



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## LIGHT UP SARATOGA SPRINGS WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Light up Saratoga Springs winners. We appreciate the work they put into their yard to make it festive for everyone.

- 1st Place      The Engh Family; 451 W Bountiful Way (Harvest Hills Subdivision)
- 2nd Place      The Wood Family; 1363 Lucas Lane (Saratoga Hills Subdivision)
- 3rd Place      The Corley Family; 221 W Vineyard Way (Harvest Hills Subdivision)

**\*\*\*THANK YOU TO RESIDENT JACOB SMITH FOR COMING UP WITH THE NEW SARATOGA SPRINGS NEWSLETTER NAME. WE APPRECIATE HIS INPUT IN HELPING THE CITY COME UP WITH A NAME\*\*\***

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## TOWN MEETING

### Meet Your State Representatives

Date:    Wednesday, January 16, 2008  
 Time:    7:00 p.m.  
 Place:    City Offices  
           1307 N. Commerce Dr., Suite 200  
           Saratoga Springs, Utah

Come share your opinion about the location of the Mountain View Corridor, the proposed freeway that will provide access to our City. Share your thoughts, voice your concerns.

Come and ask your questions to State Senator Mark Madsen and State Representative Ken Sumsion at the Saratoga Springs Town Hall Meeting.

You may submit questions in advance to: [vchristensen@saratoga-springs.net](mailto:vchristensen@saratoga-springs.net).

Contact the City if you have questions 766-9793.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

The City of Saratoga Springs, beginning January 7, 2008, will commence operating under a new extended hours work schedule. The new hours that the City will be open for business will be as follows:  
 M-TH    7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Friday    8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The City anticipates that members of the public will benefit from these extended hours with the ability to conduct business earlier and later in the day. Full City services will be available Monday through Thursday. Most services will be available on Fridays including staff from the following departments: Utility Billing, Building, Planning, Court, Fire, and Police.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

City Council Meeting	Jan. 8
7:00 p.m.	
Planning Commission	Jan. 15
6:30 p.m.	
Council Work Meeting	Jan. 15
7:00 p.m.	
Town Meeting	Jan. 16
7:00 p.m.	
City Council Meeting	Jan. 22
7:00 p.m.	

## A JOB WELL DONE

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the City's Employee of the Year and Employee of Merit.



Chief Gary Hicken

Police Chief Gary Hicken received the Employee of the Year for his outstanding efforts

in establishing the City's Police Department. He has showed great skill, expertise, and enthusiasm throughout the entire building process of the department. We appreciate all of his devotion and hard work he has put into getting the police department together in such a short period of time. "I couldn't have done it without the staff I work with. Really this award belongs

to the entire police department," says Chief Hicken. We congratulate you on your award and thank you for all you have done.

Fire Fighter Dawnya Dekarver received the City's Employee of Merit for her service as interim Fire Chief. "When disaster struck, and we lost our Fire Chief Mike



Dawnya Dekarver

Penovich, Dawnya really stepped up to the plate and kept things together," said City Manger

Ken Leetham. The City recognizes Dawnya for her strong loyalty to the Fire Department, the City, and it's residents.

Thanks to both of you. We appreciate all you do.

## CITY WELCOMES JUSTICE COURT

After many months of preparations, beginning January 2, 2008 the City will begin its Justice Court. Judge Keith Stoney from West Valley City has been appointed as the Judge for the City of Saratoga Springs. We welcome him to the City and are excited to be having the court up and running. The court will be open everyday during regular City office hours. Individuals will be able to file petitions, pay fees, and make appointments. Court sessions will be scheduled on Fridays.



## HOME WATCH PROGRAM

The Saratoga Springs Police Department is doing home checks for residents who will be gone on a vacation or just gone for the weekend. During the time you are away from your home, an officer or police volunteer will periodically drive or walk around your residence to make sure your home is secure. If you would like the police department to check your home while you are away, please go to the City Of Saratoga Springs website and fill out the

Home Watch form. For questions regarding this program please call the police department at 766-6503.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Residents, as a reminder, in order to facilitate the speedy and safe removal of snow from City streets, it is illegal for the owner or driver of any vehicle to park upon a City street or right-of-way of a City street during or following a snowstorm and while the City's snow removal equipment is being utilized to remove snow. "Vehicles" include but are not limited to automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, travel trailers, boats, motorcycles, buses, snowmobiles, and other object used or capable of being used for transportation purposes whether for the transport of humans, animals or freight of any kind. Violation of this code is fineable by law. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Public Works department at 766-6509.



## CANDLE SAFETY

Did you know that candle fires are on the increase nationwide? So to keep your home candle fire safe here are a few simple steps you can take to prevent fires in your home.

