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This issue we're looking back at some older Castletonians, first published in 1913. The photo above is the corner of Scott Avenue and Main Street. This building was the train station.

VILLAGE WATER RATES—A COMPARISON TO OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We wanted to compare our village water and sewer rates to other somewhat local communities to see if we are within the range of other low to moderate income municipalities. The rates below are from 2015. The second column on the chart below shows MHI (medium household income). The Village of Castleton MHI is \$65,662 (higher than most of the municipalities on the list). Our annual residential water rate (column 3) is \$96 (yes, our rates are that low, we bill \$24 per quarter, that's 26 cents per day). Our annual residential sewer rate (column 4) is \$380 (yes, we are the cheapest, *unsubsidized*, on the list).

2015 - Water & Sewer Rate Comparison

Community	MHI (2013 Estimate)	Annual Residential Water Rate ^{1,2}	Annual Residential Sewer Rate ^{1,2,3}
Ashland (T)	\$42,563	\$622	-
Athens (T)	\$55,867	\$689	\$499
Athens (V)	\$50,962	\$427	\$525
Cairo (T)	\$49,107	\$251	\$612
Catskill (T)	\$48,129	\$565	\$830
Catskill (V)	\$36,273	\$281	\$391
Coxsackie (T)	\$53,435	\$803	\$608
Coxsackie (V)	\$54,323	\$546	\$405
Greenville (T)	\$51,538	\$225	\$546
Hunter (V)	\$36,466	\$420	~\$100
Tannersville (V)	\$41,591	\$547	~\$100
New Baltimore (T)	\$67,927	\$803	\$608
Windham (T) /Hensonville (H)	\$55,685	\$443	~\$100
Saugerties Glasco Water District (V) (Ulster County)	\$50,208	\$456	\$481
Saugerties Malden Water District (V) (Ulster County)	\$50,208	\$420	\$532
Ravena (V) (Albany County)	\$56,466	\$225	\$500
Fleischmanns (V) (Delaware County)	\$32,000	\$345	~\$100

Averages

\$509

\$559

Castleton

\$ 65,662
\$ 96
\$ 380

1. All Towns or areas outside a Village pay a higher rate

2. This table is based on best available information

3. Tannersville, Hunter, Windham and Fleischmanns Sewer Rates Subsidized by NYC

Hot Topics:

Trash— we know that over the past 6 months the trash collectors have missed regular Wednesday pickups, leaked oil on the streets, dropped foul smelling piles of goo and pieces of glass. We've alerted them and we are keeping a vigilant eye on this.

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY

Castleton Public Library is the place to be this winter! 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.

Ongoing Programs at CPL:

- **Story Hour with Miss Linda – Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** Join us for a story and a simple craft. Recommended for ages 0—6.
- **Block Party – Every Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Bring your baby, toddler, or preschooler in for group play with wooden blocks, and help develop their skills in early literacy, math, logic, social know-how and more!
- **LEGO Fun – 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of each month from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination! 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 Club – 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** 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 otherwise encounter. For adults.
- **Open Mic Night – 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Musicians and spoken word poets - come share your talents! All ages are welcome to perform or to watch.

Other Upcoming Programs at CPL:

Getting to Know Your E-Reader

Wednesday, January 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Did you get a new e-reader for the holidays, or need help setting up your device to borrow eBooks, digital audiobooks, or digital magazines? Deanna DiCarlo from Upper Hudson Library System will get you started. Bring your device for one-on-one help.

Color Me Calm: Coloring for Grown-Ups

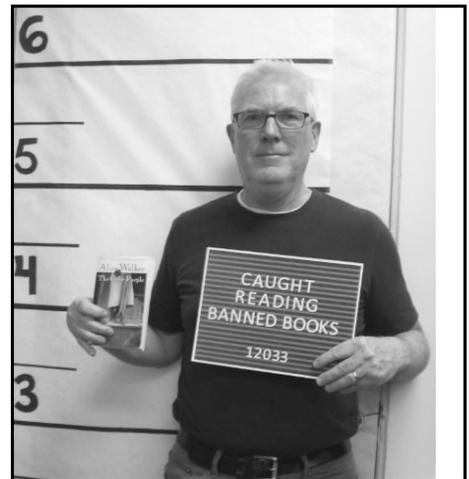
Tuesday, January 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Coloring for adults? Absolutely! It's a relaxing, stress-relieving, and fun way to spend an hour or two. We'll also have soothing music and herbal tea to help you unwind.

Make a Bouncy Ball

Wednesday, January 13, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Do you love super bounce balls? Stop by the library to make your very own!



Mayor Keegan got caught reading *The Color Purple* during Banned Books Week and we had to get his mugshot! Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries around the country draw attention to the problem of censorship by mounting displays of challenged books and hosting events.



This picture of the girls' basketball team from the 1927 Castleton High School yearbook is just one of the many treasures in the library's local history collection! We are currently seeking donations of Maple Hill High School yearbooks to fill gaps in our collection. We are seeking the years: 1934-1942; 1944-1954; 1956; 1991; 1995; 1996; 2001-2006; 2008; 2010-2015. If you have yearbooks to donate, please contact Director Melissa Tacke at 732-0879 or director@castletonpubliclibrary.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec 29th—Board Game Bonanza at the library 4-7pm.

