

THE CASTLETONIAN

Village of Castleton on Hudson

A Message from the Mayor...

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As we begin a new decade, I would like to say a few words about the volunteerism that thrives in Castleton.

The Castleton Ambulance and the Castleton Fire Department come to mind immediately with their contributions to the health and safety of us all.

The members of both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are volunteers. All of our "Walkers" that deliver *The Castletonian* and other important notices, save the village huge amounts of money in postage, and trek around in all kinds of weather to do it, are volunteers.

Boy Scout Troop 57 cleans the roadside for two miles north of the village, the Kiwanis Club

quietly supports the elderly and the children in our community with financial and personal support, and the Library Board and the Friends of the Library support and maintain the library and its programs.

The Memorial Day Parade, the village wide garage sales and most other activities that occur in the village annually are all supported and made possible by volunteers.

Enough cannot be said for the value of volunteers, and "thank you" is woefully inadequate, but I know I speak for the Board of Trustees when I say that we appreciate all efforts, large or small, that are made for the village. Thanks.

-Mayor Marianne Carner



Special points of interest:

- Come out and vote on March 16th!
- Library Trustees Needed
- Fire House News
- Castleton Kids Upcoming Fundraiser

ELECTIONS 2010

On March 16, 2010, village elections will be held at the Village Hall between the hours of 12 noon to 9 PM.

Candidates are:

FOR MAYOR

Joseph Keegan
Robert Sancomb

FOR TRUSTEE

Marianne Carner
Joseph McInerney
Michael Phibbs
Paula Sancomb

FOR VILLAGE JUSTICE

Paul Peter

Also included on the ballot is the proposition covering the Length of Service Award Program for the firefighters.

Length of Service Award Program

The Village Board of Trustees has approved an increase in the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) from \$480.00 annually to \$700.00. This increase must be approved by the voters at the annual election on March 16, 2010. The proposition

will be located at the top of the voting machine, and the entire text of the proposition will be available for voters to examine. If you would like a copy of the proposition prior to election day, it is available at the village hall.

Genealogy

Maria Rieben, Village Genealogist, would like to retire. Maria is another one of the valuable volunteers mentioned elsewhere in this copy of the Castletonian.

Maria and her husband Bob were proprietors of the Castleton Pharmacy for many years, and moved to East Greenbush after selling their home and downsizing. Maria has been our genealogist for many years and has our thanks and gratitude for her dedicated service.

Please call the village clerk at 732-2211 if you have an interest in genealogy and a willingness to volunteer for this interesting job.

Castleton Firecrackers



The youth group sponsored by the Castleton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, otherwise known as the Firecrackers, is continuing to collect and redeem deposit bottles. A container located at the firehouse can be used for this purpose, and pickups can be arranged if you are unable to deliver these bottles to the firehouse. Please call 732-4342 and leave a message.

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Recycling News

The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Authority has informed Richard Saville that our recycling numbers are improving and that our numbers have increased by 17%. This is wonderful news that means our tonnage has decreased and will save us some dollars in the future. Unfortunately our tipping fees are increasing, but that makes reduction in tonnage even more important.

Keep up the good work!

Call the DPW Garage at 732-2983 if you are a new resident and need a recycling bin. They will deliver one to your home.

Schodack Island State Park

Governor Paterson has announced that many of the State Parks and Historic Sites throughout the state will be closed in an effort to reduce the budget gap necessitated by the current recession. Schodack Island State Park is among those slated for this closing. The park has been popular in the summer for boaters and hikers, and during the winter for

snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Various suggestions have been offered to prevent these closings and are being considered, and it is to be hoped that an alternative can be reached.



Neighborhood Watch

Residents are reminded that we are a neighborhood watch community, committed to being vigilant and aware to what is happening around us.

Castleton Fire House

On March 25th, a large landslide occurred behind the firehouse property, with a great portion of the hill involved. The basketball court and surrounding land is now covered with dirt, trees and debris. Engineers and support personnel from Rensselaer County have carefully studied this problem with has eye toward solution and have agreed that although the

adjacent part of the hill is in jeopardy, it could be standing for many years, or it could come down next week. Some decisions will have to be made about cleanup, but will mostly involve the owners of the property in question.

The apparatus has been returned to the building and the firemen are now allowed to use it.

