Hydrant flushing will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the month of September, 2020. The time for flushing will occur between 9 AM – Noon.

Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for September 26, 2020, at the Brickyard. The Brickyard will be open from 9:00 AM – Noon. Please check page 3 to see what is accepted. All electronics will be accepted for recycling.

The Village Office will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day, October 12th for Columbus Day, November 11th for Veteran’s Day and November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving.

Leaf Pick-Up begins October 13th through December 4th. Please rake the leaves to the edge of your lawn for pick-up or place the leaves in biodegradable bags.

Purple Heart Day

The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson and VFW Post 7337 will be celebrating Purple Heart Day on Friday, August 7, 2020. Check the village website for details.

Village Hall Open to the Public

Village Hall has reopened to the public to conduct business. If you need to pay a bill, apply for a building permit, or purchase an EZ Pass feel free to come see us. We have enacted some new guidelines to protect the health of the residents and the staff:

- Please enter through the front door and exit through the back door
- Please wear a mask or protective covering when inside the building
- Please sign in at the office window
- If there is a resident currently at the window, please stand on the marked squares on the floor to practice social distancing

These policies have been put in place because we care about the health of our community and we thank our residents for being cooperative during hard times.

Currently the restroom is closed to the public.

For information on the Castleton Public Library, see page 7.

Village Election

The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson election originally scheduled for March has been postponed until Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Polls will be open at the Village Hall from Noon until 9:00 pm. Please follow all above guidelines when at the Village Hall or apply for an absentee ballot. Thank you from all of us at the Village!
NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE

UPDATE ON CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON VILLAGE GRANT ACTIVITY

As many of you know, the Village has a limited budget and needs to obtain grant funding for any extra work and improvement projects. Here is an overview of all the active grants and new grant applications. A special thanks goes to Trustee Gina Giuliano for writing and managing these grants.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Estuary Grant $50,000 - Riverfront Park (Scott and Main)
Scenic Hudson released their Hudson River Access Plan in March and it is available on the Village webpage. The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson’s ¾ acre Riverfront Park was identified as the top priority, just as it had been by the Rensselaer Land Trust’s study in 2018. In February 2020, the Village used Estuary grant funding to hire environmental attorneys Gary Bowitch and David Devaprasad to lead the negotiating effort to obtain access to Riverfront Park. Most recently, U.S. Congress Members Paul Tonko, Antonio Delgado and Sean Patrick Maloney have been corresponding with Amtrak on the subject of Hudson River access for east bank communities, highlighting Castleton-on-Hudson’s case in their appeal. This is a critical time; access is in clearly sight and the 25-year-long quest is nearly over.

The Preservation League of New York State (2019) $3,000
Curtis Noyes Engine House (4 Green Ave)
The purpose of the grant was to conduct a building conditions report for historic structures. This assessment is the first step in renovating the building. Landmark Consulting completed the Building Condition Report for the W. Curtis Noyes Engine House this past spring. Our grant award was one of 31 projects in 25 counties to receive funding. The completed building condition report enables the Village to prioritize repairs and seek additional grant funding to support restoration of this significant structure in the center of downtown.

Here is a little history if you are not familiar with this building. In 1871, after a severe fire in the Village, a fire company organized and built this small brick engine house in Romanesque Revival style on land donated to the Village by William Curtis Noyes (1805-1864) for educational purposes. Mr. Noyes was an attorney from Schodack who was eulogized by Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. The Frank P. Harder Engine Company took up residence in the W. Curtis Noyes House and was comprised of 60 men for the engine company and an additional 20 for the hose company. The building also has a jail cell on the first floor. The second floor also served as a meeting place for the Village Board.

AARP Community Challenge (2018) $1,500
Curtis Noyes Engine House (Adjacent property at 2 Green Ave.)
This was a grant to place a bulletin board, planters, and benches just outside the Engine House. An anonymous volunteer generously made all items except the bulletin board with the grant paying for materials only, resulting in twice as many benches and planters. The COH Tree Committee secured Tree City designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for the Village and planted trees on the lot last fall. New grants recently submitted:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Village Tree Inventory
An application was submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funding to conduct a tree inventory of the Village and Mountain View Cemetery. During the winter, a grant reviewer conducted a site visit. Due to COVID-19, final review is on hold, but as soon as funding becomes available, the Village’s proposal will still be in the running!

Northern Border Regional Commission (NRBC) $250,000 Improvements and Access to Riverfront Park
In 2019, for the first time, Rensselaer County communities became eligible to apply for Northern Border Regional Commission (NRBC) grants. On June 1, we applied for $250,000 to support infrastructure to access Riverfront Park.

