

The Castletonian

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR VILLAGE

FYI

The CDBG award represents much hard work on the part of many, many individuals in our village. Thanks to the Castleton Revitalization Association, the Main Street Strategic Planning Committee, and the Consultant Evaluation Team.

CASTLETON AWARDED \$400,000

Our Village just learned that we have been awarded a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Governor's Office for Small Cities. As you may recall, our Village submitted an application for these monies last Spring to assist in the redevelopment of Main Street.



study and it was through this firm, ably led by Steve Kirk, that we were able to submit such a quality application.

We will be working closely with DBS Consultants over the next few weeks to determine how to proceed. We will be scheduling public meetings to provide more information to our citizens on this grant and how we anticipate using it. If you want to get involved, now is the time! Contact Mayor Perry at 732-7827 or at

mayornancyperry@yahoo.com.

2004, our Village was awarded \$25,000 from the Governor's Office for Small Cities in order to complete a Strategic Plan directed at improving Main Street. We contracted with DBS Consultants to conduct this

This is exciting news for everyone in the Village! We have been laying the groundwork for this money for over two years. In

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GARBAGE AND SNOW—HOW ARE THEY SIMILAR?

We are in need of developing sound public policies on snow removal and garbage pick-up parameters in our Village. Mayor Perry would like to convene an ad hoc com-

mittee of interested citizens to help hammer out lingering questions about how and who is responsible for sidewalk snow removal (both on Main Street and throughout the Village), and limits associated with the number of garbage cans for any individual busi-

ness or residence. This is a perfect chance for you to get involved on a limited basis! We anticipate holding only a couple of meetings before the policies are complete. If you have opinions on these subjects and would like to express them—Contact Mayor Perry!

LOCAL LAW TO BE RECONSIDERED

The Village Planning Board will be reconsidering Local Law #2 of 2003 at its September 20th meeting after it was determined that the proper process was not followed when the proposed law was passed by the Board of Trustees in 2003. According to our Village law, any laws affecting planning must

be reviewed by the Planning Board prior to final approval. No one on the Planning Board in 2003 ever remembers examining the 2003 law, and there is no mention of it in the Planning Board minutes. The text of Local Law 2 of 2003 is included below.

It is the intention of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees to ensure that proper procedures are followed

when we are enacting laws. We will repeal this law, and based on public comment, determine whether we want to reconsider it or not.

If you have any comments on this proposed law, please attend the Planning Board meeting on September 20th (7:00 p.m. at Village Hall) or let anyone on the Planning Board know your opinion. You may also contact Mayor Perry.



Your Mayor and Board of Trustees insists that proper procedures are followed.

Please attend the next meeting of the Planning Board if you have an opinion on this law . The next meeting is September 20.

LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2003

Ss210-11(B). Any lot existing at the time that this Chapter became effective and which has not been developed or otherwise built upon by a structure shall conform to all current Zoning regulations in order to be a building lot with the sole exception that any lots existing at the time

this chapter became effective and which are owned individually or separately from any adjacent tract and which do not meet the area requirements set forth in this article will be considered a building lot provided they both are built upon within six months of the effective

date of this law and the proposed use is not so unsuited to the proposed use as to be a health or safety hazard.

This Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Don't forget that the next Village Clean-Up Day will be held **Saturday, September 30th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at THE BRICKYARD!** Now is

the time to clear out the clutter before winter descends upon us!

Speaking of winter, a meeting will be held

in October to begin planning our annual "Holidays on the Hudson" event. If you have ideas to incorporate into this lovely annual event, contact Mayor Perry . Be thinking "out of the box" and get involved!



Village Clean-Up Day is September 30th at the Brickyard!

A LETTER FROM OUR WATER SUPERINTENDENT



These leaks are detrimental to our sewer system!

Our Village has a problem. The problem is that too much water from rain and winter thaws is getting into our sewer lines. In fact, so much water is getting into the pipes that the Castleton Treatment Plant is being overtaxed, and most of that water does not even need to be treated.

In our language, we call the two sources of external water in sewer pipes "infiltration" and "inflow." Infiltration occurs when rain water saturates the soil and eventually seeps into damaged pipes in the ground. Inflow occurs when water from basements, crawl spaces, or downspouts from rain gutters are directly connected to sewer lines.

There is no quick solution to solving infiltration problems. Each damaged pipe must be repaired or replaced. BUT...inflow issues can be quickly and inexpensively addressed.

We need your help in order to help solve the inflow problem. Each and every property in Castleton is a potential candidate for contributing to inflow. Every downspout that does not discharge directly to the top of the ground may contribute to inflow. Every sump pump in a basement or crawl space which does not discharge out on the ground may contribute to inflow. The result is that this acceptably clean water goes into the Village's sewer lines, fills the pipes to near or beyond capacity and then over-stresses the treatment plant. This costs everyone money by requiring extra pumping and treatment of this water.



Please make sure your rain water from gutters and sump pumps does not infiltrate our sewer lines! Call our Water Superintendent (732-2752) for more information!

BUT YOU CAN HELP!!! If you are not absolutely certain where your downspouts or sump pumps discharge, we want to help you find out this information. We need you to call us and let us come to your property and help you determine if your property is contributing to the inflow problem. If a downspout or pump is directly connected to your sewer lines, it must be disconnected! It is unnecessary to treat that water. As a matter of fact, it is illegal in New York State to connect downspouts and sump pumps to a sanitary sewer system. Right now, however, this is not a matter of legalities, it is a practical matter. We must reduce the water in our sewer lines during rains and winter thaws. We do not want to have the State of New York require our Village to make expensive modifications to the sewer lines or the treatment plant that would increase our sewer bills dramatically.

This is important!!! We need you to call us. Tell your neighbors to call us. Please call **732-2752** or **732-2983** and arrangements will be made to schedule someone from our staff to visit your property at your convenience. There will be no penalties or retribution.

Please call! We can serve you best by working with you to fix this problem. We all benefit from correcting this problem. We want to provide you with premium service, during both fair weather and rain.



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GARAGE SALE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 16

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is it that time of year already? Yes, it is! The annual Castleton Village Garage Sale is set for Saturday, September 16th from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. If you would like to have your sale included in a flyer that is distributed throughout the Village, please fill out the attached form and mail it along with your check for \$4.00 made out to “Castleton Business Association.” Thank you!

CASTLETON GARAGE SALE

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Special Items _____

Please mail this form and send with \$4.00 to **Castleton Business Association, 58 South Main Street, Castleton, NY, 12033**. Your contribution helps fund community activities! Good luck!