



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 Richard H. Dinolfo in January.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, January 14th 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 10th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the January 14th meeting. Our Town Hall Building Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 9th to further discuss building options and estimated costs.

Under the leadership of Lourie Griffen much work has been completed at Schuylerville Park. The fuel tanks located on the site were cleaned and removed, several dumpsters were loaded with trash and hauled away, and the old horse barn has been demolished. A new town park sign has been designed and painted by Sue Reynolds and will be placed at the park entrance in the near future. The LA Group is working on preliminary designs for the park which will include multi-age, active and passive recreational areas.

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 21st 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 11th, James Burke was re-elected as Fire Commissioner.

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 26th 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

Greetings From the Assessor's Office Happy New Year! Now is the time for all property owners to look over their information and start filing for any exemptions they may be qualified to receive. If you will be **65 in the year 2008**, you are eligible to apply for the Senior Star Exemption. But, you must file before March 1, 2008.

Many exemptions require renewal applications. These applications were 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, 2008.

Home owners 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, 2008.

Other exemptions available within the town include Veterans exemptions, disability exemptions, and Agricultural exemptions. 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, 2008**.

Reminder: The Assessor's Office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. 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.