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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, zoning amendments, and park committee report. 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.

Historical Week Activities

The Town of Saratoga and Villages of Schuylerville and Victory are planning an exciting "historical week" celebration starting August 1 and ending August 9 as part of the "Explore! Saratoga County" efforts commemorating the 400th anniversary of French explorer Samuel de Champlain's journey in the area now known as Lake Champlain, of Henry Hudson's exploration of the river that now bears his name and the 202nd anniversary of Robert Fulton's historic trip up that river by steamboat.

The schedule includes:

QUADRICENTENNIAL BIKE TOUR OF THE HUDSON
Saturday, August 1, (10 am) As part of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's sail, join us for a casually-paced 30-mile tour of the historic roads from the Village of Victory to Stillwater and back, with occasional stops at points of historical significance. There will be lots of fine views of the river. The terrain is mostly rolling with two steep hills (one up, one down). Park along Cemetery Avenue just south of the Saratoga Monument, near the intersection of Burgoyne Road. Bike Helmets Are Required! For information, contact 587-7801 or kathy@jjctech.com. Gather along Cemetery Avenue just south of the Saratoga Monument, near the intersection of Burgoyne Road, Victory Mills

TURNING POINT PARADE FESTIVAL – "Echoes on the Hudson"

Saturday, August 1, (Noon)

Kid's Rides, Food, Bonfire, and Block Dance on Saturday. Fort Hardy Park. For more information

<http://www.turningpointparade.com/>

TURNING POINT PARADE – "Echoes on the Hudson"

Sunday, August 2 (1 – 2:30 pm)

Over 100 separate units including marching bands/musical units, fire and rescue, law enforcement, re-enactors and military units past and present. It is a parade with a "small town flavor".

Broad Street. For more information

<http://www.turningpointparade.com/>

TURNING POINT PARADE FESTIVAL – "Echoes on the Hudson"

Sunday, August 2, (3 pm)

Kid's Rides, Food, and Block Dance on Saturday. Music including the Open Bar Band and Fireworks (9:30pm) on Sunday. Fort Hardy Park. For more information

<http://www.turningpointparade.com/>

GREAT CHAMPLAIN-HUDSON SOJOURN

Monday, August 3 (9am – 5pm)

The Great Champlain-Hudson Sojourn will be stopping at Fort Hardy Park as part of twenty-six day, 325 mile kayaking and camping trip from the Canadian border to Manhattan along beautiful Lakes Champlain and George, the Champlain Canal and the Hudson River. A group of Thru-Paddlers will be camping out at Fort Hardy and visiting heritage and cultural sites in the community. Please join us at 10am to welcome this group of paddlers to Fort Hardy Park. There will be a local kayaking outfitter providing free kayaking lessons, exhibitors, and plenty of activities for the kids! A community dinner, sponsored by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors will held at Fort Hardy at 6pm.

RESEARCHING YOUR SCHUYLERVILLE AREA ANCESTORS

Tuesday, August 4 (10 am)

Get help with research strategy for finding Schuylerville ancestors from Deputy Town Historian and Genealogist Patricia Peck. Schuylerville Public Library.

MAKING A CARDBOARD BOAT

Tuesday, August 4, 2009 (7 pm)

This is an opportunity to make a boat to compete in the Hudson Crossing cardboard boat race on Saturday, August 8. Bring cardboard and enjoy the creative process. Schuylerville Public Library, Ferry Street, Schuylerville

WALKING TOUR OF VICTORY

Wednesday, August 5 (7 pm)

Join Sean Kelleher, Village of Victory Historian, for a walking tour of Victory. Meet at the Village Hall/Community Center

STORY HOUR - 400th anniversary themed

Thursday, August 6 (10 am)

Pre-school age children are welcome (with an adult) to attend the Schuylerville Public Library's Story Hour for a story and activity with Town Historian, Sean Kelleher. Schuylerville Public Library.

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE WALKING TOUR

Friday, August 7 (7 pm)

Join Village of Schuylerville Historian, Kristina Saddleire, for a walking tour of the North Broad Street Cemetery. Learn about former Schuylerville residents. Meet on Broad Street in front of the cemetery.

HUDSON CROSSING CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Saturday, August 8 (starts at 8 am races at 1 pm)

Construct a "human-powered" boat made of corrugated cardboard (or 100% recyclable materials) or watch the races and enjoy the day on the Hudson River in Schuylerville. Registration and boat construction begin at the gazebo at 8:00 am. Racing begins at 1:00 pm. For more information contact (518) 859-1462 or www.hudsoncrossingpark.org Fort Hardy Park Beach.

SPIN TIL YOU DYE

Saturday, August 8 (11 am - 3 pm)

Rock Day Spinners demonstrate fiber spinning and natural dyeing over an open fire. Schuyler House, Route 4, Schuylerville.

18th CENTURY DAY

Sunday, August 9 (12 – 5 pm)

Step back in time at the historic Schuyler House! The grounds abound with 18th century activities, including puppet shows, music, oxen cart rides, basket weaving, chair caning, tinsmithing, and more. Schuyler House, Route 4, Schuylerville. For more information, call (518) 664-9821 ext. 224 or www.nps.gov/sara.

18th Century Day Chicken Barbecue & Family Fun Day

On Sunday, August 9th The Old Saratoga Reformed Church will conduct their annual Chicken Barbecue at the church on Pearl Street from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The cost for adults is \$9.00, children ages 5-12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Walk ins are welcome but reservations are recommended. Call 695-6638 or 695-6187 for reservations. Takeouts are available. The Family Fun Day is from 11:00 – 4:00 and will feature a bounce house, crafters, garage sale, face painting, raffles, Quadricentennial table and Music.