

VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON

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QUADRICENTENNIAL EVENTS!

This year, the State of New York, along with communities along the Hudson River, will come together to celebrate the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic voyage up the Hudson River, and also the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's steamboat voyage.

A flotilla of boats will leave New York Harbor on June 6, 2009, led by five ships, the Onrust, Clearwater, Woodie Guthrie, Half Moon and the Mystic. As the flotilla arrives at each stopping point on its trip, those boats escorting the ships will return to their marinas and new boats will fall in to escort the fleet to its next stopover.

These boats are scheduled to arrive in Castleton on the following Friday, June 12. At the present time, they are scheduled to pass the Schodack Island State Park at about 4 p.m., after which they will proceed to the Castleton Boat Club where they will remain overnight. We hope to have tours of the Clearwater and the Half Moon Friday evening. On Saturday, June 13, the flotilla will leave Castleton and proceed to Albany, where more activities are being planned.

A full schedule of events is being planned for the Schodack Island State Park for these two days, with no charge for entrance to the park. A band will be performing on Friday night, fireworks are scheduled that may be viewed from the park, food will be available and children's activities will be highlighted on both days. The boat club will be having an open house on Saturday also.

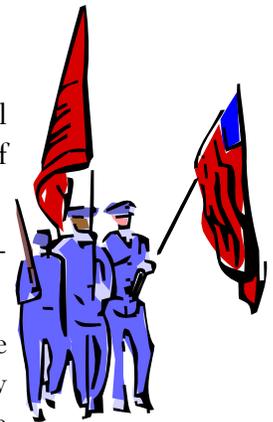
The official Quadricentennial flag is displayed on the village hall, and will be on view at each school in Schodack.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 25, at 10:00 AM, we will once again step off on our annual Memorial Day parade. The parade committee is already hard at work under the able direction of Doe Warland, with plans for Grand Marshall, speaker, floats, etc., well underway.

It is our privilege and honor to remember our veterans, living and dead, with special significance during the conflicts in Iran and Afghanistan.

Here in Castleton we can be proud of our school leadership that originated the "Morning Program" at the elementary school that won awards a few years ago, and saw to it that all our children know the words to "Proud To Be An American". We are proud to be American, and must remember to thank a vet for the opportunity to voice that pride.



SECOND STREET NEWS

The Village has been fortunate enough to secure a grant through the NYS Office of Housing and Community Renewal for the complete reconstruction of Second Street, which will include water lines, drainage, retaining wall and paving. The retaining wall is in place and has already provided additional width to the street. As with the residents on Green Avenue, those on Second Street are patient with the mess and looking forward to a great new street.

ERCSWAMA

Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority has informed us that the news about recycling is not good. We are now collecting \$60.00 per ton for scrap metal (down from \$250.00 per ton), and cardboard is generating nothing. We also now pay \$25.00 per ton to recycle commingled material. It still makes financial sense to recycle because waste is being disposed of at a rate of \$70.47 per ton.

CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Castleton Public Library Board of Trustees held a 100th Anniversary Celebration Open House on March 7, 2009. Special guests included Assemblyman Tim Gordon, Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino, Town Supervisor Beth Secor, County Legislators Flora Fasoldt, Martin Reid and Alex Shannon, Village Trustee Karen Fagan and Schodack Schools Superintendent Douglas Hamlin.

The library started in 1909 with 250 books in a small building on First Street, and continues today in two rooms on the first floor of Village Hall. This tiny gem on Main Street has won numerous awards and has just been listed as a "**5 Star Library**", in the February 2009 edition of Library Journal, thanks to our Director, Darlene Miller.



VILLAGE HALL

New lights have been installed on the columns in front of the village hall. These columns have memorial plaques for residents that served and died in the service of their country.

It is expected that a kiosk, or signboard, will be delivered and installed on the village hall lawn shortly. This is the final segment of the \$400,000 micro-enterprise grant that the village and town shared last year.

GREEN AVENUE

Work progresses on Green Avenue at a steady pace that should bring the project to a timely conclusion almost as soon as the paving plants open in the spring.

Water lines have been completely renewed, storm water catch basins are installed, the side street water lines have been tied in, and the storm drains are being completed. The retaining wall is in place, giving us a really good idea of how much wider the street will be when finished. The plan is to finish all work below ground during the winter, install curbing on the south side of the street, and be ready for paving, sidewalks and curbing on the north side when the weather turns warmer.

Although this has been a difficult time for residents on the street, everyone has been patient and looking forward to the end product.

The contractor assures us that the street will make us all proud for the Memorial Day Parade.



