



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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(AFTER HOURS)
857-1051**

Notice

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REAC Inspections scheduled June 11th

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Real Estate Assessment Center will be conducting mandatory inspections of Stonequist Apartments on June 11, 2019. It is expected that Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace will be inspected soon after. A separate notice will be sent to Terrace Residents when we receive official notice of the inspection dates. These inspections are required by HUD so there is not an option to request a different appointment time. Since the HUD inspector does not notify the SSHA until the morning of the 11th, we will be unable to provide times to individual residents which is why all residents must be prepared to have their apartment inspected on that day. The inspection company has also directed the SSHA to notify residents that inspections may also take place on June 12th, 13th, or 14th as well and that this will constitute the required notice per your lease. Please ensure that your apartment is clean and organized for these inspections. If there are any maintenance related issues please contact the work order line immediately so they can be corrected prior to the inspection. Stonequist has always scored well in these inspections so please take pride in your home and be ready for the upcoming inspection. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER-A/C's

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.

YMCA-Free Membership

The YMCA is offering a certain number of "Free Memberships" to families of the SSHA. If interested, contact Jen at the office at Ext. 226

Empty Bottles -SQ

Please do not leave empty bottles in the Hallways. If bottles are in the hallway or hanging on doors maintenance will be removing these.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday, June 11th - Executive Director meeting at Stonequist at 10:00am
- Tuesday, June 20th - Stonequist Resident Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- Thursday, June 20th - Board meeting 2:30 pm at Stonequist

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 Jen at the office 584-6600 so she can provide you the information you need to get into compliance.

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 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.

Bicycle Registration (STONEQUIST)

All residents have been previously notified that all bicycles must be registered with SSHA Office. A sticker will be provided to place on your bicycle to indicate it belongs to a resident. There have been numerous bicycles abandoned on SSHA property. Many Bikes were locked to SSHA bike racks, denying space to our residents. The registration process allows us to remove bikes not belonging to our residents and free up space on the bike racks. Maintenance will begin removing bikes without stickers. If you own a bike that was removed please contact Maintenance. Thanks for your cooperation.

SQ & Terrace Residents-Sink Baskets

Maintenance has provided each apartment with sink baskets. Please use these to prevent sink backups. If you do not have a sink basket, please contact the maintenance line and one will be provided to you.

Resident Addresses

Do not allow anyone not on your lease to use your address. This gets reported directly to the IRS.

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.

Stonequist News

The June Resident Council meeting will be held on June 20th at 7pm in the Community Room. Please join us!

The Stonequist Resident Council thanks all of the volunteers who helped make the recent Easter Egg Hunt & Health & Wellness Fair a success!! Thank you to Michelle Roddy, Paula DeGearo, Linda Crist, Cathy Caruso, Chris Duffney, Elizabeth Powers, GerriLynn Jacobs, Donna McCarthy, Wanda Lapoint (our Easter Bunny!) & Ally & Jack Vick. We could not have done it without you!!

Movie nights are held every Saturday night, except the first Saturday of the month, starting at 6pm. Bring your beverages & snacks & come on down!!

The Resident Council would like to thank Louise, Missy, Chris, Michelle, Donna and Jimmy for their help on the Mother's Day breakfast. The Resident Council will be having a Father's Day cookout on June 9, 2019 at 1pm. We will be having hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and more. Fathers are free and everyone else must pay \$2.00

Community Events and Announcements

Cantina Kids Fun Run

When: Sunday, Jun 2, 2019 - 8:00 AM

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

Cost: Registration Fee: \$15 on or before May 21st. \$20 after that date & on race day. Pre-registration closes May 31 at noon.

Event Description: Choose from two courses: 1/4-mile or 1-mile. Run as a family - strollers welcome. Kids activities, including challenge course, face painting, and more Healthy snacks and warm up exercises. Medals for all runners up to age 12

Trophies for top three boys and three girls for each course. School with highest participation wins Healthiest School Contest



Wildlife Festival 2018 at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve

When: Sunday, Jun 2, 2019 - 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. There will be food for sale at the BBQ and a bake sale



Relay For Life of Saratoga County

When: Friday, Jun 7, 2019 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Where: Saratoga Springs High School, 1 Blue Streak Boulevard Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Event Description: Relay for Life®, the American Cancer Society's signature event, is a fun-filled overnight experience designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer. At Relay, people from within the community gather to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and to fight back against this disease. Relay participants help raise money and awareness to support the American Cancer Society in its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue. During Relay For Life® events, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. The events are held overnight to represent the fact that cancer never sleeps. Through the survivors' lap and the luminaria ceremony, we honor the people who have faced cancer first hand, and we remember those who have been lost to this disease, but Relay isn't about taking laps -- it's about coming together in the fight against cancer. It's a time to remember those lost to this disease and celebrate those who have survived. It's a place where people connect with others, share the cancer experience, and find comfort and solace. And it's an opportunity to build hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens the lives of the people we love. As volunteers and donors, your efforts support research, education, advocacy, and services that allow the American Cancer Society to offer help and hope to people across the country when they need it most. By joining together at Relay, we celebrate life, friendship, and an opportunity to work to defeat cancer for future generations. Event is free and prizes are offered for fundraising. Registration is recommended at relayforlife.org/saratogacountyNY or by calling 1-800-227-2345, option 2.

Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge #161 Flag Day Parade

When: Saturday, Jun 8, 2019

Where: North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Free Admission

Event Description: On Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Noon, the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge #161 will hold their 52nd Annual Flag Day Parade honoring all active members and retired veterans from all branches of the Military Service – Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines and Coast Guard. In addition, they will be giving special recognition in honor of the American Legion's 100th Anniversary. Begins on North Broadway and ends at Congress Park

