New Certification Form

Over the last couple of years, the SSHA has been communicating and educating our residents about housing fraud and how failing to provide complete and accurate information on the paperwork submitted to the housing authority, or allowing people to stay with you (beyond 14 days in a given year) who are not on the lease are criminal acts. Unfortunately, even though the overwhelming majority of our residents are honest people, some residents have chosen to ignore the warnings and continue to commit these crimes. In fact, you may be aware of a situation yourself where fraud is occurring, and if so we encourage you to notify the housing authority. Everyone should be paying their fair share to be a member of the SSHA community and when someone cheats the system it harms everyone. The SSHA has been working with the Saratoga Springs Police Department and the Saratoga County District Attorney’s Office to expedite the protocol for prosecuting cases of housing fraud. In order to be sure that there is no confusion over what housing fraud is, a new certification form has been created to clearly explain to residents what would constitute housing fraud. It’s unfortunate that the SSHA must take this step since most residents complete their paperwork accurately and honestly and don’t allow people to live with them who have not been approved by the SSHA, but the District Attorney’s office wants to be sure that every resident has been advised about this subject. Therefore, every Head of Household must sign this certification form and Kathy will be handling the collection of signatures. If anyone has any questions after reading this form, please contact the Executive Director.

Watch Your Step!

During the winter months there will be rock salt placed at every entrance at Stonequist. Residents are encouraged to spread some rock salt on sidewalks and entrance ways when weather creates slippery conditions.

Monthly Calendar

- Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – Residents meeting with Director 10:00 am @ Stonequist
- Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Residents meeting 7:00 pm @ Stonequist Community Room
- Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Board Meeting 2:30 pm @ Stonequist
- Monday, February 20, 2017 – Office CLOSED for President’s Day

*For more information, including locations, and time of these events please see the inside pages of this newsletter for details.
Notice to all Residents for the Resident Commissioner Election 2017

The nominating petitions are available February 1, 2017 at the main office of the housing authority at Stonequist Apartments

Petitions must be turned in no later than **March 1, 2017 by 3:00 pm**.

Voting will take place on Wednesday March 15, 2017 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 his name, address and apartment number and that he is eligible to vote. Such statement shall also contain the reason the person cannot vote on the date of election.

Election Regulations are posted in the 1st floor display case at Stonequist Apartments.
There will be NO meeting in the Month of February.

Hope your enjoying your new doors. If you’re having any issues with your new doors (doors not opening or closing properly, doors not aligned properly or any issue you may have), please contact the office at 518-584-6600, as soon as possible to let us know exactly what the issue is.

This is just a reminder to all residents that the removal of snow from your entrance area and porches is a lease requirement.

We want to insure the safety of all Residents, Postal Carriers, Police Officers, Firefighters, etc. and insure that there is safe passage into all of the apartments at the Housing Authority. If the snow is not removed, it creates a resident caused hazardous situation. Failure to remove snow following the 24 hour period after a snowfall, may result in housing authority maintenance staff removing the snow and the resident being billed ($57 per hour). A letter was distributed to every resident this year regarding the requirements for the moving of vehicles during snowstorms. First and foremost any resident who owns a vehicle and wishes to park in a SSHA parking lot is required to register their vehicle with the SSHA administrative office. 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 AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE. 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. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.
Our January 19th 2017 Resident Council meeting had a good turnout. Attendance is growing each month. Elizabeth Powers was the lucky winner of a Wendy’s gift card at the end of our meeting. Our next Resident Council meeting will be held February 16, 2017 @ 7pm in the Stonequist community room.

There will be an election for another Resident at Large for the Stonequist residents, presently John Huppuch is the only one we have. If you are interested please come to the next Resident Council meeting February 16, 2017. Hope to see you there!

Elevator Makeover
Would you like to provide your input on our elevator makeovers? The interiors of the elevators are getting a complete makeover as part of the elevator modernization project. We need to pick out wall coverings, colors, lighting etc. for the cars. Chuck Campbell from Albany Elevator will be attending the Executive Director’s resident meeting on February 7th at 10:00am to display the options available. If you would like to provide your input on this project, then please plan on attending.

New Television Rules
We discussed, modified and voted on the new TV RULES for the community room, a copy of those rules will be posted in the community room near the television.

Notice
The rear patio is NOT to be used for storage of discarded furniture items. Residents who leave discarded furniture items on the patio will be charged for the dumping fee plus SSHA maintenance labor.

Hot Dog Luncheon
April 7, 2017

Hot Dog Lunch: 11A.M – 12:30P.M.

Lunch Menu
Hot dog,
Salads
Soda
Price: $2.00
Come on down have lunch with us

Resident Council will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 15, 2017 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM for children ages 2-10. We would like to extend an invitation to all the children in this age group from The Terraces. Please come and have fun with us.
Community Events and Announcements

Chowderfest 2017 in Saratoga Springs, NY

When:
Sat, Feb 4, 2017
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where:
Participating Restaurants in Saratoga, New York

Get Ready For Chowderfest 2017!

This annual favorite is coming back to Saratoga for the 19th year on February 4th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM!

Part of Winterfest, Chowderfest is the perfect activity for a cold winter's day. Stroll through downtown Saratoga and purchase a $1 cup (3 oz. serving) of chowder from as many participating establishments as you'd like! Some restaurants will be offering classic varieties, while some may be serving original, unique concoctions! After you've enjoyed sample after sample of delicious, warm chowders, vote for your favorite! Prizes will be awarded in many categories, including People's Choice, Best on Broadway, Best Newcomer, and Most Chowder Served.

When you turn your completed ballot in at the Saratoga Springs City Center or the Saratoga Springs Visitor's Center, you'll have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative long-sleeved t-shirt for $10!

The Flurry Festival

Date: Friday Feb 17, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Place: Saratoga Springs City Center,
522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY

Shake off the winter blues! It's time to dance, sing, jam, and more at The Flurry Festival! The 30th Flurry Festival will run from February 17-19, 2017, in Saratoga Springs, NY!
February Events

Scarves with Kallie
This event is on 02/10/17 at 1:00pm

Calling all crafters! Learn how to make a fashionable scarf out of a t-shirt. Bring your own plain, seamless shirt (Fruit of the Loom makes a great one!)

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Presented by The Alzheimer’s Association
This event is on 02/2/17 at 1:30pm

This workshop covers four areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging such as cognitive activity, physical health and exercise, diet, nutrition and social engagement.

Medicare 101

Presented by MVP Healthcare
This event is on 02/06/17 at 10am – 02/24/17 at 1pm

Learn the ins and outs of Medicare, followed by a Q&A. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

We need volunteers
If you are interested in volunteering, or you or someone you know is in need of assistance please let us know.

Contact us today!
Phone: 584-1621
Email: seniorcentervolunteer@gmail.com
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A scholarship for High School Seniors living in public or assisted

Housing at a NYSPHADA member agency

One Scholarship Will be Awarded in the Amount of $2,500.00

One runner-up will be awarded a Laptop Computer

Applications are due to NYSPHADA by February 13 2017. If interested please pickup application at 1 South Federal Street, Saratoga Springs, NY.