



# 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 each third Thursday of the month, 2:30 pm @ Stonequist.

## Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, Executive Director  
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**EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE  
PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC  
HOUSING RESIDENTS  
(AFTER HOURS)  
857-1051**

## Notice

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Did you know if you are a resident of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority that you are required to perform at least 8 hours of community service every month unless you are exempt?

You are exempt if you are over 62 years of age or you work full time, or go to school full time, or have a disability which prevents you from working and can provide a note from a medical professional stating such. If you have not been fulfilling your community service requirement, HUD will not allow the SSHA to renew your lease. If you have not been complying with this requirement (which is part of your lease) and would still like to remain a resident of the SSHA, please contact Katie or Kathy at the office 584-6600 so they can provide you the information you need to get into compliance.



All outstanding tenant receivables (rent and other charges) owed to the Housing Authority must be paid in full **NO LATER THAN JUNE 12TH**.

The Authority will be closing their books on all outstanding accounts. If payments are not received by the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Authority has no other recourse than to take further action against your account.



## Free Financial Literacy Seminar – Sponsored by the Saratoga Springs Library

Dr. John Beckam from Empire State College will be presenting this class free of charge to Saratoga Springs Housing Authority residents. Come and learn how to repair your credit and get your financial house in order. Refreshments will be served. The class will be held in the Stonequist community room on Tuesday, June 23rd at 12:00PM.



Do you have a graduate in your household that you would like us to recognize in our newsletter?

You may contact Nina in the office @ 518-584-6600, and we will place an announcement in July's newsletter!

## Monthly Calendar

- Staff meeting every Monday mornings from 8:30am – 9:30 am
- Tuesday, June 16, 2015 - Residents meeting 10:00am
- Thursday, June 18, 2015 – Board meeting 2:30 pm





Please take note that during the summer and fall seasons maintenance will be grooming the lawns at the Terraces periodically. If you have any belongings including but not limited to bicycles, cooking grills, lawn furniture, and children's toys, you are responsible for keeping them organized. All belongings that are not in use should be stored tight in the rear of your apartment building.

If there are any articles that are found elsewhere they will be considered rubbish and be disposed of. The Housing Authority will not be responsible for any items that are deemed rubbish and are discarded.

### REAC INSPECTIONS



Inspections are beginning the week of July 27, 2015. HUD has appointed a REAC inspector to inspect apartments at Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terraces.

The inspections will run until the 31st of July. All units to be inspected are chosen randomly from a computer. The Authority, along with the inspector, will be entering the selected apartments to do the inspections. All areas of your unit will be inspected. From now until then, maintenance will be continuously working on all of the units to have them ready for the inspector.

## Jefferson and Vanderbilt

### Terrace RAB Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 6:30-7:30pm a **RAB MEETING**  
**WILL BE HELD WITH PETER BERRIO'S.**

Please see Peter for additional information. LOCATION: Recreation Center, Vanderbilt Avenue



**EOC Summer Youth Lunch Program is back:** This program provides a nutritious lunchtime meal to children during the summer months when there is no school. In collaboration with the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority, lunches are disbursed at the Jefferson/Vanderbilt Terrace Monday-Friday, between July 6<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>. EOC also collaborates with Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide nutrition education during the lunchtime meal.

## Resident Council Meetings

8<sup>th</sup> – (Monday) 6-7pm **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPEND MONEY!!** Each year, HUD gives the Resident Council a certain amount of Money to use in accordance to their outlined requirements. The fiscal year is coming to a close and guess what? **WE HAVE LEFT OVER FUNDS TO SPEND!!** Please come join us and learn about the **TENANT PARTICIPATION FUNDS** and what we can and can't use the money for. ALL ideas are welcomed. LOCATION: The Police Sub Station @ Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace Senior Way.

## Annual Beautification Contest

The Housing Authority's beautification contest judging is scheduled for July 17, 2015. The area around your apartment will be judged on how well it is kept up. There will be a small gathering to follow at 1 pm to hand out the prizes.

Items that will be considered in the judging:

planting flowers, trimming shrubs, raking the lawn, cleaning the exterior areas around your doors and windows. Gift certificates from Price Chopper will be presented to the top five winners from each site. Residents who would like to borrow rakes, shovels, or any other equipment can call the main office to sign out the equipment they need.

**PRIZES:** Gift Certificates from Price Chopper

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50

and  
3 honorable mentions will be awarded for \$25 each.

16<sup>th</sup> – (Tuesday) 6:30 – 7:30pm a **RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD.** This meeting is very important and ALL Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace Residents are urged to attend. The Resident Council will be voting in its Board members and Committee's. At this meeting, the decision for the **TENANT PARTICIPATION FUND** projects will be voted on. LOCATION: Police Sub Station @ Bldg. 24 Jefferson Terrace Senior Way.

