



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

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FIRST CITY POLICE CHIEF NAMED

The City of Saratoga Springs is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Gary C. Hicken as its first Chief of Police. Mr. Hicken is a resident of Lindon, Utah. He recently retired as the Chief of Police of Buena Park, California. Mr. Hicken has over 27 years of professional law enforcement work experience. He possesses a Bachelor's degree from Cal State Fullerton University with a major in Administration of Justice and a minor in Public Administration; and a Master's degree from Cal State Fullerton University in Public Administration. Mr. Hicken has served on many law enforcement professional boards, task forces, committees, and associations. He brings to the position a keen intellect, enthusiasm, excellent organizational skills and great capability.

The Chief's immediate responsibilities will be the creation of the City's first police department including preparation of organizational plans, department policies, department budget, hiring of personnel and acquisition of facilities and equipment necessary to operate the department. The target date for the completion of this work is July 1, 2007.

Free Home Buyer Classes Offered in Spanish!

Community Action Services will offer a free Home Buyer Education class in Spanish during February – in addition to regularly scheduled classes. Homebuyer Education classes help people become qualified home buyers. This includes help with budgeting, money management skills, understanding your credit, how to save money on a loan, how to avoid predatory lending, special tips on shopping for a home and working with real estate professionals. Plus, you will learn about down-payment, closing-cost assistance and loan programs. Educate yourself before starting your home buying process. For more information or to register call 373-8200 ext. 235 or visit www.CommunityActionUC.org.

WINTER HOME SURVIVAL HELPS

Many people have asked for information and suggestions about how to prevent water pipes in the home from freezing, and how to thaw them if they do freeze. The following information is provided to address those questions.

Preventing Frozen Pipes

Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located and are in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated. A hot water supply line can freeze just as a cold water supply line can freeze if the water is not running through the pipe and the water temperature in the pipe is cold.

To Thaw Frozen Pipes

If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Locate the suspected frozen area of the water pipe. Likely places include pipes running against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.

Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt more ice in the pipe.

Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials) or wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove or other open flame device. A blowtorch can make water in a frozen pipe boil and cause the pipe to explode. All open flames in homes present a serious fire danger, as well as a severe risk of exposure to lethal carbon monoxide.

Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible or if you can not thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.

**The City of Saratoga Springs
would like to give a special thank you
to our sponsors and volunteers
for the 2006 event season.**

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Saratoga Springs Fire Dept.



Upcoming events in 2007:

Family Week April 2-7

Saratoga Splash June 11-16

Harvest Festival October 27

See city website for more info.

We welcome your ideas and comments! Contact us at events@saratoga-springs.net
Sign up as a volunteer for the 2007 event season!

Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant

The city is interested in having a Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant in June. If you have experience or would like to help, please contact us.