



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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The Board meets every third Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm @ Stonequist

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Our Staff

Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, *Executive Director*
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PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC
HOUSING RESIDENTS
(AFTER HOURS)
857-1051**

Notice

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Notice

Holding the elevator door open for an extended period of time with your arms/legs/objects will cause the elevator to shut down. Please use the "hold" button if you need to keep the door open to load cargo or let other passengers on. If the elevator shuts down due to a resident preventing the door from closing, the elevator control panel will identify which floor the shutdown occurred on and the office will review the video cameras to see who caused the shutdown. The cost involved in repairing the elevator will be charged to the individual responsible for the breakdown. We thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder- New Procedure

SSHA office window hours are Monday-Friday from 8 AM – 12:00 PM. Walk-ins cannot be honored. If you need to meet with staff you will need to call the office to make an appointment. The window will be open from 8-12pm to collect cash, checks or money order for rents. You may use the Drop Box in the Vestibule and lobby for checks and money orders 24 hours a day. Please do not put cash into the Drop Boxes. You may also sign up to have your rent automatically taken out of your bank account on the 5th business day of each month. We will soon be moving away from cash payments for security and insurance purposes.

Thank You for your cooperation!

REMINDER

Only SSHA maintenance staff is allowed to install and remove Air Conditioners (per SSHA insurance provider). The cost to install air conditioners is \$25, which includes removing it at the end of the season, an excess utility fee for Stonequist Residents is \$15 per month (since SSHA pays for electricity). Anyone wishing to utilize an air conditioner should contact the maintenance work order line (518) 290-9079 so that an installation appointment can be made.

Monthly Calendar

- Thursday, June 7th -Executive Director meeting w/Terrace residents at the Rec Center 6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 19th - Executive Director meeting at Stonequist at 10:00am
- Tuesday, June 19th- Stonequist Resident Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- Thursday, June 21st- Terrace Resident Council meeting at 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 21st - Board meeting 2:30 pm at Stonequist

SHOPPING CARTS

All residents have been previously notified that leaving shopping carts in hallways and lobbies are strictly prohibited. This is a violation of building codes and creates a potential hazard for residents and their guests. The SSHA requests tenants to return all shopping carts to the rear patio area when finished using them. When shopping carts are left in the hallways and/or lobby, the resident responsible will be charged \$20.00. The SSHA will remove the cart, review the security cameras and place a \$20.00 charge to the offending residents monthly rental charge. Because SSHA Staff must be called away from their current duties to remove the cart you will bear the cost of time and inconvenience to perform this task. Thank You for your cooperation.

BICYCLES (STONEQUIST)

All residents have been previously notified that all bicycles must be registered with SSHA Office. A sticker will be provided to you to place on your bicycle to indicate it belongs to a resident. There have been numerous bicycles that have been abandoned on SSHA property, many of which were locked to our bike racks, denying space to our residents. The registration process will allow us to remove bikes that do not belong to our residents and free up space on the bike racks. Maintenance will begin removing bikes that did not have stickers. If you own a bike that was removed let Gerard know and he will retrieve it for you so that you can immediately register it and place the sticker on it, Thanks for your cooperation.

Parking Lot Protocol



The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority has a vehicle registration system which requires all residents to register their vehicles with the office and receive a sticker. **This sticker will be displayed in the rear passenger side window.** Any vehicle without the proper sticker may be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. This includes any parking lots owned by the SSHA including but not limited to Stonequist, Vanderbilt parking lot (old Ford Center), and dumpster areas at Jefferson and Vanderbilt terrace.

This practice became effective as of April 1, 2015. Residents may contact the office to get their new sticker. The cost of the sticker will be \$1. The SSHA will also have temporary parking signs available for residents who notify the office of a visitor who is staying with their own vehicle. These temporary passes should be displayed inside the vehicle on the dashboard during the duration of their visit.



Did you know if you are a resident of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority that you are required to perform at least 8 hours of community service every month unless you are exempt?

