



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
- Lucile Lucas, Co-Chairman
- Ann Bullock-Commissioner
- Michelle Deyette- Resident Commissioner
- Joy King
- Donna McCarthy- Resident Commissioner
- Stephen Sullivan

Board Meetings

The Board meets each third Thursday of the month, 2:30 PM @ Stonequist.

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

- Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
- Ext. 17 Cindy, Director of Finance
- Ext. 11 Katie, Executive Resident Advisor
- Ext. 13 Jill, Asst. Resident Advisor
- Ext. 10 Kathy, Executive Secretary
- Ext. 21 Joan, Housing Assistant
- Ext. 12 Gerard, Facilities Manager
- Art, Assistant Facilities Manager
- Thomas, Maintenance Staff
- Larry, Maintenance Staff
- Derek, Maintenance Staff
- Joshua, Maintenance Staff

EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS (AFTER HOURS)

**Stonequist (857-1051)
Terraces (365-5411)**

Notice

Articles published in the Saratoga Housing Newsletter do not necessarily represent an endorsement by the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Air Conditioners



Summer will soon be here so it is time to remind all residents of the change made to the lease which now requires that SSHA maintenance staff install all air conditioners.

This change was made upon the advice of our insurance company to protect the housing authority from potential injuries and/or property damage resulting from improperly installed air conditioners.

The cost to install and then remove the air conditioner(s) at the end of the season is \$25.00. Residents of Vanderbilt Terrace and Stonequist who wish to utilize air conditioners will be charged an excess utility fee of 30 dollars per month (since SSHA pays for the electricity).

Anyone wishing to utilize an air conditioner should contact Kathy at the office so that an installation appointment can be made. The charge for the season, which includes June, July, August, and September, is \$120.00 (\$30 per month). To insure installation for June 1st, you must contact Kathy before May 15th.

Installation for the Terraces will be the week of May 15th.
Installation for Stonequist will be the week of May 29th.

You may contact Kathy or Gerard at the office if you have any questions.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday May 9, 2017 - Residents meeting with Director @10a.m in the Stonequist Community Room
- Tuesday May 9, 2017-Resident Council Meeting, Stonequist Community Room, 6:30pm
- Thursday May 18, 2017 – Board Meeting located at Stonequist at 2:30 p.m.
- Office CLOSED for Memorial Day, May 29th

Effective May 1, 2017

Any resident wishing to pay rent in cash can do so **Monday through Friday between 8am-12pm** only.

Rent will not be collected after that time frame. Residents can leave money order and checks in the drop box and vestibule 24 hours a day. You can also sign up for Direct Deposit to allow your rent to automatically be taken from your bank account

We've found a company that will haul away just about anything, the name of the company is:

SWIFT RUBBISH REMOVAL INC.

Owner Frank Giaculli

Home: 518-893-7520

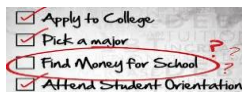
Cell: 518-368-4791

Service: 518-581-1157

Call for an estimate and/or appointment

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to announce that we will be **offering 20 scholarships** this year valued at \$6,000.00 each! Public Housing and Section 8 residents can take advantage of this great program by completing an **Entry Form** online by **Friday, June 30, 2017**. Completed entries will then be placed into a drawing and potential scholarship winners will be notified in July 2017. contact us at scholarship@housingcenter.com or 800.873.0242, ext. 345.



Criminal Activity

Did you know if there is someone residing in your apartment that is not on your lease a crime is being committed? That's right, when someone is residing in your apartment who is not on the lease, housing fraud is being committed. When you complete your Tenant Information Paperwork (also known as recertification paperwork), you are legally required to list everyone residing in the household and income from each member listed. When you fail to list someone who is residing in your apartment, you have committed a felony by filing a false instrument. In addition to that charge, a larceny is committed because you are receiving subsidy that you are not entitled to. If the amount is over one thousand dollars, then an additional felony is being committed. The SSHA will not tolerate fraud and will prosecute violators to the fullest extent of the law. If you have someone staying with you who does not have their own legally established residence then that individual is residing with you! Your lease allows only 14 days for an individual to visit for the entire year. Don't risk being arrested by allowing a boarder. If you know of someone who is living illegally on SSHA property, please report it to the office. Everyone should pay their fair share of rent at the SSHA!

BOCES

(Board of Cooperative Educational Services)

If you are an adult who would like to train for a new career in the skilled trades, there are three paths you can take.

1. Daytime Career and Technical Education (CTE) program for adults.
2. Skilled Trades for Adults (Afternoon/Evening/night Classes)
3. Licensed Practical Nursing for adults.

For questions regarding course information or registration please contact: **Linda Ernst at 518-581-3555**

Job Listing

“NOW HIRING

Hotel opening looking to hire:

Housekeepers

- Full-time hours
- Benefits
- Paid time off
- Discount at Hilton hotels

*Homewood Suites Saratoga Springs
3368 South Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866*

Please contact 518 894 2493 “

Experience Works

A job training agency is looking for unemployed residents 55 and older who are interested in earning income while receiving job skills training. The Experience Works program will be partnering with the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority by placing people 55 years of age and older in several training positions at the housing authority. If you are 55 years old and meet the eligibility requirements you could be picked to work at the Housing Authority. Experience Works will be looking to fill positions for office and janitorial workers. The income you receive may not count against your rent. If you are interested in this program, contact Iris Brown at Experience Works at 518-462-7600 ext. 134.

