



The Annual Memorial Day Parade is Back !!! Save the Date—Mon, May 30th, 2022. Parade start time is 10am.

While 2021 had a fun car parade through Castleton and Schodack to honor our Veterans, this May marks the return of a walking parade through the streets of Castleton and part of Schodack. Kickoff time is 10am at the corner of Boltwood and Seaman Ave. From there the parade will head up to the The Hill, turn right on Brookview, then a left in front of CES Elementary School where float judges will take note of all the beautiful floats and finally the parade will end at the Cemetery on Scott Ave where there will be awards and speeches to honor our fallen veterans.

There will be music, floats, special invited guests, police, fire and lots of community organizations giving tribute to those who gave their life for our country.



The Castletonian

April 2022

VILLAGE ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor Joe Keegan – reelected for 2 year term ending 2024

Deputy Mayor Jen Pratico – reelected for 2 year term ending 2024

Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni - reelected for 2 year term ending 2024

Also passed by almost unanimous consent:

Increase to LOSAP for volunteer firefighters

Congratulations to all the candidates and thank you to our community for recognizing the importance of our volunteers.

Main Street / 9J Paving Project

Route 9J from Stilsing Electric in Rensselaer to Brickyard Road in Castleton (about 1 block south of Village Hall) will be getting paved during the month of April. This Project will include: making curb corners on Main Street ADA compliant, adding two crosswalks on Main Street, milling the road and finally repaving the road. The curb corners part of the job is basically complete but milling and paving includes many large trucks so all cars will need to be off Main Street and 9J within Village limits when milling and paving is occurring. Those exact dates have not been provided to the Village at this time.

During milling and paving days cars on Justus Lane or the Village lots next to the Poke Jar may be blocked, please plan accordingly. Temporary alternate parking has been made available behind the Noyes Engine House on First Street (near Grant's Garage). Signs are posted to indicate public parking.

If you haven't already, why not sign up for our important notice/ emergency texts. Send a text to 518.394.8800 and type Village123 in the message. It's that easy.

Also check out our Facebook page named **Village of Castleton on Hudson** or visit our website: www.castleton-on-hudson.org

If you have any questions please call Village Hall between 9–3 at 518.732.2211 ext 2 or 3

We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this project.

SPRING IS HERE – WHAT’S NEW IN THE VILLAGE?

Welcome **Poke Jar** – 28 S. Main Street
518.336.4404 www.thepokejar.com

Sushi, Tacos, Ramen, Poke Bowls, Gyoza
Tues and Wed 11am – 7pm
Thurs thru Sat 11am – 8pm



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

CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG



Main Street is getting paved and we’re getting two new crosswalks across 9J. All the corners of Main Street are getting new ADA compliant curbs (great for bike riding and strollers too).

BLDG PERMITS

A reminder that building permits are required for most home alterations including (but not limited to): new roof shingles, new windows, adding a room of any kind, adding a garage or shed, adding solar panels, cutting trees (if your property is in the critical overlay), adding a fence or deck, demolishing a structure (garage, shed, or house). Not sure? Give Gary Zeigler a call. 518.605.2184

The Castleton – Schodack Memorial Day Parade is back !!! One of the largest parades in the County. C’mon out to honor those who gave their lives for our country. And to honor those who are currently serving. Mon, May 30th – 10am start.



Not as exciting but still important: Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for **May 7, 2022**, at the Brickyard. The Brickyard will be open from 9:00 AM - Noon. We take almost anything except Hazardous materials (paint, car batteries, etc). We **do** take electronics, old A/C units, lawn mowers, couches, nana’s potty chair, hoses, TV’s, monitors and lots more. Small fee but totally worth it. Village residents only.

2022 – 2023 VILLAGE BUDGET

It is that time of year again when Village officials and department heads get together to hammer out our 2022-2023 budget which begins June 1, 2022.

During our budget meetings the board reviews each department budget requests. Those requests were submitted to the treasurer in March. The board looks at projected income from taxes and fees, and balances that against expenses like: building maintenance, tree maintenance, vehicle purchases, gas price hikes, equipment purchases, salaries, you name it, we're reviewing it.

Some asks this year:

- Forklift – ours is 40 yrs old
- Tires for a fire engine
- Security Cameras
- DPW Truck
- New fire hydrants
- Backhoe
- Computer Software

We do apply for grants but it can take a year or two before grants are awarded. We also receive state funds for road and bridge repair and we count on those funds to use for paving.



