While at the Castleton firehouse picking up my chicken dinners from the Castleton Kiwanis Club on January 26th, Marianne Carner shared with me that the Village Board of the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson designated the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson a Purple Heart community at their December meeting. The Purple Heart medal is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. Peter Andrews Castleton Memorial VFW Post 7337 active members Edward Carney and Jerry Robinson are recipients of the Purple Heart. More information about the Purple Heart Award is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Heart.

August 7th is Purple Heart Day Nationally, and now also for the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson. I plan to work with the Village to have a public ceremony on that day to acknowledge and remember the sacrifices made by our local veterans, past and present, that have been awarded the Purple Heart.

I am creating a permanent record of past or present members of the Castleton/Schodack area that have been awarded the Purple Heart. Have you or a family member that has lived in the Castleton/Schodack area received a Purple Heart? Please contact me.

Marianne also told me that members of our Boy Scout Troop 53 have recorded the location of every banner that has been displayed via the Castleton/Schodack Military Banner Program, so that the banners can be redisplayed on the same poles. From Scoutmaster Jeffrey Brewer, “Our local Troop has been active in the Castleton and Schodack communities since 1924. The boys really enjoyed the project and completed it with more information than was requested in half the time allotted.” A big thank you to our Boy Scouts. (continued on page 8)

VILLAGE ELECTION
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Noon to 9:00 PM at Village Hall
We hope the start of the new decade has brought you renewed energy and enthusiasm. The Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association (COHMSA) is excited for the future!

Coming this year:
- First annual open meeting for membership and interested others – COMING SOON! (details will be on www.castletonmainstreet.org)
- Spring Cleanup Day – volunteers greatly appreciated!
- Fourth Annual Main Street Day Fun Halloween Event at the Village Inn – Sunday, October 25

Announcements:
- COHMSA received a grant for three dog waste stations. We gifted them to the Village and they’ve been installed on and near Main Street. Please use them to clean up after your dog.
- The signal flags that hang from the nautical flagpole and spell WELCOME HOME will be raised again in April and flown throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

“Meet Me on Main” flower boxes are coming back!
- Membership: We are working on our email list to communicate better with you. If you haven’t received any emails from us in the past 6 months, please send your email address to: info@castletonmainstreet.org
- We submitted an entry to the upcoming HGTV show, Home Town Takeover! We agreed with the other applicants that more is better. Cross your fingers, everyone!
- We would like to thank our members for their support. We would also like to welcome our 2020 sponsors: D’Lish Catering, Becker’s Farm, Flair for Hair, Maple Hill Trees, Sacred Heart Church VanDeWal Coating Company, and Schodack Podiatry. Thank you for supporting our efforts! For information on becoming a member or sponsor, please visit our website. Contact us: info@castletonmainstreet.org Website: www.castletonmainstreet.org
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: COHMSA

New York State Election Law does not allow Villages to hold elections on the third Tuesday of March if that date is the 17th so the Village Election will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from Noon to 9:00 pm at the Village Hall, 85 South Main Street, Castleton-on-Hudson.

We got approval from the groundhog, so the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers & Artisans Market (COHFAM) will hold Spring Fest on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Castleton Fire Department, 11 Green Avenue. Repair Café and many of the winter and summer vendors are returning. Space is still available for new vendors, email cindytimlovec.png or gina.giuliano@gmail.com for an application or private message the COHFAM Facebook page for details. Come to COHFAM and shop local for St. Patrick’s Day!

What do you do with a broken lamp? Or a sweater with a hole? Toss it? No way! The next Repair Café in the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson will be Friday, March 13, 2020 from 4:30-7:30 PM during the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers and Artisans Market Spring Fest at the Castleton Fire Department, 11 Green Avenue. People visiting the Repair Café bring along their broken but beloved items. Volunteers try their best to make repairs, and it’s free of charge! Services include electrical, sewing, and “jack-of-all-trades!” Do you like to fix things and want to volunteer? Contact us via email at gina.giuliano@gmail.com or stop by Repair Café. For more information about global Repair Café, visit Repaircafe.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS

CASTLETON-SCHODACK KIWANIS CLUB

The Castleton-Schodack Kiwanis Club welcomes our newest members
We are very pleased to welcome four new members to our club – Rae Bennett, Anthony Canestro, Deb Legge, and Pat Whitbeck are our newest members. They have “hit the ground running,” making an immediate impact with their enthusiasm and service!

Chicken BBQ Dinner Fundraisers
Thank you to our community who came out in full force for our January Chicken BBQ! Your support allows us to continue to do good work in our community. Our next Chicken BBQ dinner sale will be held on Sunday, March 29th, from 12-4pm at the Castleton Fire Company. The Maple Hill HS Key Club will also be holding a bake sale that day. It is strongly recommended that you reserve your dinners in advance, as we have sold out in the past. You can call 518-732-4228 up until March 28th to pre-order dinners. You can reserve then as well. If you do not receive a phone call to remind you about the BBQ and would like to receive one, please email us at castletonkiwanis@gmail.com.

