



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, no meeting in the month of August.

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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 14th in observance of Columbus Day. We will open reopen Tuesday October 15th at 8:00am for regular business

SSHA STAFFING CHANGES

The SSHA wishes to extend their gratitude to Tommy Lloyd (30 years) upon his retirement. We appreciate his many years of hard work and dedication to the housing authority and wish him a very healthy and happy retirement.

We would also like to welcome Janet Godfrey to the janitorial staff.

Promenade

SSHA is excited to announce that the Promenade Apartments Complex to be constructed behind our Stonequist property is scheduled to begin in late October or early November. Unfortunately, we will have to deal with some noise and other minor inconveniences during the construction period, but the end result will allow more people who work in the city of Saratoga Springs to live in the community that they work in. This project will also allow up to 10 Veterans of the United States Military to have an affordable apartment in Saratoga Springs. The SSHA is proud to be able to say that our goal of expanding affordable housing in the city is finally coming to fruition. Thanks to all of you for the support you have shown.

Stonequist Residents

The heat is programmed to automatically come on at 55 degrees. Please make sure you are contacting the maintenance hotline if your apartment is too hot. Do not open your windows as a way to "cool down" your apartments. 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 appreciated.

Meeting Changes

There will **NOT** be an Executive Director meeting for October. The next meeting will be November 12th.

The Board Meeting has been **changed** from October 17th to October 10th.

Monthly Calendar

- **Monday October 14, 2019 - Office CLOSED for Columbus Day**
- Thursday October 10, 2019 - Board meeting 2:30 pm at Stonequist
- Thursday October 17, 2019-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.

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 that we must adhere to. The Housing Authority must ensure 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.



****Important Notice-Aerators****

SSHA maintenance staff has noticed that many residents have removed the aerators from their sinks. These aerators were part of the Energy Performance Contract undertaken with J.W. Danforth. Removal of the aerators can impact the warranty that Danforth provided and potentially cost the SSHA thousands of dollars. In order to honor the warranty, the SSHA will be taking the following steps. First, any apartment where the aerator has been removed, the SSHA will install a new aerator and the resident will be charged for the part and labor to reinstall. The SSHA lease prohibits residents from altering any components of their apartments. If you have removed your aerator and wish to avoid these charges, you are strongly encouraged to reinstall the aerator. Thank you for your cooperation.

Snow Removal Parking

Terrace Residents-When there is a snowfall your vehicle needs to be moved by 7:00am

Stonequist Residents- Instructions will be coming in the November newsletter due to the upcoming development.

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 ensure that the SSHA has documentation from your medical provider stating such or the AC will be removed.

Stonequist News

The next Resident Council meeting will be held on October 17th at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

We will be having a bake sale on October 12th from 12:00pm-3:00pm



Community Events

Haunted Maze at Schuyler Farms

When: Friday, Oct 4, 2019

Where: Schuyler Farms, 1124 Route NY-29 Schuylerville, NY 12871

Cost: \$15

Event Description: Every twist and turn in the haunted corn maze will hold a new surprise for you. As you navigate your way through with just a flashlight to guide your way anticipation and fear will build inside of you.

There are demons and ghouls around every bend, masked men with chainsaws following behind you, and haunted buildings within the maze to pass through. Pro tip: The maze can be slippery, so dress accordingly. This is a unique experience that will have you coming back year after year! Dates & Hours: The Haunted Corn Maze is open every Friday and Saturday night in October. Haunting is from Dusk until 10pm (last ticket sold 9:15pm, no exceptions). Open: October 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th and the 26th!

Nightmares at Liberty Ridge Farm

When: Saturday, Oct 5, 2019 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Where: Liberty Ridge Farm, 29 Bevis Road Schaghticoke, NY 12154

Cost: \$29.95 at the gate

Event Description: At Nightmares you will find a variety of Haunted Attractions, all full of the scariest monsters and creepiest creatures you can dream up. Here you will find all of your classic Halloween activities and then some.

Featuring: Trolley of Terror, Fort HuntD, Field of Screams, Farmer's Haunted House, 3D McCobb Manor, Underworld Tunnel, Psychic Sideshow, Forest of Fear, Nightmares Haunted Attractions are 7:00pm-10:00pm on the following dates for 2019: September 28, October 5, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26, November 2. *PLEASE NOTE: Nightmares is recommended for children ages 10 years and older.*

The 19th Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge

When: Saturday, Oct 12, 2019 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Drive Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Event Description: Race Day Schedule: 9:30am Start (5&10K), 10:30am (Kids Fun Run), Registration Information: 5K & 10K Fees: \$25 (by 10/10), \$30 (in person only before 6pm on 10/11), NO DAY OF REGISTRATION. Kids Fun Run Fees (12 & under): \$10, The first 1,500 pre-registered 5K and 10K runners receive long-sleeved moisture wicking t-shirts! For more information and to register, visit: <https://saratogabridges.ejoinme.org/GPC>

6th Annual Saratoga International Flavorfeast

When: Saturday, Oct 12, 2019 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Downtown Saratoga Springs, 413 Broadway Saratoga Springs

Cost: \$1 food samples (free admission)

Event Description: On Saturday, October 12th from 11am to 4pm, you can travel the streets of downtown Saratoga Springs and experience a feast of flavors from a variety of countries at the 6th Annual Saratoga International Flavorfeast.

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Saratoga Job Fair - The Career Building EXPO

When: Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway Saratoga Springs

Event Description: 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!

