

The Castletonian

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2013

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!



Holidays on the Hudson takes place on Sunday, December 1st at Village Hall. At 3:00 there will be story time and caroling and Santa arrives at 4:00. Refreshments, hot dogs and soup will be provided by the Castleton Fire Department.

The Village of Castleton's Holiday House Lighting Contest will be held on Saturday evening, December 14th. Please have lights on starting at 7:00 PM. The judges have been chosen and results of the contest will be posted. Good luck to all you creative decorators!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
BREAKFAST
AT THE
CASTLETON
FIRE HOUSE
IS THE
FIRST
SUNDAY OF
EVERY
MONTH.

WATER AGREEMENT

After working on an agreement for 3 years with the Town for a backup supply of water, a tentative deal was reached on Thursday, November 21st. Both the Town board and Village board members passed resolutions approving the agreement. Having a backup water supply will allow the village to release water permits to developers looking to

build some new homes and businesses in the Village water service area. The middle school and high school are also looking to be connected to our municipal water system and that can now happen with this agreement in place.

The DEC has to approve the agreement before it can be considered official.



Leaf pickup continues
until December 6th.

FORT ORANGE CLEANUP

If you hadn't heard already the property on Main Street, formerly called Fort Orange, is getting cleaned up. The DEC approved a cleanup plan two weeks ago. The Village Board submitted some comments about the plan where we requested some additional safeguards for village residents during the cleanup process and the DEC agreed with our suggestions and incorporated them into the plan.

Part of the cleanup will include removal of the old structures on the property. The board plans to keep village residents aware of all the cleanup activities so if you have a question, let us know. We will be organizing a public meeting in the near future but the village board meets the 2nd Monday of each month and the public is always welcome to attend.

The DEC document outlining the cleanup plan is included in this *Castletonian* and available for view at the library. This is very exciting news for our village.

If you don't want to read the insert here's an abbreviated version: NYSDEC has approved the

Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan, but *not* the Remedial Work Plan (RWP). The main focus of the IRM, which according to the attached NYSDEC Fact Sheet started on Oct. 31st, is to perform asbestos abatement activities, which will be followed by the removal of all of the items listed on the top of page 2 of the attached. Once this work has been completed, then the Remedial field investigation can be performed. The field investigation will consist of the drilling of soil borings and the installation of groundwater monitoring wells. Based on the results of the field investigation, a determination will be made as to whether there needs to be additional cleanup performed at the site. This second phase of cleanup, if necessary, would focus on the remediation of contaminated soils and/or groundwater at the site. The specifics of the soil and groundwater cleanup activities must be presented to the NYSDEC in the form of a Remedial Work Plan (RWP), and the NYSDEC would generally hold a Public Information meeting prior to approving the RWP. Much work needs to be performed at the site before the Applicant will be preparing a RWP.

NYS ARCHIVES CONTEST WINNERS

Did you know there was a jail, a hotel, a piano factory, an ice business and a grocery store on Main Street? Last year's 5th graders at CES participated in the NYS archives student contest where they researched Castleton (mostly Main Street) and discovered some really exciting history about our village. Many long time Castletonians assisted the students. Two projects won honorable mention and several others won certificates of merit in the state contest. Congratulations to all 5th graders who participated!!



SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY

In a snow emergency, we have slightly different parking rules for Main Street (all of 9J) and the rest of the Village. For Main Street we ask that while it is snowing you park on the east side of the street (the Stewart's side). And once the snow stops we ask that you move to the west side. For everyone else in the village we use the odd/even system so that the plows don't have to zigzag in and out of parked cars on both sides of the street. On odd days we ask that you NOT park on the odd side of the street. On even days we ask that you NOT park on the even side of the street. If you live at a dead end we ask that you not use that space for parking so the plows can push the snow to the end of the street.

Also, during a snow emergency

there is NO parking on any of the hills in the village. This includes Stimpson Avenue, Green Avenue, Scott Avenue and Seaman Avenue. If you do not have a driveway you can park at one of the following locations: Sacred Heart Church on Stimpson Avenue, Trinity Lutheran Church on Green Avenue or either of the two Village-owned parking lots of Main Street. One is across from the post office next to the auto repair shop and one is next to Mahar's. You can also park behind the fire house.

A reminder about our Sidewalk Clearing Policy: homeowners with sidewalks on their property are responsible for keeping those sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Thank you!!!

Remember that bills you receive for water, sewer and trash in December are a quarterly bill.

The cemetery association has reported dog walkers not picking up after their animals. Please help us keep the village clean by picking up after your pooch. It's the law and we have started issuing citations to violators. Thanks!

NEW RECYCLING BINS

Everyone should have received a new, large, trash can on wheels that is to be used for recycling items. The rollout process was sloppy and we apologize for that. You can commingle all recycling items together (paper, metal, plastic, etc) in the new blue can, but do NOT put any trash in the blue can.

So each Wednesday you will bring two cans to the curb, one for trash and the other for recycling. The village owns the old, small blue recycling bins so we'll be collecting them from you on Wednesday, December 4th (bring them to the curb with the other two cans) or you can drop them off at the DPW garage on Van Buren Ave whenever it's convenient (just leave it in the DPW driveway and we'll take it from there). If you don't collect enough trash or recycling to put both cans out each week then just put them out when they are full. Lids need to be fully closed on the cans. The Single Stream process is saving the village money and freeing up our DPW resources. We do still pay a fee per ton for the amount of trash collected. An increase in recycling should equal a decrease in your trash weight.

Please do recycle!!!!

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VILLAGE CLERK

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PAM SMITH

Village resident Wayne Van Amburgh was in the news to help unveil the brass model of the CG-class warship USS Albany now on exhibit at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center. The model is 1/48th the size of the actual ship, which was decommissioned in 1980 after nearly two decades on the water. It's not a show replica, though, because the Navy had an actual use for it.

Van Amburgh, [USS Albany Association](#) exhibit chairman, said the Navy used brass models of the CG class ships in San Diego in the late 1950s to help determine where antenna arrays would go on the actual-size ships. "It was a lot easier to do it on a test pattern than to send a ship out and find out the antennas didn't work," he said.

Afterward, the brass model was tossed outside and left to decay in a San Diego scrap yard. While Van Amburgh sailed on the real ship from 1962 to 1964 and then for nearly 45 years after, the model greened from sea air before some of Van Amburgh's shipmates from San Diego found it in 2007.

So began six years of work for Van Amburgh and others to bring the USS Albany model to its namesake city.



Check the library website for listings of all their events, holiday schedule, board meetings and Friends meetings. Please take the time to complete a short survey on the library by December 5th. Your responses will help guide the board in planning.

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