

WELCOME  
NEW  
TRUSTEES

# The Castletonian

May 2023

**Baileen Bai** is a financial analyst for the Department of Health. She has been living in Castleton since 2021 and has been active in the community by attending waterfront Rallies for Access, community visioning workshops and Main Street Association events. She is passionate and eager to help in building a stronger Castleton.

**Rebekah Timerman** is an administrative professional at Valiant Search. She has been living in Castleton since 2020 and has lived in New York State her entire life. She loves the location of the Village, nestled perfectly between the city and the countryside. She is excited to serve our community.

## FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR CASTLETON THRUWAY BRIDGE



Schodack Island State Park hosted a press conference on Thursday April 13th, to announce \$21 million in funding for restoration of the Castleton-on-Hudson Thruway Bridge. The funding was secured by Congressman Paul Tonko and was a part of the Biden Administration's Investing In America program. Pictured left is the Mayor introducing Congressman Tonko, along with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Governor Kathy Hochul, who both spoke about the importance of improving the safety and reliability of infrastructure in our local communities.

### Many of our Trustees were able to attend the press conference.

From Left:  
Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Deputy Mayor Jen Pratico, US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Castleton Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee Rebekah Timerman, US Rep. Paul Tonko.



## Memorial Day Parade Route & Information

The Castleton-Schodack Memorial Day Parade will “step-off” on Monday, May 29th at 10:00am. The parade will begin at the corner of Boltwood and Seaman Avenues and will conclude with a brief ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery. We will have five divisions with the VFW Post 7337 leading the parade. As we take time to honor those who served our country, the parade committee would like to show their appreciation to any veteran or Gold Star Mother in our community by asking that they sit in the special seating area reserved for them during the ceremony. This year the Grand Marshall for the parade is Jeff Conlin, an ARMY Vietnam veteran. The Community Appreciation Award will be presented to Carol and Bud Wilkinson, in recognition of their many years of volunteer service to our community. Our guest speaker will be Ryan Marshall, an Air Force OIF OEF ODF veteran. Please join us on the day that we honor those who have served their country so valiantly.

**For more information please contact:**

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 518-732-4284 Home  
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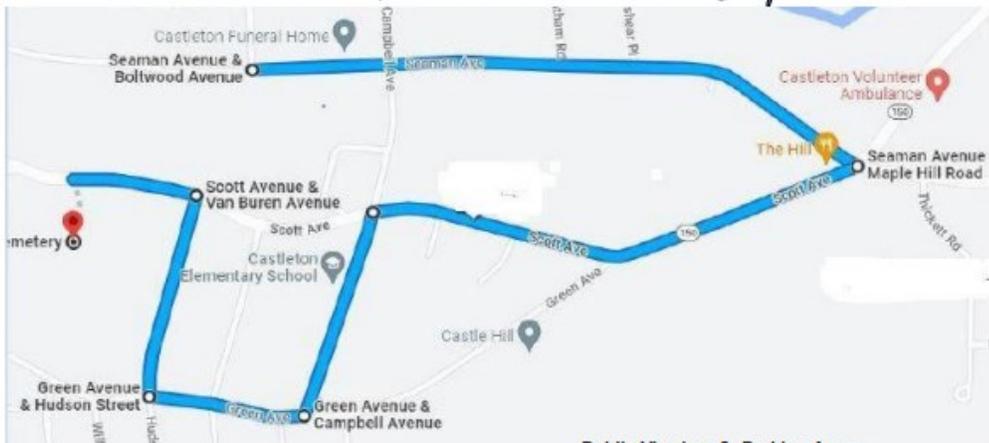
**For updates on happenings around the Village and to access the monthly calendars, please bookmark our website and visit frequently:**

**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

### 2023 Castleton/Schodack Memorial Day Parade



**Public Viewing & Parking Areas**

START - Corner of Boltwood & Seaman Aves

- LEFT - Seaman Ave.
- RIGHT - Scott Ave.
- LEFT - Campbell Ave.
- RIGHT - Green Ave.
- RIGHT - Van Buren Ave.
- LEFT - Scott Ave.

.FINISH - Mountain View Cemetery

- Castleton Funeral Home
- The Hill
- Castleton Elementary/Ransom Ave
- Trinity Lutheran Church

**Please do not park along the parade route.**

## GRANT NEWS

The Village was a winning recipient of a generous Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) planning grant. The grant includes funding to support the Castleton Complete Streets Connection Plan plus a possible plan to link Main Street with Schodack Island State Park. A consultant budget of \$75,000 (\$72,000 federal funds and \$3,000 local cash match) with an additional \$30,000 in CDTC staff technical assistance for the study was approved. The Village will also provide \$5,000 in local in-kind services to support the study. The award was just announced in April so we're busy reviewing all the grant details.



## RIVERKEEPER SWEEP

Our Village participated in the 12th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, which was organized by the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association. Volunteers removed 360 lbs of trash and recycling from along the riverbed and removed 5 invasive trees. Riverkeeper Sweep is a single day event held in communities along the Hudson River from Staten Island to Albany.



## WATER QUALITY REPORT

We received our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022 and are proud to announce that our tap water met all State Drinking Water Health Standards! Our system did not violate any maximum contaminant levels and maintained compliance for operating, monitoring, and reporting requirements. Thank you to our Water Department for continuing to provide Village residents with high quality drinking water. In addition, the Rensselaer County Environmental Health Department reviewed our samples and verified the non-detection of PFOAs. The Village now has a waiver that only requires testing of our water sources once per year by the County, rather than a very costly schedule of four times per year.

