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**Village
Picnic is
this
Saturday!**

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for details.**



The Castletonian

Important Recycling News

The Village signed a new waste removal contract and we are now **Single-Stream Recycling!** That means each household will be getting a new 64-gallon container just for recycling and you can now mix all your recyclables together in that container. No more separating the paper and cardboard from bottles and cans. You can now put them together into the same bin. The new recycling containers have been ordered and should be delivered in September. For now continue to use the small blue recycle bins. Recycling is a great way for the Village to save money on trash and the single-stream method makes it easier than ever! We pay for our household trash based on weight, so the less trash there is the less the Village pays.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

White envelopes
Computer, Fax, and Copy Paper
Kraft Paper (brown grocery bags)
Magazines and Catalogs
Chipboard/Box Board
White and Colored Ledger Paper
Newspaper
Notebook Paper
Paper Egg Cartons
Construction Paper
Soft-Covered Workbooks
Telephone and Paperback Books
Junk Mail (including envelopes & coupons)
Juice Boxes
Milk Cartons
Aluminum Cans
Glass Bottles (green, clear, brown)
Tin and Bi-Metallic Containers (including Aerosol Cans)
Aseptic Milk/Juice Cartons
Aluminum Foil (pie plates, etc.)
Plastic Containers (with a number 1-7)
Frozen Food Cartons

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Trash
Diapers
Clothing
Styrofoam
Plastic Bags
Caps or Lids
Food
Compost
Yard Waste



Financial Audit

The State recently completed an audit of the Village’s internal controls and online banking (the last audit was in 2005) and there were a couple of areas highlighted that needed improvement. The State recommended that the Village tighten up our online banking policies, implement a disaster recovery policy (how to get payroll out if computer systems go down), create a notification policy if our systems get hacked, change our data backup policy and a few other information technology and personnel related policies. The Village Board has taken steps to implement all of the comptroller’s recommendations and to add some additional checks and balances to our internal controls.



Students of the Maple Hill Middle School have been painting some of the hydrants in the Village as part of their service to the community. Thank you!!



Upcoming Events

ANNUAL PICNIC – the 2nd Annual Village Picnic for residents will be held this Saturday, August 24th from 4:00 -7:00pm at CES. We’ll be providing hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone should bring a dessert to share. There will be games, live music and a parade of old cars at 4:30 courtesy of the Castleton Boat club. Bring a lawn chair and blanket and enjoy some food and music.

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE – our annual village wide garage sale will be held Saturday, September 21st. Applications to be on the map are available at Village Hall.



For updates on happenings around the Village and to access the monthly calendars, please bookmark our website and visit frequently:

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Follow the Mayor on Twitter!

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Castleton Public Library hours:

Monday-
Wednesday:
12PM-8PM

Thursday-Friday:
10AM-6PM

Saturday:
10AM-4PM

Sunday:
closed



Solar News

The Village Garage on Van Buren has gone solar. So far with some new lights, automatic light sensor switches and the solar panels on the roof we saved over \$900 last year. All these improvements were paid for by a NYPA grant the Village received.

Paving

We've completed our paving project for the season and we think we covered quite a bit for our few paving dollars. We paved most of Benedict Street, all of Boltwood Avenue, all of Van de Wal Lane, and all of Mann Drive. The board is already talking about Seaman Avenue for next summer. It needs some drainage work but we've already gotten some quotes.

By the way....

★ A reminder that the Village has a "pooper scooper" law which means that everyone needs to pick up after their pet.

★ There is a Village curfew law from 2005 that says no child under the age of 18 can be on the streets or on public property from 10pm until 6am unless accompanied by a parent. Parents of violators can be ticketed and fined.

★ Congratulations, it's a new water tower – the Village Board has given their approval to replace our very old water tower. We got many good years of service out of that tower. We won't see the new one until 2014 but the process has begun.

★ September is Hydrant Flushing month – check the Village kiosk for dates. Flushing the hydrants sometimes stirs up sediment in the pipes so it might be wise to wait a day before washing any whites.

**11-year old Village resident Tari Civerolo was the winner of a statewide DEC Arbor Day poster contest. She helped plant a northern red oak tree at Empire State Plaza.
Way to go, Tari!**



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sat, Aug 24th – Village picnic 4-7pm

Mon, Sept 2nd – Labor Day – Village offices closed

Mon, Sept 9th – Village Board meeting 7pm

Mon, Sept 16th – Zoning Board meeting (if needed) 7pm

Wed, Sept 18th – Planning Board meeting 7pm

Sat, Sept 21st – Day long Village-wide garage sale

Sat, Sept 28th – Fall cleanup day at brickyard (bring household junk) 9 – noon

Obituary

Jeff Haber - former Supervisor for the Town of Schodack (4 terms), active in many, village, town, county and state commissions, active member of Castleton Cemetery Association, member and trustee of the Castleton Boat Club and Castleton Volunteer Fire Company, and most recently a trustee for the LDC which secured funds for small businesses in the town and village. Jeff was also the executive director and treasurer of the Association of Towns of the State of New York for 27 years. He was a good friend to the village and will very much be missed.



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

The Village offers many opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. Email the clerk at (clerk@nycap.rr.com) if you are interested in becoming more involved in your community.