A HAPPY RETIREMENT TO A LONGTIME VILLAGE EMPLOYEE

Richard Saville, pictured above, with his father, Al Saville, at his retirement party.

The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson would like to thank Department of Public Works Foreman Richard Saville for his service to the community and its residents.

Richard retired on the 27th of August, 2019, thirty-five years to the day after being hired by the Village.

Richard has dedicated himself to many projects over the years, including facilitating the set-up for the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Memorial Day Parade. He was instrumental in starting and maintaining the Veterans of Foreign Wars Military Banner Program.

Friends and family wished him well at his retirement party and thanked him for his decades of service. Daniel Lebrecht has taken over the Department of Public Works. We wish Rich a long and happy retirement!

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JUST A FEW REMINDERS

- 3rd Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills will be mailed on November 27, 2019 and must be paid by December 31, 2019 to avoid a penalty.
- Online credit card payments are now being accepted for Water, Sewer and Refuse Bills (use Castleton-on-Hudson.org website – click to pay now).
- The 4th quarter bill will be mailed on March 1, 2020.
- When paying cash for a fee or bill, please remember to bring in the exact amount of as the clerk’s office will not be able to make change.
- The Village Office will be closed Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas; Wednesday, January 1st for New Year’s Day; Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Day; and Monday, February 17th for President’s Day.
- Leaf pick-up ends December 6th, 2019 and Christmas trees will be picked up on Monday, January 6th.
What a wonderful fall we are having! Since the last issue of the Castletonian, COHMSA has been very busy: Main Street Day’s celebration of “The Arts on Main” was a very special day, with painters, dancers, storytellers, musicians and artists of all types; Storefronts are painted with a fall theme; Fall decorations line Main Street; We joined with the Village Inn for a reading of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which was enjoyed by all in attendance; We held our annual membership drive. Thank you to the many people who helped make the above happen. Your membership helps tremendously and your volunteer efforts are invaluable. Whether or not you are a member, if you are interested in getting more involved either in a leadership capacity or otherwise, please contact us at info@castletonmainstreet.org. What lies ahead for 2020 and beyond? We have ideas but would love to hear suggestions from COHMSA members and the public! Please send any ideas you may have to info@castletonmainstreet.org. Visit our website and Like us on Facebook.

www.castletonmainstreet.org and Facebook/COHMSA

Members of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association get into the spirit for The Legend of Sleepy Hollow at the Village Inn

WIPES HARM PIPES

Please place the following items in the TRASH and not in the toilet: Disinfecting wipes/Baby wipes/ Towelettes, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Products (sanitary Napkins and Tampons), Plastic or Latex Items.

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.
The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson will kick off the Holiday season on December 1st from 3:30 to 4:40 PM at the Village Hall. This annual event is sponsored by the Village Board, Castleton Public Library, and Castleton Fire Department. Santa will be arriving on a fire truck. There will be story time, a craft, the lighting of the outdoor tree, and serving of light refreshments. Please join us for this Annual Holiday Tradition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS ON THE HUDSON

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CASTLETON SCHODACK KIWANIS

We are pleased to announce that Deborah Charlebois was installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of Castleton-Schodack during the club’s meeting on October 16, 2019 at the Schodack Diner located in Schodack, NY. Also installed were immediate past president Bob Loveridge, vice president Pat Wood, treasurer Kurt Maier, secretary Marty Ray and directors Steve Roth and Mary VanVliet. In addition, the following members will serve on the club’s board of directors: Adele Harris as president-elect, and Bud Wilkinson as director. We are always looking for new members and are grateful for the members we have! Please join us at one of our meetings to get more information about whether you might want to become a Kiwanian.

Sunday, December 8th we will be at the Crossgates Mall for the Bells Of Life fundraiser to raise money for Albany Medical Center’s Pediatric ER from 10-6pm. Please stop by and say hello! Our Maple Hill HS Key Club members will be present. Bells of Life can also be purchased at local establishments. The Castleton Kiwanis Club will be hosting their winter Chicken BBQ fundraiser dinner on Sunday, January 26th from 12-4pm at the Castleton Fire Company. A bake sale will also be held that day by the Maple Hill HS Key Club. All monies raised during the chicken BBQ go directly back into our community. It is strongly recommended that you reserve your dinners in advance, as we have sold out in the past. You can call 518-732-4228 up until January 25th to pre-order dinners. We will also be making our usual phone calls and you can reserve then as well. If you do not receive a phone call to remind you about the BBQ and would like to receive one, please email us at castletonkiwanis@gmail.com.