You are exempt if you are over 62 years of age, you work full time, go to school full time or have a disability which prevents you from working and can provide a note from a medical professional stating such. If you have not been fulfilling your community service requirement, HUD will not allow the SSHA to renew your lease. If you have not been complying with this requirement (which is part of your lease) and would still like to remain a resident of the SSHA, please contact Jenna at the office 584-6600 so she can provide you the information you need to get into compliance.

Terrace Residents

On June 7th at 6:00PM there will be a meeting with Paul Feldman, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to update the residents about the Saratoga Springs Housing Authorities current and future activities. This meeting will be held at the Rec Center. Thank you



Stonequist News

Stonequist Resident Council Meeting June 19th at 7:00pm in the Community Room. There will not be meetings in July and August

Thank you to Dirk Johnson for taking wonderful pictures at our Easter Egg Hunt on March 31! Your name was inadvertently left out of last months newsletter. Sorry!



Thank you to Chris Duffney, Glen Caldwell & Ted Harrington for putting up the shed that was purchased last fall with Stonequist Tenant Participation Funds for residents to use to store gardening tools. It is next to the gardens in the back yard.

Thanks

Special Thanks to SSPD Sgt. Bob Denis, Graham Pritchard and Will Siegel-Sawma from Mediation Matters for attending our last meeting!

We will be working on the Memorial Garden starting in June for residents of Stonequist who have passed away. Anyone who is interested in working on the garden, please contact Michelle Roddy in Apt. 809.

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Will close down for June, July and August. We will open back up on September 4th. Thank you all for your support.

The Bylaws committee will be meeting over the summer and will present the revised Bylaws to the Resident Council in September. We are looking for 1-2 residents to serve on this committee. If you are interested, please let Michelle Roddy or Linda Crist know.



June

THE TERRACE COMMUNITY RESIDENT COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st @ 6:30PM

Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace (Senior Way) TCRC Meeting Room

All are welcomed! Refreshments will be served.

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day"

- Author Sally Koch

After 10 years of service to the residents of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority, I am announcing my retirement as of August 2018 to pursue my life's dream. With no question, it has been an amazing journey for me volunteering to serve the families of the SSHA, and I feel both honored and blessed to have had the opportunity and to have made such wonderful friendships over the years. I would like to thank Executive Director Paul Feldman and our Board of Commissioners for also believing in the TCRC leadership and for all the support given to the resident council over the years. Above all, I would like to thank every one of you for believing in me throughout my tenure, and I am more than grateful for all your support as we moved forward together creating that open door to bring opportunities, programs, events and a voice for our families in so many ways. Again, it has been an honor. I look forward to the bright future of the TCRC and the new leadership as they continue the mission the TCRC was founded on.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Susan Christopher

President

This Month's Agenda:

- It comes with great excitement to announce our guest speaker this month! Please join us as we welcome Angelo Calbone, Community Service Director of the Saratoga County EOC, as he introduces the *NEW* SCEOC Mobile Food Pantry coming to the Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace starting this month. He is looking forward to telling you all about the new SCEOC Mobile Food Pantry! Some topic examples include what types of foods are being distributed and what to bring with you and how to fill out the intake forms. He also suggested if we could help him by filling out a survey after the discussion that would help the agency to determine the best time that could meet the need of the most residents each month here at our Terrace community. As well, he'll be happy to answer any additional questions you may have, including other services offered by the SCEOC.
- We will be looking for nominees for new officers for the 2018-2020 TCRC Board. Please see enclosed the election notice and if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a board member of the TCRC, the nominee's will be announced at our June 21st meeting and the democratic election will be held Tuesday, July 17th.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

DORIS DOMINGUEZ

Doris joined the TCRC when it was first founded in June of 2015. During that time, she dedicated her time and services as our Treasurer. She not only served as a TCRC Board member, she would be right there to help with anything the TCRC needed, spending hours giving her time as far back as the first "Back to School Supplies Program", or the hours we spent preparing for the Octoberfest or wrapping Christmas gifts for the children attending our Christmas party. No matter what, she was, and has continued to be there when able, to volunteer for the TCRC. We wanted to thank you, Doris, for helping to make a difference through your volunteering and helping to keep the mission of the TCRC strong!!

