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## The BCC 9/11 Memorial

The road to creating a 9/11 memorial has been a lengthy one. It began with the Village's request in December 2009 to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a piece of the World Trade Center steel. The request was made at the suggestion of local resident Janet Mainiero. Interest



**Panorama of the BCC 9/11 Memorial  
At Croton Landing Park**

from the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan led to the formation of the Buchanan, Cortlandt, Croton 9/11 Memorial Task Force, (BCC 9/11), a committee of some 20 members., of which Ms. Mainiero was named Chair. The task force began developing a plan for an appropriate memorial including its design, location and fundraising.

Several fundraising events were held to support the implementation of the BCC 9/11 Memorial. A design by local residents, James Rhodes and Lauren Davis, was selected, Croton Landing was chosen as the best site, and engineering and construction costs



**Reaching Through the  
Shadow**

were calculated. The chosen design, named "Reaching Through the Shadow" depicts the piece of WTC steel angled above a large boulder. The steel is aligned so that the shadow it casts each year on 9/11 points to a series of medallions in the ground. Each medallion represents a significant event of that day. A figure of a woman reaching toward the steel represents loss and mourning as well as strength for the fu-

ture. As fundraising progressed slowly, it became necessary to divide the building of the memorial into two phases: Phase 1)

the boulder. WTC steel and medallions. Phase 2) the figure of the woman.

The BCC 9/11 Task Force was able to fund the costs of Phase I of the memorial

through its own fundraising efforts, small contributions from the three municipalities, and through significant donations of labor and materials from area contractors and unions.

At the end of July, work started on the memorial's construction. A large boulder already in Croton Land-



**WTC Steel on Boulder**

ing Park, which had been previously identified, was moved to its new location at the northern tip of Croton Landing Park. The WTC steel was mounted on the boulder in late August.

The BCC 9/11 Task Force is planning a ceremony on September 11 at the site to commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

People interested in attending the commemorative event should assemble at the parking lot of Croton Landing Park at 2:30 pm on Sept. 11. From there, the group will walk the 1/2 mile to the site of the memorial. (A van will be available for those who need to ride to the site.) There will be a moment of silence and some brief presentations. Additional details of the ceremony are still being put together by the Task Force committee.

## **Toughman Returns to Croton Point Park**

The fifth annual Toughman Triathlon competition is returning to Croton Point Park this year on the weekend of September 8 and 9. The 2-day event features a 1.2 mile swim in the Hudson, 56-mile bicycle ride and 13.1-mile Run. There is also a ToughKids competition for children 4 to 14 years on Sat. Sept. 8. This event will occur in the Park itself. A new event, "ToughTeen" has been added this year as well for teens from 15 to 19 years. It features a 300 yd. swim, 6 mile bike ride and 2.5 mile run. It will occur on Sunday, Sept. 9 along with the main Triathlon event.

This year, a change to the cycling portion of the event will result in some vehicular travel impacts along the biking route as well as in the Village. In prior years the biking portion of the event went from Croton Point Park, to Routes 129 and 118 and on to Somers before returning on the same route. This caused safety concerns and traffic issues particularly in the Somers area. This year the NYSDOT granted permission for the bicycling portion of the event to occur along Routes 9 and 9A from Annsville Circle in Peekskill to North State Road in Briarcliff Manor. According to the Village's Emergency Management Director, Dick Nagle, this change is a big safety improvement.

To accommodate this, the southbound lanes of Routes 9 and 9A between these two points will be closed to vehicular traffic during the hours of 6am to 1 pm on Sunday, Sept. 9. During that time period, all southbound entrance ramps to Route 9 will be closed. Southbound traffic will be directed to alternative routes. People seeking to go to Ossining and points south during those hours will need to use the Taconic or Quaker Bridge Road. The running portion of the event will occur mainly in the Village along the Croton River and out 129 to the Croton Dam and Croton Dam Rd., returning on the same route.

The event which began in 2007 has grown in size. Many more participants, volunteers and observers are involved. The organizers have provided opportunities for local businesses to have vendor tables at the Park to advertise their services. It is hoped that participants, volunteers and observers will take advantage of local offerings during the event.

A portion of every entry fee will be donated to the BCC 9/11 Memorial Fund for the memorial being built at Croton Landing Park.