-Mayor Robert Schmidt
NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE

REMINDERS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS

- Please keep bags of curbside debris at 25 pounds or less so that they can be picked up and transported by the Village
- Check the Village calendar for drop off of lawn debris at the Brickyard on Saturdays
- Please slow down and be aware of the employees working during the summer as roads are being patched and repaired, as well as children and families riding bikes and enjoying the nice weather
- Please do not blow grass clippings into the street after mowing your lawn, the debris gets into the storm water system
- Please observe parking regulations as street sweeping takes place on Fridays
- Have a safe and happy summer!

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Starting on September 1, 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, September 30, 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.

STREET CLEANING

Beginning on Friday, April 17, 2020, the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Department of Public Works has been 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 Stormwater 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 (SWMP) 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.

Castleton Clean Up Day
Saturday, Sept. 26th
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, Dehumidifier
- 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
The Castletonian Farmers & Artisans Market (COHFAM) has returned to its summer home at the corner of Scott Avenue (150) and Main Street (9J) in the Village and began its fifth season on Friday, June 5. COHFAM will be held every Friday from 4:30-7:30 pm until September 25. The current New York Forward Phase we are in at the time of writing permits the market to feature fresh vegetables, take-away food items, crafts and massage, but no entertainment, and Repair Café is on hold, whether at COHFAM or the Village Hall (or globally).

Market patrons are required to wear masks and observe social distancing. Hand sanitizer is available. Jean from 52 Hilton on Main is generously providing free masks at her booth, as well as offering jams, photo cards, weavings, knit goods and bracelets for sale. New vendors welcome; visit COHFAM on Facebook to get an application or email gina.giuliano@gmail.com for more information. Come to COHFAM, the little market with the big heart, enjoy the river view, pick up fresh veggies from Lovemoore Family Farms, get a massage from Maryalice and support the local economy!

Greetings from the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association (COHMSA). Our world looks very different since COHMSA’s last update. Due to our State-mandated COVID-19 PAUSE, COHMSA events and special activities are postponed indefinitely at this time. If activities are resumed and rescheduled, we will announce them in the Castletonian, on our website and on social media. Our Team’s thoughts and hearts are with all the families devastated by this terrible pandemic.

We are able to update you on a few of the things that are happening on and around Main Street:

FLOWERS: We’ve planted our “Meet Me on Main” flower boxes. Look for our new galvanized planter, donated by Tractor Supply.

CLEANUP: Spring is time for cleaning, and we cleaned up Main Street on May 2. We encourage residents and business owners to take pride in their property and help keep things neat. How? Clean up after your dog. (Dog waste stations obtained through a grant have been donated by COHMSA. Thank you to the DPW for installing.) Weed along buildings, sidewalks and trees. If there is a “Meet Me on Main” planter in front of your property, please water the flowers. Throw trash where it belongs. Leave it nicer than you found it. We all benefit when Main Street looks nicer.

FLAGS: We have replaced the American flag and signal flags that hang from the nautical flagpole. We are also securing a more effective lighting option. Did you know the colorful flags each represent a letter? They spell out WELCOME HOME, conveying a warm message to our fellow Castletonians.

EXERCISE: COHMSA encourages everyone to stay active. What better way than to walk the Main Street Mile? This marked one-mile walking loop between Seaman and Stimpson Avenues will offer you gorgeous river sunsets and maybe even a bald eagle sighting – all while social distancing, of course!

BEAUTIFICATION: COHMSA is hard at work applying for grants to bring some public art to Main Street. Fingers crossed.

VOLUNTEER: If you have experience or interest in writing grants, please contact us. We are always seeking assistance with grant opportunities.

We hope to be able to bring some events to you later this year. Stay tuned for updates. And as always, we welcome ideas and suggestions. Contact us: info@castletonmainstreet.org  Website: www.castletonmainstreet.org  Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: COHMSA
COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Anchor Food Pantry is open and we are ready to assist any and all of our local residents who need food during this hard time. If you find yourself in food need, please come in. Everyone needs a little assistance in their life occasionally and we want to help you!

The Thrift stores have not been reopened at this time. Hopefully it will be soon, we just do not have a date yet.

Our hours have remained the same; Mondays 5 to 7; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to 2 and the first Saturday of every month from 10 to 1. If you need special assistance, just call 518-732-4120; we can talk about your situation and make arrangements.

The local restaurants who had to postpone our Spring fund raisers will be holding them in the fall, stay tuned for updates. Take care and be safe this summer.

