



ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor: Joe Keegan

Trustees: Marianne Carner and Jenifer Pratico

The village residents also voted overwhelmingly to dissolve the village justice court. Effective immediately, the Town of Schodack court will now handle all tickets that would have been handled by the village court.

The village board wishes to thank Judge Paul Peter and the justice court staff for all the years of service they provided to the village.

The Castletonian

MAY 2014

Memorial Day Parade

This year's Memorial Day Parade will step off on Monday, May 26th at 10 AM. The parade will begin at the corner of Boltwood and Seaman Avenues and will conclude with ceremonies at the Mountain View Cemetery. The parade will include five divisions with participants from our churches, schools, community volunteer organizations, politicians and lots more. The VFW color guard will lead the parade.

As we take time to honor those who served our country, we would like to show our appreciation to any veteran or Gold Star Mother in our community by asking them to join us in the special seating area that has been reserved for them during the ceremony.

Our guest speaker will be former U. S. Army Captain Jake Ashby.

Please join us as we honor those who have

served their country so valiantly and well.

Additionally, Ted and Mary Lou Kulpa will be given the Community Appreciation Award this year in recognition of their many contributions to the community.

Save the Dates

- ♦ The Village-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th
- ♦ The Village-wide Picnic takes place the next day on Sunday, September 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM

Village Hall Update

We've been making some changes down at Village Hall. We've merged the position of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer into a single position (most villages our size did this years ago). Pam Smith, our current Treasurer will be the new Village Clerk-Treasurer.

The board thanks Peg Lill for her 4 years of great service to our community.

Also coming soon, the village will soon be accepting credit cards for payments for taxes, water, sewer and trash invoices.

Castleton Public Library

The Castleton Public Library is in its 104th year of providing services to the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson and extending services to the residents of the Town of Schodack. During 2013, we improved technology, developed a more user-friendly website design, and employed a part-time Librarian for youth services. We also collaborated with the Upper Hudson Library System and member libraries to provide exceptional library services and a robust collection of printed and electronic informational resources to Albany and Rensselaer County residents.

Improved Technology: In March of 2013, the CPL Board of Trustees approved the purchase of new computer hardware to replace the Library's outdated public access computers. The new hardware was installed in September and provides faster Internet browsing along with up-to-date software.

Newly Designed Website: We launched a newly designed website with the goal to provide a user-friendly interface with the most up-to-date information about the Library and its services. It's a mobile friendly design to allow easy navigation across multiple devices.

Library Programs: In May 2013, the Board approved adding the position of a Librarian I for youth services who would be tasked with organizing and providing programs for children and teens. The position was filled in December.

Library Materials: The library currently offers a robust selection of informational material to the community including: books, periodicals, audiobooks, DVDs and downloadable content (i.e. eBooks, audiobooks and videos). Early this year, the Library began offering streaming video through the UHLS digital collection. The collection is accessible here: <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/>

Libraries are an ever-changing community resource especially with so many resources online. The Castleton Public Library will continue to serve our families and patrons by providing access to computers, the Internet, educational programs and workshops, and a constantly growing collection of resources and tools.

Castleton Paperboard

This is the name of the project that might happen at the former Fort Orange site. If it happens, and that is still an *if*, the company would manufacture lightweight paperboard (more commonly known as cardboard). We are still working through the many details with the County and developers. The next few months will determine whether the project moves forward or not; so stay tuned.

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

RECYCLING

We've had our new recycling cans about 6 months now and residents are giving us positive feedback on the new cans.

This is great news and your recycling efforts are very much appreciated. Recycling is great for the environment and our village. Let us know how it's working for you.



Summer Paving

We will be paving Seaman Avenue this summer. Seaman is in bad shape and our paving budget is small so the board has decided that Seaman will be the only road fully paved this summer. Seaman really needs to be reconstructed much the way Green Ave was a few years ago. The cost to reconstruct Seaman was in excess of \$1 million dollars. The board did not want to add that kind of debt to the village so Seaman will be paved from Main St. up to Boltwood. That's the best we can do with our limited budget.



Big thanks to Coach Kyle Randall and the Maple Hill Boys Lacrosse team for helping to clean up the village during their spring break.

Castleton-Schodack Kiwanis Club

Congratulations to the members on celebrating their 75th year as an organization! This volunteer group raises money throughout the year with various events. 100% of the funds raised go to support community service projects. For example, they provide awards to graduates and funding for Eagle Scout projects.

Thanks to all the past and present members who labor to make a positive difference in our community!

Some Village History

It has been 250 years since construction of the village's oldest building, 99 South Main Street. Two tiles in the front facade show the initials of Johannes Van Buren and his father, Maas Van Buren, dated 1763. Constructed of brick sent upriver from Haverstraw, the building features a

Dutch gambrel roof and ornamental brickwork called "Mousetoothing".

Several prominent Castletonians lived here including the Van Burens, farmers and cousins of President Martin Van Buren; Hannibal Fink, supplier for the North during the Civil War; Reverend Edward

Stimpson, retired pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in 1876; Colonel Peter Brashear owner of the Fort Orange Paper Company in 1927; and Sidney Kimmelblatt, M.D., general practitioner who cared for patients at his home or office through the 1960's.

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We have a notary at Village Hall. Whenever our doors are open there will be a notary available. There is no charge for this service to our residents.

We Said Goodbye...

Willie Scheidel, 86, of Castleton died on March 17, 2014. Willie was the former judge of the Village of Castleton and the Town of Schodack. He was a member and past president of the Castleton Kiwanis, member of the F&AM Greenbush Lodge 87, a member of the Rensselaer Elks 2073, a member of Castleton VFW 7337, life member and past chief of the Castleton Fire Police.

Anne Slonski. Died May 4, 2014. She was a dedicated high school and elementary school teacher, whose outstanding career spanned five decades.

Dr. John Ridge. Longtime resident of the village and a chiropractor who had a practice in Rensselaer.

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

For Earth Day, Girl Scouts Olivia Neumann and Rachel Gardner, Brownie Hannah Gardner and high school student Elijah Neumann cleaned up of the bank and ravine that sits behind the graveyard in the village. Thank You !!!

STREETLIGHTS

Give the village clerk-treasurer a call at 732-2211 if you notice a streetlight is out.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

The Brickyard is open for the disposal of yard waste beginning April 19th and continuing every other Saturday through June 28th.