## Stonequist 50/50 Raffle



The Daily Resident Association 50/50 raffle will be closed from June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> at Stonequist. 50/50 will resume September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Association would like to say thank you to all who participated this past year.

Don't forget on August 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be the annual picnic for all Stonequist residents.

## New Parking Lot Protocol



The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority has implemented 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 passenger side window. Any vehicle without the proper sticker may be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. This includes any parking lots owned by the SSHA including but not limited to Stonequist, Vanderbilt parking lot (old Ford Center), and dumpster areas at Jefferson and Vanderbilt terrace.

This practice was effective as of April 1, 2015. Residents may contact the office to get their new sticker. The cost of the sticker will be \$1.

The SSHA will also have temporary parking signs available for residents who notify the office of a visitor who is staying with their own vehicle.

## Automatic Rent Payments



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

This system works by automatically withdrawing your exact rental amount on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact the office for more information on how to sign up.



Do NOT forget that the Stonequist Laundry Room is CLOSED every Tuesday from 8am -9am for routine cleaning.

## Attention Residents:

This is an announcement to remind you NOT to take used furniture or other belongings into your apartment as it is a primary way that bed bugs can be introduced into your living environment.



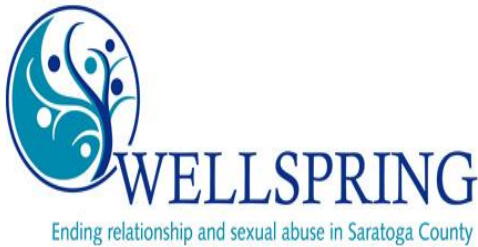
# FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.

The Foster Grandparent program, through The Commission on Economic Opportunity offers low-income seniors age 55 and older the opportunity to share their skills and experiences with children who have special or exceptional needs. Grandparents work closely with one or two children to provide warm and nurturing support in non for profit community organizations such as schools, head starts, daycares, hospitals, and youth centers.

If you are interested in more information on this program you can contact Chasity Mansourian, at 518-272-1006 Ext. 315

Domestic violence is the #2 in violent crimes in Saratoga County. Domestic violence occurs across genders, socioeconomic classes, race, religion, and sexual orientation.



Does your partner:

- Make you feel afraid much of the time?
- Act excessively jealous & possessive?
- Control where you go or what you do?
- Keep you from seeing your friends and/or family?
- Threaten to commit suicide if you leave?
- Threaten to take your children away?
- Limit your access to money or things such as the phone or the car?

If this sounds like you or someone you know, call us. We can help. Wellspring is the domestic violence and sexual assault services resource for Saratoga County residents. All services are free and confidential.

Call us. We can help.

During office hours **518.583.0280**

24/7 hotline **518.584.8188**

## **Saratoga Race Course Jobs**

Open House Job Fairs Planned For 2015 Saratoga Racing Season  
Interested in a job at the Saratoga Race Track this summer? Each summer, there are various positions to apply for at the Saratoga Race Course. NYRA holds several open house job fairs to interview candidates and fill these positions in Saratoga.

Qualifications: You must be at least 16 years old to apply, with NYS Certified working papers, photo ID, and Social Security card. Prospective security guards, cashiers and betting clerks must be at least 18 years of age to apply. Betting clerks and cashiers must have significant cash handling experience.

Job Fairs for the 2015 Racing Season will be held on:

- Thursday, June 11 (2 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- Friday, June 12 (2 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 13 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Opportunities are available for: bartenders, betting clerks, cashiers, chefs, cleaners, cooks, food service helpers and supervisors, general labor, giveaway helpers (part-time only), hosts/hostesses, parking attendants, porters and bar backs, prep cooks, retail clerks, security, turf work, utility workers, valet parking staff, wait staff, and whitecaps/ushers.

Working papers and two types of identification are needed, which may include:

- Driver's License or State ID (must be at least 16 years old to apply)
- Social Security Card
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Right-To-Work Visa

All job fairs will be held at the Saratoga Springs City Center - 522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Parking is available in the lot on Maple Avenue. You should be well dressed and prepared for an interview.



The 38th annual Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival, one of the most celebrated and longest running jazz events in the world, is a two-day event featuring world-renowned jazz legends.

Sunday's line-up will include Erykah Badu, Sheila E, Snarky Puppy, Etienne Charles, and many, many more!

Performances start at 12PM and continue all-day-long at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, 108 Ave of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, NY. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://tickets.spac.org>, by calling (518) 583-9330, or in person at the Route 50 box office.

More info at [www.spac.org](http://www.spac.org)