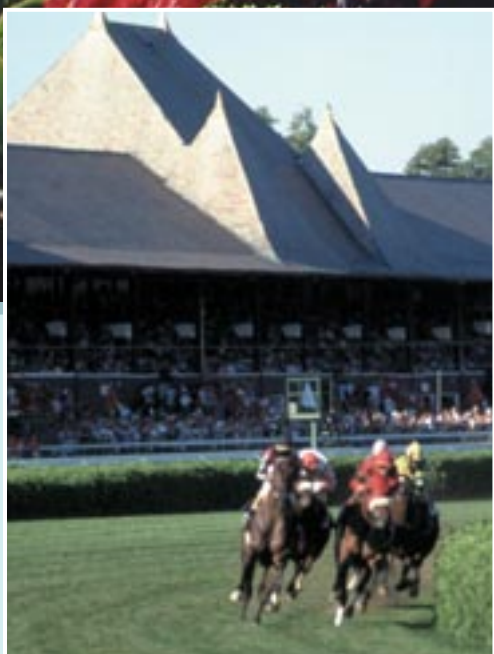
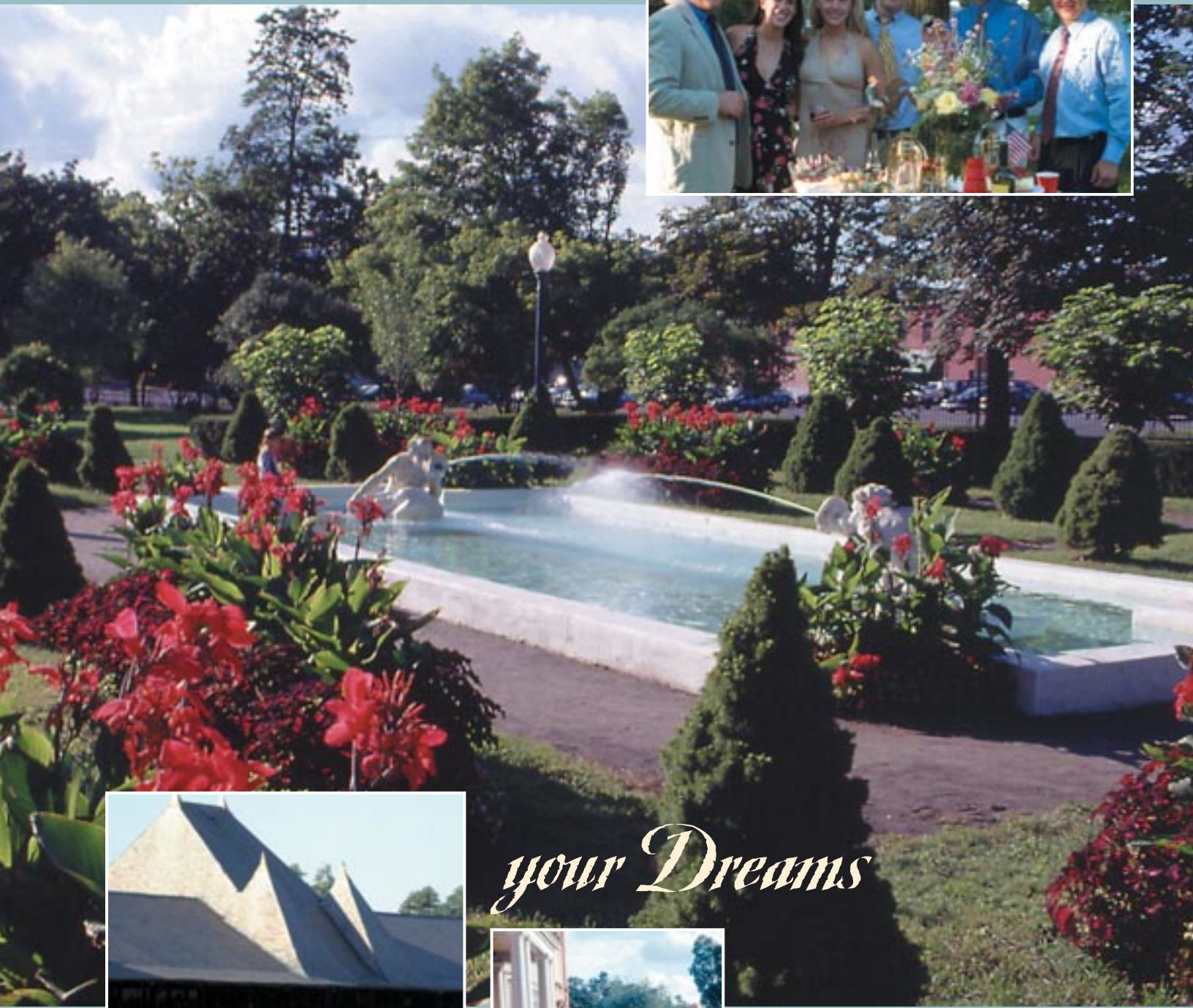