LET'S TALK VILLAGE FINANCES

New York State reviews every municipality each year and assigns them a Fiscal Stress score. A high stress score is not good. The State levels of stress are:

Significant Fiscal Stress: 65-100

Moderate Fiscal Stress: 55 – 64.5

Susceptible Fiscal Stress: 45 – 54.9

No Designation: 0-44.9

For 2021 the Village of Castleton on Hudson

Fiscal Stress score is: **21.7** or No Designation.

How are other municipalities doing?

Significant Stress			
Total points of 65 or Greater			
Name	Class	County	Fiscal Score
Poughkeepsie	City	Dutchess	78.3
Long Beach	City	Nassau	77.1
Amsterdam	City	Montgomery	75.0
Niagara Falls	City	Niagara	72.1
Yonkers	City	Westchester	67.5
Island Park	Village	Nassau	66.7
Valley Stream	Village	Nassau	66.7
Wappingers Falls	Village	Dutchess	66.7
Caneadea	Town	Allegany	65.4

Susceptible to Fiscal Stress			
Total points of 45 or Greater			
Name	Class	County	Fiscal Score
Addison	Village	Steuben	53.8
Clarkstown	Town	Rockland	53.8
Albany	City	Albany	52.9
Centerville	Town	Allegany	50.8
Broome	County	Broome	49.6
Fort Covington	Town	Franklin	47.9
Monroe	County	Monroe	47.9
Oriskany	Village	Oneida	47.9
Millbrook	Village	Dutchess	47.5
South Dayton	Village	Cattaraugus	47.5
Sherman	Town	Chautauqua	47.1
Colonie	Town	Albany	45.8
Pulteney	Town	Steuben	45.8
Southport	Town	Chemung	45.4
Nassau	County	Nassau	45.0
Oneida	County	Oneida	45.0

AND WHAT WAS THAT I HEARD ABOUT SEWER RATES?

Yes, Sewer rates are rising a bit to help pay off our debt for our newly updated sewage treatment plant. We're phasing in the increases over a period of 3 years until we know the exact cost of yearly operations with the upgrade. We're saving money in a bunch of areas, mainly sludge removal (don't ask), but we did add two new buildings that need power and heat. We also have more computer equipment so we're just not sure of our new yearly operations expense.

Current rates for residences: \$95 per quarter, \$380 annually

Proposed rates starting June 2022: \$128 per quarter

Proposed rates starting June 2023: \$139 per quarter

Proposed rates starting June 2024: \$151 per quarter

NYS Average is \$709 annually.

Rates also depend on how many units the costs are spread around. Right now we have 964 units. We'd like to spread those costs to more units and we're talking to the town about adding more customers.

WE SAID GOODBYE TO...

Ruth V. Drischler (93) - passed on March 6th. She was a bookkeeper for Drischler Electric and served as the Schodack Assistant Court Clerk from 1981-1997

Irene Fleshman (104) - passed on March 7th. Irene worked in sales in the Maryland/D.C. area, specializing in women's garments

Claudia A. Brown (74) - passed on January 31st. She was a dispatcher and driver for Star & Strand Transportation.

Cosimo Franchini (83) - passed on February 10th. He served in the United States Army and worked as a carpenter at the Capital District Psychiatric Center.

Donald Cripps III (52) - passed away on February 20th. He enjoyed spending time on the Hudson River and will always be the kid from Main Street.



CASTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last Firehouse Breakfast of the year is **Sunday, May 8th** (yes, the 2nd Sunday of May so we can serve Mom. Mom's eat free!). 8am to 11am

Never Been? C'mon down and grab a couple seats at a communal table.

Menu includes: Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, and amazing home fries. Juice and plenty of coffee. It's a great opportunity to meet some neighbors while enjoying a made to order delicious breakfast and donating to our volunteers. Plenty of parking.

Everyone is welcome. From Main Street, turn onto Green Ave, one and a half blocks up on the left.

Breakfasts will resume in October. Enjoy the summer !!

CASTLETON AMBULANCE

The ambulance hall is now available for rental. Please leave a message on the answering machine at 518-732-2563. We are honored to be able to serve our Community and will continue to do so.

We always welcome any new members and could use your help. **Looking to be part of the Ambulance crew?** We need drivers, EMTs, Attendants and Associates. Hours are flexible and we'll train you. Call today for an application – (518) 732-2563.

CASTLETON MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

Riverkeeper Sweep ! Saturday, May 7th, 2022

River Rest (bottom of Scott Ave.) 9am – Noon

Main Street Cleanup ! Saturday, May 14th, 2022

River Rest (bottom of Scott Ave.) 9am – Noon

For details: www.castletonmainstreet.org

VILLAGE HALL

Free N95 masks and Covid test kits to Village residents while they last.

