



TOWN SERVICES

If you live in the Village you are also a resident of the Town of Schodack. Here are town services you can utilize:

DMV (Motor Vehicles) – Schodack Town Hall – 9am - 3pm Tues.

Marriage, Dog & Fishing licenses – Town Hall – 518.477.7590

Proof of Residence (for college students) - Town Hall

Passports – Town Hall

Town Park – Poyneer Road (book the pavilion for a party)

Transfer Station – 446 Poyneer Road 518.477.8491 Open: Tues: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wed - Fri: 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, Sat: 7:00

The Castletonian

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SAVING OUR TAX DOLLARS

The Village board is working hard to save our tax dollars and we wanted to share some of what we've been doing to save.

1. Refinancing Green Ave Bond—our current interest rate for this bond is nearly 5%. We're in the process of refinancing to a lower interest rate of 2.45% which will save the Village close to \$300,000 over the remaining life of the bond.
2. Health Insurance—our employees have been healthy and we've managed to

reduce our health insurance premiums 5% this year (many years have double digit increases).

3. Workers Compensation—our costs for this program are down a staggering 18% from last year.
4. Solar Farm—the Village is reviewing a contract where we will save about \$4,000 per year in utility costs by partnering with a solar farm in Schodack.
5. Village taxes—while not exactly a savings

the Village has stayed under the 2% tax cap this budget year (June 1 – May 31).

6. Spectrum—we took advantage of a Spectrum sale for businesses and added some efficiencies for our water sites that came with minimal installation costs. We can now remotely check water readings.

Village Wide Yard Sale – Sept 11, 2021

Fill this out and drop in the mail or at Village Hall prior to Sept 3rd to get on the yard sale map. P.O. Box 126 Castleton, NY 12033

Name and Address: _____

Items you will be selling: _____

Maps will be posted online and printed to hand out. Stop by Village Hall two days before the sale to grab a few copies

DEC URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

The Village was one of two recipients in the Capital Region to be awarded a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation Urban and Community Forestry program. Our grant amount is \$21,250.

The goals of this grant are to: create an inventory of Village Trees (including their species, condition, location, crown condition and risk assessment), plot out planting sites for new trees and to provide a master plan for future tree management in the Village. The inventory will include most Village streets, a Village owned piece of land on the Hudson and also the Cemetery. The process has already started and you can chart our progress here:

<https://pg-cloud.com/Castleton-on-HudsonNY/>

MEMORIAL DAY CAR PARADE (check these out on the Village website to see them in full color).



TIDBITS

Pedestrian Bridge over the railroad tracks – NYS Dept of Transportation notified the Village, in a one sentence email, that they are prepared to build a bridge over the tracks. We are cautiously optimistic as there were few details. A bridge can take years of planning but we'll let you know when we have more details.

Ray's Funeral Home is now Castleton Funeral Home – welcome to the new owners.

Village Inn – yep, it's for sale.

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

CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village board voted to update our Comprehensive Plan. This is a master plan that tells us where we are and where we want to be as a Village. There are a number of reasons to update the plan: most grant applications require a current plan, the plan helps drive decision making for Village government and it lets residents and business owners know future plans for the Village. The plan will include GIS mapping of existing conditions, as well as updated demographic and economic data. We've contracted with a company to assist us. A steering committee of residents will work for a year to form a collective vision of our community. We're going to need lots of community input so stay tuned !!

The project kicks off in September.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE — WE'RE ALMOST DONE — !!

Work continues on the upgrade to our wastewater treatment plant. The new headworks building is complete and awaiting electrical service to be installed. The concrete work on the new clarifier tanks has been completed and the internal equipment is on site and will be installed soon. The underground piping is about 99% done.

In the existing administration building, the new operator's office is done, the new electrical room with all new equipment is 90% complete and the new HVAC system is installed and running providing much needed air conditioning for the operators during the hot weather we've been having.

The new sludge press is installed and ready to go - trying to coordinate with National Grid and Amtrak is a challenge.

The new garage construction should be starting in another week or so.

Despite material and equipment delays due to Covid, the project is still on budget and on schedule to be completed early this fall. Plant operators, Ken Meyer and Joe Garavelli, continue to do a great job despite all of the disruption caused by a project of this size.

AND SPEAKING OF WASTE....

The Village is charged by the pound for trash which is why each residence has one trash can and one recycling can. There are times when we all have more trash than can fit in that one can. When that happens, take your extra trash to the town transfer station. It's available to all residents of Schodack (that's us too). They take household trash, recyclables, tires, car batteries, light construction debris, plastic yard furniture, toys, yard debris, etc.

Proof of residency and vehicle registration must be provided in order to utilize the facility. They're super friendly and you always see someone you know there.

The State Comptroller has ruled that the Transfer Station cannot accept cash payments. They **do accept checks or money orders** made out to the "Town of Schodack" for the exact amount. **Credit cards are also acceptable forms of payment** at the Transfer Station. There is a convenience fee to use a credit card.

Transfer station is located at: 446 Poyneer Road Open: Tues: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wed - Fri: 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, Sat: 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

WE SAID GOODBYE TO...

