

# Welcome to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson



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**Sunset Park** 271-3006  
Located along Sunset Drive and Lexington Drive, the park offers a new playground for young children and plenty of shaded benches for their guardians.

**Teatown Lake Reservation** 762-2912  
Teatown is a 759-acre nature preserve and environmental education center. The Reservation offers trails of varying intensities and schedules a variety of seasonal activities throughout the year. [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org)

**Vassallo Park** 271-3006  
Vassallo Park is a large green open space behind Holy Name of Mary Church. The Village sponsors concerts on the open stage on summer nights. Some local sports organizations use the space for practice.

Free copies of the Village Street Map and the Village Parks and Trails Network Map are available in the Village Office and on the Village Web-site.

**Paradise Island**

864-PARK

A 22 acre island in the Croton River, the park is surrounded by water during most of the year. There is no bridge to access the park. The space has been set aside as a natural area. Paradise Island provides undisturbed habitat for wildlife and is ideal for study of the Croton River wildlife. [www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks](http://www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks).

**Old Croton Aqueduct State Park**

Mostly an even walking trail, the trail follows the path of the aqueduct that was once used to bring fresh water from the Croton River to New York City. The marble ventilator turrets that kept fresh air circulating in the aqueduct tunnel are set a mile apart. It is owned and managed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

**Senasqua Park**

271-3006

The park features a non-swimming beach, a beach volleyball court and a playground. Arrangements can be made to reserve the pavilion for a fee. During the summer months the Recreation Department sponsors evening concerts and movies at the park. Located along the Hudson River, the Senasqua Boat Basin operates from May through October. Mooring space, park storage and sunfish racks are available for seasonal rental. Sailing lessons are offered at the Croton Sailing School (see page 22 for more information in class schedules and other services provided by the Sailing School). The pedestrian bridge provides access to the park by foot from the bottom of Brook Street on North Riverside Avenue.

**Silver Lake**

271-3006

Silver Lake provides access to the Croton River for swimming and picnicking. The park opens for swimming from Memorial Day to Labor Day. With a sandy beach, the constant flow of the cool fresh water, and easy access to some of the Village's Trail System, Silver Lake provides a little escape on a hot summer day. Village ID and fee are required for admittance.

**Skate Park**

271-3006

Located at the corner of Municipal Place and Riverside Ave., the newly constructed, sleekly designed Skate Park is available for skateboarders and in-line skaters during late spring, summer, and early fall. An attendant is present when the park is open. Village ID and fee are required for admittance.

**Spencer Field**

271-4793

Spencer Field is near C.E.T Elementary School. The schools use the field for soccer and football. The track is open for residents' use.

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Village Manager's Office	271-4848
Village Clerk's Office	271-4848
Treasurer's Office	271-4782
Recreation & Parks Department	271-3006
Court	271-6266
Engineer's Office	271-4783
Code Enforcement	271-4783
Assessor's Office	271-4783
Department of Public Works	271-3775
Parking	271-4781
Water Department (Billing Questions)	271-4781
Fire Dept. (non-emergency calls only)	271-2693
Police (non-emergency calls only)	271-5177
Emergencies	911
Dog Control (during business hours)	271-3775
Village Historian	271-4574

**Croton Free Library**

271-6612

**Post Office**

271-7589

**MTA Information**

1-800-638-7646

**Croton-Harmon Union Free School District**[www.croton-harmonschoools.org](http://www.croton-harmonschoools.org)

District Office	271-4713
Superintendent of Schools	271-4793
Business Office	271-4713
Transportation Office	271-4675
Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School	271-5184
Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School	271-2191
Croton-Harmon High School	271-2147

**Hendrick Hudson School District**[www2.lhric.org/henhud](http://www2.lhric.org/henhud)

Main Office	737-7500
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**Town of Cortlandt**[www.townofcortlandt.com](http://www.townofcortlandt.com)