During the holiday season, our local club will be collaborating with the Schodack Central School District on the Holiday Giving program, which ensures that local families in need receive some Christmas cheer, gifts/food etc. We wish our community a fun-filled and safe holiday season and hope to see you at one of our events! Remember, if you want to be a part of the Kiwanis family, join us at one of our meetings! We meet every Wednesday at the Schodack Diner from 6:30-8pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Here are some of the most common code infractions in the Village: trash spilling out of the can (if the lid isn’t fully closed then you have too much in there), parking on the wrong side of the street, leaving tree limbs at the curb for Village pickup (we only take bagged leaves – you can call DPW to arrange to drop your tree limbs off at the brickyard), not moving vehicles on Main Street for street cleaning, barking dogs, not cleaning up after your dog, and unregistered vehicles on your property. Thanks for following the Village code for the safety of our residents and beauty of our community.
NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE

SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY

For North Main Street: Park on the west side of the street (The River side). For South Main Street: While it is snowing, park on the east side of the street (The Store side); once the snow stops, 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 so the plows can push the snow to the end of the street.

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;
- Behind the fire house;
- The two Village-owned parking lots on South Main Street. One is across from the post office next to Grant’s and the other is next to the diner / across from The Store.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT THE VILLAGE!

BUILDING PERMITS

Just a reminder that building permits are required for most alterations to your home including (but not limited to): new roof shingles, new windows, adding a room of any kind, adding a garage (sheds may need a permit depending on the size), adding solar panels, cutting trees (only if your property is in the critical overlay – otherwise no permit required), adding a fence or deck, demolishing a structure (garage, shed, or house). These are just a few samples, if you have questions or if you are not sure if a permit is required please contact the Building Inspector.

THE TOWN OF SCHODACK AND THE VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON

APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The Town of Schodack and the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson have made new appointments to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). Luke Ashby is the Chair of the LWRP and members include: John Hourigan, Scott Seeberger, Robert Mello, Susan Kishlicky, Bob Schmidt, Ken Malloy, Lissa D’Aquanni, and Suzanne Cecala.

Originally passed in 1995, the Schodack and Castleton-on-Hudson LWRP is one of the oldest programs in the area established to prepare a comprehensive land and water use plan to manage the Town and Village’s natural, public, and developed waterfront resources along the Hudson River and Schodack Creek.

The Town of Schodack and Village of Castleton-on-Hudson LWRP refines and supplements the State’s Coastal Management Program and provides a comprehensive framework within which critical waterfront issues can be addressed, and planned waterfront improvement projects can be pursued and implemented. The full plan and its full history are available on the Village website (choose About tab, then LWRP from list) or directly from the NYS Department of State website:
https://docs.dos.ny.gov/opd-lwrp/LWRP/Schodack_T,%20CasteltonOnHudson_V/Index.html

The LWRP meets the first Thursday of the month at the Castleton-on-Hudson Village Hall, 85 South Main Street, at 7:00 PM. All interested members of the public are welcome to attend.
**THIS ISSUE’S FOCUS**

**REPAIR CAFE**
What do you do with a broken lamp? Or a sweater with a hole? Toss it? No way! Repair Cafe in the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson is held the second Saturday of the month from 11 AM - 3 PM during October to May at the Village Hall, 85 South Main Street, and during June to September on the Friday before the second Saturday of the month from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers and Artisans Market, corner of Scott (150) & Main (9J). An occasional month is skipped, or another adjustment is made in the schedule, and in December 2019 and January 2020, that is the case. The next Repair Café will be Friday, December 13 from 4:30-7:30 PM during the inaugural COHFAM Winterfest at the Castleton Fire Department, 11 Green Avenue. We will skip January 2020, so the first Repair Café of the new year will be Saturday, February 8 from 11 AM-3 PM at the Village Hall. People visiting the Repair Café bring along broken but beloved items. Volunteers try their best to make repairs, and it’s free of charge! At the December and February Repair Cafés, electrical, welding, seamstress and “jack-of-all-trades” services will be available (but it’s a good idea to email a day or two in advance to confirm available services for that month besides electrical). Do you like to fix things and want to volunteer? Contact us via email at gina.giuliano@gmail.com or stop by Repair Café. For more information about global Repair Café, visit Repaircafe.org.

