

THE CASTLETONIAN

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VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE/ POTLUCK PICNIC

The Village-Wide Garage Sale and 4th Annual Potluck Picnic will be held September 19th. The garage sale will begin at 9am and continue throughout the day. The Potluck Picnic will be hosted outside the Castleton Elementary

School from 5-7pm. Bring your own lawn chairs, cold drinks, and a dessert to share with everyone. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by Kiwanis. There will be live music and games for the kids. Come join us for a fun filled day

in the Village.



E-Z PASSES NOW SOLD AT THE VILLAGE HALL

E-Z Pass is now being sold in the Village of Castleton. The cost of an E-Z Pass is \$25.

What is an E-Z Pass?

An E-Z Pass is an electric toll collection method that provides you with a faster and more convenient way to go through tolls. Instead of having to stop and grab a ticket or pay your toll at the booth, you are able to

drive through the designated lanes without stopping, but be sure to slow down to the correct speed or else your E-Z Pass may not be read. When it is read it deposits the correct amount for that toll, if the amount left gets low the E-Z pass will replenish itself with the credit card you designated for that purpose.

The E-Z Pass can be

used in New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and many other states.

Come to the Village Hall Clerks office and start your E-Z Pass account today!



NEW FACES

After many years of service Pam Smith moved on to work for the state of New York. She will be truly missed. After a really long, extensive search we found the perfect person to take her place. We hired Joanne DeVito as the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson's new Clerk Treasurer. Along with Joanne, we have Jan Better joining us as the new Deputy Clerk. Stop in, say hello, and welcome them to the village!

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

We're gearing up for an active fall at the Castleton Public Library! For Complete and current information about our programs for children, teens, and adults, visit our website (www.castletonpubliclibrary.org), like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/castletonpubliclibrary), or stop into the library and pick up a flyer for our upcoming events. Sign up for our email newsletter to receive a monthly calendar of our events, delivered right to your inbox.

Get your sale on the map for this years village-wide garage sale. Forms on page 11.

Some of our ongoing programs include:

- Story time with Miss Linda- Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a story and a simple craft. Recommended for ages 0-6.
- LEGO Fun- 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and 3rd Thursday each month from 2-6 p.m.

We provide the LEGO's, you provide the imagination! Recommended for ages 4 and up.

- Computer Help- Selected Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (by appointment) Learn computer basics or ask questions in a one-on-one setting. To make an appointment, call 732-0879.
- Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club- 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (*Please note: no September meeting due to Labor day; next meeting is October 5*). Each month we get together to talk about what we're reading lately. This is a great way to learn about new books and authors you might not have otherwise encountered. For adults.
- Open Mic Night- 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Musicians and spoken word poets- come share your talents! All ages are welcome to perform or to watch.

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WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY CONT...

Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month? Stop in during the month of September to sign-up for a card or to update your card information!

Services at the library include:

- Free access to over 1 million items in the libraries of the Upper Hudson Library System, including books, large print books, magazines, audio-books, e-books, e-readers, video games, CD's, DVD's, and museum passes.
- Ability to Request items in the libraries, delivered to CPL for convenient pickup.
- Free access to computers and wireless internet.
- Free educational, cultural, and recreational activities for children, teens, and adults.
- Meeting space for tutoring and community groups.
- Photocopying and printing services
- Fax services.

Also, don't miss the Friends of Castleton Public Library's annual book and bake sale, held on **Saturday, September 19** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on the Village Hall lawn. A great way to support our Friends' fundraising efforts and pick up some interesting books!

The open house for our newly renovated library was April 25th, renovations were made and now it has a brand new look. If you haven't come down to see it yet, you should make time to check it out! We wanted to once again thank the 70+ people who came down to celebrate with us the day of the open house.



Left to right: Castleton Village Board members Jenifer Pratico, Sharon Martin, and Amy Ryan; Castleton Village Mayor Joe Keegan; Castleton Public Library Director Melissa Tacke; Schodack Town Board member Michael Kenney; Rensselaer County Legislators Judy Breselor and Alex Shannon; Schodack Town Supervisor Dennis Dowds.

