

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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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, gender, religion, handicap, sexual orientation, familial status, or national origin in employment or the provision of service.

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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.

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority: 518-584-6600

Our Staff

Ext. 22 Paul Feldman, Executive Director
Ext. 17 Cindy, *Director of Finance*
Ext. 11 Katie, *Tenant Relations*
Ext. 13 Jill, *Tenant Relations*
Ext. 10 Kathy, *Executive Secretary*
Ext. 19 Nina, *Housing Assistant*
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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.



Air Conditioners:

Air Conditioners will be removed from all Apartments beginning the week of the 5th of October.

Please see Kathy at the office to sign-up to get your air conditioner removed.

Please remember no resident is permitted to remove their own air conditioner.



Automatic Rent Payments

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

This system works by automatically withdrawing your exact rental amount on the 5th business day of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the



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, work full time, or go to school full time, or have a disability which prevents you from performing community service and can provide a note from a medical professional stating such or you collect SSD. 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.

Monthly Calendar

- Back to school supply program Thursday, September 3rd from 4-8 pm
- Office will be CLOSED Monday, September 7th for the observation of Labor Day
- NAEIR nights Friday, September 4th and Thursday, September 17th from 6-9pm
- Residents meeting Tuesday, September 8th at 10 am
- Terrace Resident Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm
- Thursday September 17, 2015 - Board meeting 2:30 pm

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

Jefferson and Vanderbilt Terrace News

Terraces Community Resident Council Meeting

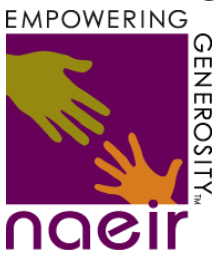
September 16th (Wed) 6:30pm a Resident Council meeting will be held.

All are welcome to attend.

LOCATION: Building 24 Jefferson Terrace

PLEASE NOTE: That monthly meeting dates have changed starting in September.

NAEIR Nights:



If you would like to make an order or come view the catalogs you may do so on September 4TH and/or September 17TH from

6-9 pm at the Jefferson Terrace, Building 24 meeting room.

Everyone is welcome!

COMING SOON:

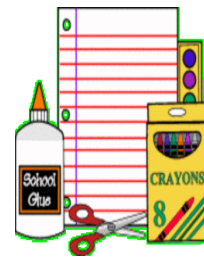
"CANS FOR KIDZ"

The Terrace Community Resident Council is happy to announce that they will be collecting cans to support the TCRC Youth Programs.



There will soon be a can set up by the dumpster area at Vanderbilt Terrace for can collection and deposits.

Back to School Supplies Program



The Terrace Community Resident Council is holding its 1st annual back to school supply program.

The council will be giving away backpacks and supplies to the Jefferson and Vanderbilt children. If you would like your child to receive a backpack with supplies, you must place their name on the list.

To ensure your child's name is on the list, Call 587-5476.

This event will take place Thursday, September 3RD from 4-8pm at Jefferson Terrace, Building 24 meeting room. All children receiving a backpack and supplies must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no exceptions. There will be no deliveries.

Please call today, time is running out to make sure your child is on the list.

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.

\$100 Reward-



Illegal dumping at the Terrace dumpster parking lot site is costing the housing authority hundreds of dollars per year. In an effort to combat this problem and hold the guilty parties accountable, the housing authority will be offering a one hundred dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons illegally dumping refuse at the Terraces. Contact the main office at 584-6600 with information and evidence (photos, license plates etc.).

If your information results in an arrest and conviction/fine etc. you will receive the \$100 dollar reward.



The Housing Authority will be working with local charitable agencies to try and secure

Christmas presents for children 12 years of age and under who reside at the Terraces.

In an effort to try and get personalized gifts, we are requesting that you submit a list to the office with the name and age of each child under 12 residing in your household along with two items, between \$20 to \$30 that you feel your child would like to receive.

The Housing Authority will do our best to try and secure one of the two items listed. The earlier we receive the list the better the chances of being able to get the desired gift.



Capital District Child Care Council

The Capital District Child Care Council is dedicated to providing resources to the community in order to improve the availability and quality of child care and to assist families in finding child care. As the local child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R) for New York's Capital Region since 1989, the Council provides these resources to Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery, and Rensselaer counties.

The Capital District Child Care Council is dedicated to promoting quality early care and education in the region and to helping others recognize that an investment in the education of our youngest children is an investment in our future.

If you are interested in a child care referral you may contact the CDCCCC at 518-426-7181.

Notice

In the upcoming weeks the Housing Authority will be requesting patience, and cooperation from all residents and guests that live at Jefferson Terrace during the siding project. Its anticipated completion date is October 1, 2015.

If you have any question or concerns you may contact the office during working hours.

Stonequist News

Reminder:

RENTS WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED IN THE OFFICE BETWEEN 8-12am and 1-3pm MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY THE FIRST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AND 8AM-12PM AND 1:00PM-2PM THERE AFTER. THE DROP BOX IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY.



