



CONTACT INFO

Between 9am and 3pm (M-F) call village hall for any water, sewer, building, code or any **non** fire or **non** life threatening emergency. **518.732.2211** (option 2 or 3). They will get you to the correct person. Fire call **911**.

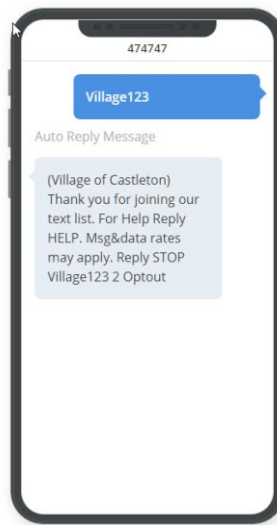
After 3pm—if you have an emergency please call the department that can handle the problem and leave a message. Please limit these calls to real emergencies, not general questions. These are after hours calls and these employees have already worked a full day.

- Water—518.461.4545
- Sewer—518.701.8045
- Roads—518.369.2423
- Bldg—518.605.2184

The Castletonian

March 2021

Emergency Preparedness



2020 was a tough year for everyone across the country and here inside the Village of Castleton. We thought we'd run through our emergency preparedness tools and leave you with tips in case you have a problem.

#1—Sign up for emergency texts. You'll get a text for weather emergencies, water main breaks, boil water advisories, trash pickup delays, and more. Just text to 474747 and type Village123 to sign up. We won't share your num-

ber and we'll try to limit texts to emergencies or important notices.

Don't Text? No problem. We still do **robocalls** to wireline and wireless phones. Give Village hall a call to get on the robocall list.

Village Elections

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 is village election day. Voting takes place at:

Village Hall
85 South Main Street
Polls open Noon—9pm
Masks are required for in person voting
Call village treasurer with any questions 518.732.2211 ext. 2 or 3

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – not done yet

As many of you are aware, the Village has undertaken a much-needed upgrade and modernization of our wastewater treatment plant. It has been under construction for many months now and is progressing on schedule and on budget at this writing.

Several old buildings have been demolished and removed. A new headworks building is up and the work inside has begun. New roofing has been completed on the two older buildings that still had the original roofs.

Most of the new underground piping has been completed; and the construction of two new concrete clarifier tanks is well under way and should be completed in another month despite the weather.



In the existing administration building, the demolition for reconfiguration of the spaces is about 75% complete and work is continuing on a new heating system and a new electrical system, among other things.

The new sludge press has been delivered and the general contractor is working to get it installed soon. A new generator has been delivered and set in place, awaiting connection by the electrical contractor.

Also, through the efforts of Village staff and the general contractor, a new high speed internet connection has been installed, replacing the old DSL connection they have been using for years. Since so much of the required reporting to various agencies is now done electronically, this will serve them well.

Our Village operators, Ken Meyer and Joe Garavelli, are continuing to do a great job operating the plant amidst the disruption and chaos of this major construction project while also dealing with safety protocols associated with COVID.

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

Hydrant Flushing

Why do we flush hydrants? Our water system has many dead end lines and areas of low water consumption where iron and mineral deposits settle out in the water mains. These deposits can result in taste, odor and turbidity complaints.

Flushing the fire hydrants at high velocities twice a year, spring and fall will normally remove most of the settled substances. This process also lets us know the hydrants are working.

We flush the hydrants:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday starting April 12th through May 5th from 9am – noon.

Hydrant flushing can stir up debris and minerals in the water so water may be cloudy or possibly a rust color from iron being stirred up. Minerals will settle after a few hours and your water will run clear again. On hydrant flushing days it might be wise to hold off on that load of light colored laundry.

Clean up Day – May 1st

9 – noon

Brickyard – 1st left past Stimpson going south on 9J – drive to the end of the road.

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



- Tarps, Sports Equipment,
- 20 gal. Propane Tanks

TIRES: (\$5.00 PER TIRE – no rims)

BRUSH/YARD MATERIALS:

- Brush can be no more than 1.5" Diameter – no charge for brush.

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, - \$30.00

This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage, attic or basement. We'll be there rain or shine.



Social Media

Check out our new Facebook page. We'll do our best to post events, emergencies, Village happenings, issues affecting roads, water and sewer. Feel free to share our posts.



Village of Castleton-on-Hudson

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We said goodbye to... Part 1

Rosemary J. Bruce (76) - Rosemary passed on Dec 6th. She worked for NY State for 25 years and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Gertrude N. Burkle (97) - Gertrude passed on Dec 9th. She was a 70 year resident of Castleton.

Karen B. Moore (78) - Karen passed on Dec 20th. She graduated Maple Hill High School and served as a bus driver for 20 years.

Judith A. Sano (76) - Judith passed on January 7th at Albany Memorial Hospital. She was most recently employed by Walgreens in Castleton.

MaryAnn Prince (86) - MaryAnn passed on January 9th. She worked at Fort Orange Paper Company and was a dedicated member of Emmanuel Reformed Church.