Trash Update

Yes, village officials have noticed that trash collection has been later and later in the day with frequent truck breakdowns. We are working with our vendor to try and rectify the problem and very much appreciate everyone's patience.

CASTLETON-IN-BLOOM

The Castleton-in-Bloom Garden Club will be disbanding this fall (2015) unless new officers can be found. The current officers have served since 2011. There are funds to cover the costs of maintaining the plantings at the Village Hall and parking lot.

To Volunteer, please contact:

Andrea Demick:

732-0879

Leslie Sharkey :

732-2736

Email :

cibgardenclub@gmail.com



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

www.castleton-on-hudson.org

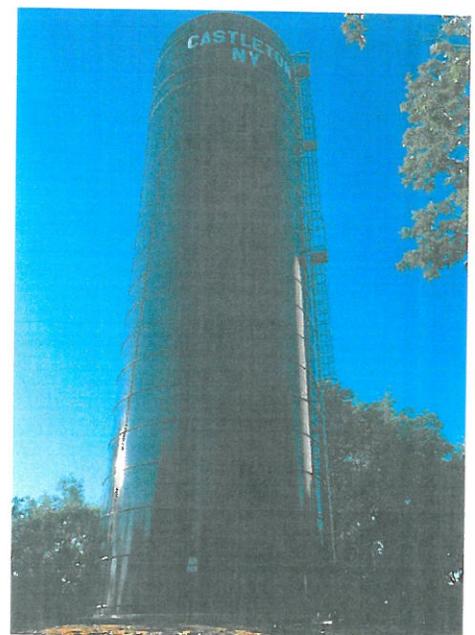
New website Coming Soon!

BUILDING PERMIT

Just a reminder that building permits are required for most alterations to your home including (but not limited to): new roof shingles, new windows, adding a room of any kind, adding a garage (sheds may need a permit depending on their size), adding solar panels, cutting trees (only if your property is in the critical overlay - otherwise no permit required), adding a fence, demolishing a structure (garage, shed, house) - this is just a sampling - give the building inspector a call if you're not sure 732-2211

CASTLETON WATER TOWER

Tad Johnston, from Delaware Engineering, reported that the water tower is on schedule. The new water tank is currently being filled, with a turn on date scheduled at the end of August 2015. The old tank will be demolished for scrap after the new tank is up and running.



SAYING GOODBYE TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Elizabeth "Betty" Saville, 73– On Tuesday, June 30, 2015, Betty passed away while surrounded by her loving family. Betty worked as the assistant clerk in the Village of Castleton for many years. She was also a member of the Castleton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. Betty always had a smile on her face and greeted everyone with kindness. She had many loving friends and family and will always hold a spot in our hearts.

Joyce Axtman, 81– Joyce was active in village affairs. She always had a smile and a wave as she walked with Bobbie Gershman.

Herman Kahler, 88– Known fondly as Herman the German. He was an avid horse enthusiast.

John P. Keegan, 89– aka Jack, he was a gifted baseball player who played semi-pro baseball in Albany. He was a regular in the Castleton Memorial Parade. Jack was a veteran active in the VFW.

James Mahar– Owned Mahar's on South Main Street and Mahar's Public Bar in Albany. James actively promoted microbrewery products in his business.

Malcolm Metzger, 67– Butch was a lifelong resident of the Village and member of the Castleton Fire Company.

Howard Scheidel, 86– He was a 6th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, he earned the respectful title of "Sensei". Howard taught many youth in the community discipline and respect.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Here are some of the most common code infractions in the village: trash spilling out of the can (if the lid isn't fully closed then you have too much in there), parking on the wrong side of the street, leaving tree limbs at the curb for village pickup (we only pick up bagged leaves - you can call DPW to arrange to drop your tree limbs at the brickyard), not moving vehicles on Main St. for street cleaning, barking dogs, not cleaning up after your dog and unregistered vehicles on the property. Thanks for following the village code for the safety of all our residents.

Help Wanted:

Code

Enforcement

Officer

The Village of Castleton on Hudson is looking for a part time certified Code Enforcement Officer.

Position requires flexible hours (cannot be evening only). Must be skilled in some aspects of building codes (the more the better). The candidate should expect to work close to 10 hours per week. Send resume or list of qualifications to votreasurer@nycap.rr.com by August 26th for consideration.