*Raise your Spirits*



*your Dreams*



*your Families...*

*... in Saratoga*

# Raise your Expectations



As there is with certain people, there is about some places, a kind of magic. Such is the special grace of Saratoga. It is a modern county with vibrant neighborhoods and involved residents. It is a business-like county where people take time to smell the flowers lining the streets. It is a growing county that doesn't lose touch with its past. It is a developing county that doesn't let progress step on the greenery along its extraordinary parks, bikeways and waterways. It is a thriving county that still values the fine art of living well.

Saratoga's attractions have been drawing visitors for centuries. But increasingly, they're coming to stay – moving or opening their businesses here. Raising their families here. Choosing quality of life.

*Saratoga.* The reasons you come here to play are also the best reasons to stay.





The spirit of Saratoga and its residents and visitors have been recognized nationally. The City of Saratoga Springs' character, history and charm are just a few of the reasons it has received prestigious awards . . .

*One of American's Dozen Distinctive Destinations* – National Trust for Historic Preservation.  
*First Annual Great American Place Award recipient* – American Heritage Magazine

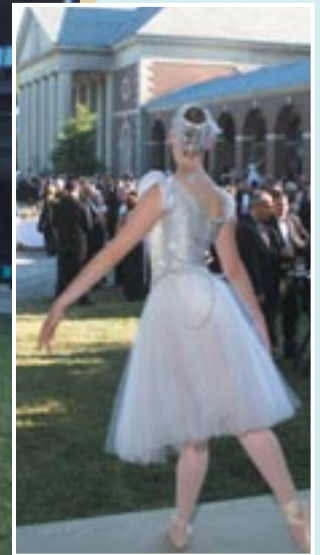
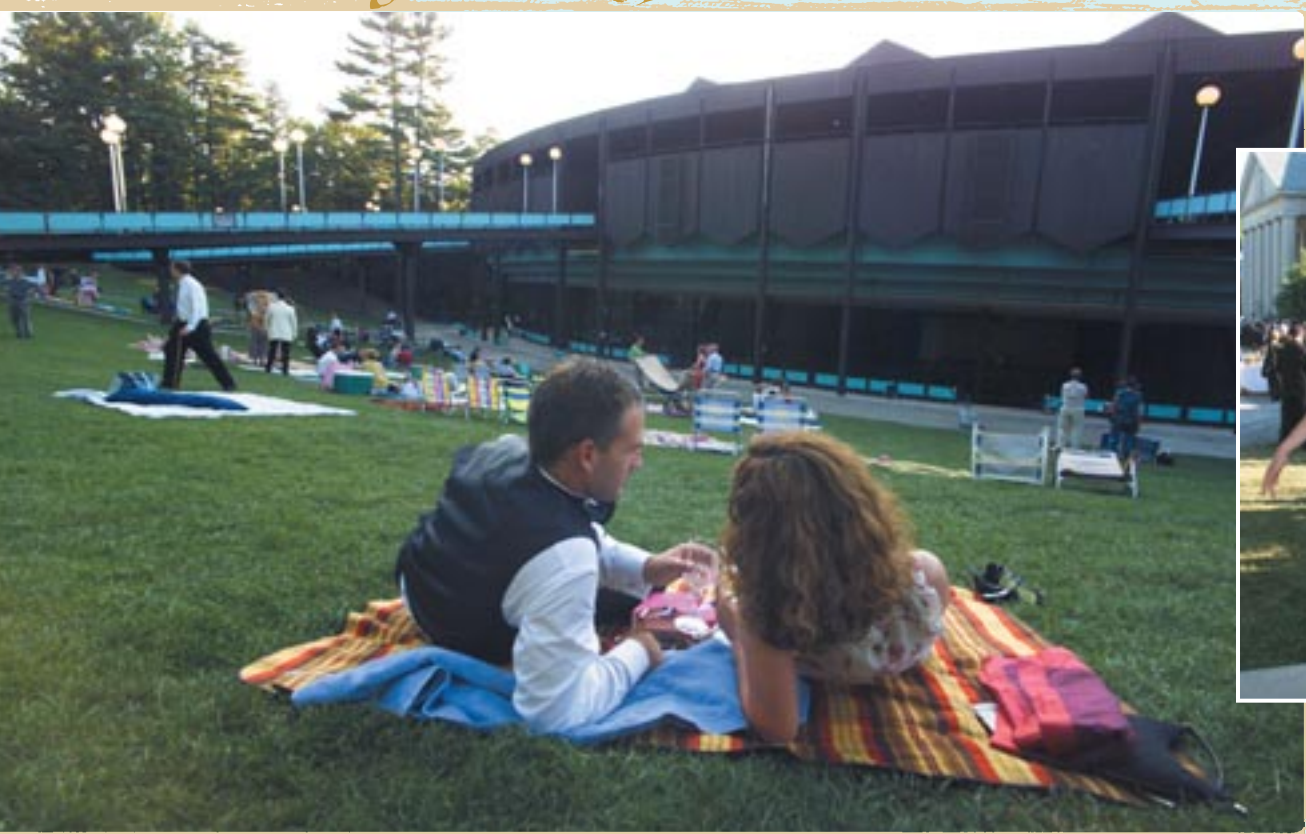
*One of Ten Great American Ports, recognizing historic harbor towns* – Motor Boating Magazine  
*Great American Main Street Award* – National Trust for Historic Preservation

*One of America's Most Walkable Cities* – Walking Magazine

*Top Destination Award* – Facilities Magazine  
*Top 10 Sports Venues of the World (Saratoga Race Course)* – Sports Illustrated



# Raise your Spirits...



## A full palette of arts and entertainment invites you

The extraordinary diversity of the visual and performing arts in Saratoga is unparalleled in communities this size. You could spend every night of the year taking in a performance of theater, dance, opera, jazz, rock, folk and baroque, and still not have enough time to take in all of Saratoga's entertainment opportunities. The Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Skidmore College, Caffe Lena and a host of other entertainment venues are the perfect places to sense the magic. Saratoga's nightlife is also bustling with dance clubs, jazz and wine bars and pubs. You can sit back and sip your favorite beverage while listening to great music or dance the night away.



## Culture is yours for the taking

Spend your days stimulating your mind as you experience Saratoga's unique cultural and historical attractions. Nowhere else can you find four national museums honoring America's place in the world of Dance, Thoroughbred Racing, Bottles and Speedskating. And only in Saratoga can you walk or drive the site of the Turning Point of the American Revolution, at the Saratoga National



Historical Park. You can trace the history of your nation from the Turning Point to the development of the canal system, and the contributions of Presidents Grant and Roosevelt to the county.

