

# 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.



A Newsletter for Residents of The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority

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## Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to change your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!



## Spring Clean up

Spring is around the corner and that means site cleanup. Soon the Authority will be scheduling a date for its annual clean-up week.



However, it is your responsibility to pick up the area around your apartment. Any junk or garbage found in your area will be cleaned up and the cost will be charged to you.

## RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS ELECTION

The election for position of Resident Commissioner on the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Housing Commissioners will take place on Monday, March 16, 2015 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Ballots may only be cast at The Stonequist Apartments at One South Federal Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 or The Police Sub Station at Building 24 Jefferson Terrace, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

There is ONE (1) Commissioner Position open.

The names of qualifying nominees agreeing to run, for the position of Housing Commissioner is as follows:

Susan Christopher of 7B4 Jefferson Terrace

And

Donna McCarthy of One South Federal Street, Apartment 414

Please note that if you are unavailable for good cause to vote on this date and time, you may request an absentee ballot from the main office. All absentee ballots must be submitted to the main office on or before March 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

## RENT REMINDER AND NEW OFFICE HOURS

This is a reminder for all residents that all rent charges are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Going forward the office hours for rent payments after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month are going to be reduced.

### **THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

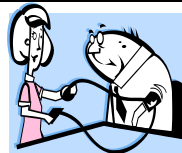
**The first five business days of each month the office window will be open from 8am to 12 pm and 12:30pm to 3pm.**

**After the 5<sup>th</sup> Business day the office window will be open 8am to 12pm and 12:30 to 2pm.**

The Housing Authority now offers all residents the opportunity for direct deposit to pay their rent. You simply supply your bank information and your rent will be deducted electronically each month, so you don't have to make a trip to the office and can be sure your rent is paid on time.

## Job Training

"Experience Works" a job training agency is looking for unemployed residents 55 and older who are interested in earning income while receiving job skills training. The Experience Works program will be partnering with the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority by placing people 55 years of age and older in several training positions at the housing authority. If you are 55 years old and meet the eligibility requirements you could be picked to work at the housing authority. Experience Works will be utilizing positions of office and janitorial workers. The income you receive may not count against your rent. If you are interested in this program, contact Iris Brown at Experience Works at 518-462-7600 ext. 134.



## How's Your Health?

There will be a FREE of charge Health Screening Clinic in the Stonequist Community Room. It is being offered through Saratoga County Public Health and will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2015 at 10:00am. There will be Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Glucose Screening being performed with NO appointment necessary.

All Are Welcome to Attend.

If you have any questions you may call  
518-584-7460 Ext:8365.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: RENTS WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED IN THE OFFICE BETWEEN 8-12am and 12:30-3pm MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY THE FIRST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AND 8AM-12PM AND 12:30PM-2PM THERE AFTER.. THE DROP BOX IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY**

**If any resident has an emergency maintenance issue between the hours of 4pm-7:30 am, weekends, or on a holiday please call the emergency maintenance line at 518-857-1051 to speak with an on-call maintenance person.**

## New Parking Lot Protocol

THE SARATOGA SPRINGS HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM WHICH REQUIRES ALL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER THEIR VEHICLES WITH THE OFFICE AND RECEIVE A STICKER. THIS STICKER WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE REAR PASSANGER SIDE WINDOW. ANY VEHICLE WITHOUT THE PROPER STICKER MAY BE TOWED AT THE VEHICLE OWNERS EXPENSE. THIS INCLUDES ANY PARKING LOTS OWNED BY THE SSHA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO STONEQUIST, THE WILLIAM FORD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, AND DUMPSTER AREAS AT JEFFERON AND VANDERBILT TERRACE.

THIS PRACTICE WILL TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2015. RESIENTS MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE TO GET THER NEW STICKER. THE COST OF THE STICKER WILL BE \$1.

THE SSHA WILL ALSO HAVE TEMPORARY PARKING SIGNS AVAlABLE FOR RESIDENTS WHO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF A VISITOR WHO IS STAYING WITH THIR OWN VEHICLE.

THESE TEMPORARY PASSES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED INSIDE THE VEHICLE ON THE DASHBOARD DURING THE DURATION OF THEIR VISIT.

## Help Wanted

An opportunity exists for a resident with some technical knowledge in website maintenance to earn a stipend from the housing authority. The housing authority is seeking a resident to maintain the housing authority's website. A stipend will be paid to a qualified resident to keep the information on our website current and expand the information available to viewers. This stipend will not count as income for rent calculation purposes. If you think you have the ability to maintain the SSHA website, contact Kathy at the office for an application.

*Give your child a Head Start!* - The Saratoga County EOC Head Start is for low income pregnant women and families with children birth 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. SCEOC Head Start is FREE! Call **583-2584** to apply.

## Ford Center Demolition

The demolition process of the Ford Community Center has begun. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the noise created while the building is taken down. There will be a period of time during demolition when the parking lot will not be available so those who normally utilize that lot will need to park in the street. The process will be completed by the end of March barring any unforeseen circumstances.

## Terrace Community RAB Meeting

The Terrace Community RAB will be a meeting on March 17, 2015 in the Recreation Center on Vanderbilt Avenue @ 6:30 PM. Please contact **Bill Bloom** if you have any questions or need more information.

**All are welcomed to attend!**



### **Don't forget about the DROPBOX!!**

For any tenant that does not have a key to get into the Stonequist lobby, we have a drop box in the doorway of Stonequist where tenants can put their rent checks. Things can be left anytime, day or night. Anything dropped in the drop box after 4pm will be posted as of the next working day.

## Monthly Calendar

- Staff meeting every Monday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30 am
- Tuesday March 17, 2015 - Residents meeting 10a.m
- Thursday March 19, 2015 – Board Meeting 11 a.m.

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF**

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Cindy Gaugler, *Director of Finance*  
Katie Sicko, *Tenant Relations*  
Jill Yates, *Tenant Relations*  
Kathleen Peterson, *Executive Secretary*  
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Gerard Hawthorne, *Facilities Manager*  
Timothy Traver, *Maintenance Staff*  
Thomas Lloyd, *Maintenance Staff*  
Larry Crawford, *Maintenance Staff*  
Donald Heaton, *Maintenance Staff*

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER  
857-1051**

### **Joanne Yepsen, Mayor Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

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Joy King  
Ann Bullock  
Ken Ivins  
Johanna Dushlek, Resident  
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### **Board Meetings**

The Board meets each third Thursday of the month, 11 AM @ Stonequist.

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