Assessor	734-1040	Planning Dept.	734-1080
Clerk	734-1020	Receiver of Taxes	734-1030
Code Enforcement	734-1010	Recreation Dept.	734-1050
Community Center	528-1464	Sanitation Dept.	737-0100
Court	734-1090	Supervisor's Office	734-1002
Events Hotline	734-1086	Water Dept.	734-1064
Highway Dept.	737-0047	Youth Center	736-0498
Historian	734-1002		

# History of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson celebrated the Centennial of its incorporation on February 12, 1998 with a ceremony in the Frederick Blais Auditorium at Croton-Harmon High School. The voice of opera diva Lillian Nordica, a former resident, greeted the public as they streamed in to watch village trustees, in period costume, re-enact the first board meeting. The village's proud history extends back thousands of years.

Oyster middens and traces of a Native American fort that can still be seen on Croton Point bear witness to the home of the Kitchawanc tribe. It is believed the name Croton comes from one Native American chief, Kenoten, meaning *wild wind*.

The arrival of Henry Hudson on the Half Moon in 1609 heralded a dramatic change in the Native Americans' lifestyle. Soon after, Dutch settlers began to arrive establishing a trading post at Tellers' Point on Croton Point. Stephanus Van Cortlandt, who had made a fortune in the brewing business in New York City, began acquiring land and was granted a Royal Patent for the Manor of Cortlandt in 1697. Europeans settlers became traders, tenant farmers on the Van Cortlandt property or mill operators on the Croton River.

Although Croton was in neutral territory during the Revolutionary War, it was the scene of a significant event in September 1780. Moses Sherwood and John Peterson noticed the British sloop *Vulture* moored off Croton Point. It had dropped off the British spy Andre to meet the traitor Benedict Arnold and was waiting to take Andre and the plans of West Point back to the British in New York City. Sherwood and Peterson used a borrowed cannon from a fort in Verplanck to intimidate the *Vulture* into withdrawing to further downstream. Trapped in enemy territory, Andre was forced to take the land route back to New York City, but he was captured in Tarrytown before he could reach safety.

Richard Underhill built the first wine cellars in the country in which to store his famous Croton wine, while his brother manufactured bricks on the north side of Croton Point. The railroad arrived in the Village in 1849. At the end of the 19th century, construction of the New Croton Dam, urgently needed to provide more water for New York City, brought Italian, Irish and German immigrants to the area. Later they settled with their families in the village - ancestors of many current residents.

Real estate entrepreneur Clifford Harmon acquired much of the Van Cortlandt property in 1903 to develop a country retreat for artists, writers and musicians, among them Wagnerian soprano Lillian Nordica. The Playhouse Clifford Harmon built enjoyed more than a decade of success, with guests such as Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks.

Around that time electric trains began operating on the Hudson Line out of Grand Central Terminal. Harmon sold the property on the neck of Croton Point to NY Central Railroad for a train yard with the stipulation that the Station would always bear his name - hence Croton-Harmon Station. Many railroad employees chose to make the Village their home because of its close proximity to the yards.

**Historic Hudson Valley: Van Cortlandt Manor** 271-8981  
Van Cortlandt Manor, situated on the banks of the Croton River in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, is a working estate and elegant country house that brings the new nation period vividly to life. The history of the estate is richly documented and the manor house contains primarily original furnishings, which provides an element of authenticity rarely seen in house museums. [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**Historical Society Museum** 271-4574  
The library provides a gallery space for the Croton Historical Society to exhibit its collection on a rotating basis. Call to find out about the current displays.

**Hudson RiverWalk** 271-3006  
The RiverWalk is a trail system that will create a continuous pedestrian/bicycle waterfront trail from the southern border of Yonkers to the northern border of the Town of Cortlandt. The 46.6 mile trail will use existing and established trails with newly constructed trail links and will run through 13 riverfront communities in Westchester County. Coming north, the 8 miles of the system within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson begin with the "Crossing" from Ossining over the Croton River on the Route 9 Bridge to the Croton Point Avenue Exit. The trail goes over the Croton Point Bridge and through Croton Point. Newly constructed paved paths connect Croton Point with the Village's Hudson Riverfront parks, Senasqua and Croton Landing. The Village is working with Westchester County planning the northern most segments through the Beaverkill section of Croton Landing and on to Oscawana Island Park in Cortlandt. The Pedestrian Bridge permits access to the trailway from the intersection of Brook Street and South Riverside Avenue on the opposite side of Route 9.