Coupled with the first-class, extensive and hands-on exhibits at the Saratoga Automobile Museum, the Children's Museum, the NYS Military Museum, the Tang Art Museum at Skidmore College and several Historical Society museums, Saratoga has a wealth of diverse information to consume.



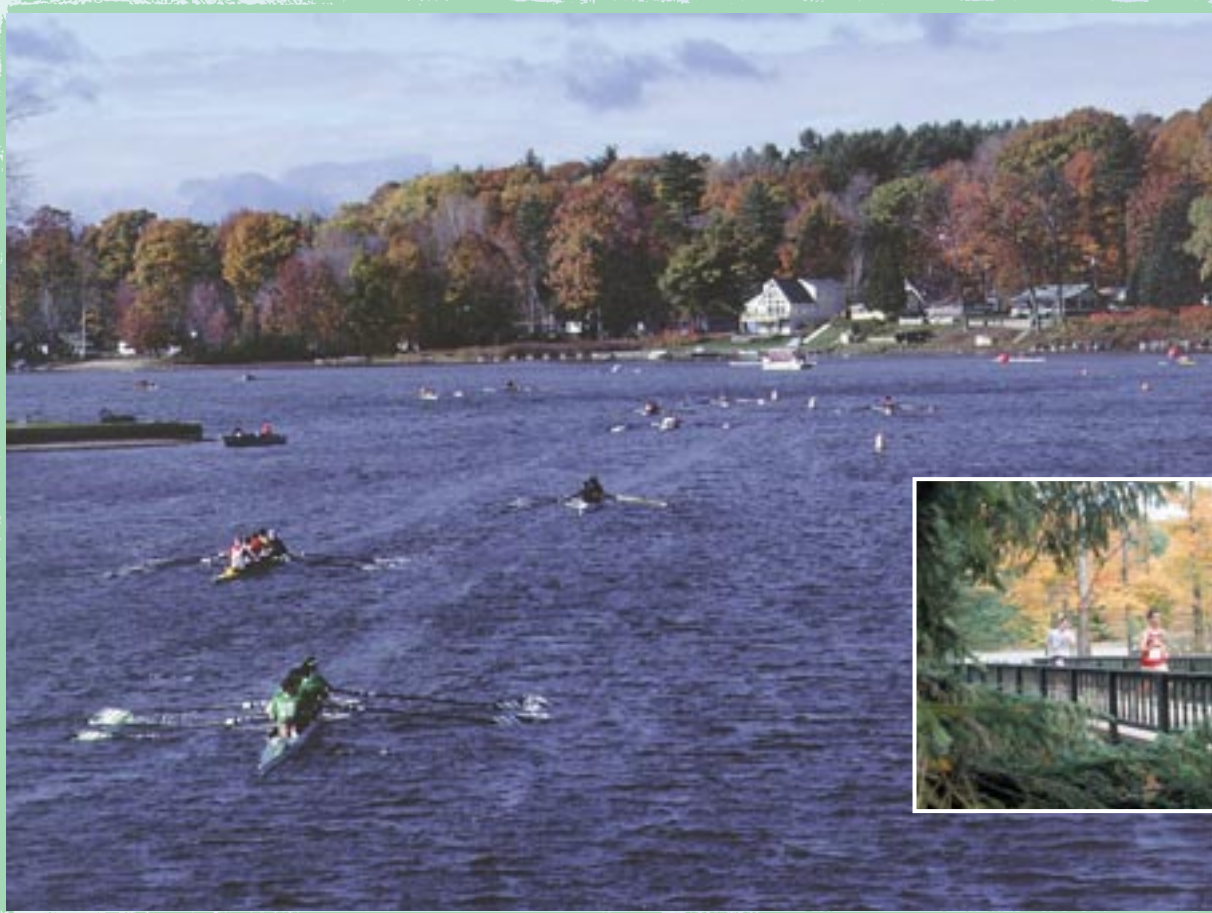
# *Raise your Dreams*



## *The Great Outdoors are awaiting*

Adventure or tranquility – the choice is yours. Saratoga is teeming with things to do as you breathe its fresh, clean air every season of the year. On those crisp winter days you can alpine ski or snowboard at slopes within an hour of anywhere in the county. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are within minutes of your home, as are skating rinks, snowmobile trails and lakes to ice fish. For your workouts, there are plenty of health and sports facilities.

