



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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Joy King, Commissioner
Michelle Roddy, Resident Commissioner

Board Meetings

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

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

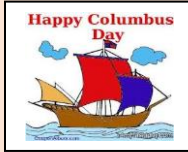
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Ext. 211 Katie, *Executive Resident Advisor*
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**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE
PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC
HOUSING RESIDENTS
(AFTER HOURS)**

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.



The office will be closed on Monday October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day. We will open Tuesday October 9, 2018 for regular business

SSHA STAFFING CHANGES

The SSHA wishes to extend their gratitude to Gerard Hawthorne (30 years) and Larry Crawford (20 years) upon their retirements. We appreciate their many years of hard work and dedication to the housing authority and wish them a very healthy and happy retirement.

Art Kirker, acting Modernization Coordinator will be overseeing the maintenance department while Derek Melancon, acting Assistant Facilities Director will be supervising the day to day operations of the maintenance functions. The SSHA also welcomes Chad Henderson to the SSHA Maintenance Team and wishes John Dundas, who has decided to pursue other opportunities, future success.

Air Conditioners

The heating season begins this month so as a reminder the maintenance Staff will be removing all air conditioners. 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.

Stonequist Residents

The heat has now been turned on. It is imperative that you don't open your windows as a way to "cool down" your apartments. In order for the SSHA to be covered under the EPC warranty, we need you to contact the maintenance hotline if your apartment is too hot. Adjustments will be made to your radiators to lower the temperature to a range between 68 and 72 degrees. Windows may be cracked open from time to time to receive fresh air but they should not be fully opened as a way to cool down the apartment temperature. Your cooperation is vital and appreciated.

Monthly Calendar

- Monday October 8, 2018 - Office CLOSED for Columbus Day
- Tuesday October 9, 2018-Residents meeting with Exec. Dir. 10:00am at Stonequist Community Room
- Wednesday October 17, 2018-Terrace Resident Council Meeting 1:00pm
- Thursday October 18, 2018 - Board meeting 2:30 pm at Stonequist
- Thursday October 18, 2018-Stonquist Resident Council Meeting 7:00pm at Stonequist Community Room

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

It is important to register your vehicle with the office!

Any resident who owns a vehicle and wishes to park in any SSHA parking lots is required to register their vehicle with the SSHA administrative office. Please stop in to the office to purchase your vehicle sticker. The **cost for the sticker is \$1.00.**

Any vehicle that is parked in one of SSHA's parking lots that is not registered or has not received a visitor's parking pass, **WILL BE TOWED.** This is necessary in order to insure the maximum level of safety for all residents who will need to utilize the parking lots this winter. Having to plow around vehicles creates a safety hazard with the excess snow that is left in the parking lot. Beginning this year all unregistered vehicles will be towed on the morning of snowstorms.

Moving In or Moving Out at Stonequist

When you are moving belongings in or out of Stonequist, please make sure you stop at the office to request the curtains for the elevator so there is no damage to the elevator from your belongings. Thank you.

This is a reminder that winter is almost upon us so the snow will be falling soon. The lease you have signed requires that you remove snow from your porch stoops because these are considered egresses within the building codes, we must adhere to. The Housing Authority must insure that this part of your lease is strictly enforced. Please be sure to shovel the snow from your porch steps promptly after a snowfall. If snow remains on your porch stoops 48 hours following a snowfall, the Housing Authority will be contracting someone to remove snow and the cost of the snow removal will be the responsibility of the resident lease holder.



Be Careful With Your Keys

SSHA maintenance staff will no longer be allowed to retrieve keys dropped down the elevator shaft. The Public Employee Safety & Health (PEOSH) Agency has identified this process as a safety hazard to staff and the agency could be cited and fined. Only the Elevator Company may retrieve keys dropped down the shaft. If residents can't wait for the company's monthly visit, they will be responsible for the cost of calling the company in to retrieve the keys.

Please help the SSHA to welcome Skidmore Interns, Danielle, Kallie and Audrey who are Seniors at Skidmore majoring in the field of Social Work. These students will be working on a project at the Terraces conducting door to door surveys of our residents to identify barriers to resident involvement along with desires and concerns related to housing. This will benefit housing authority management in formulating the next Five Year Plan for the housing authority as we strive to meet the reasonable desires of our residents to the best extent possible. This will also benefit the students as they prepare for careers in social work. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Stonequist News

The Stonequist Resident Council Election was held, and beginning October 1, 2018, the following residents will begin serving a three-year term, as follows:

President: Michelle Roddy
V. President: Paula DeGearo
Secretary: Barry Guild
Treasurer: Christopher Duffney

Resident-At-Large: Kristen Collins
Resident-At-Large: Scott Roberts

Thank you to all who voted!!

