



Town of Saratoga News

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Happy New Year and Warm Greetings !

The month of January is a time to reorganize and set goals for the coming year. Appointments to town positions and a review of procedures and policies will occur. An auditing of the financial accounts of all town officials that handle funds will be conducted by Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co.LLP in January.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, January 8th 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, and adoption of a number of resolutions concerning appointments and operating procedures. On Thursday, January 4th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the January 8th meeting. The agenda meeting will include an informational PUD presentation to the board by MKN Development. At the regular February board meeting the board will conduct a public hearing on the MKN PUD request. Our Town Hall Building Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd to review possible building designs and projected costs.

Trask Lane in the Neilson Landing subdivision has now been accepted as a town road. The new generator for the town highway garage should be installed in the next couple of weeks. The town highway department employees are busy building a new shed for equipment storage. Everyone is reminded that the monthly town newsletter, calendar, and minutes of all town meetings are on the internet at www.townofsaratoga.com. We always attempt to post all minutes in a timely manner.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Saratoga Lake Association News

The official website of the Saratoga Lake Association is www.saratogalake.org. Check the site out to keep current on the status of efforts to prevent Saratoga Lake from becoming a reservoir.

Quaker Springs Fire Department News

At the fire district election on December 12th, Stephen Bodnar was re-elected as Fire Commissioner and Ann Crandall was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Town Tax Collector

Town Tax Collector James Gorham recently mailed tax notices for all parcels in the town. Residents may pay their taxes in person at the town hall or mail them to the tax collector. During January, Jim will collect taxes at the Town Hall in the Conference Room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. On Saturday, January 27th taxes may be paid from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During February and March, Jim will be in the Town Hall Conference Room on Monday's only from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. If you have any questions for Jim, call him at 695-3644 X 18.

Assessor News

Town Assessor Catherine DeFelice reminds all residents that will be 65 years old before March 1st that they may be eligible for school tax relief programs. The first program is the **Senior Exemption** program. Under this program residents that live in either the Schuylerville or Saratoga Springs school district with an income less than \$32,399.99 are eligible for a reduction in property assessment. The maximum assessment reduction is 50% for an income of \$24,000 or less and decreases in 5% increments down to a minimum of 5% assessment reduction for an income of \$32,399.99. Senior residents living in the Stillwater school district with a maximum income of \$13,500 are eligible for a 50% reduction and this decreases in increments to a 20% reduction with a maximum income of 19,199.99. Property ownership, occupancy status, and residency are additional eligibility factors considered for this program. Applications for this program must be submitted by March 1st. A second school tax relief program called **Enhanced Star** provides for a reduction of up to \$50,000 of assessed value for residents that will turn 65 years of age anytime during 2007 with an annual income of \$67,850 or less. A third school tax relief program called **Basic Star** is available for all residents regardless of income level. This program provides for a reduction of \$30,000 of assessed property value. Residents already signed up for this program do not need to do so again. If you are eligible for any of the programs, please contact Catherine DeFelice at 695-4034.