



# 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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- Joanne Foresta, Chairman
- Michelle Roddy, Co-Chairman/Resident Commissioner
- Lu Lucas, Commissioner
- Stephen Sullivan, Commissioner
- Ann Bullock, Commissioner
- Joy King, Commissioner
- Robert Dixon, Resident Commissioner

## Board Meetings

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

**Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600**

## Our Staff

- Ext. 222 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
- Ext. 217 Cindy, Director of Finance
- Ext. 210 Kathy, Executive Secretary
- Ext. 211 Katie, Executive Resident Advisor
- Ext. 213 Lindsey, Housing Assistant
- Ext. 219 Jenna, Housing Assistant
- Ext. 226 Jen, Housing Assistant
- Ext. 221 Joan, Housing Assistant
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- Josh, Maintenance Staff
- Tommy, Maintenance Staff
- Chad, Maintenance Staff
- Ted, Maintenance Staff
- James, Maintenance Staff

**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE  
PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC  
HOUSING RESIDENTS  
(AFTER HOURS)  
857-1051**

## Notice

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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 20, 2019**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> floor display case at Stonequist Apartments.



## Cornell University Bed Bug Prevention Training

Cornell University will be doing bed bug prevention training on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am in the Stonequist Community Room. Pizza will be provided to those in attendance following the training (must attend training to receive pizza).

## Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday March 12, 2019 – Residents meeting with Executive Director 10 am @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 21, 2019-Resident Council Meeting 7pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday March 21, 2019– Board Meeting 2:30 pm @ Stonequist

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



## Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
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.

### 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.

### Terrace Residents

Nexamp Community Solar can save you up to 10% on your annual electricity cost. To learn more, attend the upcoming information session on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm at Jefferson Terrace Resident Office. Please bring a copy of your most recent National Grid bill to be able to enroll at the meeting.

### Work Orders

If you have a non-emergency maintenance request, please insure you place your call to the maintenance work order number at 518-290-9079 early in the day and definitely before 3:00PM. Non-emergency work orders received after 12:00PM will not be responded to until the following day. Calls made after 3:00PM should be for emergencies only and placed to the emergency call number 518-857-1051.

Also, when calling a work order in, if you do NOT want maintenance to enter your unit without you being present you will need to specify this on the work order line. If you do NOT specify this, you will be giving maintenance permission to enter your apartment to complete the work order even if you are not present.

## Stonequist News

The next Stonequist Resident Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Community Room.

The librarian will be at Stonequist on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-2:15pm. Jeannine can be reached at the Outreach Library at 518-587-7071, #7. Feel free to call her to request books and DVD's.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The SQ Resident Council Elections will be held (if necessary) on March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room. Voting times will be from 11am through 2pm. We are looking for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Resident-At-Large(s) (1-2), for 3-year terms. If you are interested in acting as a helpful neighbor, this is a great way to start!

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm. \$5.00 per cost of plate. This must be paid by March 5<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be corned beef, ham and a dessert.

Upcoming events...Stonequist sponsors Easter Egg Hunt, Health & Wellness Fair both at Stonequist and the Terraces!

Did you know that Hudson Headwaters Health Network can provide free, rapid testing for both HIV and Hepatitis C. We offer testing in many different locations and try to be very flexible to meet the scheduling needs of individuals who are interested in testing.

Here is a little information about these two infections to help you determine if you should be tested.

- The CDC recommends that everyone over age 13 be tested for HIV at least one time with further testing based on the individual's lifestyle. Human Immunodeficiency Virus can result in a weakened immune system. It is primarily transmitted through unprotected sex or sharing drug paraphernalia such as needles. Today's treatment for HIV is very successful and the infection is considered a chronic manageable condition.
- While 75% of all Hepatitis C cases in the US occur within our Baby Boomer age group (born between 1945-1965) many recent Hepatitis C infections are related to the significant increase in IV drug use and sharing needles/drug paraphernalia. Testing is the only way to know if you have ever had this virus and possibly cleared it, or if you contracted the virus and it is active in your body. Without diagnosis and treatment Hepatitis C will cause damage to the liver. Active Hepatitis C virus can be cured with an 8-12 week medication treatment.

Getting a screening test is easy! It just takes 20 minutes and a simple finger stick. You can get tested with the Hudson Headwaters Health Network free Hepatitis C and HIV testing program. We ensure anyone with a reactive test is immediately provided with a lab order for a confirmatory test, support and education, and linkage to care. Contact us by calling or texting 518-669-6899.



### **Rabies 2019 Clinic March 12, 2019**

#### **Times:**

Cats are from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm and the cats must be in carriers.

Dogs are from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm and the dogs must be on a leash.

Domestic Ferrets from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm and must be in a cage or carrier.

The cost of the rabies clinic is free; however, donations are accepted. All vaccination certificates are written for one year. If a previous signed certificate is produced, a three-year certificate will be written.

#### **Clinic Location:**

4-H Training Center  
556 Middle Line Road  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

# Community Events and Announcements

## Saratoga Home & Lifestyle Show

**Date:** Friday, March 1, 2019 until Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Time:** Friday 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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

**Fees/Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** 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.



## Family Snowshoe Walk at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

**Date:** March 9, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 Am -12:00 PM

**Location:** Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, 80 Scout Road, Wilton

**Fees/Admission:** \$3.00, Registration is Required

**Event Description:** Don't let the snow keep you and your kids from getting outdoors. This family walk will get everyone excited about exploring nature in winter. Snowshoes will be available for rental, we even have toddler sized snowshoes; free/members, \$3/non-members. **Registration is required.**

## Adirondack Sports Summer Expo

**Date:** March 16 & 17, 2019

**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 us for the 14th annual Adirondack Sports Summer Expo at the Saratoga Springs City Center on March 16 & 17, 2019. With over 100 exhibitors and thousands of attendees, this is an event you won't want to miss! Activities that will be represented at the Expo include running, cycling, triathlon, hiking, paddling, travel, and healthy living. Attendees can also enjoy seminars, clinics, demos, prizes, and giveaways.



## Rising Star Talent Show

**Date:** Sunday, March 24, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Admission:** Adults \$10, \$5 age 5-10, Free Under 5

**Location:** Saratoga Springs High School, 1 Blue Streak Blvd. Saratoga Springs

**Event Description:** Talent Show to benefit SPCA of Upstate NY serving Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties. Proceeds go to the costs of rescue, medical, food and loving care to animals as they await adoption. All funds collected, such as talent show application fees and talent show sponsorships, will help to primarily raise awareness to the ongoing battle in our communities against animal cruelty. SPCA of Upstate NY does not receive Federal, State or Local funding with the exception of two municipal dog control contracts. The 501 (c)3 organization relies on individuals and businesses, shelter adoption fees, dues, gifts, bequests and special events to fund its needs: transportation of animals from kill-shelters to their facility for adoption availability, manpower to respond to reports of cruelty, and food and medical expenses of all animals in the shelter awaiting adoption.

