



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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RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS ELECTION

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

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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.

Reward!!!

\$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator that shot multiple windows with a BB gun at Vanderbilt Terrace. Any information received will be kept confidential.

Welcome!!

Please help us welcome Anna Reeves to the SSHA team. Anna is a Senior at Skidmore College completing her degree in Social Work. Anna will be helping to connect eligible residents with services available to them and providing other assistance to the SSHA staff. Anna will be spending time in the community room throughout the week so stop by and say hello.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday March 06, 2018 – Residents meeting with Director 10 am @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 15, 2018-Resident Council Meeting 7pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 15, 2018– Board Meeting 2:30 pm @ Stonequist
- Thursday March 15, 2018- Terrace Resident Council Meeting 6:30pm @ bldg. 24 Jefferson terrace

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

Vehicle Information Form

Please fill out and return the attached vehicle information sheet to the office so we may update SSHA vehicle records. Numerous vehicles have been towed for failing to have registration stickers. Please make sure you have purchased your registration stickers from the office for \$1.00. The office does have temporary parking stickers



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.



Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 11th
Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour!**

IMPORTANT

It is extremely important to notify SSHA in writing when someone loses their job so that the rent can be properly adjusted.



JOB FAIR

March 3rd, 2018 10:00am-3:00pm

Fill out an application and do an on spot interview.

Bryant & Stratton College

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Looking to make a change? Interested in attending college and starting your journey to a great career? Have transportation issues? Contact Bryant & Stratton College for more information about how they can help!

Contact Information: Michael Rheubeck 1259 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Phone : 518-437-1802 ext. 227

Stonequist News

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS! Information Session March 1ST AT NOON IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

There is a lot of talk by the residents about the new development to take place behind our building, We have heard lots of questions, that we could not answer, now is your chance to get answers to your questions and concerns. It is imperative that you attend this meeting with the developer for an update on the plans for this new development, of the new apartments, the amenities and disposition and development of the land adjacent to Stonequist. Pizza will be served during the presentation. You must attend the meeting to partake in the pizza luncheon! The date is March 1st at noon in the community room.

Our next Resident Meeting will be March 15th at 7pm in the community room, we encourage everyone to attend, as we have a lot of information to share with the residents as well as upcoming events. See you there!

Health Screening Clinic will be here in the community room Wednesday March 7th 10am until 11am there will be screenings for the following: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and for Glucose. No appointment is required.



Resident Council of Stonequist is having our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt March 31st in the back yard.

Sign up date is through March 23. All children are asked to bring their own baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will also have the Easter Bunny here! Photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$2 each if you would like a photo of your children with the Easter Bunny.

There will also be face painting for the kiddo's, this will be free. For the residents of The Terrace, Vanderbilt, and Jefferson all of your children are invited to this event, please come and have some fun with us! There will be a golden egg for each age group! And some goodies for the kiddo's! Again it is March 31st 1pm till 2pm. For residents of The Terrace, Vanderbilt and Jefferson, please see Christine there at the Terrace, she will have a paper for you to sign up your child/children it is for ages 2 through 9. Hope to see you there and the Easter Bunny says Come have fun with us!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
Voting will take place March 14th in the community room, to elect a resident commissioner, voting times will be from 11am through 2pm. Please don't forget to vote, as the commissioner is our voice to the board and help with problems that arise with residents. So this is very important to vote. Thank you!

Double Bingo takes place in the community room every 2nd Tuesday of every month. 1st round begins at 7pm till 8pm. Second round begins 8:15 through 9:15pm. Everyone who attends we ask that you bring a snack that can be shared. Come get to know your neighbors and have some fun with us!

Price Chopper bus schedule changed their pickup time from 12:20 to 12:10, the bus comes the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 12:10pm this is free of charge!

Hannaford bus comes every Tuesday at 9am this is also free of charge!

Walmart Bus comes every Tuesday at 11am, there is a 75 cent charge for the ride there and back!

50/50 Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17th @ 6:00pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Community Room on March 1st. Please sign up by March 10th. This is a free dinner to all Stonequist Residents.

FARM FRESH EGGS!

The egg man comes 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month between the hours of 1:30pm-2:30pm



THE TERRACE COMMUNITY RESIDENT COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

THURS., MAR 15th @ 6:30PM

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

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

We'd like to start 2018 by recognizing some important facts when it comes to getting involved and making a difference here at the Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terraces. One thing that stands out above all is our residents who volunteer with the TCRC. Over the past couple years, the TCRC has proudly established many wonderful programs and opportunities for our residents, none of which could have been possible without the help of our resident volunteers. By volunteering, these special folks have given their time in so many different ways with one goal in common: to help make a positive difference for the families of the Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace. The best part of having our volunteers is their generosity of spirit and compassion, which to some of our residents shows that people care, and when people care, it brings hope. Sometimes hope is just what someone needs to try to change their lives. The TCRC takes great pride in all of these amazing people that get involved and volunteer, so each month through 2018, we would like to recognize these residents for their outstanding service and commitment.

MARCH 2018 RESIDENT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

JOAN GAILOR

Joan has been a dedicated volunteer for the JVRAB and the TCRC for many years, attending meetings and getting involved with numerous activities. Joan is best known for decorating her yard for the holidays – especially Easter and Christmas, helping her neighbors, and her donations of baked goods and items to help for Christmas time, to name a few. Thank you, Joan, so much for your devotion to make a difference!!

To be a volunteer, it takes...