As always, THANK YOU for your continued support!!

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THE TERRACE COMMUNITY RESIDENT COUNCIL

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ELECTION NOMINEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that during our June 21st meeting, the nominations for the Terrace Community Resident Council Officer seats will be taken and announced including the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the JVT Rep. At this time, the nominations will be posted in the July 2018 newsletter for the residents to review. The democratic election of officers will take place on Tuesday, July 19th under the supervision of a third party, whom will be announced at this month's meeting. The elected officers will take their seats at the August 16th meeting. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

The role of a resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction and participate in self-help initiatives to enable residents to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing. Resident councils may actively participate through a working partnership with the HA to advise and assist in all aspects of public housing operations.

As well, the Resident Council's play a role in determining where the Tenant Participation Funds will be spent. A few examples of what HUD defines eligible activities include:

- Coordination of support services
- Training related to child care, early childhood development, parent involvement, before and after school programs, health, and nutrition
- Child abuse and neglect prevention
- Tutorial services
- Youth education and sports programs
- Drug use and violence prevention programs
- Financial literacy

Everyone likes to express their opinions, well, now it's time to get involved so your opinion can be heard!!!

Community Events and Announcements

11th Annual Cantina Kids Fun Run

When: Sunday, Jun 3, 2018 - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Congress Park, 268 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Registration Fee: \$15 on or before May 22. \$20 after that date & on race day. Pre-registration closes May 31 at noon.

Event Description: Two Course Options: ¼ Mile Course: a short loop recommended for kids ages 7 and under. 1 Mile Course: recommended for kids ages 8-12. Best of all, participating kids are raising money for children's healthcare at Saratoga Hospital. A run for kids, all about kids, that benefits kids...a great family event right in downtown Saratoga Springs! Strollers are welcome, so families are able to run together! The school with the highest participation (by percentage) wins the Healthiest School Contest and Trophy. For more information, contact Klare Ingram at kingram@saratogahospital.org or 518-583-8765. Registration Details: Parents running with children must also pay and register. Pre-registration closes at noon on May 31. Day of registration is open 8:00 to 8:45 am. T-Shirts: Early bird registrants (on or before May 22) are guaranteed a t-shirt (children only). Early Packet Pickup: Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Congress Park near Canfield Casino. Awards: All children receive a medal. The top three boys and girls for each course receive trophies.



Wildlife Festival 2018 at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve

When: Sunday, Jun 3, 2018 - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

Cost: Free Admission

Event Description: Our annual Wildlife Festival will feature nature walks, pond exploration, live animals, nature crafts, community organizations, fire tower tours, and lots of hands-on fun. The wild blue lupine will be in full bloom and the Karner blue butterflies will be plentiful in the meadows. All activities are offered free to the public. Silent Wings raptor program will take place at 11:30 am and naturalist George Steele will be presenting programs. The ceremony honoring the winners of the 2018 Earth Day Essay contest will take place at noon. There will be food for sale at the BBQ and a bake sale.



Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge #161 Flag Day Parade

When: Saturday, Jun 9, 2018

Where: North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Free Admission

Event Description: Celebrate Flag Day in Saratoga Springs by attending the annual Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge #161 Flag Day Parade. Stay tuned for more details on the 2018 parade as they become available!



6th Annual Beekman Street Arts Fair

When: Sunday, Jun 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Beekman Street Arts District, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Event Description: Join us on Sunday, June 10, 2018 10 am – 5 pm for a one-day fun day on Beekman Street! Enjoy a juried art and craft show, musical groups, open mic, street performers, makers' spaces for kids and adults, and food trucks all in the Beekman St Arts District from Grand Ave to West Circular, which will be closed to traffic.