**ANCHOR FOOD PANTRY**
The holiday season is upon us! We are all gearing up for the busiest season of the year and the Anchor is no different. Thanksgiving baskets are thoughtfully being prepared to make sure everyone in our community will have a great Holiday dinner with all the trimmings! The larger families will receive a turkey and the smaller or single families will receive a roasting chicken. The total meal will consist of all the fixing, including dessert. Contributions can be dropped off at The Anchor any day we are open.

Our operating hours at Monday 5 PM - 7 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM - 1 PM.

After we get Thanksgiving taken care of, we will be planning the Christmas shop where our families with children under 12 can shop for toys, games, books, stuffed animals, etc. The shop is set up so that the parents can come in & select gifts for their youngsters. Included in the shop are holiday decorations, wrapping paper, hats, scarves, and all kind of odds and ends. If you have any toys & games that you have out grown and that are in great condition, please consider donating them. We will also be getting Christmas baskets ready for families.

The Anchor families keep growing every month and the cost of food never goes down. We have to purchase at least 75 percent of our food. Any contribution of non-perishable food items, or monetary donations, are appreciated and always needed. We count on community support.

The fund raiser that we just held at The Hill restaurant in October was well attended and we would like to thank Jeff Swartz and his staff for having us. Everything was great! A huge thank you to all who attended and helped us out! Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas to everyone from all of us at The Anchor.

**AMBULANCE SUB SALE**
Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our biggest fundraiser “SUPER BOWL SUB SALE” on February 2, 2020. This fundraiser helps with building repairs/remodeling projects. Stop by sometime and check out the meeting room which is available to be rented for your special occasions. Please make sure we can see your house number on your home…..minutes count in an emergency! We are always looking for members, driver, EMT, attendant or maybe you would like to help with the fundraiser or write grants. Please stop by for an application or call 518-732-2563 and leave a message.
Please Help Save Water

Across

1. Don't take long ____________.
4. Please remember to ____________ water.
6. Ask someone to fix ____________ faucets.

Down

2. Don't keep water ____________ when not using it.
3. Plants and animals need ____________ to survive.
5. ____________ faucets tightly to prevent water waste.

Activity: This crossword puzzle uses different water words. Read the clues and write your answers in the boxes.

Read to Lacey the Therapy Dog – Monday, December 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Teen Time: Touchscreen Gloves – Thursday, December 12, 4:00-6:00 pm
Make your own touchscreen gloves and enjoy snacks! For teens in 6th-12th grades.

Holiday Cookie Swap – Saturday, December 14, 11:00 am
Here’s how it works – Bake 4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies. Bring cookies in one large container. Please do not separate into portions ahead of time. Bring a copy of your recipe to share. We’ll divide the cookies equally among the bakers.

Yoga for Stress Relief – Monday, December 16, 6:00-7:15 pm
Winter got you wound up? Join instructor Patricia McCarthy for 75 minutes of yoga with props for deep stretch and rest. Please bring your own mat. Held upstairs. Ages 12+.

Legal Clinic – Tuesday, December 17, 6:30-7:30 pm
Free, private consultation with an attorney. Appointment required; call 518-435-1770.

Post Office Storytime – Saturday, December 21, 10:30 am
After we enjoy a story at the library, we’ll color postcards, then take a trip to the post office to mail our postcards and learn about the mail! All ages welcome.

Kids Cook!: No-Bake Cookies – Saturday, December 21, 2:00 pm
Join us for a fun cooking class to learn how to make no-bake cookies! Ages 5 and up.

Build-It Challenge! – Monday, December 23, 12:00-4:00 pm
Build using a variety of supplies, including toilet paper rolls, cups, and popsicle sticks!