## TIDBITS

**Parking Lot next to the Poke Jar** – the public parking lot located next to the Poke Jar has been re-paved.

**New Village Website** – the board is currently looking to upgrade to a new Village website. Send us your ideas.

**Street Sweeping** – we sweep the streets every Friday morning. This is a requirement for all riverfront communities as part of the MS4 program. Main Street residents should note the No Parking signs for street sweeping.

## WE SAID GOODBYE TO...

**Beverly A. Relyea (92)** - Beverly passed on February 8, 2023. She was employed as an RN at Resurrection Rest Home for 21 years and was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist.

**Guy F. Rappold (93)** - Guy passed on March 9, 2023. Guy served in the United States Navy for 25 years and recently joined the Peter Andrews Castleton Memorial VFW Post in Castleton.

**Beverly J. Rogers (86)** - Beverly passed on March 15, 2023. She worked at New York Telephone for over 40 years and was a member of the senior citizens group in Castleton and the Emmanuel Reformed Church.

**Daniel J. Morgan, Sr. (87)** - Daniel passed on April 1, 2023. Dan was employed by the US Post Office and served in the US Army Reserves and was a Charter member of the Schodack Landing Fire Company.

## ARBOR DAY TREE DEDICATION



As a Tree City USA community, Arbor Day is an important day to educate young people about how important trees are to the community and environment. This Arbor Day, Mayor Keegan and Deputy Mayor Pratico brought one of the 4 new Dogwood trees to Castleton Elementary School and gave a presentation to students about the many benefits of planting trees in the Village. The new trees were planted along Seaman and Campbell Avenues during April.

**THANKS TO THE  
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FOR ASSISTING  
WITH THE PLANT-  
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TREES!**

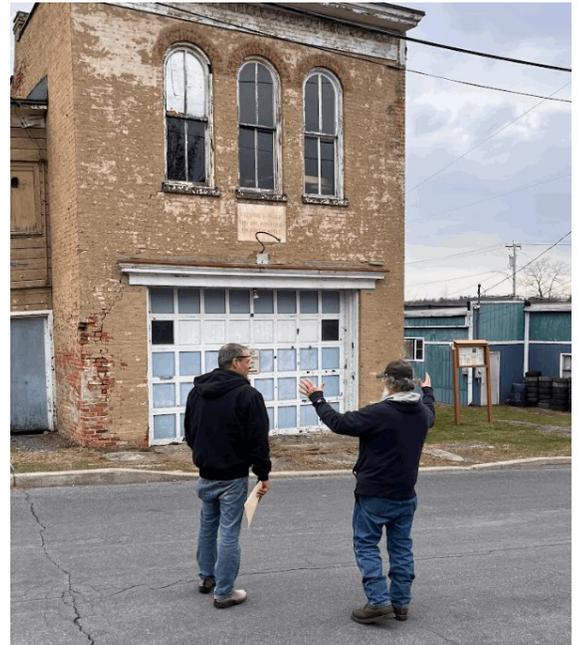
## WE SAID GOODBYE TO... PART 2



**Wren Panzella**, a long time member of our community passed suddenly on May 8 in her home. She was 69. Wren enjoyed a prosperous career as an artist and served as the Collections Manager for the University at Albany art museum. She was well-known for her vivid jazz and baseball paintings, and possessed a sincere talent for evoking sound and motion through her art. Her work has been displayed in galleries across the globe, including the Capital Region, New Orleans, and even the Smithsonian Museum. Wren was a great contributor to the arts. She resided in Village with her husband, Bob, and will be greatly missed.

## NOYES ENGINE HOUSE BUILDING STABILIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

The project is progressing nicely. Restoration masons are more than halfway towards project completion. There were some surprises: the chimney at the top was ready to fall over, vines were growing behind the bricks and an old doorway was badly patched at some point in history. All those items are being corrected as part of the project. Once the stabilization project is complete we will be looking for grant money for both design and construction of the interior.



Got experience with grants? We need your help.



### HOW THE 2023-24 STATE BUDGET COULD AFFECT VILLAGES

The New York State Council of Mayors released information regarding the newly adopted state budget and how it could impact our village. The budget included a \$60 million dollar increase in CHIPS funding, which stands for Consolidated Highway Improvement Funding and helps us afford to pave our streets. It also included an additional \$500 million for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, raising the total clean water investment to \$5 billion.

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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 ...**

Brickyard Open (brush only) **June 3, 17** 8am-12  
Memorial Day – Mon, **May 29** – Office Closed  
Juneteenth – Mon, **June 19** – Office Closed  
Independence Day – Tues, **July 4** – Office Closed  
Purple Heart Day – Mon, **Aug 7**  
Labor Day – Mon, **Sept 4** – Office Closed  
Village Wide Garage Sale – Sat, **Sept 16**  
Fall Clean-Up Day (brickyard) Sat, **Sept 23** 9 -12  
Leaf Pickup begins – Tues, **Oct 12th**

Street Sweeping – every Friday. Main St. has parking signs for sweeping days and times.

**Water, Sewer and Refuse bills, along with 2023 Village Tax bills will be mailed on Tuesday, May 31, 2023, and must be paid by June 30, 2023 to avoid penalty. 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.

**MOVIES IN THE PARK**

**Get your popcorn ready!**

**The Schodack Town Park is excited to announce a new edition to their summer offerings for residents and families: Movies in The Park!**

**They will kick off on May 19th with "Minions: The Rise of Gru."**

**POT HOLE PATROL**

See a big pothole?  
Call Village Hall to report. We're doing our best to fill 'em when we see 'em  
518.732.2211 x 2

**TRASH PICKUP**

The Village extended our contract with County Waste for one more year. Let us know what you think about our trash and recycling pick-up.

**CASTLETON LIBRARY** check out the exciting June list of events in the attached flyer. Downloaded a book or magazine online yet? If not, drop by the library and we'll explain the steps. It's easy!!!