



### Village Elections

Sharon Martin was newly-elected Village Trustee and Amy Ryan was re-elected Village Trustee. Their terms expire in 2015.

Did you hear?  Castleton was on the radio. Mayor Joe Keegan was on the radio with radio host Richie Phillips from WGNA for a musical parody about Castleton.

Go to [WGNA.com](http://WGNA.com) and type Castleton in the search field, go to the live version, not the studio version, to hear Mayor Joe Keegan introducing the song and providing comments.

The Village Code Book is being updated and will be available in the near future. Currently, you can find the entire book on our website: [www.castleton-on-hudson.org](http://www.castleton-on-hudson.org).

# The Castletonian

## Water / Sewer / Trash

**BILLING:** We're about a year into using our new billing system for water, sewer and trash. We successfully installed a new water meter into every home in our service area, which includes both the entire village and some of the town, at **no extra cost** to our residents and the meters are working great! One thing we didn't think would be a big deal (but it was) was the timing of the second of the two billings. The end of year bills arrived in our mailboxes in the middle of December. That wasn't good timing. The board went back to the drawing board and we're now looking at quarterly billing. Quarterly billing would allow us to find leaks even faster than with semi-annual billing and since we would be billing every 3 months the dollar amounts would be lower but the amount of water included in the flat rate would be 1/4<sup>th</sup> of a year's total. Let us know what you think.

**TRASH:** Our trash contract is up in a few months. The village is looking into Single Stream Recycling, also known as "fully commingled" or "single-sort" recycling. This is a system in which all newspapers, magazines, cardboard, plastics, metals, and other plastic containers are mixed in a collection truck, instead of being sorted by each household. In Single Stream, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility. If the village chooses to go with Single Stream we would each get a much larger recycling bin, probably the size of our trash bin.

Proponents of Single Stream note several advantages:

- Reduced sorting effort by residents may mean more recyclables are placed at the curb and more residents participate in recycling;

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- Reduced collection costs because single-compartment trucks are cheaper to purchase and operate, collection can be automated, and collection routes can be serviced more efficiently;
- Worker injuries may decrease because the switch to single stream is often accompanied by a switch from bins to cart-based collection;
- Changing to single stream may provide an opportunity to update the collection and processing system and to add new materials to the list of recyclables accepted;
- More paper grades may be collected, including junk mail, telephone books and mixed residential;
- More recycling typically means less trash. The village pays for trash disposal by the ton.

**SEWER:** Our yearly reminder of what is okay and not okay to put down your drains.

*Toilets* - Only feces, urine, and toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet.

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## Saying Goodbye to Good Friends and Neighbors

### Donald Justus -

Don was the Mayor of Castleton for nine years and overall served some 30 years as an elected official. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Being active in his community, he coached both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, was a charter member of the Castleton Ambulance, a life member of the Castleton Fire Company, a member of the Castleton VFW Post 7337 and a life member of the Melvin Roads American Legion Post 1231. A very active boatman, he was a past commodore of the Castleton Boat Club, Inc., a past commodore of the Hudson-Mohawk Council of Yacht Clubs, and a past captain in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Active in local politics, he served as town chairman for the Rensselaer County Democratic Party for 20 years.

### Clara Koryn -

Green Avenue resident. Clara was a homemaker, an excellent cook, and was noted for her homemade pies.

### Thomas Cinelli -

He began his practice of general dentistry in 1964 in Castleton, where he continued to practice for 42 years.

Dr. Cinelli was an active participant in various community organizations including The Castleton Kiwanis Club (30yrs), The Schodack Business Association, The Waterfront Advisory Committee (chairman), and the Esquatak Historical Society. In 2004 he received the Castleton Community Appreciation Award.

### Betsy Stinner -

Betsy served as an RN for numerous years, taught at Albany Medical, was a Lamaze instructor, and was a director at Whitney Young Health Center. Prior to her retirement, she also built a successful cross-stitch business called Earth Threads and was an extremely accomplished cross stitch designer.

### Earl Ennis -

Earl was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy. He had retired from the Fort Orange Paper Company where he had been employed for 47 years. He was a life member of Castleton VFW Post 7337, a life member of the Castleton Fire Company, and a member of Emmanuel Reformed Church.

### Robert Leonard -

Bob worked nights as a policeman for the Village for

over 20 years. He was a life member of the Castleton Fire Company and worked for the Castleton Highway Department before retiring.

