

Ballston Spa, NY - Saratoga County Clerk Kathleen Marchione announced today that the County Clerk's Office is hosting a Passport Fair on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Saratoga County Clerk's Office at 40 McMaster Street in Ballston Spa. The County Clerk's Office is joining the Department of State in celebrating "Passport Day in the USA 2010," a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U. S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U. S. government.

County Clerk Marchione said that "Passport Day will give people an opportunity to come to the office on the weekend. This, in addition to the fact that they can have their passport pictures taken right here, will be a great convenience for many of our county's residents."

The first twenty-five applicants on at the County Clerk's Office will receive a free gift bag of travel-related items.

As the US Passport Services have advised County Clerk's throughout NYS that passport fees will soon increase, County Clerk Kathy Marchione advises people to obtain their passport as soon as possible to avoid paying increased fees.

Information regarding the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at www.travel.state.gov. or at www.saratogacountyny.gov. On the county's website, information will be found on the Saratoga County Clerk's webpage under Frequently Asked Questions.