- \*Extinguish candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
  - \*Keep combustibles away from candles such as books, paper, decorations, and curtains.
  - \*Use a sturdy candleholder that is heat resistant.
  - \*Keep children and pets away from candles.
  - \*Candles should be placed away from drafts, vents and air currents.
  - \*Check your smoke alarm each month.
- If you have questions concerning fire safety in your home please contact the fire department at 766-6505.



## ON-LINE TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The City of Saratoga Springs will be operating our own Justice Court at City Hall effective January 2, 2008. A Traffic School option will be made available to residents who qualify and decide they would like to take this route. After much research and discussion the Police Department has developed a plan for citizens to participate in an on-line traffic school. The City has contracted with **Traffic School Resources Company** for this service.

Traffic schools do not eliminate the fines associated with citations, but successful completion does remove them from

the person's driving record, thereby keeping individual insurance rates from escalating. Many citizens desire and actively pursue the traffic school service for these reasons.

A citizen who qualifies for traffic school can go on-line at will and complete the school whenever their time permits. The average time to complete the on-line traffic school course is approximately three hours. The citizen can complete it all in one sitting, or they

can log in and out at will until the lessons are complete. Individuals who do not have immediate access to a computer can get on-line at any family or friends home that has internet access, thereby ensuring that almost all citizens can participate in the program.

The on-line traffic school requires the student to read and comprehend the material. The student will read a short page of course material and then be given a one-question quiz on the information they just read. The questions are taken directly from the course material and are not difficult. At the end of the day the student will develop better driver safety through education.

Cost for On-Line Traffic School is \$65.00. Payment is made on-line by the student via credit card.



**REMINDER:**  
**All comments for the Mountain View Corridor must be submitted by January 24, 2008.**  
**UDOT Website:**  
**[www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov)**

*Did you know...*

**The City of Saratoga Springs is estimated at having over 15,000 people in the City.**

# The Back Page

## A LOOK BACK AT 2007

As 2007 comes to an end, it's customary to look back and review how the City has responded to continued growth and the demand for new and expanded services. In the short ten years of existence the City's population has grown to over an estimated 15,000 residents. The US Census responded to our challenge to their estimated population and adjusted their estimate up to 10,750 persons as of July 1, 2006. In 2007, the City issued 397 permits for single family dwellings and permits for 178 multi-family dwellings. We also issued fifteen (15) permits for commercial development.

The first major increase in services has been the creation of the City's own police department. In January, 2007 the City hired its first Police Chief, Gary Hicken, and assigned to him the task of beginning full-time police operations by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Hicken carried out that assignment with great skill and energy and today, the City has its own full-time and round the clock police service. Visit the City website to review all of their personnel, programs and activities.

A second major event in 2007 was the loss of Fire Chief Michael Penovich in a tragic auto accident. We are very lucky and proud to have many volunteers in the Fire Department that continued to provide emergency medical and fire response services during this tough period of loss and transition. We are lucky and proud again to have found a wonderful new Fire Chief, Tim Hay. Chief Hay comes to the City with over two decades of public safety experience in Kansas, including previous service for many

years as a fire chief. His knowledge, experience and skills are terrific benefits to our growing City and we welcome him and his family to Saratoga Springs.

Other significant events in 2007 include approval of a new Wal-Mart store which is scheduled to begin construction early next year. The City believes that Wal-Mart intends to be open for the Holiday season in 2008. You may also have noticed the ongoing construction of a new high school located on 400 North about ¼ mile west of Redwood Road. This school is scheduled to open for the Fall, 2009 school year.

In 2007, the City expanded its neighborhood outreach (formerly neighborhood watch) program to include code enforcement and animal control services. In addition, the City Council and representatives from different City departments conducted meetings in several neighborhoods. That local meeting program will continue in 2008 and it is the City's objective to meet with all of the neighborhoods in the upcoming year. Finally, the municipal election held in November, 2007 resulted in the election of two new Council members, Brent Call and Bud Poduska, and the re-election of Councilwoman Mia Love.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE EVENT SPONSORS OF 2007



If you or your business would like to be a contributor to the Saratoga Springs Event Program please contact us at [events@saratoga-springs.net](mailto:events@saratoga-springs.net).

### New Events for 2008

Wakeboard Competition and Miss Saratoga Springs Pageant.

If you would like to be involved with these new events please contact us at the email above. Any amount of time you are able to contribute is appreciated. Help us make these new events a reality!

**What Events would you like to see your City having? Send us your ideas!** [events@saratoga-springs.net](mailto:events@saratoga-springs.net)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Free CPR Training

The Saratoga Springs Fire Department is offering free CPR classes for the residents of the city.

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Saratoga Springs Fire Department  
995 West 1200 North

Call 801-766-6505 to register. Class size is limited. Please register early.

