



The Castletonian

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WARMING STATION

In the event of a power outage, you can call the Rensselaer County Dispatch Center to find the nearest warming center (usually Castleton Ambulance or the Village Fire Station). It is staffed 24 hrs; the number is 518-270-5252.



SAVE THE DATE

Both the Village-wide Yard Sale and the Village Picnic will be Saturday, Sept 19, 2015.

SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY

In a snow emergency, there are different parking rules for the Village. For Main Street (all of 9J) we ask that while it is snowing you park on the east side of the street (the Village Hall side). Once the snow stops, 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, please do not use that space for parking because the plows need to 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, Green, Scott, and Seaman Avenues. 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 Ave-

nue
*Either of the two Village-owned parking lots on 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.

And a reminder about our Sidewalk clearing

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Renovated Library Space. Article on page 2.

Castleton Public Library Offers Brand New Space to Residents: *A Message from the Library Board of Trustees*

The Castleton Public Library has opened the doors to a brand new era for our village library, providing the public with a completely renovated space to attract and accommodate library users of all ages.

The construction and renovations, completed in just six weeks, include professional-grade shelving and furnishings with a semi-round circulation desk, new commercial-grade carpeting, attractive NYSEERDA-approved “green” lighting fixtures, and energy-efficient roller shades that allow for an abundance of natural light. A new, raised ceiling, exposed brick wall, and freshly repaired and painted walls, wainscoting and chair rails all combine to bring character to the historic space. Stay tuned for an Open House celebration coming in the New Year.

Come in and use YOUR library, browse our collection of books, DVDs, e-

books, and more. Sign on to our public computers and navigate the web. Access the entire Upper Hudson library System (UHLS) through our dedicated technology. Get the online and reference help you need from our knowledgeable staff. Or just sit and stay awhile in a comfy

chair. Visit the library at www.castletonpubliclibrary.org or call 732-0879.

Special thanks go to our library staff for their hard work, to the village for their cooperation and support, and to Frank Paladino, builder and contractor.



For updates on happenings around the Village and to access the monthly calendars, please bookmark our website:

WWW.CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG

Don't forget... Breakfast at the Castleton Fire-house is the 1st Sunday of every month.

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policy: homeowners with sidewalks on their property are responsible for keeping those sidewalks clear of snow and ice. And if there's a fire hydrant on your property, please help us by keeping that clear of snow. Thank You!!!



NEED A NOTARY?

We have a notary at Village Hall. Whenever our doors are open there should be a notary available. No charge for these services (part of the service we provide to our residents).

Trash Violations (Orders of Remedy)

We've been forced to hand out some violations for overstuffed trash cans. These violations do NOT initially carry a fine, but if the problem is not corrected a fine will result. A good rule of thumb is this: if the lid fully closes - you're good. If the amount of trash causes the lid to be open half way or more you will probably get a violation notice. Hint: probably some of the overflowing trash is recyclable. Cardboard and plastic soda bottles can fill up a trash bag fast. These items can go into the blue recycling can. We very much appreciate everyone recycling as much as they can. This saves the village money on the weight of the trash. We make money on our recyclables. Recycling is good for the environment and sends a great message to our kids.

Frequently Asked Recycling Questions

Pizza Boxes - we **do** accept pizza boxes for recycling. Some trash haulers don't. Ours does.

Batteries - you can bring household batteries (AAA, AA, B, C, D) to Village Hall and drop them in the recycle box and we'll take it from there.

Furniture, broken dehumidifiers, old desks, things that didn't sell at the village wide yard sale - we will **not** pick up these items. You can take them to the Schodack transfer station on Poyneer Road (open Tuesday - Saturday) or wait for one of the two village cleanup days at the Brickyard off 9J.

Styrofoam (packing from new TV's, toys, etc) - this is not recyclable right now. This is considered household trash and must be bagged

Saying Goodbye to Friends and Neighbors

BRAD AVERY - Brad lived in Castleton for the past 15 years. He was a member of the VFW and the Castleton Fire Department. He was a good friend and good neighbor to many in Castleton.

JACK KEEGAN - Jack lived in Castleton/Schodack his entire life. He attended Castleton schools and was of the rare four-letter athletes. He was a gifted baseball player and played semi-pro while being scouted by the major leagues. He worked at Fort Orange paper for 46 years, was active in the VFW and a regular at the Castleton Memorial Day parade.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



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★ Happy Holidays ★

CES Pedestrian Crossing

There is a pedestrian crossing close to Lynch Street and Scott Ave by CES. NYS law states that all traffic must stop for pedestrians in the crossing and a sign was placed in the middle of the street alerting drivers. We've now replaced that sign 3 times (they keep getting run over). While we work on another solution we remind drivers to stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk.

Did you know?

Where do all those leaves go that we pick up each fall? They are turned into compost at a local facility and in exchange we receive top soil each spring.

A Look Back Over 2014

- Water Interconnection with Town of Schodack completed
- High School connected to Village water
- Restored the inside of the Library (and it looks great!!)
- Paved Seaman Avenue (and it looks great!!)
- Stewart's closed
- Turned the Justice Court over to the Town
- 3rd Annual Castleton Village Potluck Picnic
- Clove Run
- New building inspector - Gary Zeigler
- Memorial Day Parade
- Village code books on-line
- Quarterly water, sewer, trash billing