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GARAGE AT
732-2983...**

**IF YOU ARE A NEW
RESIDENT AND
NEED A RECYCLING
BIN. THEY WILL
DELIVER ONE TO
YOUR HOME.**

CELEBRATE SPRING AT THE CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Go green this spring at the Castleton Public Library! We are celebrating our 100th birthday, and being named one of America's "5 Star" Libraries by Library Journal! There is always something unique and exciting planned at the library, so don't miss any of our upcoming events!

On March 14th, the Reading Rat Club celebrated its one year anniversary with Mrs. Miller, Petskleen Pets manager Barbara Kelp, and of course the rats! They discussed "The Mayor of Central Park" by Avi.

Friday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 PM - "Wii're Fit" Family Game Night - join us to try your hand at the latest games for the Wii and Play Station 3! Food, fun, crafts and games shared with your friends and neighbors is always on our agenda for the UHLS/MetLife Grant "Get Fit for Life @ Your Library". Look for this program each month.

Thursday, March 26, at CES - "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", a very special performance by "The Puppet People", presented as part of the "Explore your Shore" grant and the Quadricentennial celebration! Check our calendar for other programs offered as a result of this grant opportunity through UHLS.

We are proud to be offering a new outreach service to the Resurrection Rest Home monthly. On Tuesday, March 31 at 3:00 PM, director Darlene Bradley Miller will visit with a selection of books, and audio tapes for the residents as well as a spring poetry program.

A new "Knit & Crochet Club" has been formed, and meets at Castle Hill on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. Knitters and crocheters of all ages and abilities are invited.

In April we will be celebrating National Poetry Month, National Library Week, and the return of the Riverway Storytelling Festival! We will host local and international storytellers at MHHS and Edward C. Southern Tier Senior Center. We also look forward to showcasing our own MHMS 7th Grade Connections Class Storytelling Troupe! (CASST) Look for Earth Day and Arbor Day programs and contests! "Get Your Green on @ Your Library" programs will be offered throughout the spring and summer to help improve our world!

Summer is just around the corner, and we've begun planning for the 2009 New York State Summer Reading program "Be Creative @ Your Library"! We are always looking for volunteers with great ideas to help us with programs, so please contact the library if you'd like to help.

You can call the library at any time if you have any questions about our programs, want to renew a book, are looking for some general information, or want to know what's new on the shelves! Please call us at 732-0879, or find us on the web @ www.uhls.org/castleton or just stop in!! Don't forget we have public computers and wireless internet, photocopy

and fax service as well as a terrific interlibrary loan system. There are over one million items to request with delivery to your favorite library in a day or two! We are here to serve you, please use this FREE RESOURCE!

Our Friends of the Library group will be kicking off the membership drive again this spring, this is a great opportunity to help the library and meet and greet your neighbors. Plans for a book/ bake sale @ the Village wide garage sale on Mother's Day weekend is underway, as well as a trip to the Culinary Institute at the end of May. The group is looking for volunteers to help with the sale and for donations of new or gently used books, videos DVD's, CD's & audio books on tape. Stop in the Library this month for a chance to win specially created Easter baskets. The funds raised from these events are used to provide programming and materials for the Castleton Public Library.

As always, thanks for your support! The next Friends meeting is on March 18th at 7:00 PM. Come and join us!

Library Hours

**Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays:
2-8 PM**

Tuesdays: 11 AM-7 PM

Saturdays: 10 AM-2 PM

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REMEMBER...
***THE VILLAGE-WIDE
GARAGE SALE WILL
BE ON MAY 9TH AND
CLEAN-UP DAY WILL
BE MAY 23RD.***



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CASTLETON KIWANIS CLUB

The Castleton Kiwanis Club has been active in our area for over 60 years. The local Club is a group of men and women who believe that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a dedicated and caring group of volunteers. Kiwanis provides the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other people who are interested in serving the community, making new friends, and having fun while helping improve the local community. A member's activity level depends on the individual, some members attend most weekly meetings and participate in a majority of activities while others participate whenever their schedules permit. All members are considered valuable resources to the Club and community.

Our Club raises money primarily through Chicken Barbecues and our Memorial Day breakfast. These funds are then used to support such programs as an annual youth Christmas party, a New Year's Eve party for Senior Citizens, local Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop sponsorship, provide funds for school supplies to needy children in Schodack and many other important purposes.

The Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Scarnato's Restaurant. New members are always welcome. Come join your neighbors in serving the community and make some new friends. For more information call Harleen Hilton, President at 477-4572.