



Update on Village Projects

December Calendar

- 1 & 15** Village Board Mtg.
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** Zoning Bd. Of Appeals
- 3** Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 4** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 10** Comp. Plan Comm.
- 17** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 24** Christmas Eve
- 25** Christmas Day

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Over the summer and fall months, many Village projects have been undertaken. Some of them are highlighted here.

Water infrastructure improvements. This multi-phase project is the largest of all the projects undertaken this year. To address persistent brown water problems in the area, the project includes the replacement (1.25 miles) and cement relining (4.2 miles) of water mains in the Harmon and Wolf/Cook areas of the Village. In addition, some 45 new fire hydrants and 133 new water line valves will be installed. Planned as a two-season project, the final phases will be completed in 2015.

High Street Drainage. Improvements to this important drainage basin in the Village have included the creation of a retention basin at the corner of Mt. Green Rd. and Old Post Road North. Water collected in this basin will be released



New Drainage basin and sidewalk.

in a controlled manner to enter drainage channels going through private properties on Old Post Road North, Prospect Place, High Street, and Hillside Ave. It will connect with the Village's existing storm water system before exiting into the Hudson River. Prior to beginning this work, a number of easements were obtained from the various property owners through which the improvements occur. As part of this project, Village sidewalk was extended from Mt. Green Road to Prospect Place. along Old Post Road North. Duck Pond Park Playground. Replacement of the playground equipment began in late October. The equipment and the railroad tie retaining wall around the park were found to be in



Duck Pond Remediation. the playground will also be installed as part of this project.

Street Repaving. In order to keep the Village streets in good condition, each year, on a rotating schedule and as needed, streets are repaved. In early



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Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club. As Croton Landing and the Riverwalk along the river are increasingly popular, the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee has recommended a phased improvement plan to increase safety on this stretch of road. In the spring, the Village will remove vegetation at the curve in the road and re-mark the parking to increase visibility and safety.

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Art Gallery in Municipal Building

The second floor hallway in the Municipal Building has long displayed paintings by local artists. Most paintings depict scenes in and around Croton. All have been donated to the Village over many years.



2nd Floor Art Gallery

As a result of the efforts of local resident Cornelia Cotton and the support of Village Manager Zambrano, the paintings and drawings have now been catalogued. Due to the research done by Ms. Cotton, each picture now has information about its author and time frame associated with it.

A reception to introduce the Village's art collection was held on November 20 at the Municipal Building. The second floor hallway exhibit is open for public viewing during Village business hours. A descriptive brochure is available.



Holiday Break Recreation Programs

The Village Recreation Dept. is offering two craft programs over the holiday school break. Both will be held in the Municipal Building Community Room.

Make Your Gingerbread House will be offered on Monday, December 22 from 10 am to 12 pm. Participants in this class, for youths in Grades 4 to 6, will design and make their own Ginger Bread house; just in time for the Holidays! All supplies will be provided. Registration is due by Dec. 15. Fees are: \$20res./\$25nonres.



On Tuesday, December 30 from 11 am to 1 pm, Beading with Joan will feature making creative earrings. Participants in Grades 4 to 7 will design and bead their very own earrings with artist Joan Lloyd. You can choose from a vast variety of colorful beads. Join the fun and make one-of-a-kind earrings for yourself or a special someone. Registration is due by Dec. 23. Fees are: \$5res/\$6nonres.



Reminder! Fields Are Closed!

Village fields are CLOSED for the Winter. No playing on fields is permitted when a "Fields Closed" sign is posted.

tip411 Info and Update

PLEASE NOTE: The tip411 program which the Croton Police Dept. is participating in **does not replace "911"**. For all emergencies, use 911. Residents should also program 271-5177 in their cell phones for direct contact with the Croton Police Department. This should be done because calling 911 from a cell phone may go through a call management center in Valhalla before being redirected to Croton.



Village Election Results

The Westchester County Board of Elections unofficial election results as of November 25 are as follows:

Trustee (2-yr term):	Brian Pugh	1494
	Ann Gallelli	1261
	Virginia Calcutti	1149
	John Brijeski	1090
	Kevin McClone	352
Trustee (1-yr term):	Maria Slippen	1499
	Robert Anderson	1155
Village Justice:	Sam Watkins	1814



Tax Assessment Exemptions

Village residents can apply for property tax exemptions if they are income-qualified seniors, disabled, Volunteer fire personnel, or are armed services veterans. Applications for property tax exemptions must be made at the Village Engineering Office in the Municipal Building no later than Wednesday, December 31.

Allowable income levels for partial real estate exemptions are set by New York State for persons age 65 years or older. Exemption percentages vary from 5% on a total income range of \$36,500 to \$37,399 and up to 50% on a total income of less than \$29,000.

Veteran exemptions vary according to the time period served, disabilities, etc. Property tax assessment reductions are now available to veterans who served during the Cold War periods. This exemption is limited to 10 years in duration.

Questions may be directed to Joe Sperber, Village Assessor, at 271-4783.



Reminder!
Village Offices will be closed
Wed. and Thurs., December 24 & 25 for
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

Tenth Anniversary of Elliott Way

Ten years ago the Hudson River riverfront road, now known as Elliott Way, opened for use. Now the road's existence is almost taken for granted, especially among recent Village residents. Prior to its existence, the only way to access the riverfront was through a one-way tunnel, called the Picture Tunnel, or by crossing the rail-road tracks at grade in the vicinity of the Yacht Club.



