



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings !

July will be another busy month filled with town activities. We will celebrate the birth of our nation on Independence Day and special events such as Music on the Hudson are scheduled. The summer swimming program and other youth activities are in full swing. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, July 9th 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, Town Hall Building Committee update, Town Court report, and a Public Hearing on Local Law #3 to create a Town Court Peace Officer. On Thursday, July 5th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the July 9th meeting.

The first meeting of the town park committee will be held on July 10th at 6:00 pm at the park site on route 29 across from the Farmer's Daughter. The first meeting will be a walk through the site to give members a feeling for the site and what options might be possible. Any resident that is interested in serving on the committee should report at this meeting. Bids were recently opened for the clearing of a portion of the old Champlain Canal Towpath south of Wilbur Road. The brush should be cleared by the middle of August.

During the summer, the Town of Saratoga Offices close at noon on Fridays. Everyone is reminded that the monthly town newsletter, monthly calendar, and minutes of all town meetings are on the internet at www.townofsaratoga.com

Saratoga Lake Association News

The annual meeting of the Saratoga Lake Association is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 26th at Panza's on Route 9P. The official website of the Saratoga Lake Association is www.saratogalake.org

Route 9P Bridge Public Hearing

A public hearing on the proposed Saratoga Lake 9P bridge will be conducted by the NYS DOT on Thursday, July 26th at 6:30 pm in the City of Saratoga Springs Public Library. Copies of the Draft Design report are available for review and copying at the Town Hall.

Quaker Springs Fire Department Satellite Fire Station

The vote on the new Satellite Fire Station to be located on Route 9P will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at the Quaker Springs Fire Station from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Turning Point Parade Activities

This year the Turning Point Parade activities have been expanded. On Saturday August 4th there will be carnival events, a U.S. Water Skiing team demonstration, food vendors and music at Fort Hardy Park. The 14th annual Turning Point Parade will be held on Sunday, August 5th. The parade will start at 1:00 pm beginning at the school parking lot and traveling down Spring Street to Broad Street terminating at the Schuyler House. This promises to be the biggest and best parade so far! Please make an effort to attend and share a great time with your family and friends. Following the parade, a number of activities will continue at Fort Hardy Park. These include a chicken barbecue, carnival rides, food vendors, a number of musical performances, and a petting zoo. The evening will conclude with fireworks at dusk. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

Assessor's News - Middle Class STAR

The enacted NY State budget for the fiscal year 2007 includes a real property tax relief program known as "Middle Class STAR". The new program expands upon the existing STAR program by providing an increased benefit for homeowners with "affiliated" incomes less than \$250,000. The increased benefit will be administered by the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance and will be paid in the form of rebate checks. The increase in the Basic STAR benefit will be determined on a sliding scale keyed to income affiliated with the property. Applications may be submitted online or via regular mail, and applicants will be notified of the need to apply by the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance. Applicants will not have to reapply for the rebates in future years. Those who receive the Enhanced STAR will receive a rebate check in an amount equal to 25% of their 2006-2007 savings this year. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR will receive their checks automatically and will not have to apply.

Town Hall Building Committee Update

On June 6th the Town Hall Building Committee met in the former corner school with Sonny Bonacio and Larry Novak to gather more details about the operation and costs related to the building. Members of the Town Hall Building Committee and the Town Board are busy doing research and gathering information related to the former school at the corner of Broad and Spring Street. The town Board has approved funds for an appraisal of the building that will be completed by the end of July. Residents are encouraged to share their opinions about a new town hall with town officials and members of the building committee.

Learn to Swim Program

Registration for the Town of Saratoga "Learn to Swim Program" was conducted on June 25th. This year there will be two, four week sessions. The first session will run from July 2nd to July 27th and the second session will run from July 30th to August 24th. Lessons will be given at the home of Todd and Connie Griffen located at 202 Casey Road. The program is directed by Jeannie Duval, Director of the Town of Saratoga Youth Commission. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jeannie Duval at 581-8453 or email her at jjhtduval@yahoo.com