Spring brings the excitement of whitewater rafting or the relaxation of strolling Farmer's Markets, watching horse shows or beginning your season of golf on one of thirteen public courses or several private ones. Take an adventurous tour of Saratoga by trying a balloon ride, sky diving, horseback riding.



Summer and Fall in Saratoga are amazing. Mountain bike, hike or camp the Adirondack Mountains or trails that meander throughout the county. Play tennis and swim at a multitude of sites, including the 2,100-acre Saratoga Spa State Park. Saratoga Lake and the Great Sacandaga are the perfect spot for fishing, sailing, rowing, kayaking or simply cruising along the magnificent waters and shorelines. Or how about a canal boat ride through the locks on the Hudson River?

## Come for the Horseplay

The variety of equine attractions is what makes Saratoga so unusual for horse lovers. From tottering foals at breeding farms to the lightening-fast Thoroughbreds at the Saratoga Race Course, the standardbreds at Saratoga Equine Sports Center or the lithe polo ponies at Saratoga Polo, you can get up close to all the action. And don't forget the precision riding of horses and humans at star-rated area horse shows and dressage competitions.



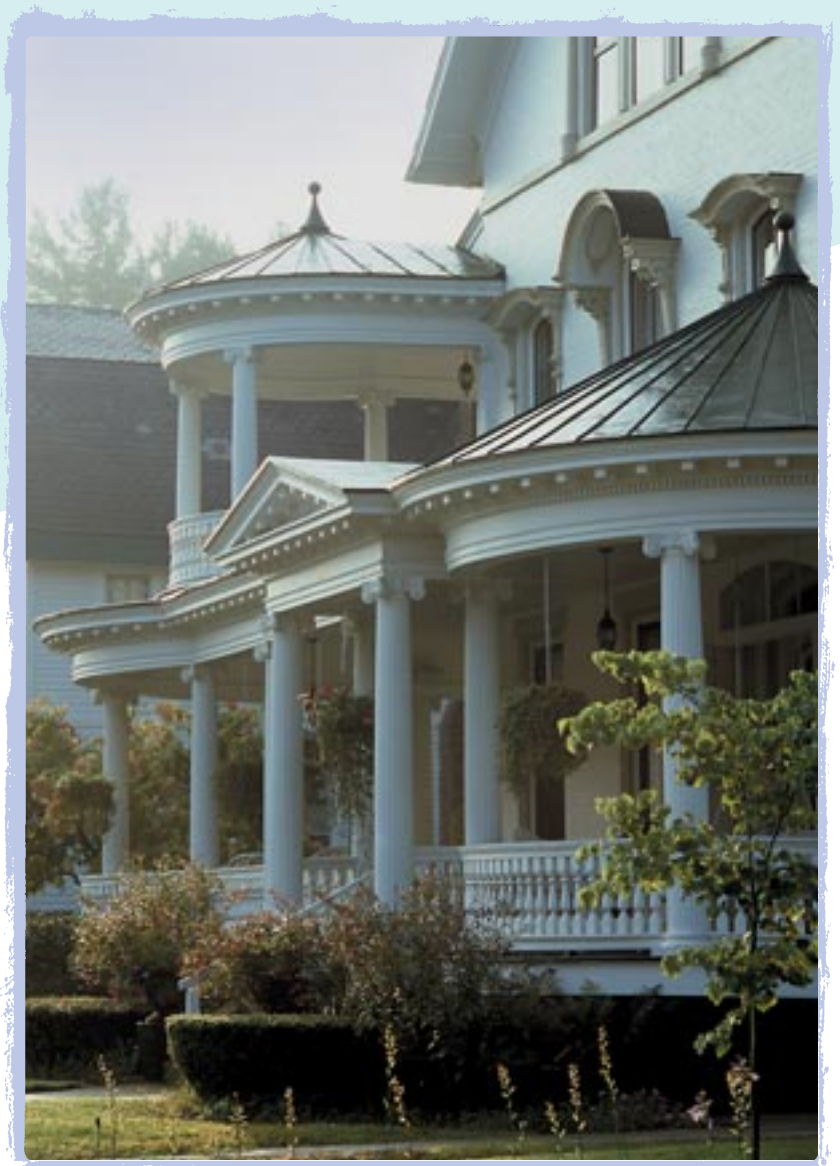
## Shops and Cuisine will satiate you

From finding an antique treasure to lingering in a cozy bookstore, to shopping for great outdoor gear, and discovering the perfect outfit in a charming owner-operated boutique, Saratoga shops have just what you've been seeking.

The quality and ambiance of Saratoga's restaurants are on par with the finest establishments anywhere in the world. Several have been featured in *Bon Appétit*, *Food & Wine* and the *Food Network*. Savor the tastes of foods from Italy, France, Germany, the Far East and of course the United States of America. There are over 100 restaurants in the county that truly cater to every taste and pocketbook.



# *Raise your Families...*



## *You'll find a place you are proud to call Home*

The diversity of Saratoga's communities will enable you to find the home that fits your lifestyle and your budget. There are fairytale neighborhoods where people sit on porches watching their friends stroll by. There are farm-houses and townhouses, country homes and city condominiums, historic homes and downtown apartments, enclaves for seniors and assisted living facilities. In all cases and places, you are within an easy drive of work. You will immediately feel a sense of community as you settle into your new residence, meet your neighbors and find opportunities to get involved in what has made Saratoga such a special, magical place.