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

We hope all of our residents are safe and doing well. The Friends of Castleton Public Library are reaching out to expand our membership. We know these are not normal times, and are a struggle for many. Many organizations have canceled all fundraising events. At this time, there are only two ways to raise funds for our library: Friends of CPL membership (see form below) and a ongoing bottle drive at 6 Center Redemption in Rensselaer (more info below Friends membership form). We thank you for your support!

Drop your bottles off at 6 Center Redemption ALL YEAR LONG!
Address: 6 Center Redemption, 550 South St. (Route 9J), Rensselaer, NY 12144
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00-4:30, Saturday 9:00-2:30 Phone number: 518-650-6170
MAKE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE DONATING TO FRIENDS OF THE CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY!
Please only take your bottles/cans to 6 Center Redemption; do not bring bottles/cans to the library.

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Name: Address:
Phone: Email:
Type of membership: Single: $10 Family/Household:$20 Business:$30

Checks to: FRIENDS OF THE CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Mail to: Friends of the Castleton Public Library, 85 S. Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033
KEEP CASTLETON CLEAN

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

"This way I keep the law and don't get grossed out."

"I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY... I HEARD HIM SNICKER!"

SNICKER IF YOU MUST.
I JUST THINK IT'S THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO.
Summer Reading Fun is Here!

Summer is here, and our Summer Reading Club is in full swing. This year’s theme is Imagine Your Story!

Reading over the summer helps maintain reading skills and helps kids and teens stay motivated to learn. We also have an early literacy program to engage babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and help get them ready to read. And Summer Reading isn’t just for kids! We’re offering classes and events that are fun for the whole family, as well as a reading challenge and events for adults.

By participating in the Summer Reading Club, children, teens, and adults can also enter to win prizes, thanks to the support of the Friends of Castleton Public Library, Stewart’s Shops Holiday Match Program, and the Castleton-Schodack Kiwanis!

This year’s Summer Reading Club will be different from previous years. In order to help keep our staff and community safe, we will not be hosting events in the library this summer. However, we will offer a variety of events online, as well as “take-and-make” kits for kids’ crafts and science projects. The library will also be open to check out books, movies, and more!

Our Summer Reading Club registration is open and you can register throughout the summer! You can register online at http://castny05.readsquarad.com. Prefer to use a paper record? No problem! You can pick up a copy of our summer guide at the library.

Visit our website (www.castletonpubliclibrary.org) for the latest information about the library’s services! We hope you’ll join us for fun & learning this summer!

Explore Our Digital Resources!

Did you know that you can enjoy eBooks, digital audiobooks, digital magazines, video, and TV for free using your library card?

Don’t have a library card? visit https://sierra.uhls.org/selfreg to sign up for a temporary digital access barcode.

Having issues getting started with any of these services, or have questions? Send an email to director@castletonpubliclibrary.org or call 518-732-0879.


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WE SAY GOODBYE...

Elizabeth G. Strain (21) - Elizabeth passed on March 2nd, 2020. She attended Schodack Central Schools, where she graduated from Maple Hill High School in 2019.

Catherine M. Tully (65) - Catherine passed on March 31, 2020. She served as Home Rule Counsel to the Assembly and member of the choir at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

John F. Kienzle (75) - John passed on April 18, 2020. He taught History at Maple Hill High School for 36 years and was a passionate and energetic teacher known for his use of period costumes. He was always generous, especially in giving out free ‘Kienzle’ pens.

William Hoyt (87) - William passed on April 19, 2020. He was a member of the ambulance rescue crew in South Schodack and served on the Schodack Town Park Committee.

William H. Wernig (80) - William passed on April 29, 2020. Dick worked in several occupations over his career including surveying, ice delivery, and his blacktop business.

Jean E. Wernig (80) - Jean passed on May 1st, 2020. Jean worked for many years at Sterling Winthrop Research Institute and also ran a very successful business in the ‘70s, PJ’s Diner.

Robin L. Brayson (77) - Robin passed on May 18, 2020. He was an Air Force veteran serving from 1962-1967 and attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Dean A. Schermerhorn (80) - Dean passed on May 18, 2020. Dean was an Air Force veteran, a former President of the Castleton Fire Company, social director for the Castleton Boat Club, and was also a member of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge.

Cristy A. Barnhart (75) - Cristy passed on June 8, 2020. He joined the US Navy during the Vietnam War and belonged to the Castleton VFW Post 7337 for 44 years.

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

Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Election
Tuesday, September 15th, 2020
Noon to 9:00 PM at the Village Hall