



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 will be conducted on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the 2014 budget will be conducted and the budget 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 1.5% pay increase for town employees during 2014. Cuts were made in many departments including assessor clerk, highway garage custodial services, celebrations, refuse and garbage, bond interest, retirement, and insurance. There were a few areas of increase to cover higher expenses in areas such as salaries (1.5%) highway garage furnace, taxes and assessment, and machinery contractual. We will still have funds for the purchase of a new highway department wood chipper, radios, and furnace. Using additional revenues and available fund balance the town tax rate will increase by \$.013 per 1000 assessment to \$1.12. If your home is assessed at \$200,000. Your taxes will increase by \$2.60. The Town of Saratoga tax rate is lower than that of our neighboring towns.

The town offices will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. In addition the Town offices will be closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dix Bridge Opening

On Friday, November 8th at 10:00 am a special ribbon cutting ceremony will be conducted by Saratoga County officials marking the official opening of the newly refurbished Dix Bridge. The project was funded 80% by the federal government, 15% by NY State and 5% by Saratoga County. The bridge is for pedestrians and snowmobiles and provides the linkage between Washington and Saratoga Counties.

A message from National Grid

National Grid has been closely monitoring the heavy winds expected to hit our area over the next 36 hours. We are preparing our personnel and crew for potential outages and want to make sure that you are ready, too. If you have an elderly relative or neighbor, please ensure that they are aware of the situation and have considered their options.

Please see below for a list of our safety tips and important contact information.

Be prepared by creating an emergency kit:

- Water. The American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Charged cell phone
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- First aid kit

We urge you to stay connected

In addition to [Outage Central](#), National Grid offers a number of ways for customers to report outages or learn about restoration efforts and important safety information.

Here's how:

- Outage reporting hotline - Call 1-800-867-5222 to report an outage.
- Text messages - Customers can receive text message alerts by texting the word STORM to NGRID (64743). Customers can opt out at any time by texting the word STOP to NGRID (64743).
- Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) to connect with us and other customers.
- Download our free mobile app (available in the Apple and GooglePlay stores) which will allow you to view outage maps, report your outage, check the status of your outage, and access important contact and safety information.

Remember, if your power goes out, you can also access our mobile website by going to [nationalgrid.com](#) on your mobile phone.

Saratoga County Veteran's Fund 5K Race

On Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 am the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency will sponsor a 5K and a ½ mile Kids fun race at Hudson Crossing Park. Runners can sign up on race day. Prizes will be awarded.