In recognition of the upcoming retirement of Maintenance Supervisor Gerard Hawthorne, 50/50, the Resident Council, the Staff, and the residents of Stonequist will be offering our congratulations by hosting a cookout on Friday, October 5th at 12:00pm. We plan on having the party in the backyard of Stonequist. In the case of inclement weather, the festivities will be held inside. All residents all welcome!

The next Resident Council meeting will be held on October 18th at 7:00pm in the Community Room.



Notice to all Residents for the Resident Commissioner Election 2018

The SSHA is seeking to fill the vacant Resident Commissioner seat for the remainder of the current term which expires on April 1, 2019. Any resident in good standing is eligible to run for the position. In order to be on the ballot, the candidate must present a petition to the SSHA office with no less than 25 signatures of eligible SSHA residents. The nominating petitions are available at the main office of the Housing Authority at Stonequist Apartments. Petitions must be turned in no later than **Friday, October 19th by 3:00 pm.** Voting will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Residents unable to vote on the day set for 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 their name, address and apartment number and that they are eligible to vote. Such statement shall also contain the reason the person cannot vote on the date of election and are subject to verification. Election Regulations are posted in the 1st floor display case at Stonequist Apartments. Please contact Paul Feldman with any questions about the position or the process.

Terrace Resident Council Nominations

On Wednesday, October 17th at 1pm, one final meeting will be held to see if there is enough interest to retain the Jefferson/Vanderbilt Terrace Resident Council. Nominations will be accepted for the 2018 slate of Officers. The positions which must receive nominations in order to proceed with a duly elected council are as follows:
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & Resident-At-Large.

The slate of nominees will be posted in November's newsletter, with the date & time of the Election. **Anyone who wishes to be nominated for an Officer position, MUST be present at the nominations meeting.**

All Vanderbilt and Jefferson Terrace heads of households who are in good standing with the Housing Authority, may run for an elected position on the Terrace Resident Council.

Community Events

Ghosts in the Yaddo Gardens

Date: October 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th, and 28th

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Yaddo Ghost Tours, Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs

Fees/Admission: Cost is \$10 per person (children 12 and under free).

Event Description: Experience the Spirit(s) of the Garden. Feel the energy and creativity of the forces of the Earth! Share in the spiritual intrigue from Native Americans, Edgar Allen Poe, the Trask family and other contemporary visitors.

Ghosts in the Garden



Trunk or Treat

Hosted By: Saratoga Regional YMCA

When: Saturday, Oct 20, 2018 - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Regional YMCA, 290 West Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Cost: FREE ADMISSION

Event Description: Celebrate Halloween with a safe and family friendly Trunk or Treat event at the Saratoga YMCA. Families and Y staff will park their cars in our lot, decorate their trunks, and hand out treats to trick or treaters. We will also have snacks and games under the pavilion. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Are you creative and love Halloween? We need your help! Register to decorate your car today. Prizes will be awarded to the most creatively decorated vehicles! Please register in advance at the front desk, online or call 518-583-9622 ext 124.

Saratoga International FlavorFeast

Date: October 6, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Downtown Saratoga Springs

Fees/Admission: \$1.00 food samples

Event Description: Beginning at 11am on October 6th, you can pick up your Flavorfeast "passport-map" of participating restaurants/businesses in front of Finger-paint Marketing on the corner of Broadway and Division Street. This map will help you plan your day's itinerary of travel to a variety of restaurant destinations for \$1 food samples from countries all around the world. When you pick up your "passport map," at the corner of Division and Broadway, you can enter a raffle which will be held to benefit a local charity. Prizes include two 2 Qt. Cast Iron Dutch Ovens, one in burgundy and one in juniper, courtesy of Le Creuset at Log Jam Outlet Center. In addition to food samples at restaurant locations on Broadway, Phila Street, and Henry Street, there will be restaurants from outside the center of town set up in The Downtowner Parking Lot on the corner of Broadway and Division Street. Foreign cars provided by Keeler Motor Car Company will also be on display on Division Street as part of the celebration.

**SARATOGA
INTERNATIONAL
FLAVORFEAST**

Saratoga Job Fair - The Career Building EXPO

When: Wednesday, Oct 3, 2018 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Event Description: Annual Saratoga Job Fair Presented by Capital Job Development Group. The Career Building Expo will be on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 10:00am - 4:00pm The first impression a candidate gives here is one that will last far beyond this opportunity. Meeting with an employer in any situation is important, so it is advised that candidates present themselves well: dress cleanly and professionally and have an open and energetic attitude. Get the skills and tips you need at Saratoga's Job Fair!