Mary Ann Beberwyk (79) - passed on February 25th. She retired from the East Greenbush Central School District, as a bus driver, after almost 30 years of service.

Patricia M. Stone (79) - passed on April 9th at her home in Schodack. She was a clerk typist for the navy in Washington DC.

Glenda Franchini - passed on April 12th. She worked for nearly 25 years as a key punch operator for the Office of the State Comptroller before her retirement.

Kenneth L. Kishlicky, (73) - passed on April 13th. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and was a major subcontract buyer for Sperry, Espy and Atlas Copco.

Janet A. Crist (80) - passed on April 17th, at Samaritan Hospital. She was employed by the New York State Police and worked as a staff member in the NYS Assembly.

CASTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

A quick history – The Castleton Fire Company was started in 1871. The five fire companies that are listed on our challenge coin are: Seth Wheeler, Brahier Chemical, F.P. Harder, Citizens and McKnight Hose. The five companies combined to form The Castleton Fire Company in 1959. In the early 1970's the fire house was located on 11 Green Avenue, very close to the road. With the fire trucks not being able to safely pull onto Green Avenue, the membership decided to move the entire fire house. The membership had a vision to move the firehouse several hundred feet to its present location. It was many months of man hours, blood, sweat, and tears that the firehouse came to rest at its current location. The CFC in the early 80's was the first fire company to have a fire boat on the Hudson River which was in service for many years. We will be celebrating our 150th this Fall and look forward to many years of continued service to the community.

And p.s.: Our firehouse breakfasts are coming back soon !! Stay tuned.....

CASTLETON AMBULANCE

The ambulance hall is now available for rental. Please leave a message on our 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, EMT's, Attendants and Associates. Hours are flexible and we'll train you. Call today for an application – (518) 732-2563.

CASTLETON MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 25, 2021

4th Annual Main Street Day

For details: www.castletonmainstreet.org

FARMER'S AND ARTISANS MARKET

Fridays during Summer 4:30 – 7:30 C'mon down.

COMING SOON

Dog Wash – 50 South Main – next to the laundromat



WE SAID GOODBYE TO... PART 2

Rosanne M. Amedio (82) - passed on April 22nd. She was an accountant and bookkeeper for KeyBank and was in management at the former Eden Park Nursing home.

Alice J. Fuller (81) - passed on April 23rd at Evergreen Commons. She was a housekeeper for SUNY Albany for more than 20 years before retiring.

Judith A. Ritchie (86) - passed on April 27th. She worked in food service locally.

Florence L. Skiff (91) - passed on May 12th. She attended Cornell University and worked as an x-ray technician and bookkeeper at Dr. Skiff's family practice.

Richard J. Dellavechia (78) - passed on May 14th. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.



SCENES FROM THE DIVERSITY PARADE



WE SAID GOODBYE — PART 3

Anthony F. Cannone (87) - passed on May 22nd. He was a member of the South Scho-dack Fire department, the Castleton Boat Club and Sacred Heart Church.

Mary R. Clancy (79) - passed on May 22nd. She attended College of Saint Rose and Cortland University and worked for the East Green-bush School District for 33 years.

David W. Belser (86) - passed on May 28th, He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and returned to graduate from Hudson Valley Community College in 1957.

Kenneth Boel Jr. (65) - passed on June 7th. He worked for the Schodack Central Schools and drove

his 1930 Model A Ford in the Castleton Memorial Day Parade.

Paul W. Vorgang (81) - passed on June 22nd. He attended Hudson Valley Community College and retired as a self-employed general contractor from Vorgang General Contracting.

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We have a notary at Village hall.

There is no charge for this service to our residents.



CASTLETON ON HUDSON, NEW YORK

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

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP ...

Clove Run – **August 14th at 8am**
Hydrant Flushing – 9- noon mid-week **Sept.**
Labor Day – Mon, **Sept 6th** – Office Closed
Village wide yard sale – Sat, **Sept 11th**
Village picnic – Sat, **Sept 11th (5-8pm)**
Main Street Day – Sat, **Sept 25th**
Fall Clean up Day – Sat, **Sept 25th 9-noon**
Columbus Day – Mon, **Oct 11th** – Office Closed
Leaf Pickup begins – Tues, **Oct 12th**
Veteran's Day – Thurs, **Nov 11th** – Office Closed

Street sweeping *every* **Friday**

3rd Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills are due by **Sept 30th. Didn't get a bill?** Call Village clerk for another copy.

We accept *online* credit card payments. We cannot accept credit cards for in-person payments.

PAVING

Each year the tension builds in determining which streets, if any, will get paved. This year, using some leftover saving from last year, and some state funds the Village will be paving parts of these streets: First Street, Stimpson Ave and Willow Street. And we will be filling many, many potholes.

VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE

To be listed on the map for the yard sale have your info into the Clerk's office by September 3rd.

VILLAGE PICNIC

We're bringing back the Village picnic! Saturday, Sept 11th from 5-8pm near the swing set at CES (Campbell Ave between Scott and Green). We'll have a tent, some music, maybe a fire truck. Bring a dessert to share.

CASTLETON LIBRARY has summer reading and other fun activities for kids and adults of all ages. Check out a book and enjoy some fresh air while you read under our front yard