



# 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.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

## **Justice Appointment**

At the Town Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> the town board met with Justice Ditch and Justice Williams to discuss the options available as a result of the upcoming resignation of Justice Ditch. Following a lengthy discussion it was decided to pay Justice Williams additional compensation until a second Justice is appointed. The Board is advertising for interested applicants to apply for the justice position. Any one interested should submit a resume and letter of interest to the Town of Saratoga Office at 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville. The Board wants to do a thorough review of all interested candidates and hopes to make an appointment by the March Board meeting. The appointment will only be for the balance of the 2014 year. There will be an election for the justice position at the November general election.

## **Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy**

At the December 9<sup>th</sup> town Board meeting the board accepted the resignation of James Burke as a member of the zoning Board of appeals. Jim served the town faithfully for a number of years and his service is greatly appreciated. The town board is accepting applications for the vacant position on the zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone interested in the position should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Town Office at 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville.

## 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 **EXCEPT Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed on these two Mondays.** On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> taxes may be paid from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During February and March, Jim will be in his office 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 2014**, you are eligible to apply for the Senior Star Exemption. But, you must file before March 1, 2014.

Many exemptions require renewal applications. These applications are color-coded 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, 2014.

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, 2014**.

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.

## **Building Demolition Update.**

Both the old town garage on Rt 32 and the old town hall on Ferry Street in Schuylerville have been totally demolished and the sites have been cleaned up. The state of New York paid for all expenses related to the site preparation and actual cleanup of the old town hall site. We are under contract with the state for the purchase of the old town hall site and are hopeful that the payment will be received in the near future. A regional gateway visitors center will be built in the site.