



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 9th 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, and committee reports. On Thursday, February 5th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the February 9th meeting.

The Town Park committee continues to make good progress. A Friends of Schuylerville Park group has been formed to assist in achieving park goals.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Greater Schuylerville Community Food Pantry

The Greater Schuylerville Community Food Pantry is located at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church at 48 Pearl Street in Schuylerville. The food pantry is open year round every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except holidays) from 9:00 – 11:45 am. The pantry is open to all residents of Northeast Saratoga County and the Town of Saratoga. Individuals/families may visit the pantry up to six times during the year for help with food needs. For more information call 695-3479.

Making Ends Meet

On Monday, February 23rd a two hour money management workshop will be held at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church on Pearl Street, Schuylerville at 6:00 pm. Topics to be covered include: tools to enhance your financial situation, community resources that may be available to assist you, developing a spending plan, and ways to reduce your utility bills.

Quadracentennial Celebration

The Town of Saratoga will be joining Saratoga County and several other towns and villages throughout the state in celebrating the 400th anniversary of explorers Henry Hudson and Samuel D'Champlain's exploration of New York State. A series of events are being planned that will encourage residents to "explore" the county and learn about the history and all of the trails which are so abundant in our area.

February Tax Collection Schedule

During the month of February, Town Tax Collector James Gorham will be in the Town Hall 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 16th. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. If you have any questions for Jim, please call him at 695-3644 X 318.

Cold War Veteran's Exemption

At the January Town Board meeting a new local law was passed giving cold war veterans that served between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 an exemption. If a veteran is already receiving an exemption for other military service, then they will not be eligible for this exemption. Please contact assessor Victoria Hayner for information about this exemption or any other exemption. Exemption applications must be filed by March 1st.

Assessor's Office News

Now is the time for all property owners to look over their information and file for any exemptions they may be qualified to receive. If you will be **65 in the year 2009**, you are eligible to apply for the Senior Star Exemption. But, you must file before March 1, 2009.

Many exemptions require renewal applications. These applications are color-coded this year and have been mailed. Please take time now to fill these out and turn them in to the Assessor's office. The deadline for renewal applications is March 1, 2009.

Homeowners in the town who reside in their property are eligible for Residential Star. This is a one-time application. If you have not already filed to receive these savings to your school taxes, you need to apply before March 1, 2009.

Other exemptions available within the town include Veterans exemptions and Agricultural exemptions. The Town recently approved the Cold War Veteran's Exemption; so if you have not qualified for a Veteran's Exemption because of dates, check with our office to see if you qualify for this new exemption. Certain criteria must be met to qualify for these exemptions. Please contact our office to determine if you might be eligible. All exemptions must be filed by **March 1, 2009**.

Reminder: The Assessor's Office is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We are located at the new Town Hall on 12 Spring Street, on the second floor. Please stop in and visit us – we'll be happy to answer your questions and help you apply for any exemptions you may be entitled to receive.