



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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The Board meets every third Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm @ Stonequist, no meeting in the month of August.

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Voting has become a privilege that far too many Americans take for granted. Remember - YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!! ELECTION DAY IS **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH** Office will close at 12pm and will re-open Wednesday November 6th at regular business hours

The SSHA would like to welcome Christopher Smith, Maintenance laborer to the SSHA team.

Please remove all Halloween Decorations by November 9th

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. Please keep the windows closed to help maintain the heat in your apartment. It is a lease violation to leave the oven on for heat, this is also a safety hazard to you. If you have an A/C unit in your window, it is likely your unit temperature will decrease.

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

Monthly Calendar

- On Election Day, Tuesday November 5TH the office will close at 12:00 PM for the remainder of the day. We will reopen Wednesday November 6th at regular business hours
- Monday November 11th the office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day
- Tuesday November 19th - Residents meeting with Exec. Dir. 10am in the Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday November 21st - Stonequist Resident Council Meeting, 7pm in the Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday November 21st - Board Meeting 2:30pm @ Stonequist
- The office will be closed on November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. The window will reopen on Monday, December 2nd for regular business hours.

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

Three more Terrace Residents arrested for Housing Fraud.

The SSHA regrets to inform our residents that three more SSHA heads of households have been arrested for Housing Fraud. This brings the total number of residents that have been arrested with the past year to seven. Information on these arrests are considered public record and available through the SSPD. When you allow someone to stay at your apartment without going through the official process of adding them to your lease, you may be committing fraud. It's very unfortunate but a very small percentage of our resident community choose to intentionally try and deceive the SSHA when it comes to honestly reporting income and household composition. This is done when completing paperwork which requires that EVERYONE staying in the household is listed and income from EVERYONE staying in the household is listed on that same paperwork. When a resident chooses to intentionally leave someone who is staying in their household off the paperwork, or intentionally fails to list income (of any kind) they are receiving, then fraud is being committed. The SSHA will continue to prosecute those residents who choose to commit fraud and are thankful for the support of so many residents who bring these instances to our attention.

Stonequist-Construction

The entrance to Stonequist parking lot will become a two-way traffic due to construction. This will continue to be a two-way until construction has been completed.

During the construction there will be a lot of heavy equipment and construction vehicles coming in and out of Stonequist. Be aware you must give the right of way to these vehicles during construction and use caution near the vehicles/equipment. Also use caution when backing up near these vehicles for YOUR SAFETY!

Stonequist snow parking-During construction there will be no change to parking rules. You will need to move your vehicle PRIOR to 7AM. This will need to be Strictly done due to the construction. If vehicles are still in the lot at 7am, the SSHA will be forced to immediately tow the vehicle. Please make sure you move your car PRIOR to 7AM!

Terraces-Storage

You can store items in the back of your apartment **ONLY** if these items do not exceed outside the steps. This is a safety issue for maintenance. Please make sure **ALL ITEMS** are inside the step boundaries.

Extension Cords

Extension cords cannot be run outside of your windows. We have been informed by Code Enforcement that this is prohibited.

Stonequist News

Stonequist Community Resident Council Meeting

Thursday, November 21st @ 7:00 pm a Resident Council meeting will be held.
All are welcome to attend.
LOCATION: Stonequist Community Room

The Kitchen is now open 2 days a week. Reasonable priced meals. All are welcome. You may have a friend or family member join you also.

Longfellows Restaurant will be putting a sign-up sheet out for the Thanksgiving dinner. Watch for the sign-up sheet in November.

The Elks Club will be providing a Senior Food Delivery Program. For information and an application please see a Resident Council member.

Every other Friday, starting October 18th a rep will be here from Medicare to offer assistance and information on the programs available.

Community Events and Announcements

29th Annual Adirondack Stampede Charity Rodeo

Date: Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 at 7:30pm

Admission: Ticket Prices: Adult: \$16-30, Children (3-12): \$8-30. Tickets are available through the Cool Insuring Arena Box Office.

Description: Don't miss the Adirondack Stampede Charity Rodeo at Cool Insuring Arena for the 29th year! This annual tradition is a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) rodeo, featuring all the excitement of a pro rodeo's top national and regional competitors. The Stampede showcases 200 competitors in the seven standard rodeo events.

After the rodeo, everyone is invited to the Round-Up Party in the Cool Insuring Arena's Heritage Hall!

Proceeds benefit several local children's charities.

Saratoga County Restaurant Week

When: Monday, Nov 4, 2019 until Sunday, Nov 10, 2019

See Below for Dates & Times

Where: Saratoga County, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: \$20 or \$30

Event Description: Enjoy Saratoga's original Restaurant Week from November 4-10, 2019. Get a 3-Course dinner for just \$20 or \$30 plus tax & tip at participating Saratoga County restaurants! Start off with your choice of an appetizer, then choose from a menu of delicious entrees, and top it off with a decadent dessert! Some participating restaurants are offering lunch specials for just \$10 plus tax & tip. Saratoga Restaurant Week is the perfect time to get out and try new restaurants in the Saratoga County. Reservations are suggested. For more information and a list of participating restaurants/menus visit <https://www.discoversaratoga.org/restaurant-week/>

Tang Teen Studio

Hosted By: The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery

When: Thursday, Nov 14, 2019 6:00 PM

Where: Tang Teaching Museum, 815 N. Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Event Description: Tang Teen Studio is a new teen focused workshop led by Skidmore students. We welcome teens to explore art, make art and hang out! These workshops are free and materials are provided. No prior art experience is necessary. We welcome people of all abilities.

Brooks BBQ Fundraiser benefiting the Saratoga Senior Center

Hosted By: Adult & Senior Center of Saratoga Springs

When: Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Senior Center, 5 Williams St Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: Chicken Dinner \$12.50 / Rib Dinner \$14.50

Description: It's time for our famous Brooks BBQ! Once again, we will be partnering with The Saratoga Children's Theater. The event takes place on Tuesday, November 19 from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Saratoga Senior Center. The BBQ is take out, dine in or delivery for bulk orders. Did you know that the Saratoga Senior Center is one of the few locations in the area that has full rib dinners for sale? So, make sure you get your order in early. We will deliver bulk orders, (15-20 or more) to your office if there is someone in your company that would be willing to handle the sign-up sheet and collects the money. Individual orders can be placed by calling the front desk at 518-584-1621 or stop by the Center at 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs. Orders can be emailed or faxed (Email: seniorcenterfrontdesk@gmail.com or fax: 518-581-8608) by Friday, November 15, though additional orders or add-ons can be taken up to the morning of the BBQ.



Affiliate Membership

**2020 PHADA's Scholarship Program
Applications due to PHADA by January 31, 2020**

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 2, 2020 in Denver. 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 an additional 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.

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay 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 owned or managed unit 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.**