



If it snows and you're not able to park in your own driveway, here is where you can park: For North Main Street: Park on the west side of the street (river side). For South Main Street: While it is snowing, park on the east side of the street (The Store side); once the snow stops, move to the west side. For everyone else in the Village, we use the odd/even system so that the plows don't have to zig-zag in and out of parked cars on both sides of the street. On odd days we ask that you NOT park on the odd side of the street. On even days we ask that you NOT park on the even side of the street. If you live at a dead end, please do not use that space for parking so the plows can push the snow to the end of the street. During a snow emergency there is NO parking on any of the hills in the Village. This includes Stimpson Avenue, Green Avenue, Scott Avenue and Seaman Avenue. If you do not have a driveway, you can temporarily park at one of the following locations: Sacred Heart Church on Stimpson Avenue; Trinity Lutheran Church on Green Avenue; Behind the fire house; the two Village-owned parking lots on South Main Street. One is across from the post office next to Grant's Auto and the other is next to the Cherrybrook diner across from The Store.

The Castletonian

January 2022

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - WWW.PLAN4CASTLETON.ORG

The Village has undertaken an update to our Comprehensive Plan. Also called a master plan, the finished document will help Village decision makers like the Village board, DPW, Water and Wastewater, Fire Dep't and the library with a guide when making land use, development, and other long-range planning decisions in the Village. And we want lots of input from the community!

Please complete the survey located either on line or grab a paper copy from Village Hall or the Library and give us your thoughts.

This is a year long project so give some thought to each question on the survey and help us plan the future of Castleton.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MY VILLAGE, MY VOICE

The **Village of Castleton-on-Hudson** is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan — a document that will provide direction in making land use, development, and other long-range planning decisions in the Village. With input from residents, the plan will outline where the community has been, where it wants to go, and how it will get there.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- HOUSING
- NATURAL RESOURCES
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES
- COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- LAND USE & PLANNING



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Two important events coming up:

Mon, Jan 24th at 7pm at the Fire house on Green Ave.

Sewer Rates: Village board will hear public comment regarding an increase to sewer rates to help pay off the recent plant upgrade.

Mon, Feb 28th at 7pm at the Fire house on Green Ave.

Hudson River Access: Village board will update public and hear public comment regarding DOT proposed pedestrian overpass at bottom of Scott Ave. Alternate ideas for access will also be addressed.

Both Meetings can also be attended via Zoom. Questions and comments can be asked via Zoom.

HOLIDAY PHOTOS 2021 (PHOTOS BY LISSA D'AQUANNI)



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

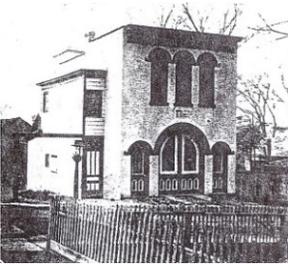
CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON.ORG

BLDG PERMITS

A reminder that building permits are required for most home alterations including (but not limited to): new roof shingles, new windows, adding a room of any kind, adding a garage or shed, adding solar panels, cutting trees (if your property is in the critical overlay), adding a fence or deck, demolishing a structure (garage, shed, or house). Not sure? Give Gary Zeigler a call. 518.605.2184

NOYES ENGINE HOUSE

The Village received a \$50,000 grant to stabilize the Noyes Engine House thanks to our Assemblyman Jake Ashby.



Located behind Grants Auto on Green Ave, The Noyes Engine House is owned by the Village. The Village Board hopes to create a public space once the building is restored.

Phase 1 is to stabilize the structure which will require brick repointing and tightening up the roof so water drains away from the building. The Village acquired 2 Green Avenue, a vacant lot next to the Engine House, from Rensselaer County in 2018. In 2019 The Preservation League of New York State awarded a Preserve New York (PNY) grant to the Village and consultants documented the exact condition of the structure which the Village will use as a blueprint for the stabilization work.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE — WE'RE ALMOST DONE — !!

Some History — the existing facility was constructed in 1987 which makes it now 34 years old. The plant was upgraded with ultraviolet disinfection in 2009. It was time to do a major upgrade.

Financing — we closed on financing Dec 9th, 2021 at probably the most favorable interest rates in recent history. We borrowed just under \$6 million dollars and our interest rate for the next 15 years is under 2%. Years 15 to 30 the rate goes no higher than 3%. We will have to adjust rates for all users to pay down the loan.

Who Uses the System — the plant handles all sewage for Village residents and some out of Village customers like the High School and some communities off Maple Hill Road. The Town of Schodack recently inquired about hooking more homes into our system. We are actively working with them on that project. Users of the sewer system will all share in the costs of the upgrade loan repayment.

Plant Upgrade Timeline — the new headworks building is complete. The headwork is the start of the treatment process and removes rags and grit among other things. All of the underground piping is complete and the site has been completely repaved and new fencing installed. Final grading and seeding will have to wait for the spring.

Work in the aeration tanks (the second step in the treatment process) will be complete in the next two weeks. Then the treatment process will be directed to the new secondary clarifiers (the third step in the process) which have substantially more capacity than the old ones, allowing the plant to operate better during periods of high flows and significantly reduce the possibility of any overflows. The Ultraviolet Disinfection system (the final treatment step required from May through October) has been completely rehabilitated.

The new sludge press is installed and ready to go, eliminating the need to haul liquid sludge.

An entirely new computerized control system is about 80% complete and will give the operators the ability to monitor and control operations from numerous places around the facility. This system will also automate a number of functions that are currently done manually.