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others

Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own

Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel

Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better

Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through

We have a full meeting planned including this month's Guest Speaker, Bryant & Stratton. Come hear about the new opportunities they are offering, including their plan to help make transportation FREE! Classes start in May, so now is the time to come learn about the classes and get registered!!

We are looking to fill the positions of Secretary and JVT Rep.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please give us a call for more information.

As always, THANK YOU for your continued support!!

Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace (Senior Way) * jvt.residentcouncil@yahoo.com * (518) 587-5476

Family Opportunities: the Saratoga Recreation Center

For families new to the area, or still getting familiar with what opportunities are out there, the Saratoga Recreation Center offers fun programs to keep your kids active (and occupied after school while you're working or taking some time for yourself) year-round. The center is within walking distance from Stonequist and right in the backyard of Vanderbuilt and Jefferson Terrace.

Do you have kids in Pre-K -12th grade? Sign them up for spring sports at the rec center! Registration for springtime youth baseball and T-ball, boxing, ice skating, and soccer programs will be open over the next few weeks. Playing sports, especially team sports, is an awesome way for kids to stay healthy, learn valuable social skills, and meet new friends. Perhaps you have a future Olympic skater or soccer star in the making. Scholarships are available for all rec center sports programs- simply bring your 1040 tax forms or lease agreement with you to the front desk at registration. Whether or not you and your kids are ready to commit to a season of sports, open gym hours at the rec are free to everyone and provide a safe and convenient place to exercise/play year-round.

Registration for the rec department's summer camp, Camp Saradac is also open. There are limited scholarships, available on a first-come-first-serve basis, so sign up soon! Camp is a great summer option for working parents. (See Debbie at the rec center for questions concerning scholarships)

Do you have a teenager who wants to get to work? (Or do you want your teenager to get to work?) The recreation department has some seasonal employment opportunities (assisting with summer clinics and referee-ing soccer games) for anyone 15 or older, and Camp Saradac camp counselor positions for anyone 16 or older, and is accepting applications.

Check out the department website: <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/184/Rec-Programs> for more details, and stop by 15 Vanderbuilt Ave., with your proof of residence (tax forms or lease) to sign up for your rec card and register.



Saratoga Recreation Department: 518-587-3550 x2300

C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios

CREATE is a new arts center with locations both in Saratoga and Schenectady. It emphasizes using art as a form of healing, self-expression, and social activism. The Saratoga center offers some classes run by certified art therapists, an after-school arts club for kids, a teen-specific arts group on Monday evenings, and open studio time, when anyone can drop in and work independently, or take part in a guided art project. All classes are low-cost, and art supplies are included. The studio is tricky to find, tucked behind The Hungry Spot Café on Broadway. More information at: www.createcommunitystudios.org 480-B North Broadway



Skidmore College

Skidmore's Tang Teaching Museum offers free family events on most Saturdays from 2-3:30. Community members can come explore the exhibits and create fun kid-oriented art projects. The Tang is open 12-5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays, perfect for a weekend trip. Skidmore is located right along the CDTA 473 bus route. During the summer months, come see some free live music on the rooftop of the museum!

Saratoga Public Library

The Saratoga library has an incredible number of programs for kids and families. The library has morning programs for toddlers and preschoolers almost every day of the week, including playgroups and music and movement classes, hosts family arts nights on Mondays, cool science programs, reading clubs, and even yoga classes. The library also has a 'teen room', where kids in grades 7-12 can hang out after school, socialize, do homework, use a computer, or stay for weekly classes/ events and learn how to cook or play acoustic guitar. All programs are free for the public.

Check out the library's spring brochure to see everything that the library has to offer.

https://www.sspl.org/documents/services/brochure_spring.pdf

Community Events and Announcements

Saratoga Home & Lifestyle Show

Date: Friday, March 2, 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST

Location: Saratoga Springs City Center 522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Fees/Admission: Free

Event Description: The Saratoga Home & Lifestyle Show runs March 2- March 4, 2018 at the Saratoga Springs City Center, featuring 120 regional exhibitors showcasing home improvement services, décor and furnishings, energy-saving products, outdoor living and landscaping, family recreation, and lifestyle products and services. The show offers great prizes.



2nd Annual Chili Cookoff to benefit Saratoga R.A.C.E

Date: March 3, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST

Location: Kings Tavern

Fees/Admission: \$15 Donation

Event Description: We are excited to announce our 2nd annual chili cook-off! Come join us for a day full of Chili, music, raffles, and much more! Saratoga Racehorse Aftercare Charitable Endeavors (R.A.C.E) is a non-profit organization made up of member groups based in the Saratoga area and formed to raise awareness and support for these racehorse aftercare programs. These organizations offer a valuable second career/life for many horses who are unable to continue their life on the racetrack.



Adirondack Sports & Fitness Summer Expo

Date: March 17& 18, 2018

Time: Saturday: 10am - 5pm, Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Location: Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs NY 12866

Fees/Admission: Free Admission

Event Description: Join 8,000 sports, health, fitness and travel enthusiasts for the 13th annual Summer Expo, which features 150 exhibitors covering running, hiking, bicycling, paddling, triathlon, health, fitness, green living and travel in upstate New York. The fun, high-energy show includes great sales, clubs, demos, events, activities, races, seminars and prizes.



Woodworkers Showcase 2018

Date: March 24 & 25, 2018 Open to the Public Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm

Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM EDT

Admission: Adults \$10, Under 12 free

Location: Saratoga Springs City Center 522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

Event Description: Northeastern Woodworkers Association – Showcase Fine woodworking exposition featuring hundreds of pieces of furniture, toys, carvings, turnings, sports equipment, and miniatures by the region's finest woodworkers



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day