



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

The arrival of October places us in the final quarter of the year. Our energies are now divided between working on this year's business and making plans for next year. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: a presentation by C.T. Male on Wind Turbines, an update on the Route 29 Park, zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, and town hall building committee report. Bids will be opened for the purchase of sand, gravel, fuel oil, and diesel fuel. A public hearing will be conducted on proposed Local law #6 that amends the subdivision regulations by changing design and construction standards for streets and highways. The Town Board Agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 pm. The town offices will be closed Monday, October 8th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

The Town has recently received a \$99,947.00 check from Saratoga County from their excess fund balance that will be added to the building reserve fund and a check from Senator Bruno's office for \$15,000.00 that will be used to pay for the new generator that was recently installed at the town highway garage. We have developed a tentative 2008 town budget and will be reviewing it closely for needed adjustments that will occur at budget workshop #3 scheduled for October 25th.

Quaker Springs Fire Department Fall Smorgasbord

On Sunday, October 21st, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm the Quaker Springs Fire Department will conduct their Annual Fall Smorgasbord at the firehouse located on Blodgett Road. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and children 5 and under are free. The variety and quality of food cannot be beat. Take outs are available. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 584-2758 or 584-3829.

Schuylerville House Candlelight Tour

The annual Candlelight tour of the Philip Schuylerville House will be conducted on Saturday, October 13th from 6-9 pm. Costumed guides will describe the Schuylerville family and the house furnishings. Visitors can enjoy light refreshments and period music in the colonial kitchen. Plan to arrive early to avoid long lines. Visitors that arrive after 8:00 pm may not be able to receive a full tour.

Saratoga Lake Association News

The SLA will conduct their next meeting at 7:00 pm on October 25th at Panza's Restaurant. The official website of the association is www.saratogalake.org.

NIMS News

Town NIMS Coordinator Jim Miers encourages all town residents to create their own Family Disaster Plan. He states that given a disaster, help will be dispatched as quickly as possible, but that there will be a time when you and your family will be responsible for your own safety. Families can cope with a disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Four steps to safety are:

1. Determine what type of disasters are most likely to happen.
2. Create a disaster plan.
3. Complete a safety check list of your home.
4. Practice and maintain your plan.

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with you neighbors and determine how you can help those who have special needs such as the disabled and elderly. Also make plans for childcare incase parents cannot get home.

Surrender Week

Surrender Week is a series of events planned from October 10th through the 17th to commemorate the seven days that British General John Burgoyne's troops were encircled in Old Saratoga and forced to surrender. Surrender Week is sponsored by a number of organizations including the Fort Hardy Committee. The American victory at Saratoga is recognized as the turning point of the American Revolution. There is a series of events listed on the calendar. For information call 695-4159. Highlights include the Candlelight Tour of the Schuylerville House on Saturday from 6 to 9 pm and the Surrender Ceremony on Wednesday at Noon at Fort Hardy bandstand. The ceremony will include the 4th grade students from the elementary school. New this year are guided tours of the Marshall House where the young Baroness Riedesel spent the siege. Tours are by reservation only and may be made by calling Town Historian Sean Kelleher at 583-0506.