Cool Science: Marbled Paper – Monday, December 23, 4:00-6:00 pm
Learn about color absorption using paper, food coloring, & shaving cream.

New Year’s Day Crafts – Friday, December 27, 12:00-6:00 pm

Marble Run Fun – Saturday, December 28, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Pool Noodle Unicorns – Monday, December 30, 12:00-6:00 pm
Make your own unicorn using a pool noodle and craft supplies! Ages 5 and up.

Therapy Dog Storytime with Goodie the Therapy Dog – Thurs., January 2, 10:30 am

Paper Clip Jewelry – Thursday, January 2, 12:00-6:00 pm

Bridge Club – Friday, January 3, 10:30 am
Come play bridge with us! Geared toward beginners and players who need a refresher.

Perler Bead Crafts – Friday, January 3, 12:00-6:00 pm

Painting Fun – Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Do you love painting? Stop by the library to have fun with all kinds of paint!

Winter Edible Art – Friday, January 10, 4:00-8:00 pm
Make winter-inspired sculptures you can eat! All ages welcome. A 2nd Friday event.

Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition – Tuesday, January 14 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Discover your family history! Registration required; call 518-732-0879 to register.

Pajama Storytime
is held every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Children from birth to age 8 enjoy stories and make a simple craft. Little ones are welcome to wear their PJs or bring a stuffed animal friend!

Enjoy Storytime & Early Learning at Your Library!

Learn & Play Storytime
is held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. At this storytime, children from birth to age 5 are invited to enjoy stories, rhymes, music, and movement while building their early literacy and motor skills!

Playing is learning at Early Literacy Playtime, held every Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This playtime is designed for children ages birth to 5 to strengthen their early literacy skills while playing with caregivers & friends. A variety of age-appropriate toys are provided, including blocks, dolls, vehicles, puzzles, shape sorters, musical instruments, and dinosaurs.

Come join the fun!
MAYOR
Robert Schmidt

TRUSTEES
Marianne Carner, Deputy Mayor
Gina Giuliano
Sharon Martin
Jenifer Pratico

CLERK/TREASURER
Padraic Ellis
Deputy Clerk
Janice Better

We have a notary at the Village Hall. The notary will be available during office hours. There is no charge for this service to Village residents.

WE SAY GOODBYE...

Edward R. Jewett, Jr. (66) - Edward passed on July 18, 2019. He was employed at Polsinello Fuels and was a member of the W.F. Bruen Hose Company.
Patricia A. Amsler – Patricia passed away on July 27, 2019. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.
Noreen A. Haupt (71) – Noreen passed on August 9, 2019. She was employed by the State of New York, working at the Commission on Quality of Care for Persons with Disabilities and the New York State Justice Center.
Jordan I. Evans (74) - Jordan passed on August 22, 2019. He was an elementary school teacher for 35 years and an active member of Sacred Heart Church.
David L. Van De Wal (75) - David passed on September 1, 2019. He served 50 years as a Sodack Landing Fireman, and the last 25 years as a Fire Commissioner.
Alan J. Roehr, Sr. – Alan passed on September 4, 2019. He will be missed by his children and grandchildren.

Robert E. King (91) - Robert passed on September 21, 2019 at his home. He served in the post-WWII occupation of Japan, and later in the Air Force reserve. He taught Social Studies for nearly 30 years at Columbia High.
William H. Lebrecht (94) – William passed on October 1st, 2019. He was a D-Day Veteran serving in WWII and was employed at the Fort Orange Paper Mill. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a lifetime Member of the Castleton Fire Company.
Patricia A. Lilkas (82) – Patricia passed on October 21, 2019 after a long illness. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Douglas P. Gootz (68) – Douglas passed on October 31, 2019. He graduated from Maple Hill High School and attended the University of Munich and the University of Albany before working as a machine operator at Crowley Dairy.

CHECK SCANNING
In order to expedite processing and to better serve our residents, the Village will begin scanning checks on premises at the Village Hall. This process will allow for a much faster turn-around time for payments to be accepted. The passage of an updated Cyber Security Policy by the Village Board will ensure the protection of payment information. The Village is currently updating our resources to make our services more convenient and accessible to our residents.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT?

Go to the Village Hall and purchase an E-Z Pass Tag for only $25.00.

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