## **Croton Point Ave. Presentation**

In 2008, the Village applied for a grant for Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements on Croton Point Ave. A \$1.2 million federal Traffic Enhancement grant was awarded to Croton in 2009. The program is administered through the NYS DOT.

A public presentation of the proposed project will be made at the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 8 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate.



CHA, the consultants for the proposed project, will present information on the alternatives under consideration and focus on the project that has received preliminary NYSDOT approval. The project includes construction of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle enhancement along Croton Point Ave. from Veteran's Plaza at the railroad station entrance to the intersection of Benedict Blvd and S. Riverside. Most work would be on Croton Point Ave.

The project area is the southern entrance to the Village and the main thoroughfare to the railroad station and Village-owned parking lot. The overall objectives of the project are to improve traffic flow and provide safer bicycling and pedestrian amenities along this route.

The project would include the improvement of intersection operations at the on and off ramps to Route 9 by adding synchronized traffic signalization. Additionally, the cloverleaf ramp to and from Route 9, serving both north bound traffic would be narrowed and become a "T" intersection with a traffic light. The southbound off ramp from Route 9 would be expanded to include a right-turn lane. A short section of Veteran's Plaza at the entrance to the station would be widened to 4 lanes; 2 entering and 2 exiting. The proposal also includes construction of 5 ft. bike lanes and 4 ft. sidewalks on both sides of Croton Point Ave.

The projected cost for the project is \$2.5 million. If approved, construction would not be expected to begin before Spring of 2014.

Comments will be taken at the September 18 meeting. You may also provide comments on the proposed project until October 1, 2012 to Janine King, Ass't. Village Manager, 1 Van Wyck St., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 or [jkking@crotononhudson-ny.gov](mailto:jkking@crotononhudson-ny.gov).



**Reminder!**

**Village Offices will be closed  
Monday, September 3 for Labor Day!**



## Hudson River Day Event

The Croton Yacht Club is holding its 4th annual Hudson River Day event on Sat., Sept. 8th from 11 to 4. The mission of the event is to promote all aspects of the Hudson River - history, ecology, recreational resources and build interest and leadership in its environmental protection. The goal of the event is, through the transfer of knowledge to young and old, to ensure that the future of the Hudson River is safeguarded.



Presentations and hands-on activities for adults and children will include a seining exhibition (capture, display and release of marine life), viewing tanks, toy sailboat making, fossil making, fish printing, sailboat rides, and local artists displays and sales. Food and beverages will be available including their own well-known fish chowder.

Everyone is invited to join in this fun-filled, family-focused day.

## Bike Week 2012

Croton's annual Bike week is organized through the efforts of the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and organizer Rob Olsson. It promotes cycling as a means of transportation. This year the week runs from Saturday, Sept. 1st thru Sunday, Sept. 9. This year's Bike Week features:

- 9/1 Ride from CHHS parking lot; contact Rob Olsson at [rob39x17@gmail.com](mailto:rob39x17@gmail.com) if interested. Eight (8) am start. Participants must have helmets and bikes in good working condition.
- 9/2 Westchester Cycling Club's 30th anniversary Golden Apple Ride with self-paced tours of distances of 25, 45, 65, and 100 miles. For more information go to [www.westchestercycleclub.org](http://www.westchestercycleclub.org).
- 9/3 Labor Day. Day off! Get out and ride!
- 9/4 - 9/7 Residents are encouraged to "Ride to the Train", "Ride to Shop", "Ride to School". Remember to wear helmets and obey traffic regulations.
- 9/9 Toughman competition featuring 56-mile ride. If you are not in it, come watch the competition. Riders start from Croton Point Park. Information can be found at [www.toughmantri.com](http://www.toughmantri.com) (See article on Page 2.)



## Fall Recreation

It's signup time for two popular Recreation Programs: **Flag Football** and **Basketball Offensive Improvement**. Flag Football is for youths in grades 3-6 and provides basic instruction and organized games.



The signup deadline is Sept. 19. Play is on Saturdays from 9 to 10:15 at CET Field.

The Basketball program is on Mondays from 7 to 8 pm at the CHHS Gym. The 6-week clinic begins on Sept. 17 and is conducted by Bill Thom, CHHS's Varsity Coach. The deadline for signup is Sept. 14. Students will work on improving their dribbling, passing and shooting basketball skills.