Looking North from HMB Drive

The new road was built at a cost of approximately \$4.2 million with the funding coming from Metro North, the NYS Dept. of Transportation and Federal Intermodal Transportation (ISTEA) money. Metro North also contracted the design

and engineering work.

By acquiring the Half Moon Bay bridge, the Village facilitated access to the riverfront on the west side of the tracks.

The section of the road that was created ten years ago runs from the Half Moon Bay bridge north to Senasqua Park. The tunnel that formerly allowed one-lane vehicle traffic, was lengthened to provide sufficient width for the new two-lane riverfront road above it. Now only used by walkers and cyclists, it still "frames" a wonderful picture of the Hudson River.



Looking Through the Picture Tunnel

'Tis the Season!

Santa's elves have placed special mailboxes at the Municipal Building and at Save-Mor for letters to Santa.



Letters must be put in the mailbox by December 15 to be guaranteed an answer. No postage is required but a return name and address must be included.

The Village's **Menorah Lighting** will take place on Tuesday, December 16 and will continue each night for 8 nights. The menorah is located at the corner of Benedict Blvd. and South Riverside Ave.



The Village **Tree Lighting** is on Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm in Vassallo Park. The evergreen growing in the park will be lit for the season. Everyone is invited to sing carols and enjoy some light refreshments.



Croton Police Trained in Naloxone

Croton's Police Officers have completed training in the use of intranasal Naloxone (aka Narcan) for reversing Opioid overdoses. This medication has been in use as an injection or IV in the US for the past 40 years by medical professionals, when an overdose victim has symptoms of a low heart rate, is unconscious or in respiratory distress.

Police are trained to administer Naloxone nasally by spraying it into nasal passages of an overdose victim. This medication can help reverse the effects of an overdose of an Opioid drug. It can effectively reverse the effects of Heroin, Morphine, methadone, OxyContin, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl and many other Opioid drugs. It is not effective for non-Opioid drugs such as Cocaine, Methamphetamines, Valium, and Xanax.

As a result of their training, Croton's Police Officers are now available, in conjunction with Emergency Medical Services, as first responders 24/7 to assist in an overdose situation. All police cars used on patrols will be equipped with dosages of Naloxone.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony

Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, will be commemorated this year on Friday,



December 5 at 4:30 pm at Buchanan Village Hall. The ceremony is coordinated by the Cortlandt Hudson Valley Veterans' Committee of which Croton's Central Veterans Committee is a member. The ceremony is held on a rotating schedule with the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan.

Blood Drive Coming



The next semi-annual community blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th, from 9 am to 3 pm at Croton-Harmon High School.

Making an appointment helps the day go efficiently, but walk-ins are also welcome. To make an appointment, please call 271-7645 or 271-8449 or email: communityblooddrive@gmail.com.

Blood donors must be between ages 16 and 76 and weigh at least 110 pounds. A parental permission note is required for those who are 16 and a doctor's note is required for those over 76. All donors must bring a valid ID. Free childcare is available for donors with young children.

Got a Question?



I have no place on my property to park my car on snowy days when on-street parking is not allowed. What can I do? No parking is permitted on Village streets when snow accumulates to 2" or more. This restriction is in place to enable the DPW to properly clear the streets. Residents who can demonstrate that they have no feasible on-site parking available to them, may obtain a Seasonal Overnight Parking Permit at the Village Office. Fees for Seasonal permits vary from \$25 to \$100 depending upon the number of permits needed. Vehicles with Seasonal permits, however, must still be removed from the streets no later than 12

hours after the snow ends. The same time frame also applies to cars parked in the Village-controlled parking lots at Asbury Methodist Church, behind Holy Name of Mary Church, the west end of Benedict Blvd., and the Municipal Building.

Parking is also restricted on certain streets as follows:

- North side of Grand St. between Old Post Rd. North and Riverside Ave.
- Both sides of Benedict Blvd. and Maple St.
- East side of Riverside Ave. between Brook St. and High St.
- East side of Old Post Road South (high school side) between Maple St. and Cleveland Drive.



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Weekend Parking Permits Expire

Village residents with Weekend Parking Permits for the railroad station parking lot should be aware that they expire on December 31, 2014. New permits may be obtained for free at the Village office. A current car registration with a valid Village address is required. The new permits will be good for 2 years, through December 31, 2016.



Water Bills

Semi-annual water/sewer bills will be sent out on December 15 and are payable January 15, 2015. The water rate is \$6.690 [per cubic feet of usage. The Sewer rate is \$0.6405 per cubic feet of water consumption. After January 15, 2015, penalties accrue on a monthly basis.

Tree Disposal

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up by the DPW during the first two weeks of January. All trimmings, tinsel and wire should be removed and the trees should NOT be in bags.

Zoning Changes

The Village Zoning Code has been amended to add a new residential zone - RA-60 (1 1/2 acres). The official zoning map has also been amended to remap 482 acres to Parks, Recreation and Education (PRE) zones from RA-40, including Croton Point Park and two Audubon sites. As well, 425-acres of RA-40 property have been remapped to RA-60 including Hudson National Golf Course.