The new garage construction is nearing completion and will give the operators substantially more space to store equipment indoors out of the elements. Unfortunately, the siding is not scheduled for delivery until sometime in February.

AND SPEAKING OF FINANCES....

The Village refinanced some old bonds that had an interest rate average of 4.5% with some new bonds with an average interest rate of 3.08%. The Village will save \$253,767 over the life of the bond. With the Village's A+ credit rating, our bonds were quick to be sold in the market.

WE SAID GOODBYE TO...

Josephine A. Lounsbury - passed on July 10th. She worked at Fort Orange Paper Company and Hamilton Printing Company and was a member of the Castleton Boat Club.

Frank J. Davidson (89) - passed on July 19th. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1951. Was Past Commander and life member of the Castleton VFW Post 7337.

Robert E. Sweet (87) - passed on August 3rd. Born and raised in Castleton, a graduate of Schodack Central Schools and served in the United States Air Force.

Jaydn G. Bauer (6) - passed on September 1st. She was a student at Questar in East Greenbush.

Helen G. Quinn - passed on September 3rd. She did volunteer work at the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance and many other organizations.

Erika Kahler (93) - passed on September 18th. She was a longtime resident of Boltwood Avenue and a popular coffee hour hostess at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

CASTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firehouse Breakfasts are back !!!!

1st Sunday of every month during Winter and Spring.

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. Take Out is available as well.

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

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, EMT's, Attendants and Associates.

Hours are flexible and we'll train you. Call today for an application – (518) 732-2563.

CASTLETON MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

Winter Light on the Hudson

River Rest (bottom of Scott Ave.) 4:30 - 7pm

For details: www.castletonmainstreet.org

VILLAGE HALL

Free KN95 masks to Village residents while they last.

COMING SOON

Repaving of Route 9J (Main Street) – this Spring!!

WE SAID GOODBYE TO... PART 2

Joneta Chupa (74) - passed on September 25th. She was a teacher's assistant at Castleton Elementary School for 19 years.

Mary Lou Hulek (97) - passed on September 29th. She was a lifelong resident of Castleton and was a librarian at Castleton Public Library for 46 years.

Caitlin M. Kayser (33) - passed on October 2nd. She played multiple sports as a teen and graduated with her regents diploma from Maple Hill High School in 2006.

Rocco A. Prinzo (82) - passed on October 4th. He served in the Coast Guard from 1958 to 1960 and worked at Prinzo's Bakery and Cordial Greens Country Club.

Siegmar Adelmann (81) - passed on October 13th. He graduated from HVCC, was a member of Kiwanis and volunteered at the Anchor Food Pantry.

Michael J. Nato (67) - passed on October 19th. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served 26 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.



VILLAGE PICNIC 2021

SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXTS OR CALLS YET?

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

Text— anyone can sign themselves up for emergency texts. Send a text to: 518.394.8800 and type Village123 in the message box. You will get an automatic reply.

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 on line, all the Castletonians in color, history of the Village, names of Board Members... you name it, we have it.

WE SAID GOODBYE—PART 3

George Barna Sr. (84) - passed on October 31st. He graduated from Cohoes High School, served in the National Guard, and worked in the East Greenbush School District bus garage.

Evangeline McGarvey (83) - passed on November 2nd. She was a Eucharistic minister at Sacred Heart Church.

Margaret M. Puccio (98) - passed on November 6th. She graduated from The College of

Saint Rose and was active in the Castleton Senior Citizen Club and Sacred Heart Church.

Sarah J. Shook (37) - passed on Dec 19th. She was a graduate of Columbia-Greene Community College in 2003 and worked at the Castleton library.

Christopher Ashby (88) - passed on Dec 28th. Patriarch of the Ashby family. Chris was inducted into Co-

Hall of Fame in 2019. Recently celebrated his 69th wedding anniversary.

Ronda Smith (71) - passed on Dec 29th. Avid supporter of numerous charities. Leaves behind 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Greg Bielawa (53) - passed on Jan 1, 2022. Greg loved long rides in his convertible with the top down.

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DEPUTY CLERK-JAN BETTER



CASTLETON ON HUDSON, NEW YORK

We have a notary at Village hall.
There is no charge for this service to our residents.

85 South Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033
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www.castleton-on-hudson.org
Office hours are 9:00 - 3:00 / Monday - Friday

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP ...

MLK Jr. Day – **Mon, Jan 17th** – Village office closed
River Rest Event – **Sat, Jan 22nd** 4:30pm – 7pm
New Sewer Rates – **Mon, Jan 24th 7pm** – **Fire House**
President’s Day – **Mon, Feb 21st** – Village office closed
Hudson River Access – **Mon, Feb 28th** – **Fire House**
Daylight Savings Time begins – **March 13th**
Village Elections – **Tues, March 15th** – Village Hall
Brush and Leaves dropoff – **Sat, Apr 16th** – Brickyard

Interested in hearing about the Village budget? Board meeting are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Budget discussions start during March board mtgs.

4th Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills are due by **March 31st. Didn't get a bill?** Call the Village clerk for another copy.

We accept *online* credit card payments through the Village website. We cannot accept credit cards for in-person payments.



COVID UPDATE

Find the nearest Covid test site:
www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you

NYS Department of Health:
www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

CDC latest Covid info:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

TRANSFER STATION – 446 Poyneer Road Open: Tues-Sat

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

Used motor oil	Batteries	keyboards, small TV
Anti Freeze	Small Electronics :fax machines, monitors,	Brush and small logs
Car Batteries		Magazines

DMV IN SCHODACK

The satellite DMV office is back open.
Time: Tuesdays 9am – 3pm
Location: Schodack Town Hall.