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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

The month of December is a time to think of giving to others, a time of celebration, and a time to reflect back on the past year. It is amazing how fast the past 12 months have gone by. All of your elected and appointed officials have worked hard and have attempted to conduct town business in a way that reflected the wishes of town residents. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

A special end of the year meeting will be held on December 29th at 11:00 a.m. to conduct end of the year financial business.

The Town Offices will close on December 24th at 12:00 noon and all day on December 25th for the Christmas Holiday and on Wednesday, December 31st at 12:00 noon and all day January 1st for the New Year Holiday.

Saratoga Lake Association News

SLA membership dues for 2016 are currently being collected. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31. Dues are \$20. The official website of the Saratoga Lake Association is www.saratogalake.org.

News From The Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office has been busy preparing itself for the busy exemption season. We will be mailing renewal applications on December 10th for the 2016 Roll. Please watch for these important forms. They need to be filled out and returned to our office no later than March 1, **2016** in order to be included on the 2016 Assessment Roll. Our exemption forms are "color coded" to help identify the appropriate exemptions. The Senior Star renewal applications are blue, the low-income Senior Exemption renewal forms are pink and the Agricultural renewal forms are green. If you have questions or concerns about any exemption, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 695-3644, ext. 312 or ext. 321. Our office is located at 12 Spring Street on the 2nd floor and that is where you will need to submit your application. Applications may be submitted either by mail or in person. In December the Assessor's Office is open Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. In January and February the Assessor's Office is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 - 1:00 pm. The Assessor is in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday or by appointment.

St. Nicholaas Festival December 4th - 5th Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Friday evening, December 4th at 6:00 pm there will be a program and lighting of the Memory Trees located in front of the Town Hall at 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville. Following the 6:00 pm lighting of the Memory Trees, at 7:00 pm there will be a reception with refreshments and preview of the decorated trees in the Schuyler Room of the Town Hall.

On Saturday, December 5th 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 a special Children's Story will be read followed by a related 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 4:30 pm lantern walk and caroling to the village Veterans Park for a tree lighting ceremony at 5:00 pm. Area businesses will be open late and refreshments will be available from numerous merchants in the village.

<u>Saratoga National Historical Park Quarter</u> Released

On Tuesday, November 17th the U.S. Mint, as a part of the America the Beautiful Ouarters Program, launched the Saratoga National Historical Park Quarter in a special ceremony conducted at Schuylerville Central School. Over 1,500 people attended the ceremony. The Saratoga National Historical Park Quarter was the only quarter to be released from a National Park in New York State indicating the national significance of the American Victory in the Battles of Saratoga and the resultant surrender of General Burgoyne's entire army. This quarter was number 30 out of a total of 56 to be released. The quarters were released in the chronological order in which the specific national park was established. Quarters are available at local banks.