A new one-night program is sure to please ice cream lovers. **Ice Cream Bingo** will be held on Fri., Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Community Room at the Municipal Building. The event is for 3rd and 4th graders. Participants will make their own ice cream sundaes and take chances on winning some cool prizes. The registration deadline is Sept. 25 and is required. NO registration will be taken at the door. The cost is \$20/res and \$25/nonres.



## Symphony Knoll and Local Color

Croton Housing Network's Senior residence, Symphony Knoll, is the new home of the Croton Council on the Arts annual Local Color exhibition. The CCOA's 14th annual exhibition will begin with a reception on Sat., Sept. 8 from 2 to 5 pm. This free event has long been an opportunity for local artists to show their work. The exhibit will continue through Sept. on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 pm. Symphony Knoll is located at 15 Mt. Airy Rd. near the heart of the Upper Village.

## Fun Fall at Vassallo Park

A new event is being planned for Sat. Sept. 22 at Vassallo Park. The family-oriented event will feature the **Fabulous Sixties** Band playing all your favorite 60's oldies starting at 4 pm. At dusk, the movie **Rudy** (PG), a 1993 movie about a small boy's aspirations to play football will be shown.

The Croton Business Council is working with the Recreation Dept. to organize this event. Old Post Road South, between Maple St. and Grand St., will be closed during the event. Local food businesses are being encouraged to participate. In the event of rain, the rain date is Sat., Sept. 29.

This event promises to be a fun family day and evening.

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### **FEMA \$ Approved**

Damage from Hurricane Irene in August 2011 was extensive in the northeast. Irene was the fifth costliest hurricane to hit the United States. Costs to the Village of Croton for repairing Irene's damage were declared eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds. Since the storm, Village staff have met with FEMA officials multiple times and identified 28 discrete "projects" eligible for reimbursement. Each of these, broken down by category, department, event and location, had to be supported with detailed documentation of the associated labor and material costs.



As a result of this effort, FEMA has agreed that \$209,707 of out of pocket costs were attributable to Hurricane Irene damage. This amount was approved by them and sent to the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) for their approval. Of the \$209,707 total amount approved the federal government will reimburse 75%, New York State is expected to reimburse 12.5% and the re-

maining 12.5% will be borne by the Village. There are still 2 large projects pending approval - the repair of the Black Rock dam and also the Water Dept. Dam - both expensive projects estimated at \$239,140.

In some cases the work of repair or replacement has not occurred yet; in others the work has been done and will be reimbursed.

One of the larger and most costly events associated with Hurricane Irene was the rescue effort on the Croton River of 5 river rafters on the day after the storm. Not only was extensive manpower required over a long period of time, and lives of volunteers put at risk, but the Fire Department's boat was severely damaged during the rescue.

### **Sand Castle Contest**

The annual Sand Castle competition featured some outstanding sculptures in sand. The contest took place on August 13 at Silver Lake Park. It was judged by the Silver Lake Park summer staff.



Although the event is called a Sandcastle Contest, entries were not limited to castles. Among the entries were traditional castles with walls and moats and also alligators and starfish etched from sand and a sand vehicle (shown in picture).

First prize was won by Henry McEvoy in the 1 to 5 age group. Dillon O'Keefe in the 11 to 15 age group took second prize. Third prize was awarded to the team of Jonathan Betancourt and Elan Morsberger in the 6 to 10 age group.

### **Seniors Open House**

After summer meetings at Senasqua Park, Croton Seniors will return to the Community Room beginning Sept. 14 for their meetings.

Join Croton Seniors for "Fun Friday" on September 28, 2012 at 11:30 AM. This is open to all Croton residents and school district residents 60+. Enjoy coffee, conversation and refreshments. Come see what the Croton Senior Club is all about! For additional information contact Valerie Nolan at 271-5804.

## Got a Question?



**I have an old United States flag which I would like to dispose of. What is the proper procedure for doing this? Is there someplace in Croton I can take it?**



The US Flag Code states that, when a flag "is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

In Croton, to be sure your flag is properly disposed of, you can give it to the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). To do that, put the flag in an appropriate container - a box or plastic bag with a label addressed to Mr. Pat Calcutti. The local VFW stores these flags for an annual ceremony conducted by local Boy Scout troops in which the flags are properly disposed.

You can find a more extensive and user-friendly statement on proper flag etiquette, at the following site: <http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml>.