Prior to this, equipment had been housed at neighboring fire companies and our DPW garage, with firefighters carrying their personal gear around with them in their vehicles in case they had to answer a call.

Castleton Kids

Did you know that for more than 25 years, children in the Schodack community have had a safe, reliable, and fun place to be after school and during the summer? Castleton Kids, sponsored by the Village since its beginning, currently serves about 100 children in Grades K-7. The program operates out of the Castleton Elementary school, and offers after-school, snow day, vacation day and summer camp programs.

Castleton Kids is funded by tuition, but fundraisers help to

keep costs manageable for parents and caregivers. Consider how you can help with the next fundraiser, the Third Annual Castleton

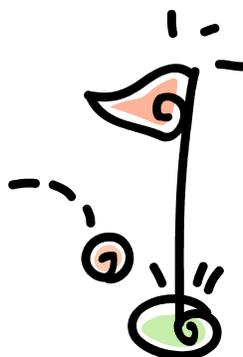
Kids Golf Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, May 16th at Burden Lake Country Club.

We are currently looking for hole sponsors, prizes for our raffle and

golfers for our tournament. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a hole, donate any type of prize or join us for our golf outing.

For more information about the golf tournament or the Castleton Kids program, please contact program director Scott Mocerine at 732-2738 or visit our website, www.castletonkids.com.

-Scott Mocerine



Friends of the Castleton Public Library

The Friends of the Castleton Public Library are ramping up for another busy year. After celebrating Love your Library Month in February with both a historical talk given by Village Historian Ellen Allen and an information session on "Staying Fit with Arthritis," with Dr. Brown, DC, we are looking next towards spring.

For the month of March we will host a St. Patty's Day Story Hour and Craft (date to be determined) as well as have local chiropractor, Dr. Jason Brown, get us geared up for spring gardening tasks with a discussion entitled, "Get Ready For Spring Safely: Gar-

dening with Proper Mechanics." This will be hosted Monday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM in the upstairs Village Hall Room.

Keep an eye on the Library Calendar, the Advertiser, or our bulletin board in the Village Hall hallway to get updates on what we are doing next!

If you would like to be added to our email listserv, please email friendsofcastletonlibrary@yahoo.com with Email in the Subject line. You will receive updates on events and meetings.

-Nina Martino,
President of the Friends

Library Hours...

Monday:	2 PM—8 PM
Tuesday:	2 PM—7 PM
Wednesday:	2 PM—8 PM
Thursday:	2 PM—8 PM
Friday:	2 PM—8 PM
Saturday:	9 AM—3 PM
Sunday:	Closed



Library Board of Trustees

Several vacancies exist on the Library Board of Trustees. Village residents that are interested in serving on this board are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, along with a brief description of their qualifications, to the Village Clerk, either by mail or in person. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and the mailing address is P. O. Box 126, Castleton, NY 12033. Terms are for 7 years, with staggered terms included.

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CENSUS

Each decade, the Census Bureau undertakes the counting of each person in the United States, as mandated in the Constitution. The Census Bureau is launching a "Take 10" campaign to encourage us to fill out a brief 2010 census form. We can visit the website www.2010census.gov to get updates on the proportion of households that have mailed back 2010 census forms and will also be able to view differences between our community's participation and those of neighboring communities, as well as other areas across the country.

In 2000, 72 percent of households mailed back forms and it is hoped that we can do better this time.

What is MS4?

MS4, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems is a water runoff program established by the Environmental Protection Agency to address pollution carried into bodies of water. The village, along with every community in Rensselaer County, will be launching an aggressive campaign to address all areas that impact MS4.

Common pollutants include oil and grease from roadways, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarettes, paper wrappers and plastic bottles. These items can be carried into waterways, thereby impairing the waterways, discourag-

ing recreational use of the resource, contaminating the drinking water supplies and interfering with the habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms, and wildlife.

Phase II, Small MS4 requires Castleton to: reduce the discharge of pollutants to the "maximum extent practicable"; protect water quality; and satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. To this end, the village will be moving to educate residents about the wisdom of protecting the aquatic environment to the greatest extent possible.

The EPA is monitoring educational efforts by all communities,

especially those adjacent to waterways, such as the Hudson River. Please give thought to ways you can assist in keeping our storm drains free of harmful pollutants.

**Please take a moment
to visit our web page at
www.villageofcastleton.org
for up-to-date information
and an overview of activities
in our community.**