Castleton Fire Department

We miss seeing you at breakfast! We are watching the COVID numbers decline and hope with time we will be back to holding breakfasts soon.

This year marks our **150th Anniversary!** Please watch our Facebook page for details and memories celebrating this milestone event.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please stop by any Tuesday night to speak to a member. We need people to do other jobs besides fight fires; there is a job for everyone!

Congratulations to our Officers for 2021:

Chief: Matthew Carner

2nd Assistant Chief: Christopher Carner

3rd Assistant Chief: Brian Schanck

Captain: Eric Barber

Lieutenants:

Nicholas Carner

Tate Tibbits

Christian Lafferty

Jacob Lafferty

Castleton Ambulance

We want to thank you all for your continuous support through your generous donations during this difficult time.

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-Schodack Kiwanis Club

We made the hard decision not to proceed with our January Chicken BBQ fundraiser, but we will be hosting our spring **Chicken BBQ fundraising dinner on Sunday, April 25th from 12-4pm at the Castleton Fire Company**. We anticipate that it will again be drive-through only. All monies raised from the chicken BBQ go directly into our community.

It is strongly recommended that you reserve your dinners in advance. You can email us at castletonkiwanis@gmail.com or call 518-732-4228 up until **April 23rd** to pre-order dinners. We will also be making our usual phone calls and you can reserve then as well. If you do not receive a phone call from us to remind you about the BBQ and would like to receive one, please email us at:

castletonkiwanis@gmail.com.

We said goodbye to... part 2

Robert T. Ray (55) - Robert passed on Nov 2nd. He attended Maple Hill High School and graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology.

George Flanders, Sr. (87) - George passed on Nov 13th. He served in the U.S. Army, in the Korean War and worked at Fort Orange Paper Company.

John E. Dingman (70) - John passed on Nov 21st. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War and was employed for 40 years at GE Plastics.

Richard W. Hartnagle (73) - Richard passed on Nov 22nd. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War and was a member of the VFW Peter Andrews Memorial Post 7337.



Seen around Main Street

Castleton on Hudson Main Street Association – COHMSA

We are sponsoring another Riverkeeper Sweep on **May 1st** and conducting a Main Street cleanup this spring, in addition to planting our flower boxes and planters and hanging the nautical flags.

As always, we welcome ideas and suggestions. Contact us:

Email: info@castletonmainstreet.org

Website: www.castletonmainstreet.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: COHMSA



We said goodbye – part 3

Marion C. Valli (86) - Marion passed on January 18th. She had been Secretary to the Principal at Maple Hill Middle School for 20 years and a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Terri A. Valli (63) - Terri passed on January 22nd. She was a graduate of Maple

Hill High School and a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Donald L. Brewer (75) - Donald passed on February 1st. He served in the United States Navy, worked as a mail carrier for the USPS and was a volunteer at the Castleton Fire Company.

Paul E. Beberwyk (81) - Paul passed away on February 14th. He was a member of the Teamsters (Local 294) for 42 years, 35 of which was working for Bonded Concrete.

Orry Schermerhorn - Orry passed on Nov 30th. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Castleton Fire Dept., Castleton Boat Club and Rensselaer Elks.

MAYOR
JOSEPH KEEGAN

TRUSTEES
MARIANNE CARNER, DEPUTY
MAYOR
SHARON MARTIN
JENIFER PRATICO
LISSA D'AQUANNI

DEPUTY CLERK-JAN BETTER

CLERK TREASURER – PADRAIC ELLIS

We have a notary at Village hall.

There is no charge for this service to our residents.



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Important Dates coming up ...

Village elections; Tuesday, **March 16th**
Village offices closed – Mon, **May 31st**
1st Quarter Water, Sewer and Refuse bills are due by **March 31, 2021. Didn't get a bill?** Call village clerk for another copy.

We accept *online* credit card payments. We cannot accept credit cards for in-person payments.

Biodegradable bag pickup starts **April 5th** – every Monday from April to Dec. (just leaves & biodegradable yard waste -under 25 lbs.)

Street sweeping begins, **Friday April 16th**
Brickyard Open, **Saturday, April 17th 8am – noon.** (leaves and brush only)
Kiwanis BBQ – **Sunday, April 25th**
Riverkeeper Sweep – **Saturday, May 1st.**
Spring clean-up day at the Brickyard, Saturday, also **May 1st 9am – noon** (we take almost anything) – there is a small fee.
Village residents only at Brickyard.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It has **not** been decided if the parade is on. COVID has put a damper on large gatherings so we are waiting on changes to state guidelines. *If* there is a parade it will be **Monday, May 31st.** Check our Facebook page when we get closer to the date.

THANK YOU

Rensselaer County arranged for vaccines for our front line employees. We very much appreciate their efforts on our behalf..

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 14th. At 2am turn your clocks **forward** to 3am. Yes, we're losing an hour. There will be more light in the evening.

That steam coming out of the side of Village hall is from our new furnace. The old furnace just could not keep up any longer. Our new model should last another 20 years at least.