

APRIL 2011



# The Castletonian

## Village Budget

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There is some good and some bad news regarding the budget. First the good news. After one of the coldest, snowiest winters we've had in years, the Village was able to stay on budget for salt use and plowing hours. Many other municipalities were not so lucky. This was due to a number of factors but mostly just some good planning from our DPW crew. They did a great job this winter keeping our streets cleared. Thanks guys!

Now for the bad news. Next year's budget isn't looking good. We lost approximately \$90,000 in tax revenue from

the COGEN power plant reassessment. That's a lot of funds to replenish. One of our biggest expenses is trash removal. Recycling is the key to keeping these costs to a minimum. Unfortunately, the amount of items recycled has gone way down since last year and the amount of non-recycled trash has increased. So let's all do more recycling. It's easy too. The blue bin is for plastic, metal and glass. Paper and cardboard should be kept separate (no pizza boxes though, they've had food on them). Regular trash and recyclables both go out every Wednesday (unless you get a call

from the Mayor). How much does it cost each household for trash collection? Great question. We asked some folks outside the Village how much they pay per month for trash and recyclables removal. Most said \$30 per month. That's \$360 per year. Guess how much you pay in the Village? Right now it's \$218 per year. That's about \$18.15 per month. Not a bad deal compared to private collection. That number could go even lower if everyone made more of an effort to recycle.

Thank you! We really appreciate it.

## New Trustees

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Say Hello to our two new Village Board Trustees!

Amy Ryan and Lucas Ashby who were elected in March. Amy has a son, Tai,

who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Castleton Elementary. Lucas and his wife just welcomed a new baby a few months ago.

Special thanks to former board members **Cheryl Mannion** and **Paul Powers** for their many years of service to the Village.

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# Castleton Public Library News

The Castleton Public Library has new hours! Under the direction of librarian Amy Peker, the library is open 11 additional hours during the week. Amy explained the hours reflect the library's commitment to provide patrons with more opportunities to utilize the library's multimedia resources, check out and renew materials, and attend exciting programs for all ages.

The new library hours are Monday- Wednesday 12 -8 PM,

Thursday-Friday 10 AM-6 PM and Saturday 10 AM-4 PM.

For questions about upcoming programs check the library website:  
[www.castletonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.castletonpubliclibrary.org) or call the library during library hours at 732-0879.



The Library Board has two new members who had one year terms which will be up in a few weeks. One member has defi-

nately decided not to run for a second term. Please send a resume and cover letter to the Village clerk for consideration for this position. You do not need to live in the Village to be on the board . There is no pay for this position; you typically attend only one meeting per month and the term is 7 years (it goes very fast).

## Building Permits

Building permits are needed for almost all construction projects. Forms can be found on the Village's website.

- ◆ Demolition
- ◆ Remodeling
- ◆ Additions
- ◆ Roofing



*Don't risk a fine! Before you start a project...get a permit.*

- ◆ Siding
- ◆ Garages
- ◆ Sheds
- ◆ Fences
- ◆ Pools
- ◆ Electrical Work
- ◆ Plumbing Work
- ◆ Porches and Decks

## Storm Water Reminder

When it rains, it drains! Waste from dogs, cats and other domestic animals left on lawns travels directly to waterways and is considered a major source of bacterial pollution after a heavy rain. Pet waste that is left untreated enters storm drains and flows into the Hudson.

When walking with your pet (especially around the elementary school), remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Your neighbors will be very appreciative and you will be helping to remove this public health risk.



### Upcoming Library Events

**Saturday, April 30:** Hey kids, not sure what to get mom for Mother's Day? Come to the library and make a gift!

**Thursday, May 5:** Preschool Story Hour! Enjoy stories, songs and crafts! @ 10 AM

**Saturday, May 7:** Want to help make the library float for the Memorial Day Parade? Come to the library @ 10 AM.

**Friday, May 13:** Movie Night! Come to the library to watch Yogi Bear! @ 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 19:** Preschool Story Hour! Enjoy stories, songs and crafts! @ 10 AM

# Castleton Volunteer Community Clean-Up Day

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On Saturday, May 7th, join with your friends and neighbors in the school and community to pull the work gloves on, get the paint brushes out, and spruce up the Village!

Meet at the parking lot across from Stewart's (next to Mahar's). We'll be there from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, but work assignments will run 2 to 3 hours at most. The list of projects includes painting, planting, and refuse pick-up.

For more information and to sign up, email Michael Hiser at [mhiser@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mhiser@nycap.rr.com), or call 653-5216.

**LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**The Mayor has approved the start-up of a garden club to help beautify Castleton. We are looking for a group of dedicated gardeners (at any level of expertise) to volunteer their services.**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the Village Hall or Call Andrea Demick at 225-4005.**



*Join the Castleton Garden Club!*

## Condolences

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We offer our sympathies to the families of residents who have recently passed on.

- ◆ Aldona N. Anderson
- ◆ Julia A. Austin
- ◆ Christopher D. Beebe
- ◆ Muriel C. Hymen
- ◆ Marion Riley
- ◆ Kimberly A. Santore

## NOTICES

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The Village is looking for a code enforcement officer. This is a part-time job with flexible hours. Please contact the village clerk at 732-2211, if you are interested in the position.

Hydrant flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in May. It begins May 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the DPW at 732-2983, if you have questions.

**Got a little free time?**

**We need some help delivering *The Castletonian* around Van Buren and Ransom Avenues. It's only a few times a year and is a great way to be of service to your community. If you are interested in volunteering, give the village clerk a call at 732-2211.**

