



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 12th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: proposed local law #2 creating a Cold War Veterans Exemption, local law #3 adding storage and repair of general construction equipment as a special permitted use to the rural district, 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 8th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the January 12th meeting

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19th 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 developments in the Saratoga Lake Area.

Emergency Shelter Information

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 as the need arises. They will be located at the David Nevins Fire Station on Pine Street in Victory Mills, the Quaker Springs Fire Station on Blodgett Road in Quaker Springs and the Schuylerville Central School on Spring Street in Schuylerville.

The severity and duration of the event will determine when the shelters are opened and for how long they will 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 Central School 695-4127

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.

Quaker Springs Fire Department News

At the fire district election on December 9th, Martin Hanehan was re-elected as Fire Commissioner and Anne Crandall was elected 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 in his office at the Town Hall 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 31st taxes may be paid from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During February and March, Jim will be in his office in the Town Hall 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 318.

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 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 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, 2009.

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, 2009.

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, 2009**.

Reminder: The Assessor's Office is open Monday – Thursday 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.