 a.m., inside the Saratoga Springs City Center or on your own computer, cell phone or other mobile device. During the day, local retailers will be taking part in a special Independence Week celebration inviting people to shop local and to support local independent store owners. Local restaurants will also offer a range of "All American" Meal deals. Everyone is invited to purchase an official Saratoga All American Celebration t-shirt at Impressions of Saratoga and Dark Horse Saratoga, both on Broadway, now through July 5th. Proceeds from the sale of these t-shirts will help to fund the fireworks and entertainment. The Chamber is urging people to buy these patriotic t-shirts before Independence Day and to wear them on July 4th. The main event will take place that night in historic Congress Park. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the Audiostars will perform live outside of the Canfield Casino. At approximately 9:15 p.m., Benjamin Franklin will come on stage to read the Declaration of Independence. This special presentation will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display!



4th of July BBQ

When: Thursday, Jul 4, 2019 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: The Adelphi Hotel

Cost: Adults \$35, Children 12 & under \$15, Free for children under 5

Event Description: Join us on July 4, 2019 from 4-8pm for open fire pit grilling, cash bar & more!

178th Saratoga County Fair

When: Tuesday, Jul 23, 2019 until Sunday, Jul 28, 2019 - 9:00 AM

Where: Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 162 Prospect Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Cost General Admission (Adult): \$12, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Free Gate Premiums with full price admission, Kids 12 & Under: Free, Active Military With Active Duty Card: Free, Retired Military With Military ID Card: 25% Discount, Wednesday, Senior Day - Seniors 65 & Over: \$5, Unlimited Ride Wristbands: \$20, Season Ticket (admits 1 person all week with free general parking in Fair Lots A, D, and E only): \$40, Saratoga County Agricultural Society Membership: \$10

Event Description: Fair Hours: 9am to 12am daily, Amusements of America Midway: 12pm to 12am daily, Live Music Pavilion: 12pm to 12am daily, Concession Building: 10am to 10pm daily. **Special Rules:** No dogs, skateboards, bikes, roller blades, alcohol, laser pointers, or weapons are allowed on Fairgrounds. The fair reserves the right to inspect bags, coolers, etc. Once inside the Fairgrounds, attractions are free except for food, drinks, rides, and Midway games. **Kids Stuff:** Come join the competition! You're invited to display your school exhibits at the 2019 Fair in these categories: Art, Science, Social Studies, Photography, Graphic Arts, and Group Project. Win awesome stuff! Trophies, ribbons, TVs, DVDs, and cash prizes for students. There will be a LEGO Competition; Pie, Donut, and Pizza Eating Contests; a Talent Show, a Pageant, Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pulls, and a Petting Zoo. Visit the Fair's website at SaratogaCountyFair.org for more information on the contests, rules, and how to enter. **Motorized Sports:** You can expect Four Wheel Drive Pulls, Garden Tractor Pulls, NYTPA Tractor Pulls, Demo Derby, and Out of Field Tractor Pulls.