MAYOR KEEGAN ADDRESSES CONGRESS

Mayor Keegan addresses Congress - On February 27th 2015 Mayor Keegan testified before Congress on rural drinking water in Castleton. The Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives asked Mayor Keegan to come and share his knowledge about the Safe Drinking Water Act and how that has impacted Castleton (our water and sewer fees are too low for Castleton to qualify for funding from this program and Mayor Keegan let Congress know that he is unhappy about that). You can actually find his entire testimony here. <http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Testimony-Keegan-EE-Drinking-Water-Systems-2015-2-27.pdf>



Paving:

This summer we are paving Walradt and Smith, chip sealing parts of Green Ave and patching Campbell, Seaman, and Stimpson.

MS4

MS4 is a program where waterfront storm water management communities in New York need to make sure that runoff (illicit discharge) don't find their way to the Hudson. We want to remind residents that keeping our streets clean is part of the MS4 program. The village is doing it's part by sweeping the streets and collecting the debris so that it doesn't end up in the Hudson. Residents should also keep grass clippings from their lawn either on their lawn or bagged up for removal. Those grass clippings in the street can end up in the Hudson so please keep them on your lawn or put them in a bag, put those bags at the edge of your driveway and DPW will be happy to pick those up. Thanks!!

VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

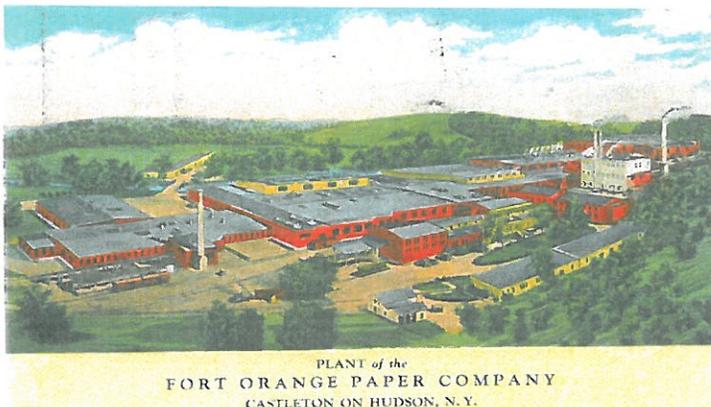
A new group has formed, headed by the Mayor, to work on 3 initiatives in the village. The first is access to our land on the Hudson (across from the former Stewart's property) and NYS DOT has unofficially told us they are looking at our proposal to gain access to that land (the group developed a plan B approach instead of a bridge over the tracks and DOT said "hmmm, we like that"). In tandem with this the village has applied for 300K in waterfront redevelopment funding from New York State so that we're ready when we get access. The second of the 3 initiatives is dealing with the dilapidated and abandoned buildings on Main Street. We've cataloged all the properties on Main Street and identified some "at risk" properties and we've already put through the paperwork on 3 properties that will be demolished in the coming months. These structures were unsafe and needed to come down. The third initiative is economic development and we've updated our comprehensive plan and are working on some planning ideas for Main Street. If you'd like to attend one of the meetings call village hall for the next meeting date.

FORT ORANGE UPDATE

Unfortunately there isn't good news to share about the former Fort Orange property in the village. We had worked 3 years to bring a manufacturer to the

site but at the 11th hour the deal did not come together. Rensselaer County officials worked very hard with the town and village to make this happen and

there wasn't anything we would have done differently. We are all working hard to look for another suitable owner of the property. Stay tuned.....



Fire Hydrant Color Change

Did you notice that the tops of the fire hydrants around the village have changed colors? Different colors have different meanings and having them different colors helps make it easier to know the difference between each hydrant. This is also a very helpful tool for the Fire Department when they need to fight a fire.

