



# The Croton-on-Hudson Village Newsletter

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## July

### Calendar

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 & 25 Village Board Mtg.
- 5 & 26 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 6 Cons. Advisory Council
- 13 Zoning Board
- 20 Water Control Comm.
- 20 Visual Environ. Bd.

## August

### Calendar

- 15 Village Board Mtg.
- 2 & 23 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 3 Cons. Advisory Council
- 17 Water Control Comm.
- 17 Visual Environ. Bd.

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## New Sidewalk and Bus Shelter

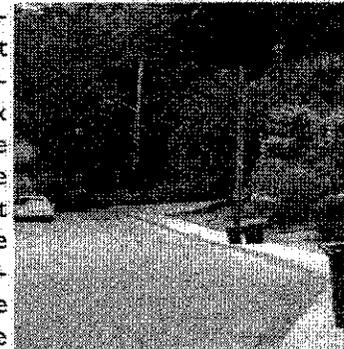
A new bus shelter at the bus stop near the corner of Maple Street and Municipal Place has been installed as a result of



work by Assistant Building Inspector Joe Sperber who coordinates the sidewalk installation and replacement program throughout the village. Joe arranged to achieve the necessary NYSDOT approvals to carry out the project. The shelter itself has been stored in the basement of the Municipal Building which is being cleared out to make way for Community Room improvements. Acocella Contracting, which does the Village's sidewalk work, poured a concrete slab with

a handicap access ramp on which the shelter was installed.

A further addition to the Village's sidewalks was also completed recently. The new sidewalk extends from Lounsbury Rd. to Mt. Green Rd. An extension of this sidewalk north from Mt. Green to Prospect is planned in the future. Its actual construction, however, is dependent upon decisions about future drainage work that may be done in the High Street drainage area as identified in the Village-wide drainage study done by Dvirka & Bartilucci.



The extension shown above was a capital project and cost \$19,575.75. It was also constructed by Acocella.

## Long Time Employees to Retire in July



Carmen Smith

Carmen Smith and Eleanor Soderlund are retiring from their respective Village jobs on Aug. 3rd. Carmen has been handling Croton's tax bills, water bills and payroll in the Treasurer's Office for more than 27 years. Her plans are to



Eleanor Soderlund

visit family in Florida and Pennsylvania, join Sr. Citizens, sleep late, and finally get her photo collection in order.

Ellie, in the front office, is the first person every visitor meets. In addition to answering a myriad of questions on everything about Croton, parking lot permits are her special bailiwick. After 18 years with the Village, Ellie hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren in Maryland and just relax with no special commitments.

The Village Office will be a different place without Carmen and Ellie but they will still be living here in the Croton area. Good luck and thanks to you both!

## SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

### MOVIES

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening.

- July 6 RUGRATS GONE WILD (PG)**  
The Rugrats are on vacation when their parents get stranded on a deserted island.
- July 13 RACING STRIPES (PG)**  
An abandoned zebra grows up believing he is a racehorse and sets out to achieve his dreams.
- July 20 THE LITTLE RASCALS (PG)**  
Spanky, Alfalfa and Our Gang are back for many more zany capers based on 90's tv classic.
- July 27 AGENT CODY BANKS (PG)**  
Cody is a secret agent in a teenage division of the CIA; drives like a stuntman and great with gadgets.
- Aug. 3 HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)**  
Harry returns for his 2nd year at Hogwart's and must save the school from a dark force and close the chamber of secrets forever.

### CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park. Rain date is Saturday night.

- July 1 DOC ROC**  
Join Croton's local pediatrician Larry Baskind and his band for a night of fun and Rock & Roll.
- July 8 SUNDOWN BAND**  
A Summerfest hit, you'll hear unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.
- July 15 BLUE WATER**  
Local band plays acoustic and electric Rock & Roll with a harmony twist.
- July 22 REUNION**  
A 10 piece band specializing in music from the 60's & 70's; R&B, Rock & Roll and Disco hits.
- July 29 SECOND WIND**  
Classic rock, R&B, and "unplugged" acoustic.
- Aug. 5 FALLOUT**  
Ever popular Croton band known for their powerful vocals will once again rock at Senasqua.

### FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

\*\*\* All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 21 event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park. In case of rain, performances will be at C.E.T. Elementary School.

- July 7 DRUMMING ABOUT YOU** These entertainers play some of the world's most joyous songs and rhythms on a beautiful array of drums and percussion instruments.
- July 14 THE BANJO RASCALS** Join this toe-tapping band as they highlight music from 1890's Ragtime, the Roaring 20's and classic Rock-n-Roll from the 1950's and 60's.
- July 21 THE FUN & FUNNY JUGGLING SHOW** This show is an award winning blend of physical comedy, verbal wit, and amazing skills—astounding displays of juggling, hat tricks, spinning tops and more!
- July 28 JUSTIN THE MAGICIAN** This fast-paced slapstick comedy is filled with magic and audience participation. Children are captivated as they watch and discover hilarious unexpected surprises.
- Aug. 4 JEFFREY & THE BOSSY FROG BAND** Fun, funky & hip music for children of all ages. This interactive show will have everyone singing and dancing along!