Suicide Prevention Event
We are working with the Maple Hill HS Key Club on the planning of a Suicide Prevention Event at MHHS, to be held on Tuesday, April 28th. The event will consist of a community-based program which covers an introduction to suicide prevention, and will be followed by an “Out of the Darkness” walk. Look for more details on our Facebook page as the date gets closer, we hope to have a great community turnout for this important event.

We are always looking for new members, and are grateful for the members we have! Please join us at one of our meetings, held Wednesday evenings at 6:30, to get more information about whether you might like to become a Kiwanian. Meetings are held at the Schodack Diner on the corner of Rt 9 & 20.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DAY

The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Association will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 25, 2020. The collection will take place at the Town of Pittstown Highway Garage, located at 2500 NY Rte 67. From 8 am to Noon. YOU MUST REGISTER, CALL 518-687-1018 or visit www.ercswma.org

Below is a list of accepted materials for the Hazardous Waste Collection. These materials CANNOT be disposed of through weekly garbage pick up or the Village Clean-Up Day.
- Kerosene
- Used Oil
- Gasoline
- Anti-Freeze
- Car Batteries
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool Chemicals
- Ammonia
- Harsh Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Adhesives & Glues
- Mothballs
- CFC/CFL Bulbs
- Stains
- Household Batteries
- Pesticides
- Lighter Fluid
- Turpentine
- Oil Based Paint
- Latex Paint
- Mercury Thermometers
- Lye

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Starting on May 4, 2020, the Castleton Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the entire Castleton distribution system. Flushing commences at 9:00 AM and continues to 12:00 noon. The flushing will continue on every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday until the entire system has been completed. The projected completion date is Wednesday, May 27, 2020. During the time periods mentioned and for a period thereafter, residents may notice some discolored water and should refrain from doing laundry. The Water Department thanks you in advance for your patience.
NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE

CASTLETON AMBULANCE

Thank you for your support on the Sub Sale! Castleton Ambulance is always looking for new members! You don’t need to ride on the ambulance to be a member. There are many jobs that are behind the scene and are just as important. If you have a few hours a week/month to help out your community, please contact 518-732-2525 or stop in on the third Monday night of the month and speak to one of our members.

CASTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our 2020 officers are: President – Donald Hancock; Vice President – Mark Rosetti; Secretary – Debbie Lammerts; Financial Secretary – Al Saville; Treasurer – Mike Doughtie. Trustees – Vinnie Brewer, Mike Doughtie and Christian Lafferty. Lieutenants, Tate Tibbits, Nick Carner, Jacob Lafferty; and Christian Lafferty. Congratulations to all! We love seeing you at the monthly breakfast! Remember it is the first Sunday of the Month, with the last one in May.

If you have a few hours and are looking to volunteer some time, being a part of the fire department is very rewarding. Not all positions are fighting fires, please stop by any Tuesday night and speak to one of the Chiefs. We love to show off our trucks and answer any questions you might have.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 25, 2020 10:00 AM

CASTLETON CLEAN UP DAY
Saturday, May 2nd
9:00 AM – Noon
At the Brickyard

- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- FEES FOR CLEAN-UP DAY
  - Car Trunk Load $5.00
  - Small Pick-Up Truck Load $10.00
  - Large Pick-Up Truck Load $15.00
  - Trailer Load $20.00

- WHITE GOODS:
  - Refrigerator, Freezer
  - Air Conditioner, Dehumidifer
  - Stove, Washer, Dryer
  - Hot Water Tanks
  - Lawn Mowers

- SCRAP METALS:
  - Bicycles, Gutters, Sinks,
  - Lawn Chairs/Tables

- FURNITURE:
  - Stuffed Furniture (any size)
  - Sleeper Sofa
  - Mattress or Box Spring
  - Rug (up to 12’ by 12’)

- MISCELLANEOUS:
  - Plastics, Large Toys, Pools/Liners,
  - Tarps, Sports Equipment,
  - 20 gal. Propane Tanks

- TIRES:
  - Auto Tires (up to 15”, no rims)
  - Auto Tires (up to 15”, rims)
  - Truck Tires (less than 19”, rims)
  - Truck Tires (19+, no rims)

- BRUSH/YARD MATERIALS:
  - Brush can be no more than 1.5” Diameter

- CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION MATERIALS:
  - Shingles, Lathe, Plaster
  - Non-Hazardous Insulation, Fixtures, Etc.