## Educational horizons are limitless

# Raise your Expectations

Living in an area as historic as Saratoga is a continuing education course in itself. Add to that a climate of appreciation for culture, and it's not surprising the area is so rich in educational opportunity.

Best known is Skidmore College, a leader in liberal arts education. The State University of New York's Empire State College, along with Skidmore's University Without Walls Program provide adults the chance to get bachelor's or master's degrees while working or raising a family. Within easy commuting distance are the famed Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Union College and the State University of New York at Albany. Two first rate community colleges with branches in the county, three other fine liberal arts schools, and excellent law, medical and pharmacy colleges are also less than an hour away.

Saratoga's youth are privileged to live in communities where the school systems are superb – consistently scoring well above average in statewide testing. Youth sports are also an integral part of the county's communities and schools.



## Safety and wellness comfort you

Saratoga is known for the quality of its "Health History and Horses." It is also ranked as one of the safest places in the country.

The county's largest healthcare facility, Saratoga Hospital, provides quality care in its renovated, new and ever-expanding facilities.



Taking care of the mind and the body are important to people who live here. It is easy to take advantage of our health-giving waters. Sip from a mineral spring in one of our parks, drink the famous Saratoga Spring Water, or try

relaxing in the natural spring waters in one of Saratoga's spas. Massage therapists, yoga instruction, and a full range of wellness programs are close at hand.





## *B*usiness can find room to grow

A sense of charm does not mean a lack of purpose. And if American business has learned anything in its pursuit of excellence, it's that happier people perform better. Saratoga's technology centers, its office buildings and manufacturing campuses located amid verdant parks yet near highways and rails, offer an important component to making the work environment successful. Saratoga means business and welcomes business. Your Saratoga Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce are committed to helping you succeed, and we have proven it by locating numerous national companies. After all, you don't just work to earn a living. You should enjoy the living you've earned.



*Live well . . .  
in Saratoga*



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