Jan 3rd—Firehouse Breakfast. Best breakfast for miles around. Green Ave firehouse. 8—noon.

Jan 4th—Holiday Tree Pickup. Leave it curbside.

Jan 7th—Economic Development meeting in Village Hall at 7pm. Guest Speaker did his college thesis on Castleton Main Street development.

Jan 11th—Regular village board meeting. Holiday Tree Pickup curbside.

Jan 18th—Village offices closed.

Jan 20th— Planning Board Mtg.



There's a new street in Castleton called Justus Lane. Named after former Mayor Don Justus who spent his lifetime in the Village. Don served as Mayor and also on numerous boards over the years and was very generous with his time. Current Mayor Joe Keegan on the left at the sign dedication.



LIBRARY
a place for people

Pictures from the Halloween Family Fun & Parade, held in cooperation with the Friends of the Castleton Public Library, the Castleton-Schodack Kiwanis, and the Castleton Fire Department. Thanks for making Halloween so fun!





Upper Main Street, Castleton - on - Hudson, N. Y.



Check out www.castleton-on-hudson.org to see our new website.



Look for the Newsletter Signup button and get yourself signed up for an automatic email when the new Castletonian is ready, board

meeting minutes are available (they're a very exciting read) and more to come.



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Welcome to Castleton-on-Hudson!

Castleton is located in the southwestern corner of Rensselaer County, New York. It's part of New York's Capital Region, about 15 miles from downtown Albany.

CASTLETON-ON-THE-HUDSON, N. Y., MARCH 28, 1914

Price Three Cents

FACTS

SITUATION—Castleton is an incorporated village, located on the Hudson River and on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, in the midst of one of the richest and most prosperous sections of New York State.

Road Finished

The new road on Campbell avenue and North road has been completed and it is pronounced, by all who have seen it, to be one of the best roads within the village limits. Mr. John Hudson, Road Commissioner, had charge of the construction work.

FACTORIES Castleton has 4 manufacturing plants, employing 693 people; with an annual payroll of \$377,960, and turning out a finished product each year valued at \$1,108,000.

MADE IN CASTLETON The manufacturing plants in Castleton make only high-grade goods; their product consists of piano actions, piano players, folding boxes, cardboard, binder's board, album board, trunk board, friction board, leather board, carriage trimmer's board, rye flour and feed.

ICE HOUSES There are 13 ice houses in the immediate vicinity of Castleton with a capacity of 367,500 tons of ice. One hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars is paid annually in wages to harvest and ship this ice.



WIPES CLOG PIPES!

PLEASE PLACE THESE ITEMS
IN THE TRASH NOT THE
TOILET:

- Disinfecting Wipes/ Baby Wipes/ Towelettes
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Hygiene Products (Sanitary Napkins and Tampons)
- Plastic or Latex Items



Hey, about those flushable wipes.....

Our wastewater treatment personnel have asked to remind everyone that there isn't really such a thing as a flushable wipe. Products are sold with this name but these wipes are doing real damage to our pipes at the plant.

PLEASE—do not flush anything other than toilet paper.

New Local Law that is now in effect. It clarifies when leaves are picked up and what can be placed curbside. This clarification was necessary as part of our MS-4 program.

LOCAL LAW NUMBER 4 __ OF THE YEAR 2015 OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTLETON

A Local Law Amending Section 171-6 of the Village Code To Preclude and Regulate the Placement of Certain Items on Roads in the Village

Be it enacted by the Village Board as follows:

Section 1. Additions To Section 171-6. The following subsections are added to section 171-6 of the Village Code:

- E. All leaves and pine needles must be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Plastic bags are not allowed.
- F. Brush branches must not be greater than four inches in diameter and must be tied and bundled in four foot lengths.
- G. The following are unacceptable and may not be placed at roadside for pickup or other purposes:
 1. in that unbagged grass, leaves and pine needles may be placed at roadside for pickup from October 15 through November 30, thereafter any unbagged grass, leaves or pine needles may not be so placed after December 1;
 2. wooden fencing;
 3. demolition material;
 4. rocks;
 5. stumps, dirt or sod.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

85 South Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033

We Said Goodbye...

David Newman—died on Monday, November 30, 2015. Longtime village resident and good friend to many in the village.

Ann Bair, lifelong resident of the village, retired from Sterling Winthrop, Yankees fan, loved to travel.

Charles Stocking, 94 years old, lived in the village for about 40 years, retired from East Greenbush Central Schools

Robert Taft, lived in the village for about 40 years, retired from Schodack Central Schools

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

We have a small but dedicated group of staffers here in the village, they work hard and we appreciate all they do:

Village Hall—Joanne and Janice

Building and Code—Gary and Jim

DPW—Richie, Dave, Dan

Water/Sewer—John, Ken

Castleton Kids—Scott, Hilary, and lots of employees

And *many* valuable volunteers:

Fire Chief –Matt and lots of firefighters

Planning, Zoning, CK Board, Library Board, LDC, Economic Development, Greg, Norm, Castleonian walkers.. And lots of others

STREETLIGHTS

Give the village clerk-treasurer a call at 732-2211 if you notice a streetlight is out.

FIREHOUSEBREAKFAST

Breakfast at the Castleton Firehouse is the 1st Sunday of every month. Everyone is invited.

C'mon down.