The Castletonian
April 2022

Village Election Results

Mayor Joe Keegan—reelected for 2 year term ending 2024
Deputy Mayor Jen Pratico—reelected for 2 year term ending 2024
Trusted Lisa D’Aquanni - reelected for 2 year term ending 2024

Also passed by almost unanimous consent:

Increase to LOSAP for volunteer firefighters

Congratulations to all the candidates and thank you to our community for recognizing the importance of our volunteers.

Main Street / 9J Paving Project

Route 9J from Stilings Electric in Rensselaer to Brickyard Road in Castleton (about 1 block south of Village Hall) will be getting paved during the month of April. This Project will include: making curb corners on Main Street ADA compliant, adding two cross-walks on Main Street, milling the road and finally repaving the road. The curb corners part of the job is basically complete but milling and paving includes many large trucks so all cars will need to be off Main Street and 9J within Village limits when milling and paving is occurring. Those exact dates have not been provided to the Village at this time.

During milling and paving days cars on Justus Lane or the Village lots next to the Poke Jar may be blocked, please plan accordingly. Temporary alternate parking has been made available behind the Noyes Engine House on First Street (near Grant’s Garage). Signs are posted to indicate public parking.

If you haven’t already, why not sign up for our important notice/ emergency texts. Send a text to 518.394.8800 and type Village123 in the message. It’s that easy.

Also check out our Facebook page named Village of Castleton on Hudson or visit our website: www.castleton-on-hudson.org

If you have any questions please call Village Hall between 9 – 3 at 518.732.2211 ext 2 or 3

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation during this project.
SPRING IS HERE — WHAT’S NEW IN THE VILLAGE?

Welcome Poke Jar — 28 S. Main Street
518.336.4404  www.thepokejar.com
Sushi, Tacos, Ramen, Poke Bowls, Gyoza
Tues and Wed 11am – 7pm
Thurs thru Sat 11am – 8pm

Main Street is getting paved and we’re getting two new crosswalks across 9J. All the corners of Main Street are getting new ADA compliant curbs (great for bike riding and strollers too).

The Castleton—Schodack Memorial Day Parade is back!!! One of the largest parades in the County. C’mon out to honor those who gave their lives for our country. And to honor those who are currently serving. Mon, May 30th — 10am start.

Not as exciting but still important: Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for May 7, 2022, at the Brickyard. The Brickyard will be open from 9:00 AM – Noon. We take almost anything except Hazardous materials (paint, car batteries, etc). We do take electronics, old A/C units, lawn mowers, couches, nana’s potty chair, hoses, TV’s, monitors and lots more. Small fee but totally worth it. Village residents only.
LET’S TALK VILLAGE FINANCES

New York State reviews every municipality each year and assigns them a Fiscal Stress score. A high stress score is not good. The State levels of stress are:

- Significant Fiscal Stress: 65-100
- Moderate Fiscal Stress: 55—64.5
- Susceptible Fiscal Stress: 45 – 54.9
- No Designation: 0-44.9

For 2021 the Village of Castleton on Hudson Fiscal Stress score is: 21.7 or No Designation.

How are other municipalities doing?

AND WHAT WAS THAT I HEARD ABOUT SEWER RATES?

Yes, Sewer rates are rising a bit to help pay off our debt for our newly updated sewage treatment plant. We’re phasing in the increases over a period of 3 years until we know the exact cost of yearly operations with the upgrade. We’re saving money in a bunch of areas, mainly sludge removal (don’t ask), but we did add two new buildings that need power and heat. We also have more computer equipment so we’re just not sure of our new yearly operations expense.

Current rates for residences: $95 per quarter, $380 annually
Proposed rates starting June 2022: $128 per quarter
Proposed rates starting June 2023: $139 per quarter
Proposed rates starting June 2024: $151 per quarter
NYS Average is $709 annually.

Rates also depend on how many units the costs are spread around. Right now we have 964 units. We’d like to spread those costs to more units and we’re talking to the town about adding more customers.
CASTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Last Firehouse Breakfast of the year is **Sunday, May 8th** (yes, the 2nd Sunday of May so we can serve Mom. Mom’s eat free!). 8am to 11am

Never Been? C’mon down and grab a couple seats at a communal table.

Menu includes: Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, and amazing home fries. Juice and plenty of coffee. It’s a great opportunity to meet some neighbors while enjoying a made to order delicious breakfast and donating to our volunteers. Plenty of parking.

Everyone is welcome. From Main Street, turn onto Green Ave, one and a half blocks up on the left.

Breakfasts will resume in October. Enjoy the summer !!

CASTLETON AMBULANCE

The ambulance hall is now available for rental. Please leave a message on the answering machine at 518-732-2563. We are honored to be able to serve our Community and will continue to do so.

We always welcome any new members and could use your help. **Looking to be part of the Ambulance crew?** We need drivers, EMTs, Attendants and Associates. Hours are flexible and we’ll train you. Call today for an application— *(518) 732-2563.*

CASTLETON MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

**Riverkeeper Sweep!** Saturday, May 7th, 2022
River Rest (bottom of Scott Ave.) 9am – Noon

**Main Street Cleanup!** Saturday, May 14th, 2022
River Rest (bottom of Scott Ave.) 9am – Noon

For details: [www.castletonmainstreet.org](http://www.castletonmainstreet.org)

VILLAGE HALL

Free N95 masks and Covid test kits to Village residents while they last.
PARK DETAILS

Schodack Island State Park

Info: (518) 732-0187

Pavilion Information
Schodack Island has four pavilions. Prices range from $50 to $125 and can hold 25 to 125 people. Reserve at ReserveAmerica.com

Seasons/Hours: The park is open year round, dawn to dusk.

Camping open from May - November

Vehicle Entrance Fee
Mid-April to mid-October: Cars $6 on weekends and holidays

Campsites
$15-27/per night*$5 nightly fee for non-NYS residents

Dry Slip Boat Permit
$175 for the season from - May 1st to Columbus Day

$ 75 per month if available.

Other fun things include:
Playground
Comfort Station (potty)
Kayak Launch
Fishing
Boat Launch
Hiking
Birding

Schodack Island State Park opened in 2002 and is just a quick drive from our Village. There is a fun playground, hiking trails, picnic tables, 8 miles of trails and a pier to view the Hudson River. Campsites were only added in 2016.

Looking to have a family party? The park rents Pavilions at very reasonable prices. The park does close at dusk so no evening events.

Check out the Schodack Island State Park facebook page for the latest on their many activities.

SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXTS OR CALLS YET?

We offer a few options for residents or family members of residents to get emergency notifications.

Robocalls - got a landline phone? Give Village Hall a call at 518.732.2211 (option 2) and ask to be on the robocall list.

Facebook — check out the Village Facebook page for emergency notifications. We are: Village of Castleton on Hudson

Village Website — check out our website at: castleton-on-hudson.org

On the website you can also find: zoom links, meeting minutes, comprehensive plan info, link to pay water, sewer and refuse bills online, all the Castletonians in color, history of the Village, names of Board Members… you name it, we have it.
**Transfer Station** — 446 Poyneer Road  Open: Tues-Sat

What’s free to bring to the transfer station?:

- Used motor oil
- Anti Freeze
- Car Batteries
- Batteries
- Small Electronics
- Machines, monitors
- Keyboards, small TV
- Brush and small logs
- Magazines

**DMV in Schodack**

The satellite DMV office is back open.

Time: Tuesdays 9am – 3pm

Location: Schodack Town Hall.