- TELEVISIONS:
  - Less than 27” $10.00
  - 27” to 36” $20.00
  - 36” or more, including wood
  - Console and projection $30.00
Beginning on Friday, April 17, 2020, the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Department of Public Works will begin sweeping streets. Weekly street sweeping of Main Street has been difficult due to the number of parked cars that are not following the parking regulations for Friday morning cleaning. Our code enforcement officer has been issuing tickets to encourage compliance. This is not just a “beautification” effort to remove debris from the street but is required by NYS regulation.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Federal Clean Water Act established rules to protect rivers and streams under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm-water Program. As a result, The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) regulates certain areas of the State, including the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

The Village is required to have a Storm Water Management Plan (SWM) to ensure that numerous control measures are in place to mitigate risk of contamination of the Hudson River. Activities include sweeping streets as well as curb-side leaf pickup, cleaning-out storm water catch basins, cleaning-up trees/branches after storms and more. Please remember to follow the odd and even parking regulations for Friday street sweeping. The full SWM plan is available on the Village website.
Help Your Community by Completing The

2020 US CENSUS

Participating in the 2020 Census helps you, your neighbors, and your community by giving an accurate representation of the make up and needs of your area. The census is only a few questions and does not take long to complete. This year it's even easier: complete by mail, by phone, or online!

Why is the 2020 Census important?

► The Census only happens every 10 years and the information that you provide helps to determine a lot!
► An accurate Census lets federal and state governments know what funding needs to be provided to your community
► The Census determines how many representatives your state gets and without an accurate count of the population New York could lose members
► All the information that you provide is only used by the Census. No other government agencies will have access to it
► The Census is quick and easy to complete, by mail, by phone or online!

Castle Tony wants you to help get the word out on why participating in the census is so important

Check your mailbox the first week in March!
2019 Annual Report: Your Library, by the Numbers

2019 was a great year for CPL. We’re growing - thanks to the people in our community!

We strive to satisfy our community’s educational and recreational needs by providing free and open access to a comprehensive range of materials, services, and classes/events for all ages. We’re always looking for ways to serve you better — please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions.

Haven’t visited us lately? Come discover what we have to offer! For complete information about our free services and programs for children, teens, & adults, visit our website (castletonpubliclibrary.org), like us on Facebook (facebook.com/castletonpubliclibrary), or stop into the library and pick up an events calendar.

Visit Area Museums for Free with Our Museum Passes!

Did you know that you can use your library card to borrow passes for free or reduced admission to area museums?

Passes are loaned for 3 days; passes checked out from CPL must be returned to CPL.

We have the following museum passes in our collection for 2020 (please note that some museums are open seasonally and may not be open yet):

- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Berkshire Botanical Garden
- Berkshire Museum
- Children’s Museum at Saratoga
- Children’s Museum of Science and Technology
- Clark Art Institute
- Crailo State Historic Site
- Empire Pass (NYS Parks)
- Empire State Aerosciences Museum
- FASNY Museum of Firefighting
- Hancock Shaker Village
- The Hyde Collection
- MASSMoCA (Mass. Mus. of Contemporary Art)
- misci (Museum of Innovation and Science)
- Norman Rockwell Museum
- Olana State Historic Site
- USS Slater
Mayor
Robert Schmidt

Trustees
Marianne Carner, Deputy Mayor
Gina Giuliano
Sharon Martin
Jenifer Pratico

Clerk/Treasurer
Padraic Ellis
Deputy Clerk
Janice Better

We have a notary at the Village Hall. The notary will be available during office hours. There is no charge for this service to Village residents.

Water Payment Reminder

4th Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills will be mailed on February 28, 2020, and must be paid by March 31, 2020 to avoid penalty. Please remember if you do not receive your bill by March 5th, call the Clerk’s Office to obtain a copy of your bill.

Don’t forget that we do accept online credit card payments for the water, sewer, and refuse bills.

Purple Heart Recipients

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Our VFW Post is looking for new members. If you think you or someone you know might qualify for membership...


... please send me contact information for you and/or them so that I may share all the good things about being a VFW member, especially of our VFW Post.

Loving this community,
Ricardo E. “Rik” Cosgrave, Commander
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My Cell Phone: 518-694-2070

We say goodbye...

Rose D. Leonard (88) - Rose passed on November 3, 2019. She was a member of the Castleton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and a part of the Maple Hill Soccer Family.

Dyllan J. Amodeo (28) - Dyllan passed on December 4th, 2019. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and cousin.

William (Bill) Roe (59) - Bill passed away on December 13, 2019. He was employed by 3M and enjoyed coaching his children’s baseball, basketball, soccer, and tennis teams.

Domenick Ercolano (94) - Domenick passed on December 21, 2019. following an illness. He was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in the South Pacific from 1945-1946. He served as Chaplain for the Peter Andrews Memorial VFW Post #7337.

Jon C. Roberts (74) - Jon passed on December 26, 2019. He worked for Sterling Drug for 30 years, where he advanced from entry level accountant to comptroller.

E-Z Pass Tags are available for purchase at the Castleton-on-Hudson Village Hall for only $25.00.