### Eleanor Tanner -

Eleanor taught in Castleton and as a teacher during World War II served on the ration board. She took time off after her children were born, returned to teaching at Maple Hill High School, and retired in 1974. She was a member of the Castleton Library board, volunteer fire department auxiliary, Castleton Study Club, Castleton Senior Citizens and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

### Donna Miller -

Good friend and neighbor to many in the village.

### Alan Metzger -

In addition to teaching at Maple Hill and Castleton Elementary Schools for more than 30 years, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Castleton Public Library, was a district grand lecturer of Eastern Star, a master of the Sunnyside Masonic Lodge, and a congregational lay leader and Sunday school teacher at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

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

[WWW.CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG](http://WWW.CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG)

Castleton Public Library hours:  
Monday-Wednesday:  
12PM-8PM  
Thursday-Friday:  
10AM-6PM  
Saturday:  
10AM-4PM  
Sunday:  
closed

The Library's 2012 Annual Report is an insert in this issue of the Castletonian. You can also read it online at:  
[WWW.CASTLETONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.CASTLETONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG).

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**Sinks** - should only be used to dispose of used water and soaps from washing or cleaning activities (yep, that's it).

**NEVER put the following down the sink or toilet:**

- Disposable diapers
- Tampons
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Mini or maxi pads
- Unused medications (put original containers in a plastic, zip-lock bag and throw in the trash)
- Condoms
- Cleaning wipes of any kind
- Facial tissue
- Bandages or bandage wrappings
- Syringes or Needles
- Cat litter (including so called "flushable" cat litter)
- Paint
- Never pour kitchen greases or oils down the drain - even if you think you are washing it down with hot water. Pour cooled grease into a can and throw it in the trash. Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash can.



## Water Saving Tips

Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month. ♣ Install covers on pools and hot tubs and check for leaks around your pumps. ♣ Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation. By the way: lawn watering uses **A LOT** of water. ♣ Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped. ♣ Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap. ♣ Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money. ♣ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time. ♣ If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model, which can save you up to 750 gallons a month. ♣ When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient. ♣ Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month. ♣ Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models. ♣ When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants. ♣ Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month. ♣ When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills. ♣ Walkways and patios provide space that doesn't ever need to be watered. These useful "rooms" can also add value to your property. ♣ Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety. ♣ When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load. ♣ Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use. ♣ Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean. ♣ Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home. ♣ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month. ♣ Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden to remind you when to stop. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons a minute. ♣ If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it. ♣ If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones. ♣ Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons a month or more. ♣ Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month. ♣ Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month. ♣ If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead. ♣ To save water and time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower. ♣

## The Castleonian

### MAYOR

JOSEPH KEEGAN

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MARIANNE CARNER, DEPUTY MAYOR

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JENIFER PRATICO

AMY RYAN

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### Save the Date!

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Cleanup at the  
Brickyard from  
9:00 am – noon.**

**Reminder: the Brickyard is open for the disposal of yard waste on two Saturdays, April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

An independent movie is being filmed in locations around Castleton beginning April 26<sup>th</sup>. The film titled: *Hobo Heyseus*, is by local filmmakers Jon and Tracy Cring, from a story by Troy screenwriter Joshua Owens. The Crings and Joshua Owens previously collaborated on *Creeping Crawling*, a black comedy-horror anthology that received a theatrical run at the Madison Theater in Albany last year. *Creeping Crawling* has gone on to win awards at national film festivals and will be featured at Fantacon 2013. Locals are invited to become part of the experience as background actors in several scenes (there's a pot luck scene being shot at the Lutheran Church on Green Ave - Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am - you can just show up). The cast includes professional actress Heidi Philipsen from Schenectady, television news anchor and stage actress Benita Zahn, and veteran actor Kenneth McGregor (*X-Men*, *Cocktail*, *The Hurricane*). Contact Jon Cring at [jrcring@gmail.com](mailto:jrcring@gmail.com) for more information.

### **The 6th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day takes place on: Saturday, April 27, 2013 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

This free, anonymous, no questions asked initiative prevents pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

**Schodack Police Department - 1797 Columbia Turnpike**

**East Greenbush Police Department - 227 Columbia Turnpike**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

### ROUTE 9J

9J will be closed south of Schodack Island State Park from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> to replace a culvert. Truck traffic will be very restricted on 9J but local traffic in and out of the village should not be affected.