The Saratoga One Stop Career Center has a variety of workforce services available for job seeker and business customers.

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.

Business services include recruitment assistance, interview space, labor market information, grant opportunity information, job postings and workforce reduction assistance.

The Department also administers the Community Work Order Program which works with local courts to place eligible offenders in supervised community service work as an alternative to incarceration.

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is a grant funded work experience program for youth. Youth must apply for the program annually and it is income based. The purpose of the program is to provide summer work experience and training to qualified youth to help them develop the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. Please visit www.saratogacountyny.gov for more information and to download a 2017 SYEP Pre-application.

STONEQUIST

Free Diabetes Program

On May 17th 2017, in the Stonequist Community Room, Ms. Meg Bisailon from the Capitol District Center for Independence Inc. will be conducting a free 8 week Diabetes Program. Information and Sign up Tables will be setup in the Stonequist Community Room On May 4th between 11:00am -1:00pm. For more information, please contact: Michelle Deyette in Apartment #809 or Call: 518-526-0161

On April 7th 2017 Resident Council hosted a Hot Dog Luncheon to raise funds for the Resident Council Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The luncheon was a success! It helped us raise \$85 to go towards the Easter Egg Hunt for the grandchildren of the Stonequist residents and the children from the Terraces ages 2-10, who was able to participate. A great time was had by all and we look forward to the one next year as well!

We would like to thank all who helped us raise the funds and help with the Easter Egg Hunt. A special Thank You goes out to **Jack Vick** and **Ally Vick**, who volunteered to hide all those Easter eggs, Ally also did a great job face painting for the little kids who attended!



Spring Clean Up at Jefferson/Vanderbilt Terrace

The housing authority has added a temporary employee to assist in the spring cleanup process. I want to thank everyone who has already started the process of cleaning up the area around their front and back stoops and to remind everyone that this is a lease requirement. I can't begin to explain how pleased I am to see the number of families who demonstrate pride and concern for the place in which they live and raise their children.

For those of you who have not done so yet, please attend to those areas **ASAP**. We have all worked hard to make the Terraces a place to be proud of and we want to insure our "curb appeal" is the best it can be. Our goal is to blend in with the neighborhood so that other city residents or those just visiting the area will not even know that the Terraces is public housing. This means that every household must take pride in the area around their unit and treat it and their neighbors with basic respect which includes:

1. Not littering – The SSHA will enforce the city ordinance against littering and will provide the city security camera footage of those who disrespect their neighbors and the SSHA by littering.
2. Picking up after your pet. The SSHA will also work with the city in enforcing this ordinance by supplying security camera footage of those who disrespect their neighbors and the SSHA (not to mention threatening the health of their neighbors) by not picking up after their dogs.
3. Leaving items which are not allowed on the exterior of their apartments. A reminder that only grills, bikes, and outdoor furniture (patio sets etc.) may be left on the exterior of the building. Your neighbors (both SSHA and those who live in the surrounding area) do not want to see a bunch of clutter outside of your apartment. Again, it's all about respect.
4. Noise levels – Most people like to entertain now and then and the SSHA encourages our families to live their lives and celebrate birthdays, holidays, family events etc. just like anyone else. The requirement however is that you realize you are responsible for the behavior of any of your guests (including children and friends that your children allow to visit) and to please insure that the amount of noise and other activities does not unreasonably disturb your neighbors. Young children should always be supervised.

The resident community has worked with the SSHA to establish a new standard for what is acceptable behavior at our properties. Race, Creed, Color, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Income Level, or any other demographic group that people fall under has zero impact on your ability to respect your neighbors and the property that you reside in. The SSHA will work tirelessly to ensure that the overwhelming majority of families at the Terrace who are good citizens and neighbors will not have their quality of life impacted negatively by the very few who refuse to show the minimum level of respect that is required to be a member of this community. Everyone is encouraged to let the office know if the actions of others are negatively impacting you. The staff of the SSHA is committed to working tirelessly in making the Terrace Community a desirable place to live and raise a family and we thank all of you with your help in this endeavor.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Treasure or Trash? Spring Antique Appraisal Show

When: Saturday, May 6, 2017 -
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Malta Community
Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta,
NY

Cost: Admission w/ one item to
be appraised: Malta Residents-
\$16 / Non-Residents-\$18
General Admission: Malta
Res:\$3 / Non-Res:\$4

Albany Tulip Fest 2017

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017 until Sunday, May
14, 2017 - 12:00 PM

Where: Washington Park, Albany, NY 12203

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

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Trivia at the Saratoga City Tavern

When: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - 8:00 PM

Where: Saratoga City Tavern,
19-21 Caroline Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Health and Awareness Expo

When: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - 9:00 AM

Where: The Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs, NY
12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

[Adult & Senior Center of Saratoga Springs](#)