



Town of Saratoga News

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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

August will be another busy month filled with town activities. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, August 10th 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, audit findings report, and best value purchasing resolution. The Town Board Agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 pm.

We are starting the budget process by reviewing current levels of expenditures and needs for next year.

Turning Point Festival

The fifth annual **Turning Point Festival** will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 1st and August 2nd. On Saturday at Fort Hardy Park there will be food and craft vendors, carnival mini-rides, games, and more. Entertainment and live music will be ongoing from 12:00 noon. There will also be an old fashioned street dance from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm followed by a Bon Fire at 10:00 pm. Be sure to attend the Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville on Sunday, August 1st. The Parade starts at 1:00 PM and will travel the length of Broad Street. The parade will have over 15 musical groups and over 100 units including floats, military units, fire trucks, and clowns. Family activities will continue at Fort Hardy Park shortly after the parade. The Open Bar Band will play from 7:30 pm until dark. The celebration will conclude with fireworks at Fort Hardy beginning at dusk.

18th Century Day at the Schuyler House

The annual 18th Century Day will be held at the Schuyler House on Sunday, August 9th. The program will start at 12:00 noon and continue until 4:00 pm. Activities scheduled for the day include tours of the Schuyler House, colonial music, militia drills, and demonstrations by 18th century craftsmen. The program is sponsored by the Old Saratoga Historical Association and the Saratoga National Historical Park. Please make an effort to attend.

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office is now beginning the processing for the 2016 Assessment Roll. We were successful in maintaining our 100% Equalization Rate for the 2015 Roll. If you have a concern about your property, now is the time to come in and discuss it with the Assessor. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 695-3644, ext. 312. Our office is located at 12 Spring Street on the 2nd floor. The Assessor's Office is currently open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Exemption renewal forms will be mailed in early December and will be due to the Assessor by March 1, 2016. The income level for Senior STAR qualification has been raised to \$84,550 (Adjusted Gross Income minus any IRA distributions on your 2014 income tax returns). If you receive Basic STAR and receive a request to register with NYS Dept of Tax and Finance, please follow the directions on the mailing. You do not need to re-apply with the Town Assessor. If you are new to the Town, please submit all applications for exemptions before March 1, 2016.