

SUSTAINABLE SARATOGA



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Get rid of those unwanted paint cans Oct. 17.

GreenSheen host free community paint recycling day

SARATOGA SPRINGS – Sustainable Saratoga will host its upcoming Paint Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free, drive-through community event will take place in the Saratoga Springs High School parking lot, with vehicle entry from West Avenue only.

The event offers homeowners and businesses a responsible way to clear out unwanted paint while keeping hazardous materials out of landfills. All are welcome; there are no residency requirements.

Partnering with paint manufacturer and recycler GreenSheen, the event will accept a wide array of interior and

exterior architectural paints, including latex, acrylic, water-based, oil-based, stains, primers, and sealers. To maintain safety and efficiency, attendees must remain in their vehicles while volunteers handle all unloading.

“Our goal is to protect the local environment and make sustainable living accessible to everyone in our community,” said Kelsey Trudell, Sustainable Saratoga executive director. “Since 2022, this event has kept over 135 tons of paint and containers out of landfills.”

Important event details

■ Acceptance guidelines: All items must be in their original, intact,

non-leaking manufacturing containers with legible labels.

■ Not accepted: Aerosol spray cans, paint thinners, solvents, auto/marine paint, arts and crafts paint, and driveway sealers.

■ Registration: The event is entirely free, though day-of donations are greatly appreciated. Participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register online for a specific drop-off time slot: circular.eco/event/saratoga26?s=plugin.

To view the complete list of acceptable items or to pre-register for a drop-off time, residents can visit the official event page at sustainablesaratoga.org/projects/zero-waste/paint-collection-day/.

Cryptocurrency CEO banned from financial industry in NYS

ALBANY – New York Attorney General Letitia James on Friday announced that she has secured up to \$35 million from Alex Mashinsky, a co-founder and former CEO of cryptocurrency lending platform Celsius Network LLC (Celsius), as well as a permanent ban on his participation in the securities, commodities, and cryptocurrency industries.

Attorney General James sued Mashinsky in 2023 for defrauding hundreds of thousands of investors, including more than 26,000 in New York, by misleading them about Celsius’ safety to encourage them to deposit billions of dollars in digital assets onto his platform. According to AG James’s announcement, Celsius lost hundreds of millions of dollars on risky investments, which Mashinsky attempted to hide from investors. Mashinsky also failed to register as a salesperson for Celsius and as a securities and commodities dealer, in violation of New

York law. The eventual collapse of Celsius left many investors in financial ruin.

As a result of Attorney General James’ lawsuit, Mashinsky will be permanently barred from doing business in the securities, commodities, and cryptocurrency industries. Mashinsky is currently serving a 12-year prison sentence resulting from a parallel federal criminal case. In that case, Mashinsky was also ordered to forfeit more than \$48 million to the federal government, and his investors and creditors have received more than \$3.4 billion in a Celsius bankruptcy proceeding.

“Alex Mashinsky promised New

Yorkers that his company was a secure place to invest their hard-earned savings, only to leave them penniless when his risky investments collapsed,” said Attorney General James. “I will not allow scammers to use cryptocurrencies to prey on unsuspecting New Yorkers. We took action to hold Mashinsky accountable, and now we are barring him from the securities industry so he cannot take advantage of investors again.”

Celsius was a cryptocurrency lending platform where investors could deposit their cryptocurrency in return for promises of high yields on their digital assets.

Mashinsky was Celsius’ public face, appearing regularly in interviews, at public events, and on social media to promote the platform and recruit investors. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Mashinsky deceived investors about Celsius’s safety, number of users, and investment strategies, and repeatedly claimed that Celsius was safer than a bank. In reality, Celsius was not subject to the strict federal or state requirements that banks were, putting investors’ funds at serious risk. Mashinsky repeatedly claimed that Celsius made safe, low-risk investments and lent assets only to credible, reputable entities. However, investors’ assets were routinely used in high-risk strategies, many of which resulted in losses that Mashinsky concealed. The collapse of Celsius left many individuals financially devastated.

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