



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: shared services agreement, Victory Mill rehab project, old town garage demolition, and sale of the old town hall. On Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

### Town of Saratoga Emergency Shelter Information

#### Shelter Locations

In the event of an emergency the primary shelter for the *Town of Saratoga* will be at the *new Town Hall Building* located at 12 Spring Street Schuylerville. The building is at the intersection of State Routes 4, 29, and 32. Enter the building through the doors adjacent the rear of the parking lot, and follow the signs to the shelter.

Secondary shelters will be used if the need arises. They will be located at the David Nevins Fire Station Pine Street, Victory Mills, the Quaker Springs Fire Station Blodgett Road, Quaker Springs and the Schuylerville Central School Spring Street, Schuylerville.

*The severity and duration of the event will determine when the shelters are opened, and for how long they remain in operation.*

#### The telephone numbers are

David Nevins 695-6623 Quaker Springs 584-3349  
Town Hall 695-3644 X 325 or X 316 Schuylerville School 695-4127

#### Where to call for information

Town Hall 695-3644 X325 *If a fire or medical emergency dial 911*

#### What to bring with you

Bring your own pillow, books to read, and perhaps your child's favorite stuffed animal. Bring any important papers you might need - identification, passport, prescriptions, insurance policies etc. and any medications you may need. A change of clothes and any personal care items that you may require are always a good idea.

#### What to expect

Shelters can best be described as organized chaos, so be prepared to have little privacy and a very small area in which to function. The meals will be basic but wholesome. If you have any dietary restrictions, please bring these items with you. Special need items may be in short supply. *All will be required to sign in and out of the shelter, and a CURFEW will be strictly enforced.*

#### How to help

It would greatly help us to help you if we know in advance if you have any medical conditions or mobility issues that may require special attention. RU OK forms are available at the *Town Hall Emergency Preparedness Office* (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) to fill out for your special needs, or you can call 695-3644 X325 and have one mailed to your home.

#### Questions???

If you have any questions regarding this segment of the disaster plan or would like to join us in our efforts, please feel free call 695-3644 X 325, *Town of Saratoga Emergency Preparedness Office*  
Sherry Doubleday *Emergency Manager*

### Reverse 911 Information

**To receive reverse 911 calls with emergency information, register your telephone number, cell number, and or email on the county web site [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov) or call 885-2232.**

## 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 20<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 318.

## Assessor's Office News

The revaluation project is progressing. We have scheduled a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting we will share the process for property owners to review their new assessment and the informal review process. You will be receiving a letter in mid-February which will advise you of your new assessment and give specific directions on the next steps in the process if you have questions regarding your new value.

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 2012**, you are eligible to apply for the Senior Star Exemption. But, you must file before March 1, 2012.

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, 2012.

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, 2012.

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, 2012.**

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.