

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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Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Joanne Foresta- Chairman
Lucile Lucas, Co- Chairman
Ann Bullock
Michelle Deyette, Resident Commissioner
Susan Christopher, Resident Commissioner
Joy King
Steven Sullivan

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. 22 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
Ext. 17 Cindy, Director of Finance
Ext. 11 Katie, Executive Resident Advisor
Ext. 13 Jill, Assistant Resident Advisor
Ext. 21 Joan, Tenant Relations
Ext. 10 Kathy, Executive Secretary
Ext. 12 Gerard, Facilities Manager
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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.

RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS ELECTION

The election for Resident Commissioner of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, will take place on:

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Time: 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Ballots' may be cast in the Community Room at the Stonequist Apartments, or The JVT Resident Council Office at Building 24 Jefferson Terrace.

Residents unable to vote on the day of the election shall be allowed to submit an absentee ballot **five 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 his name, address and apartment number and that he is eligible to vote. Such statement shall also contain the reason the person cannot vote on the date of election.

Election Regulations are posted in the 1st floor display case at Stonequist Apartments.

F-R-A-U-D

The SSHA is continuing to actively investigate all cases of FRAUD. This type of crime occurs when tenants have unauthorized persons living with them that are not on the lease, and are not reporting their income. Any tenant allowing persons not on the lease to reside in their apartment for longer than a 14 day period during the year without the approval of the housing authority are in violation of their lease and may be subject to eviction code and criminal prosecution

Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 12th. 2:00 AM

Don't forget to turn
Your clocks **AHEAD**
1 hour!



Monthly Calendar

- Wednesday March 01, 2017 – Ash Wednesday
- Tuesday March 07, 2017 – Residents meeting with Director 10 a.m. at Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 9, 2017-Resident Council Meeting 7 pm Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 16, 2017– Board Meeting 2:30 p.m. at Stonequist
- Wednesday March 15, 2017 – Terraces Resident Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm at Bldg. 24
- Friday March 17, 2017 – St. Patrick Day

STONEQUIST NEWS

Stonequist Resident Council will be hosting 2 special events in April. One on April 7 and the other on April 15th. So keep those dates open and stay tuned for more information in the April Newsletter

STONEQUIST RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING

FLOOR CAPTAINS

Stonequist Resident Council meeting will be held on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the community room. All are welcome!

We will discuss the Floor Captain Program. If you are currently a Floor Captain for your floor, please attend, even if you are not sure you want to continue, as we can use your valuable input to revamp the program. We currently do not have Floor Captains on floors 2, 3, 5, and only one on floors 6 & 9. If you live on those floors and think you may be interested, please attend the meeting! If you are unable to attend, but are interested in becoming a floor captain, please contact Michelle Deyette at 526-0161 or Apartment 809.

Thank You

A very special thank you goes out to Cathy Caruso, Donna McCarthy, Louise Chase and Jimmy & Ruth Thomas for planning, cooking and serving at the wonderful benefit dinner for Gary Roddy on February 10, 2017. To the Stonequist residents who paid for the dinner and dined with us as well as bought raffle tickets for the beautiful basket arrangements, we thank you! We have used the incredible amount of money you raised to pay off the balance Gary's first prosthetic and it has removed a huge weight off our shoulders. If we had any doubt before we know now that you are not only our neighbors and friends, but also our family. THANK YOU! Michelle Deyette and Gary Roddy #809

LIBRARY

The Librarian will be at Stonequist on March 20, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the Community Room. Jeanine will be bringing books (regular and Large print) and DVD's that you will be able to check out as long as you have a valid Saratoga Springs Library Card. If you do not have a library card, Jeanine will be happy to assist you in getting one through the Outreach Program only books and DVD's taken out are not due until Jeanine returns the following third Monday of the month.

If you have any questions regarding the program, or to reserve a specific book or DVD, please contact Jeanine at the Library 584-7860 ext.7

Notice:

This is a reminder that anyone visiting Stonequist should not be parking their cars in front of the building. Any car that is parked for longer than 10 minutes, will be subject to getting a ticket and towed at the owners expense. This lane must be free for emergency vehicles at all times!



If any resident has an emergency maintenance issue between the hours of 3pm-7:00 am, weekends, or on a holiday please call the emergency maintenance line at 518-857-1051 to speak with an on-call maintenance person.

Terrace Community News

RENT REMINDER AND OFFICE HOURS

RENT is due by the 5th day of each month.

The Office Hours:

The first five business days of each month the office window will be open from 8am to 12 pm and 12:30pm to 3pm.

After the 5th Business day the office window will be open 8am to 12pm and 12:30 to 2pm.

TERRACES COMMUNITY RESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm

In this welcome back meeting we will discuss this upcoming year's agenda. We will also be accepting nominees for Secretary, Treasurer and a Jefferson Terrace Representative. All meetings will held in
Bld. 24



Don't forget about the DROPBOX!!

For any tenant that does not have a key to get to the Stonequist lobby, we have a drop box in the doorway of Stonequist

where tenants can put their rent checks. Things can be left anytime, day or night. Anything dropped in the drop box after 4pm will be posted as of the next working day.

POWER OUTAGE

If there is ever an extended power outage, keep in mind that the Saratoga Recreation Center is a designated warming center. The Rec Center is right on the corner of Vanderbilt Avenue across Worth Street and only a short walk to access safe warm shelter. Please keep this in mind for future reference.

Reminder to all Jefferson Residents:

The basement is NOT deemed a habitable space. It must be kept clear of clutter at all times. Do NOT risk eviction over poor housekeeping.

Residents at the Terraces: If you have a dog, please be courteous and don't leave the mess. It is unfair to the residents who live at the terrace. Nobody wants to see or walk into a mess on the ground. All pets must comply with the Authority's pet policy and owners will be charged if staff has to clean up after your dog.

Give your child a Head Start! - The Saratoga County EOC Head Start is for low income pregnant women and families with children birth to age 5. Preschool classrooms are located at Saratoga High School and at Jefferson Terrace. Transportation and meals are provided. Weekly home visits are available for pregnant women and children birth to age 5. SCEOC Head Start is FREE! Call **583-2584** to apply.



Community Events and Announcements

Saratoga Home and Lifestyle Show

The **Saratoga Home & Lifestyle Show** features a variety of home and lifestyle businesses in categories such as home improvement, landscaping, décor and fine finishes, heating and plumbing, pools, financial and professional services, and many more.

When: Friday, Mar 3, 2017 until Sunday, Mar 5, 2017 - 5:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Springs City Center

522 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

There are also hourly door prizes, a **grand prize**, and other special activities taking place throughout the weekend!

Admission is FREE courtesy of the show's major sponsor, The Adirondack Trust Company.

Hours:

- Friday, March 3, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sunday, March 5, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT MONTH

The Career Building EXPO; Find jobs in Saratoga Springs, NY and the entire Capital Region of Upstate NY

- Date: April 12, 2017
- Time: 10am – 4pm
- Location: Saratoga Springs City Center, 22 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

DO YOU KNOW

The Saratoga One Stop Career Center has a variety of workforce services available for job seekers. Job seekers services include personal assistance from professional staff to provide career guidance, resume workshops, job search workshops, job referrals, interview workshops, mock interviews and education and training grants. A Resource Room is available for customer use and provides cost-free access to phone, fax, copier, a library of employment related materials, resume building software and internet connected computers.