The Summer Entertainment above has all been made possible by the generosity of over 23 local Croton businesses, professionals and individuals in conjunction with the Croton Parks and Recreation Department.

#### Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th for the National Holiday!

## Spotlight on Barbara Gellman

When you are looking at Channel 78, Croton's Government Channel on Cablevision, you are looking at the work of Barbara Gellman, Croton's video producer. Barbara has been filling this part-time position since Oct. 2003.

Barbara was originally hired to shoot events such as concerts, ribbon-cuttings, Summerfest and the Goblin parade. Although she still does that, the job now entails programming the so-called 'magic box' to air messages of community-wide importance. Barbara also does the scheduling for the airing of the tapes of the Village Board meetings and other recorded events. Maintenance of all the video broadcasting equipment and ordering of new equipment and parts

also falls under her purview. After a career as a programmer for AT&T, Barbara left to raise her two boys. She returned to work after answering an ad from American Cable, a precursor of Cablevision, to learn how to do 'shoots' for them. This training and experience eventually led her to be in charge of Cablevision's Public Access studio in Croton. There, Barbara helped people learn how to use the equipment and also helped them put together public access programs. After doing the same thing in Ossining and Peekskill, she became a supervisor for Cablevision in Nanuet before retiring.

Barbara finds her job to be very creative and she tries to add new things to Croton's channel. Currently she

is working on a project to add background pictures of Croton locations to the messages in order to make Croton's station more personalized. She is also working with department heads to develop new programming ideas. "All the people here are very cooperative in helping me identify and institute new ideas." She says she has always liked producing, writing voice-overs and developing the basic structure of a program.

In her spare time, Barbara enjoys gardening and reading. She travels to Phoenix, AZ frequently to visit her two sons who are both located there. She also does some free-lance work.



*"I like being able to create something new and work with really nice people."*

*Barbara Gellman*

### Habib Receives WRAPS Award

At the annual awards program of the Westchester Recreation & Parks Society, Inc. (WRAPS), Croton resident Thomas Habib received the E. Marion Cribari Voluntary Service Award. This award is given to an person who has provided unselfish service, as a volunteer, on behalf of a department or organization in Westchester County and in the interest of its recreation programs for a period of three years or more since 2002.

Tom has been volunteering with Croton's Recreation Dept. for several years starting with his interest in coaching Little League. Tom's continuing interest in and contribution to sports programs both for the Village and the school district has resulted in substantial improvements in Croton's fields, equipment, uniforms, and team training and development. Tom was the inspiration behind 'Little League Clean-up Day' in Croton each year before the season begins to clean up and make repairs at the three Little League fields.

The luncheon was held on June 3rd at the American Yacht Club at Milton Point in Rye, New York.

### New Village Attorney Retained

Marianne Stecich, of Murphy, Stecich & Powell, LLP has been retained by the Village to act as Village Attorney. Ms. Stecich has represented Mt. Kisco and currently represents Hastings-on-Hudson with her partners. She specializes in municipal and land use law and in appeals in all areas of law. The firm is located in Tarrytown. Ms. Stecich will provide legal support and advice to the Village Manager and Engineer, the Board of Trustees, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. She will be present at all Village Board meetings as well.

### Child Car Seats Installed

If you need help in installing a child seat in your car, the Croton Police Department now has a NYS Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician available for installation of car seats by appointment only. Call 271-5177 to schedule an appointment.



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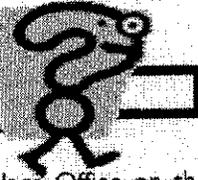
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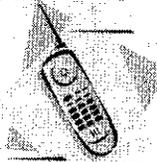
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## Got a Question?



**I have heard that the county has a program to put old cell phones to use in helping victims of domestic violence. Does Croton participate in this?**



St. is located in the Village Office on the second floor. Questions about this program can be answered by the DPW at 271-3775 or the County Recycling office at 914-813-5441.

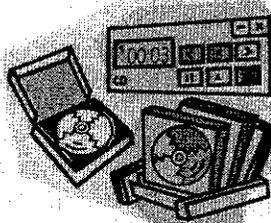
Yes, Croton is teaming up with Westchester County and Verizon Wireless to encourage residents to dispose of no-longer used cell phones in an environmentally-friendly way and at the same time help victims of domestic violence. Through Verizon Wireless' HopeLine, an old wireless phone can become a lifeline for a woman at risk, rather than an addition to a local landfill.

Phones donated to the Verizon Wireless HopeLine recycling program are refurbished for use by domestic violence victims or sold. Proceeds from the phones will be used to fund a donation to a local domestic violence shelter and to purchase phones for victims. Phones that are collected and cannot be refurbished are properly disposed of in an environmentally-conscious manner.

Cell phones can be recycled by dropping them off at the Croton Library or the Municipal Building. The drop-off box in the Municipal Building at 1 Van Wyck

### Electronic Recycling

Effective immediately, Croton's DPW will be collecting ALL ELECTRONICS by appointment. In addition to televisions and computer monitors, already picked up by appointment, the following items are being added: CPUs, computers, keyboards, printers, calculators, copy machines, fax machines, telephones, radios, VCR's and DVD players.



If you want to dispose of any of these items, call the DPW at 271-3775 to make an appointment for them to be picked up. Please do not throw them in the garbage.