



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

Once again the summer has flown by and it does not seem possible that September has arrived. September will be another busy month filled with town activities. The Town Board will conduct its monthly meeting on September 9th at 7:00 pm. The Town Board Agenda meeting will be conducted on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 pm.

We have conducted our first budget workshop and are off to a great start. The state Comptrollers Office has established 1.66% as the maximum amount that municipalities may increase the tax levy. We are scrutinizing our budget looking for every possible area where expenses can be reduced. Our goal is to have no tax increase in the town. Minutes of all town board, planning board, and zoning board of appeals meetings as well as town newsletters and town calendars are on the town web page at www.townofsaratoga.com.

Sale of the Old Town Hall

In early August the Town signed a contract with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the sale of the old town hall located at 30 Ferry Street. The process has taken a long time but the end results will be well worth the time it has taken. The Historic Hudson-Hoosic Partnership will be constructing a new regional gateway visitor's center which will promote the businesses and historic assets in the area thus stimulating economic development. The new facility will be a post and beam structure patterned after Schuyler House #2 (the original Schuyler House #2 was burned by the British during their retreat following the Battles of Saratoga). To make room for the new building, the state is paying for the current building to be demolished and the site to be cleaned up. This is expected to occur in September. The property is being sold for \$115,000.

Vet Center to locate in the Town Hall

The Town of Saratoga is finalizing plans with the Vet Center to provide space for combat veterans and their families to receive counseling. We are in the preliminary stages at this time but plans call for the services to begin in January.

Flu Shot Sign Up

Flu Shots will be offered in the Town Hall on Monday, October 7th from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Cost is \$35.00 Some insurances can be billed directly. Call 695-3644 X311 to sign up for a Flu Shot.

News From the Assessor's Office

The Assessor continues to enter sales and review property information on the Town's assessment roll in preparation for 2014. NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance has initiated a project to re-certify property owner's residency for those receiving the BASIC STAR Exemption. Information will be mailed in early September explaining the process to do this. All property owners receiving the BASIC STAR exemption are required to respond to this communication by December. If you need assistance with this procedure, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Seniors ENHANCED STAR recipients will have no change to their procedure of reapplication yearly. Anyone with questions regarding this initiative by the NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance may contact the Assessor. The Assessor's Office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Assessor is in the office those days or it is possible to arrange an appointment that is mutually agreeable. The telephone number for the Assessor's Office is 695-3644, ext 312 (for the assessor).

Demolition of old Town Highway Garage

Last year the town began the process of having the asbestos removed from the old Town Garage located on New York State Route 32 South of Victory. After the project was underway, additional asbestos was discovered and the project came to a stop. Since then, more asbestos testing was done and the project was rebid. A new bid has been selected and the final asbestos removal and building demolition should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Dog Control Officer Information

Recently there have been a number of dog related incidents in the Town. If you have a dog related problem, call Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, at 587-0792 or 793-5485. If he is not available, contact the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department or the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.

9-1-1 Information Verification

Town residents can now call 884-4769 to verify that the 9-1-1 information in the County Emergency Service Computer System is correct. Everyone is encouraged to call to be sure that the information is correct.