CDTA will now be offering a Tuesday only bus run at 11 am to Walmart that will pick up at Stonequist.

**Thank
You**

Thank you to the Stonequist 50/50 club for hosting a summer picnic for the Stonequist Residents.

There were a lot of people who attended and everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves.

Stonequist Security:

In order to maintain a secure building at Stonequist it is imperative that you do not let anyone in who is not a resident of the building. If someone is at the door knocking, tell them they need to ring the bell for the person that they are here to see and walk away. If a stranger is knocking on the door and creating a nuisance, don't hesitate to call the Saratoga Springs Police Department to report a potential trespasser. The Stonequist Apartments are located on private property and persons who come onto the property must have a legitimate reason for being here. If everyone cooperates then we will be able to maintain a safe environment in the building. Please contact Paul if you see anyone letting strangers into the building.



The Saratoga Springs Housing Authority has joined forces with a program called Project Needle Smart.

It serves as a community safe sharps collection

program in support of alternative needle/syringe disposal throughout the Capital Region. The Project Needle Smart offers awareness on proper access and disposal of needles and syringes and/ or anything that has blood on it. With Project Needle Smart, you can help prevent injury, illness and pollution.

The program will be implemented when we have final approval from the New York State Health Department to allow a "drop box" to be granted to the Housing Authority. Once we receive final approval the "drop box" will be located at Stonequist apartment in the lobby. The Health Department will also supply free sharp containers. If you have any questions regarding the program, please see the following website <http://centrocivico.org/en/project-needle-smart.html>.

Please continue to review the newsletter to see when this program will start. The SSHA does not want residents disposing needles through the regular trash disposal process. If you use needles for any reason the SSHA expects that you will take advantage of this program and be sure not dispose of needles with regular trash. We thank you for your cooperation.

It's Back!

Stonequist residents 50/50 will be up and running again starting Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Tickets will be sold between the hours of 1-3 pm Monday – Friday and the weekly winner will be drawn on Friday afternoons at 3pm.



Use Your EBT (SNAP) Card at the Farmer's Market!

Did you know that you can use your EBT card at the Saratoga Springs Farmers' Market?

Get fresh produce AND a \$2.00 Fresh Connect coupon for every \$5.00 you spend!



Swipe your EBT card at the Farmers' Market Shed and get tokens that are as good as cash! **Tokens never expire** and are **accepted by all market vendors.**



The farmers' market will refund unused EBT tokens back to onto your card.

What products ARE eligible	What products ARE NOT eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fruits and vegetables ✓ Breads ✓ Meat, fish and poultry ✓ Dairy products ✓ Maple and honey products ✓ Seeds and starters for food bearing plants (tomatoes, herbs, garden greens etc.) ✓ Baked goods: wrapped, labeled and intended for home consumption ✓ Value added foods (jams, sauces, spices, soup mixes etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beer, wine or liquor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tobacco products <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-food Items (soaps, flowers, decorative items etc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot foods meant to be eaten on site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vitamins and Medicine

Don't know how to prepare farmer's market produce? No problem!

Recipes and preparation guidelines are always available!

Stop by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Table or the Market Shed for recipe ideas, preparation instructions and storage advice. Vendors are also full of cooking knowledge! And pick up a copy of Saratoga Today Newspaper every Friday for a Farmers' Market recipe.

Instant Admission Day

When:

Thu, Sep 3, 2015
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM


Where:

Bryant & Stratton College Malta NY

Cost:

FREE ADMISSION
View Phone Number

**For More Information Call:
518 437-1802**

 Bryant & Stratton College Malta Extension site 2452 Route 9, Malta, NY

Bring your High School Diploma or GED and meet with an admissions representative for instant admission! Register on September 3rd and your first semester's textbooks will be FREE! Can't make it this day? Call 518-437-1802 ext. 280 to schedule an appointment.

24th Summer in Saratoga Craft Show


When:

Tue, Sep 1, 2015
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where:

Congress Park, Saratoga
View Phone Number

**For More Information Call:
518-469-7776**

 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Marketplace with up to 40 vendors with 100's of crafted items. Takes place rain or shine every Tuesday during racing season.

When:

Tue, Sep 1, 2015
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM


Where:

Downtown, Saratoga Springs

Cost:

FREE ADMISSION
View Phone Number

**For More Information Call:
(518) 584-4191**

 The award-winning Racing City Chorus performs sidewalk mini-concerts of show tunes, pop numbers, and patriotic songs in the four-part barbershop style weekly on Broadway during the thoroughbred race meet.

Times and venues:

- Crafters Gallery at 6:30 PM
- Stadium Cafe at 6:45 PM
- Maestro's at the Van Dam at 7:05 PM
- Crown Grill/Circus Cafe at 7:30 PM
- Lillian's Restaurant at 7:50 PM
- Saratoga Guitar at 8:15 PM
- Olde Bryan Inn at 8:45 PM