



# *Town of Saratoga News*

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## **Warm Greetings !**

The month of February is short in days but packed with town activities. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, committee reports, bid openings for the purchase of a Gradal XL3100, and a presentation by James Dennehey, Director of the Hudson River Greenway Commission, who will describe the purposes and objectives of the organization. In addition, there will be public hearings on a local law to increase the mass gathering fee from \$500 to \$750 and a local law to extend the wind turbine moratorium for an additional six months. On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Town Hall Building Committee continues to review options and costs for a new town hall. At the next meeting scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, additional information on modular construction and corner school building operating costs will be discussed.

The Town Park committee continues to make good progress. With the assistance of Kim Smithgall of Schuylerville Central School an information mailing was sent to all residents of the school district. A traffic study by Creighton Manning Engineering is being conducted to determine traffic counts, sight distances, and recommendations for safe park entrances and exits. The LA Group continues to refine plans for the park facilities.

The Association of Towns will be conducting the annual Training School for town officials from February 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. The school provides numerous staff development sessions that keep town officials up on the latest changes and developments in town government. Officials that will be attending from the town include Councilpersons Betty Koval, Fred Drumm, Charlie Hanahan, and Mike McLoughlin, Supervisor Tom Wood, Bookkeeper Marjorie Wilbur, Town Justices Jack Ditch and David Mathis, and Town Attorney William Reynolds.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

## **February Tax Collection Schedule**

During the month of February Town Tax Collector James Gorham will be in the Town Hall Conference Room on Monday's only from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The Town Office will be closed Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. If you have any questions for Jim, please call him at 695-3644 X 18.

## **Quaker Springs Fire Department News**

The Quaker Springs Fire Commissioners are making good progress on plans for a new satellite fire station on Route 9P near Saratoga Lake. Construction should begin in the early spring.

## **National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

The NIMS Command System provides the structure and plan for dealing with emergency disaster situations. The town is moving forward in preparing our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Committee members are meeting monthly to develop the organizational structure to follow in the event of specific emergency situations. Communication devices, identification cards and vests, NIMS Field Guides, and contact sheets are being developed. Jim Miers is the Town Emergency Coordinator. He is busy developing the emergency management plan.

## **General Schuyler Emergency Squad News**

The squad continues to move forward with their building plans for a new headquarters building. National Grid has moved the electric lines on the property. Construction should begin in early spring.

## **Saratoga Lake Association News**

Residents are encouraged to join the SLA for 2008. Dues are only \$30. for the year. The effort to protect Saratoga Lake from being used as a water source by the City of Saratoga Springs continues. SLA and SLPID are doing a great job of leading the fight to protect the lake. The official website of the Saratoga Lake Association is [www.saratogalake.org](http://www.saratogalake.org) .