



# ***Town of Saratoga News***

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## **Warm Greetings to Everyone!**

The holidays of November remind us to be thankful for and appreciative of the good fortune and many blessings that each of us in our town has received over this past year.

The November meeting of the Town Board was conducted on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the 2011 budget was conducted and the budget was adopted. The budget is lean and responsible. Our budget goal was to have no tax increase and maintain the level of services to residents. To accomplish this there will be a 2% pay increase for town employees during 2011. Cuts were made in many departments including , data processing, parks, refuse, interest on debt payment and attorney. There were a few areas of increase to cover higher expenses in areas such as dog licensing, traffic control, highway improvements, employee benefits, and assessors revaluation. We will still have funds for the purchase of a new highway department loader. Using additional revenues and available fund balance we will decrease the town tax rate by \$.015 per 1000 assessment to \$1.62. The town tax rate will be decreased by 1% The Town of Saratoga tax rate is lower than that of our neighboring towns.

The town offices will be closed Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans' Day. In addition the Town offices will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **St. Nicholas Weekend Events**

Numerous events are scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> in downtown Schuylerville. The Schuylerville Community Theater will host a Festival of Trees in the Schuyler Room of the Town Hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be music and crafts for all to enjoy. At 3:00 pm Schuylerville Librarian Julie Martin will read Winter Tales for Children followed by a craft at the Town Hall. St. Nicolaas will arrive at the corner of Spring St. and Broad St. at 4:15 pm on Saturday followed by a lantern walk and caroling to the village park for a tree lighting ceremony at 5:15 pm. Area businesses will be open late and refreshments will be available from numerous merchants in the village.