NEW LOCAL LAWS

1. Parking shall be prohibited, and signs may be posted accordingly, on Seaman Avenue from South Main Street to Boltwood Avenue.
2. The portion of Green Avenue, West of South Main Street, shall be renamed Justus Lane.
3. **Section 1. Locational Restrictions & Approvals Needed.**
 - A. Rooftop and building-mounted solar collectors, satellite dishes are permitted in all zoning districts in the Village, but only on rooftops and on buildings. Building permits are required, which shall be issued only after the completion of site plan review by the Planning Board with the exception that site plan review nor building permit is required for satellite dishes with a dish of 60 inches or less.
 - B. As such, ground-mounted and freestanding solar collectors and satellite dishes are not permitted as accessory structures or in other locations others than as set forth in subsection A above, in all zoning districts of the Village.
 - C. Site plan review shall include the review of adequacy, location, arrangement, size, design, and general site compatibility of proposed solar collectors. The following requirements shall also be adhered to:
 - D. All Non-Residential and Non-Mixed-Use Districts (Includes: Waterfront, Industrial, Transportation Corridor and Conservation, Cemetery, Historic Overlay, Flood Hazard, Overlay, Critical Environmental Overlay):
 - 1) As much as possible, all panels, tiles, or slates are to appear alike and are to match the color of the roof or wall to which they are attached or be the color black.
 - 2) Any equipment proposed as part of any new building or alteration to a building shall be installed as integrated equipment.
 - 3) On existing buildings with flat roofs where tilted frames are necessary to install primary equipment, such equipment shall not be visible from an abutting street or property. If necessary, the equipment shall be screened with appropriate material as approved by the Planning Board.
 - 4) On existing buildings with visible sloped roofs where all surrounding buildings are commercial, non-integrated equipment or integrated equipment may be installed, but they shall be installed parallel to and directly against the existing sloping roof.
 - 5) Primary equipment mounted to an approved accessory structure shall be considered part of that structure and is subject to all the requirements of accessory structures set forth herein. Such equipment is also subject to approval by the Planning Board.
 - 6) All secondary equipment associated with any solar energy system installation shall not be exposed on the outside of any structure unless required by an applicable codes and standards.

E. Residential ("R") and Mixed-Use ("MU") Districts.

- 1) As much as possible, all panels, tiles, or slates are to appear alike and are to match the color of the roof or wall to which they are attached or be the color black.
- 2) Nonintegrated equipment added to an existing structure shall be installed parallel to and directly against the existing sloping roof and shall be located in an area of the roof that is not visible from an abutting or nearby street.
- 3) Any primary equipment proposed as part of any new building or alteration to a building shall be installed as integrated primary equipment.
- 4) Primary equipment mounted to an approved accessory structure shall be considered part of that structure and is subject to the requirements of accessory structures set forth herein. Such equipment is also subject to approval by the Planning Board.
- 5) All secondary equipment associated with any solar energy system installation shall not be exposed on the outside of any structure unless required by an applicable codes and standards.

F. All solar storage systems shall be designed, erected and installed with all applicable codes and standards. All solar collector installations must be performed by a qualified solar installer, and prior to operation the electrical connections must be inspected by the Village and any appropriate electrical inspection agency as determined by the Village. In addition, any connection to the public utility grid must be inspected by the appropriate public utility.

G. When solar storage batteries are included as part of the solar collector system, they must be placed in a secure container or enclosure meeting the requirements of the New York State Building Code when in use and when no longer used shall be disposed of in accordance with the laws and regulations of Rensselaer County and other applicable laws and regulations.

H. If solar collector ceases to perform its originally intended function for more than 12 consecutive months, the property owner shall remove the collector, mount and associated equipment and facilities by no later than 90 days after the end of the twelve-month period.

Section 2. Special Restrictions and Requirements for Historic Overlay Districts.

A. All satellite dishes affixed to a building must be installed to avoid damaging the structure. When affixed to a masonry structure, the satellite dish should be attached to mortar joints and not the brick or stone.

B. No Planning Board Review will be required for satellite dishes that are not visible from the street.

Mayor:
Joseph Keegan

Clerk/ Treasurer:
Joanne DeVito

Deputy Clerk:
Jan Better



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Office Hours are 9:00-3:00, Monday- Friday

Notary available

**VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

Please Return the form below with a check for \$5.00 to place your sale on the maps that are distributed on sale day. List the items of interest you have for sale. Mail the completed form to the Village Hall, PO Box 126, forms are due by September 11th:

Name and Address:

Items of Interest:

Our garage sales take place rain or shine.