



# The Castletonian

SEPTEMBER 2014

## SCHODACK - CASTLETON WATER INTERCONNECTION

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Village Potluck Picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-7pm at Castleton Elementary School. Bring a lawn chair, a cold beverage and a dessert to share. Castleton Kiwanis will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Music by *Missing Link*. Lots of games for kids. C'mon over and meet your neighbors!



The 2014 Castleton-Schodack Kiwanis Clove Run was held on August 16th. It was another success with proceeds going to support The Anchor.

The Village supplies water to all village residents plus many out-of-village residents (ex: Castleridge, Maple Hill Middle School). Until recently the village could not approve any new water permits until we secured a back-up water source. In March, the Town Board of Schodack and the Village of Castleton Board of Trustees approved an agreement for the Town to be that back-up water source. Last week the Rensselaer County Board of Health approved the installation of the interconnection and the Village is now ready, for the first time in many years, to give out new water permits to out-of-village customers. First on our list is Maple Hill High School. This summer the high school made the connection and water from the village should be flowing through the drinking fountains on the first day of school. The high school will continue to use their well water for other uses. The cost of this project was minimal to village taxpayers. The Village Water Department and DPW crew worked together over the summer, during regular hours, to make the interconnection over in Maplecrest where the town and village water pipes intersect. The Village Board of Trustees really appreciates the teamwork of the Village employees and assistance from the Town of Schodack Public Works employees in getting this project completed in a short amount of time during their busy season. Thanks, guys!!!!

## CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

The Castleton Public Library will start work on an interior renovation beginning Saturday, September 13, 2014. The makeover will take 4-6 weeks to complete, bringing the public an exciting new space to access the library's collection of books, DVDs, periodicals and E-Books, as well as computer resources and programming for all ages.

The library will be closed Saturday, September 13 at the start of the renovation

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## Progress Report on Village Projects

**WATER TOWER:** Construction on a new water tower to replace an aging water tower should begin before the end of the year. Our new water tower uses the newest technology which means fresher water for all our customers.

**SEAMAN AVE. PAVING:** We haven't forgotten about Seaman Avenue. It will be our last, big project of the summer and we're using all our paving funds just for Seaman. The paving is expected to begin in 2 -3 weeks. If you see construction signs, you'll know we're paving and

you should take an alternate route. We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete this long overdue paving project.

**CASTLETON PAPER BOARD:** The Village Board has been in regular contact with the developers and Rensselaer County and this proposed project still has a very good chance of becoming a reality. We are "on hold" until October when the state releases some funding awards so we will know more at that time.

**LIBRARY MAKEOVER:** The Village Library is getting a complete over-

haul thanks to some generous benefactors, the Library Board, and a little of your tax dollars. We had some money in the Village budget that's been carried over for many years that could only be used for Town Hall restoration. We could think of no better time to use these funds than to assist with the library restoration project. The village is contributing a small amount of funds to replace the dropped ceiling back to its original look and adding some new lighting.

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



The village-wide garage sale is Saturday, September 20th, starting at 9:00 am. See page 4 for a form to get your sale on the map.



A **Halloween Parade** sponsored by the Friends of the Castleton Library and the Kiwanis will take place on Saturday, November 1st. Sign up on the front lawn of the Village Hall at 1:30; the parade starts at 2:00 and goes up to the Fire House on Green Avenue for Judging of Costume Contest, Goodies, Storytelling and Ghoulish Fun until 4:00.

## Saying Goodbye to Friends and Neighbors

**Winifred Leonard, 85** - Winnie worked at Fort Orange Paper Company for many years until her retirement. She was also a member of the Castleton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

**Alice Walsh, 88** - Alice was the Village Historian and a devoted volunteer to our library. She worked as a cataloger for the New York State Library and she was also a French teacher for the Maple Hill Schools.

**Jack Yuzynko, 62** - Jack was a trustee for the Village Library. He and his family lived on Main Street for many years. He was a devoted volunteer, parent and musician. He loved reading, the outdoors and cared deeply about the environment.

Schodack Island State Park's annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 5pm. Activities, games, and prizes for all. Food, clown, bouncy-bounce, alpacas and much more!

Contact information is Schodack Island State Park Office (518) 732-0187 or e-mail [Kathy.meyer@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Kathy.meyer@parks.ny.gov). For more information about New York State Parks, please visit their website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com) or Schodack Island Facebook.



## Other News

### LEAF PICK UP

Fall is around the corner which means village leaf pick up. Please rake leaves to the edge of the road, but not *into* the road. This will help maintain a safe travel lane for cars and keep storm drains clear. Biodegradable bags of leaves may also be placed at curbside at any time during the pickup period, Oct. 20 through Dec. 5.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

We have a new *Village Building Inspector*. His

name is Gary Zeigler. Gary was formerly the building inspector for the Town of Schodack until his recent retirement. Gary knows the Village very well, almost everyone knows him already, and we are absolutely thrilled to have him on board.

### HYDRANT FLUSHING

On Tuesday, September 2, 2014, the Castleton Water Department begins flushing hydrants throughout the entire Castleton distribution

system. Flushing starts at 9am and continues until noon. The flushing will continue on every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday until the entire system has been completed. The projected completion date is Tuesday, September 30th. During the time periods mentioned and for a period afterwards, residents may notice some discolored water and should refrain from doing laundry. Thanks for your patience while we flush the system.

## Library Renovations continued...

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and will reopen on Monday, September 15 with access to limited services. Patrons will be served from the former courtroom at Castleton Village Hall, conveniently located only a few steps from the library. Services will include: returning items from member libraries of the Upper Hudson Library System; WiFi; public access computers; refer-

ence services; interlibrary loan pickup; and a small collection of new items and periodicals for browsing.

Beginning Monday, September 15, the library's temporary hours are as follows:

Monday: 12-8 PM  
Tuesday: 1-7 PM  
Wednesday: 1-7 PM  
Thursday: 10-6 PM  
Friday: 11-5 PM  
Saturday: 11-3 PM

In addition, Castleton

Public Library patrons are invited to utilize the services and programs of the East Greenbush Community Library, which is extending a warm welcome to our patrons during this time of renovation.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community in an updated, enhanced setting. Any questions can be directed to the library at 732-0879.

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Office hours are 9:00 - 3:00 / Monday - Friday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

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 that you have for sale. Mail the completed form to: Barbara Milano, 42 N Main St, Castleton, NY 12033

Name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Items of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Our garage sales take place rain or shine.