

# THE CASTLETONIAN

IT'S GREAT TO LIVE IN MARCH 2007

## VILLAGE ELECTION SET FOR MARCH 20TH

**Y**es, it is that time of year again! **Our Village election is set for Tuesday March 20th from noon to 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall.** Two vacant Trustee positions are on the ballot this year for your consideration. Each of these Trustee positions is for a two-year term commencing on April 2, 2007.

We have two candidates who have fulfilled all necessary requirements to be included on this year's ballot. **George Lengio** is seeking to serve another two year term. George resides on Green Avenue. As you are well aware, George is currently our Deputy Mayor. He has had a very active tenure on the Board since he became a Trustee in 2004. He has

been heavily involved in efforts to revitalize Main Street. He also has been very effective at facilitating our relationship with Castleton Kids.

**Paul Powers** is the second candidate to be included on this year's ballot. Paul is a long-time resident of Castleton and currently resides on Campbell Avenue. He currently serves on our Historical Review Board, where his contribution to ensuring that our commercial and residential areas pay attention to our rich historical tradition has been invaluable.

Even though there is no competition for the seats this year, it is still important that you vote. Our candidates are committed to improving our Village. Your



support for them by taking the time to cast your ballot is vital and shows your care for our community. See you on March 20!

## NEW PLANNING BOARD "NEWS"

**MARIANNE CARNER WAS APPOINTED CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST. SHE REPLACES TED KULPA, WHO RETIRED AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE. THANK YOU TO BOTH OF THESE RESIDENTS!**

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## CASTLETONIAN DISTRIBUTION

**P**roblems associated with distributing *The Castletonian* and inundating you with TOO much information caused us to suspend issues of this newspaper for a few months. After careful consideration, we decided that starting this month, we will publish *The Castletonian* every other

month. It will also be available on our Village website.

If you do not have a copy delivered to your home, we will have the newspaper available at Village Hall, the Village Inn, Stewart's and Jiff-E-Mart.

We are always looking for

news items or suggestions on how to improve communication to our residents. If you have any ideas, please feel free to e-mail the Mayor at [mayornancy-perry@yahoo.com](mailto:mayornancy-perry@yahoo.com).



Mayor Perry can be reached at her e-mail address: mayornancy-perry@yahoo.com (all one phrase, no spaces.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

It is hard to believe that I have been Mayor of our great Village for nearly a year! Where does the time fly (especially when you are having this much fun)!

One of the goals set by me when I assumed this office was to follow-through on activities that we start. I am proud of the activities that we have accomplished and are undertaking. We successfully secured a \$400,000 economic development grant and there is a story in this news-

letter on the Local Development Corporation we established to help distribute monies to improve our community.

During the next year, we will be working hard to begin work on an underpass/overpass (another story in this newsletter) and the reconstruction of Green Avenue. These are big projects but desperately needed to improve our community. We will schedule public meetings to inform you of our pro-

gress. Please be patient as we move forward!

I am always looking for your comments and suggestions. However, time and money is limited. If you are willing to help participate on any event or activity with which we are involved, please contact me at Village Hall (732-2211) or e-mail me at mayornancy-perry@yahoo.com.

Have a great Spring!

## MAIN STREET MEETING SET FOR MARCH 14

The kick-off meeting for the Castleton-Schodack Local Development Corporation (LDC) was held on March 6th. This Board is charged with reviewing applications for loans or grants associated with economic development in our community.

Five members serve on our LDC: **Ken Flood, Jeff Haber, Mike Hiser, Beth**

**Secor, and Nancy Perry.**

These individuals are responsible for deciding what projects will be funded in our efforts to revitalize our Main Street and other worthwhile projects in the village and town.

The group is finalizing the guidelines that will serve as the foundation for the program. **Mayor Perry has scheduled a Main Street**

**Business Meeting for Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Inn.** It is there that the requirements of the program will be discussed. Anyone who is interested in the program is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact Mayor Perry at 732-2211.

REMODELING THIS SPRING?  
CONTACT OUR BUILDING INSPECTOR TO FIND OUT IF YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT! (732-2211)



## PROGRESS ON LINK TO HUDSON RIVER

An important part of our Main Street revitalization efforts is the construction of an underpass/overpass connecting us with the Hudson River. The success of our Main Street is linked with our access to the Hudson River. The NYS Department of Transportation has been working with us for several years on this project.

We are happy to report that serious progress is occurring. NYS DOT Design engineers are working on "real" options to present to the Village for our consideration. We have been meeting with DOT representatives on a regular basis to make sure that no issues linger that prevent this project from moving forward. This constant dialogue has been of benefit to both us and

DOT. The agency is interested in holding a public meeting in the near future to lay out the options to our residents and elected officials. You will be notified of the meeting date. We look forward to your participation. Many thanks to Mike Perry for his hard work on this project.

## LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Local Law Number 7 of 2006, the Schodack Town Board has established a Library Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to identify, review, and recommend options relating to providing library services to residents of the Town of Schodack. Remember, every resident of the Village of Castleton is also a resident of the Town of Schodack.

