



Village Elections

Remember to vote on Tuesday, March 18th from 12:00–9:00 PM in Village Hall.

On the ballot this year:

—Mayor

—Village Trustee
(2 slots open)

—Village Justice

—Proposition to abolish the village court

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From the Mayor...

After many months of debate and input from the community, the village board voted to abolish the village justice court as of April 1, 2014. We thought carefully about the impact this would have on the village. If abolished all village court proceedings would be absorbed by the Town of Schodack court (at no expense to the village). Many of the same employees of the village justice court work at the town court. Even the judge is the same. For years now village court expenses have far exceeded any income received from fines. It was not simply a budgetary reason that led the board to our decision, but financially our budget is tight and with the town court just a few miles away the board concluded that fiscally this is the right decision for the village. The town court has many advantages over the village such as a larger staff, well lit parking lot, adequate seating and better handicapped access. But you, the voter, get to make the final decision. You can vote to keep the court or turn it over to the town. It's your choice.

March 20th may be the first day of Spring but it sure still feels like winter. I think we can all agree that our DPW crew did an amazing job this winter clearing all the snow. Everyone contributed to the success of keeping our streets clear and minimizing the disruption of this cold and snow that seems never ending. Thank you!!!!

Reminder: In addition to keeping sidewalks in front on your property cleared, fire hydrants also need to be easily accessed in an emergency. Thanks for digging those out.

A+ Bond Rating for the Village

The village was notified on February 14, 2014 that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its underlying rating (SPUR) on Castleton on Hudson Village, N.Y.'s series 2010 insured public improvement (serial) general obligation (GO) bonds by one notch to 'A+' from 'A'. This action is based on criteria released Sept. 12, 2013.

According to the letter:

"The rating reflects our view of the village's:

- Very strong budgetary flexibility,*
- Very strong liquidity, and*
- Strong institutional framework".*

And in a paragraph entitled "Adequate management", Standard and Poor's had this to say:

The village's management conditions are, in our view, adequate, with "standard" financial practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology, indicating the government, in our opinion, maintains adequate poli-

cies in some, but not all, key areas. Strengths of the assessment, in our opinion, include strong revenue and expenditure assumptions in the budgeting process, strong monitoring of budget-to-actual results during the year, and strong investment management policies.

This is good news for the village. It means our board and treasurer are working hard to pay our bills on time and not overspend. We are very grateful that a credit rating agency, like S&P, noticed.

Saying Goodbye to a Good Friend and Neighbor

Warren H. Carner, age 70, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2014. Husband of Deputy Mayor (and former village Mayor) Marianne Carner. Father of Castleton Fire Chief Matt Carner. Warren worked for Heeder Oil for 20 years, served as a police officer for the village of Castleton, was the owner of Carner's Village Liquor and retired as deputy superintendent of the highway department for the town of Schodack in 2009. He was a life member of the Castleton Fire Company as well as a committeeman and board member of the Schodack Republican Club.

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

WWW.CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG

They're back!!
 Village Calendars:
 If you didn't receive a calendar with important village dates give the village clerk a call at 732-2211.

Firehouse Breakfast

Got cabin fever?
 C'mon down the first Sunday of the month for firehouse breakfast. All you can eat. Everyone is invited and the food is delicious.

MAYOR
JOSEPH KEEGAN

TRUSTEES
MARIANNE CARNER, DEPUTY
MAYOR
SHARON MARTIN
JENIFER PRATICO
AMY RYAN

VILLAGE CLERK
MARGARET C. LILL

VILLAGE TREASURER
PAM SMITH



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CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

There are lots of exciting things happening at the library. Drop in, check out, download - we do it all! Check out Lego Club, Teen Book and Pizza Club, Family Storytime, Herb Gardening and lots more.

We are always looking for library board members or Friends of the Library volunteers.

Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 12PM-8PM

Thursday-Friday: 10AM-6PM

Saturday: 10AM-4PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for the *Memorial Day Parade* on Monday May 26, 2014 at 10 am when we honor those who have fought and sacrificed for our freedom.

NEED A NOTARY?

We have two notaries at Village Hall. Whenever our doors are open there will be a notary available. There is no charge for these services to our residents.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The village offers many opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. Send the clerk an email (clerk@nycap.rr.com) if you're interested in becoming more involved in your community.

The Brickyard is open for the disposal of yard waste beginning April 19th and continuing every other Saturday through June 28th.