PARK DETAILS

Info: (518) 732-0187

Pavilion Information

Schodack Island has four pavilions. Prices range from \$50 to \$125 and can hold 25 to 125 people. Reserve at ReserveAmerica.com

Seasons/Hours: The park is open year round, dawn to dusk.

Camping open from May - November

Vehicle Entrance Fee
Mid-April to mid-October: Cars \$6 on weekends and holidays

Campsites
\$15-27/per night*\$5 nightly fee for non-NYS residents

Dry Slip Boat Permit
\$175 for the season from - May 1st to Columbus Day

\$ 75 per month if available.

Other fun things include:

- Playground
- Comfort Station (potty)
- Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Boat Launch
- Hiking
- Birding

SCHODACK ISLAND STATE PARK



What is 2.5 miles south of Village Hall on 9J?

If you guessed a 1,000 acre state park with majestic views of the Hudson, you are correct !!

Schodack Island State Park opened in 2002 and

is just a quick drive from our Village. There is a fun playground, hiking trails, picnic tables, 8 miles of trails and a pier to view the Hudson River. Campsites were only added in 2016.

Looking to have a family party? The park rents Pa-

vilions at very reasonable prices. The park does close at dusk so no evening events.

Check out the Schodack Island State Park facebook page for the latest on their many activities.



Schodack Island State Park

SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXTS OR CALLS YET?

We offer a few options for residents or family members of residents to get emergency notifications.

Text— anyone can sign themselves up for emergency texts. Send a text to: 518.394.8800 and type Village123 in the message box. You will get an automatic reply.

Robocalls - got a landline phone? Give Village Hall a call at 518.732.2211 (option 2) and ask to be on the robocall list.

Facebook— check out the Village Facebook page for emergency notifications. We are: Village of Castleton on Hudson

Village Website— check out our website at : castleton-on-hudson.org

On the website you can also find: zoom links, meeting minutes, comprehensive plan info, link to pay water, sewer and refuse bills on line, all the Castletonians in color, history of the Village, names of Board Members... you name it, we have it.

MAYOR
JOSEPH KEEGAN

TRUSTEES
JENIFER PRATICO, DEPUTY MAYOR
SHARON MARTIN
ERIK SAMARIJA
LISSA D'AQUANNI

CLERK TREASURER – PADRAIC ELLIS
DEPUTY CLERK-JAN BETTER



CASTLETON ON HUDSON, NEW YORK

We have a notary at Village hall.
There is no charge for this service to our residents.

85 South Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033
Phone: (518) 732-2211 Fax: (518) 732-1550
www.castleton-on-hudson.org
Office hours are 9:00 - 3:00 / Monday - Friday

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP ...

Street Sweeping Begins – **Fri, Apr 15th** – every street
Fire Dep’t Open House – **Sat, Apr 23rd** – 10am – 3pm
Arbor Day Tree Planting – **Fri, Apr 29th**
Spring Cleanup **Sat, May 7th** 9:00am – noon-Brickyard
Riverkeeper Sweep – **Sat, May 7th** 9:00am – noon
Main St. Cleanup – **Sat, May 14th** 9:00am – noon
Brush and Leaves – **Sat, May 21st** – Brickyard
Memorial Day Parade – **Mon, May 30th** – 10am
Memorial Day – **Mon, May 30th** Village offices closed
Brush and Leaves – **Sat, June 4th** – Brickyard

Interested in hearing about Village business? Board meeting are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

1st Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills are due by **June 30th. Didn't get a bill?** Call Village clerk.

We accept *online* credit card payments through the Village website. We cannot accept credit cards for in-person payments.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will take place every:
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
starting **April 11, 2022 through May 11, 2022.**
Hydrant flushing occurs **between 9:00 AM – Noon.**
Hydrant flushing can stir up sediment in the pipes so water may be off colored for a bit during and after hydrant flushing. Keep this in mind when doing laundry on these days.

TRANSFER STATION – 446 Poyneer Road Open: Tues-Sat

What's free to bring to the transfer station?:

Used motor oil	Batteries	keyboards, small TV
Anti Freeze	Small Electronics :fax machines, monitors,	Brush and small logs
Car Batteries		Magazines

DMV IN SCHODACK

The satellite DMV office is back open.
Time: Tuesdays 9am – 3pm
Location: Schodack Town Hall.