Committee members are: Carolyn Stetson (chair),

Karen Fagan, Seth Honeyman, Michael Hurley, Andy White, and Debra Young. All of them have been working hard to help address our community library needs.

The committee meets the second, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of each month in the third floor meeting room at the Schodack Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and approved minutes are posted on both the Village and Town websites. Currently, the committee is

conducting a series of focus group sessions with members of various community organizations. The analysis of response trends from the focus groups will help the committee construct a library survey for Schodack Town residents.

A final report from the Library Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Schodack Town Board for its consideration by June 2007.



Thanks to those residents who serve on the Library Advisory Committee!

## CLEAN-UP DAY

The next Village Clean-Up Day is slated for **Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Brickyard**. Our Clean-Up Days are wonderful opportunities for you to get rid of all of that junk that you just don't know how to discard. However, there are a few rules that you must abide by to ensure that these days are successful:

We do not accept hazardous materials such as old propane

tanks, paint cans with liquid in them, or appliances such as televisions or microwave ovens. There are special days that will take those sorts of materials. Call Village Hall for more details.

Please, please, please bring ONLY "valuables" that actually once lived in our Village. Even though it is very difficult for us to prove, we strongly suspect that a few residents are bringing in material from residences that are

outside the Village limits. You are not doing anyone a favor! Our Village pays for every pound that we haul away and it is not fair to subsidize people who do not live here!

There are slight fees associated with accepting your material. Please do not yell at the person collecting the money (usually the Mayor)!

THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR CLEAN-UP DAY IS AVAILABLE AT VILLAGE HALL.

## EASTER EGG PARADE AND HUNT

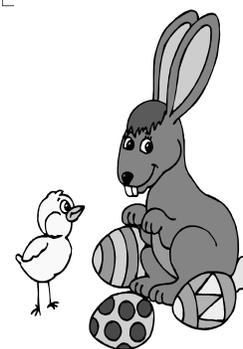
Peter Cottontail is getting ready to hop down the bunny trail to lead our local youth in the annual Easter Egg Parade and Hunt. This fun family activity will be held **Sunday, April 1st at 1:00 p.m. starting at the parking lot across from Stewart's**. Our Castleton

Fire Department has graciously agreed to escort the parade down Main Street to the Fire Department for the egg hunt. Children up to age 11 are invited to participate.

This year, awards will be given for the following categories:

- Best Bike
- Best Bonnet
- Best Basket
- Best Wagon

See you on April 1st! Hope there is no snow!



We hear that our friend Arlene Newman will again decorate her car for the Easter parade!

## VILLAGE OF CASTLETON- ON-HUDSON

South Main Street  
Castleton, NY 12033  
Donna Mesick—Clerk and Treasurer  
Phone: 732-2211

Problems with water or sewer? Our  
Water Superintendent is Loren  
Dawes. He can be reached at 732-

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**MAIN STREET  
REVITALIZATION MEETING—  
MARCH 14 AT 7:00 P.M. AT  
THE VILLAGE INN. PLEASE  
ATTEND TO LEARN MORE!**



### Thank you DPW!

January might have been balmy but February and March have reminded us that we live in the Northeast! Our tireless DPW crew spent several sleepless nights making sure that our Village streets were plowed and sanded so that your travels were safe. In addition, our DPW staff spent the President's Day weekend hauling away snow on Main Street that the State Department of Transportation would not have taken away for several days, if not a couple of weeks. The Village will be reimbursed for all costs associated with Main Street snow removal. If all that wasn't enough, a water main break on Benedict Street caused our crew to work into the wee hours of the morning in late February. Thanks to all of our guys: **Rich Saville, Dave Sager, Don Cripps, Ken Meyer, and Dan Lebrecht** for their efforts!

## FRIENDS OF THE CASTLETON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are planning some exciting events and they invite everyone to join them! The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

We'll be discussing plans for a trip to the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park. This trip is scheduled for Friday, May 11th and includes lunch at the Catherine d'Medici Italian Restaurant, plus a tour of the kitchens. The cost is \$55, with \$20 from each ticket donated to the

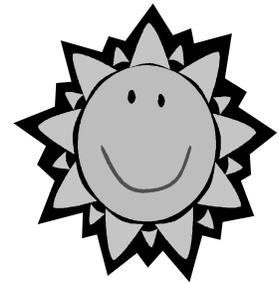
Friends. Come join us for a gourmet meal to remember!

We'll also be starting plans for our Memorial Day parade float, which traditionally helps kick-off the summer reading program. This year's theme is "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Jan and Paul Peter will once again be providing the space in their barn for our float construction. With the talents of the Maple Hill High School art class, last year we won third prize, so let's try to top that in 2007!

Friends of the Library membership renewal is due in April. If you are a library user and supporter, please help us by becoming a "Friend." Individual membership is available for only \$5, a family membership is \$10 and a corporate membership is \$30. Pick up an application at the library.

Also in April, tentative plans are being made for our annual dinner meeting at Scarnato's.

Watch for a special basket giveaway in May in honor of National Scrapbooking Month!



*The Orlando Giveaway trip includes roundtrip airfare and accommodations for two nights. The drawing will be held during National Library Week, April 15-21. Chances are just \$5 and all proceeds benefit the library!*