



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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Board Meetings

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

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

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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.



Voting has become a privilege that far too many Americans take for granted. Remember - YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!! ELECTION DAY IS **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH** Office will close at 12pm and will re-open Wednesday November 7th at regular business hours



Spills in Hallways

Please Clean up your spills! There have been a lot of spills in the hallways from drinks and garbage being dragged to the trash chute. If there is a spill that is not cleaned up we will be charging the tenant for the cleanup. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation

The SSHA would like to welcome Jen Hill, Housing Assistant and Ted Harrington, Maintenance laborer to the SSHA team.

Snow Removal

Please make sure all walkways are cleared of any toys, bikes and planters for snow removal

Please remove all Halloween Decorations by November 4th

Monthly Calendar

- On Election Day, Tuesday November 6TH the office will close at 12:00 PM for the remainder of the day. We will reopen Wednesday November 7, 2018 at regular business hours
- Monday November 12, 2018 the office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day
- The office will be closed on November 22nd & 23rd for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. The window will reopen on Monday November 26TH for regular business hours.
- Tuesday November 6, 2018- Residents meeting with Exec. Dir. 10am in the Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday November 15, 2018 –Stonequist Resident Council Meeting, 7pm in the Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday November 15, 2018-Board Meeting 2:30pm
- Monday November 19, 2018- Terrace Resident Council Election, 11am-2pm

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

Work Orders

If you are putting in a work order or if this is an emergency DURING working hours call 581-584-6600 Ext 251. If this is an emergency M-F after 3pm, weekends or holidays, call 518-857-1051

Temperature Control Monitors-SQ

Stonequist residents who were chosen to have temperature monitors installed in your units, these monitors cost \$100. If tampered with, removed etc. the residents will be responsible for this cost. This is to help us insure that the new heating system is working correctly.

SQ Residents

Please make sure your windows are closed at the top in order to ensure that cold air is not getting into the apartment.



Stonequist News

Stonequist Community Resident Council Meeting

Thursday, November 15th @ 7:00 pm a Resident Council meeting will be held.

All are welcome to attend.

LOCATION: Stonequist Community Room

Longfellows Restaurant will be delivering Thanksgiving dinner to Stonequist residents on Thanksgiving Day. A signup sheet will be available in the Community Room until November 14th.

Please clean out your gardens!! If you have a garden and have not cleaned it out, please do so before the first snow flies!

Attention Stonequist Residents

Just a reminder that the laundry room is closed between 8-9am on Mondays and Fridays for cleaning. Please plan to have your laundry completed by 8am!

With everyone's cooperation, the laundry room can be cleaned in a timely manner each week.

Thank you to all who attended the Halloween Party sponsored by the Stonequist resident Council on October 27th. A big thank you to Chris Duffney, Michelle Roddy, Scott Roberts, Paula DeGearo, Linda Crist, Richard Shipman, Cathy Caruso and Maureen Palmateer. Thank you to everyone who made or contributed food and drinks to the party!

Most original costume-Phil Harrington
Best Costume-Donna McCarthy

The Stonequist Resident Council is looking for a resident to fill the position of Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Roddy in Apt. 809 or 518-526-0161



Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace News

The elections for the Terrace Resident Council will be held Monday, November 19th from 11am-2pm. Residents may call to request an absentee ballot beginning Monday, November 5th. Please contact Jenna at the office to request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are only for those residents who are unavailable to vote during the election, examples for using an absentee ballot are work, doctor appointments, being out of town etc. Residents submitting absentee ballots will be required to submit proof. Once confirmed, absentee ballots may be picked up at the office after November 12th and will be taken until November 16th at 12pm. They must be in a sealed envelope with the resident's name and address. Voting will be held at the TCRC room, Bldg 24, Jefferson Terrace. The League of Women's Voters will be here to do the election.

Nominations are as follows:

President: Christine Leone/Bill Bloom

Vice President: Wendy Doty/Heather Crandall

Secretary: Doris Dominguez

Treasurer: Peter Berrios

Resident Representative: Yvonne Smith

Community Events and Announcements

Saratoga Holiday Art Fair

Date: November 10 & 11, 2018

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: National Museum of Dance, 99 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY

Admission: Free Admission with a food item or suggested \$3 donation

There will be a selection of juried artists exhibiting handmade and very Gift-able Works of Art.

The exhibitors presented are some of New England's top artists and craftspeople working in a variety of media. Handmade jewelry, fine weaving and wearables, hand blown glass, wood vessels and utensils, sculpture, functional stoneware and raku pottery, handmade quilts, mixed media, photography, paintings and much more.

Victorian Streetwalk and Saratoga

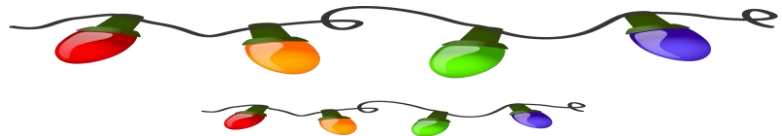
Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Date: November 29, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST

Event Description: Kickoff the Victorian Streetwalk with the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony! Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance, arriving by horse drawn carriage; they will visit with your children. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies with music by Star 101.3 radio. But don't forget the most important part - the tree lighting! In front of Putnam Market, 435 Broadway. It is the 31st Annual Victorian Streetwalk on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. We traditionally have music, magic, gingerbread house display, Festival of Trees, choral groups, Victorian Costumes, Santa & Mrs. Claus, live reindeer, lots of venues with entertainment, all free and open to the public.

CDTA is running free shuttle buses every 20 minutes from the Empire State College parking lot at 111 West Avenue on Saratoga Springs' west side, the Oklahoma track (just off Exit 14 of I-87) and the Weible Avenue Skating Rink parking lots on the east side of Saratoga Springs to downtown, bringing carloads of people to and from the Victorian Streetwalk from 4:30 until 10:30.





PHADA

Affiliate Membership

**2019 PHADA's Scholarship Program
Applications due to PHADA by January 25, 2019**

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three (3) scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency.

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (one scholarship available: \$7,000.00)

NOTE: this scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention and Exhibition on June 4, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5000.00) *Additional Essay Required

NOTE: To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include a personal essay (350 – 500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

Mutual of America Life Insurance Company Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Mutual of America Life Insurance Company has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5,000 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of the public housing residents and the community.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student's account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to PHADA. For more information, contact PHADA at: 202-546-5445.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a high school senior and reside in a PHADA member agency throughout his/her entire senior year. Public housing residents, Section 8 participants or other low-income housing residents are eligible, as long as the agency at which they reside is a PHADA member.

Minimum Grade Point Average – Student must have at least a “B” average on his/her school's applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship.

Note: School counselor must complete the GPA verification form.

For consideration of these scholarships, applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The application can be found on PHADA's website at: www.phada.org. On the homepage, click the “PHADA Scholarship Application” link to fill out the online application form. You may also download a printed version, complete the form, save it to your computer and print a copy. Include this printed application with the packet of materials that you submit to your Executive Director. **All documents must be typewritten in English. No handwritten applications will be accepted.**