



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 @ Stonequist Board Room

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

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

Notice

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Air Conditioners:

The heating season begins this month so the maintenance Staff will be removing all air conditioners the week of October 3rd. Any resident who wishes to have their air conditioner removed should contact Kathy at 584-6600. If you need an air conditioner to remain in your unit due to a medical condition you must insure that the SSHA has documentation from your medical provider stating such or the AC will be removed.

Happy Columbus Day



The office will be closed on Monday October 10, 2016 in observance of Columbus Day.

We will open reopen Tuesday October 11, 2016 for regular business



Automatic Rent Payments

Do not forget you can now pay your rent through Direct Deposit. No more coming out in the heat or freezing cold to pay your rent.

This system works by automatically withdrawing your exact rental amount on the 5th business day of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the office for more information on how to sign up.

Monthly Calendar

- Bake sale October 6, 2016 –Stonequist Community Room 10am – 1pm
- **Monday October 10, 2016 - Office CLOSED for Columbus Day**
- Tuesday October 11, 2016- Residents Meeting 10 am at Stonequist
- Thursday October 20 2016 – Stonequist Resident Council Meeting 7 pm Stonequist Community room
- Tuesday October 20, 2016 - Terrace Resident Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thursday October 20, 2016 - Board meeting 2:30 pm

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

Jefferson Terrace News

Terraces Community Resident Council Meeting

October 13th (Tues) 6:30pm a Resident Council meeting will be held.

All are welcome to attend.

LOCATION: Building 24 Jefferson Terrace

Let's give a standing ovation to all who came out to vote for the new

Officers of the Terraces Resident Council

And the winners are:



President – Susan Christopher

Vice President – Peter Berrios

Secretary & Treasurer - Doris Dominguez

Vanderbilt Representative – Nigeria Smith

Jefferson Representative – Maria Falcon

Attention Jefferson Residents

The basement area of your apartment is not meant for habitability. This area is designated specifically for mechanicals only and should **NOT** be used for storage. If any personal items are damaged in this area, the Housing Authority will not be held liable.

Give your child a Head Start!

The Saratoga County EOC Head Start is for low income pregnant women and families with children who are newborn to age 5. Preschool classrooms are located at Saratoga High School and at Jefferson Terrace. Transportation and meals are provided. Weekly home visits are available for pregnant women and children birth to age 5. SCEO Head Start is FREE! Call **583-2584** to apply.



Important Message for all residents

SSHA has created a document that will let our staff know who can enter your apartment and remove your belongings in case of death. Kathy will be having you complete these forms as you pay your rent. Please choose a person and/or persons SSHA can give access to remove your belongings and receive your initial deposit after last inspection of the apartment. There will also be a box to check if you would prefer the SSHA just discard whatever was left in your apartment at the time of your passing. Please keep this form updated if the person you select changes over time. All residents **MUST** sign this document so the SSHA will have this information on file. The forms are available at the rent window. If you pay your rent via direct deposit or by mail, please contact Kathy so one can be mailed to you. Thanks for your cooperation



Stonequist News

October 20th (Thursday)
7pm

LOCATION: Stonequist
Community Room

Put your hands together to
congratulate this year's
winners of Stonequist
Resident Council

Donna McCarthy - **President**
John Huppuch – **Vice
President**

STONEQUIST RESIDENT COUNCIL

Tree toga Oct 1st 10am. Look for details on the bulletin boards on each floor. Sign up sheet is in the community room on the 50/50 table.

Hope to see you all there!

Bake sale oct 6th in the community room from 10am until 1pm. proceeds to benefit Resident Council Fund and our Halloween Party on 10/31 Sign up sheet is in the community room for those wanting to donate baked items for the bake sale.

We had a really good attendance at our last Resident Council meeting! We encourage all residents to attend our next meeting Oct 20 at 7pm, those attending will be eligible for a door prize. Come join us. Thank you to all who attended our last meeting we are ending our WI-FI contract since it has not worked at all.

A big thank you to orpha for the baked goods for our fair.

Energy Performance Contract

The first stage of the Energy Performance Contract will begin during the month October.

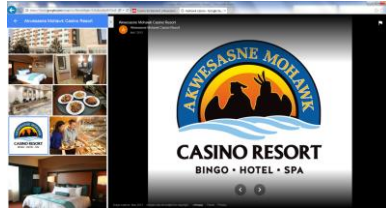
Facilities Improvement Measure (FIM) #7 will include the asbestos abatement in the heating plant, the installment of the new boilers and the tank-less hot water tanks.

Unfortunately, the building materials used for construction during the late 60's and early 70's often contained asbestos and this building was no different. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State, have established extremely strict guidelines to insure the most stringent safety standards in the removal of asbestos and these standards will be strictly adhered to, so that resident safety is insured.

The heat plant will be enclosed in plastic and the air will be monitored throughout the process. This is a standard protocol which is followed whenever major renovations are done to existing buildings where asbestos is identified. This process will insure that there is no exposure to residents so there will be reason no for concern of health and safety.

Once the asbestos abatement is completed, the boilers and hot water tanks will be installed. There will be a limited if any, down time for hot water availability (2 to 3 hours max) and there will be interruption with heat. There will also be brief periods of time, when one elevator will need to be dedicated to moving equipment in and out of the building. The inconvenience will be short lived and as a result we will have a new heating and hot water system that will last for the next 30 years.

Community Events



Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort in Schenectady, NY is now hiring for various position. You may call for more information, the telephone number is 1-877-99 Casino (1-877-992-2746) #0, the operator will transfer you to Human Resources or you may apply online at, Mohawkcasino.com You may also view the Job opening list.

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Affiliate Membership

**2017 PHADA's Scholarship Program
Applications due to PHADA by January 27, 2017**

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 May 24, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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, your commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services, Inc. Scholarship (One Scholarship available: \$5000.00)

SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services Inc., has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5000.00 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of 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 further 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 in the packet of materials that you submit to your Executive Director.

Routine Pest Inspections

As you know the SSHA is committed to insuring we maintain a pest free environment for our residents. Although there is no way to completely prevent the introduction of a bed bug or other pest from entering the building on the clothing or belongings of a resident, there are things we can do to prevent the problem from getting out of control.

The bi-monthly inspections are necessary to prevent a minor problem from spreading and becoming a major problem. This is why the cooperation with this process became part of the lease.

While we know this is an inconvenience, it is necessary to achieve our pest free goals. The SSHA has a suggestion that will benefit the Pest Control Professional's and residents alike.

The suggestion is to coordinate the changing of your bedding with the date of the routine inspection. That way the sheets will already be off your bed when the inspector comes, making it quicker for the professionals to get in and out of your apartment. Once they leave you can simply put your clean sheets and bedding back on. Your cooperation in this endeavor is truly appreciated.