**Kaplan's Pond**  
The 8.5-acre parcel is village-owned and features a small pond and wetland. The site is located at the corner of Lounsbury Road and Giglio Court.

**Jane E. Lytle Arboretum** 271-2623  
The Arboretum protects 20.4 acres of wetlands and woods, making them accessible to the public on a small network of trails. The Arboretum can be accessed from the end of Fox Road, across from the Hudson National Golf Course. A small parking area is available. The Annual Croton Garden Tour Benefits the Arboretum. The tour takes place each spring. Visit the Arboretum web-site for a map of trails [www.crotonarboretum.org](http://www.crotonarboretum.org).

**Croton Trail System**

271-4848

The Croton Trails Committee identified and mapped a Village-wide network of existing and planned walking trails. With the exception of the Croton Gorge Trail and the RiverWalk, trails are for pedestrian use only. The trail system includes many open trails. The *Croton Gorge Trail*, a half mile wooded trail that follows the Croton River ravine, is accessible from either the Silver Lake parking lot or the end of Cleveland Drive. A spur trail takes you down to the historic Quaker Bridge over the Croton River and up to the *Old Croton Aqueduct State Trailway*. The *RiverWalk* is a paved Hudson River waterfront trail that connects to neighboring communities. The *Highland Trail* is a scenic wooded trail that skirts the Hudson National Golf Course and reaches one of the highest points in the village, offering sweeping panoramic views of the Hudson River. It also connects to the *Brinton Brook Sanctuary* and the *Jane E. Lytle Arboretum*. These trailheads are accessed from either Arrowcrest Road or the Arboretum.

**Croton Volunteer Firefighters Memorial Field**

271-3006

The field is located behind C.E.T. Elementary School. The softball/Little League field is equipped with lights for night games. Contact the Recreation Department for availability and terms of use.

**David J. Manes Memorial Field**

271-3006

The multipurpose field is located behind the elementary school, adjacent to the Firefighters Memorial Field. It is accessed from the school property. Croton AYSO, the School District and Croton Little League use the field.

**Dobbs Park**

271-3006

The Village's Dobbs Park is located on Maple Street. There is a playground, Little League field and basketball court.

**Duck Pond**

271-3006

The Duck Pond is located on Bungalow Road across from the Croton Diner. The park has playground equipment, a ballfield and basketball courts. A green flag by the pond indicates when ice skating is permitted.

**Graff Sanctuary**

666-6503

The 28-acre Audubon preserve is accessed from either Furnace Dock Road or Briggs Lane. Call to find out about current trail systems.

**Harrison Street Park**

271-3006

At the corner of Route 129 and Harrison Street, the park provides play space and new playground equipment for young children.

Meanwhile, Mount Airy, the area north of the village, was transforming from a Quaker and New Thought community to a summer colony that attracted many Greenwich Village bohemians. Mabel Dodge held court; poet Edna St. Vincent Millay stayed long enough to be married; actress Gloria Swanson ruled over a glorious estate; and Isadora Duncan's sister, Elizabeth, taught dance. They were joined by members of the American Communist party including political cartoonist Boardman Robinson, the editor of *The Masses*, Max Eastman, and one of his staff members, John Reed. Reed was the subject of Warren Beatty's movie *Reds*.

In 1932, Mount Airy and Harmon were incorporated into the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, with the center of the community at the Depot, North Riverside Avenue near Bank Street. After World War II, the Village became more of a commuter suburb, with many residents commuting to workplaces in New York City and other employment centers outside the Village. Automobile traffic had become so congested by 1960 that a highway parallel to the Hudson River was constructed and most of the buildings in the Depot area were demolished - vastly changing the character of the Village.

Croton-on-Hudson continues to evolve as a suburban village with a thriving artistic community attracting residents from a variety of backgrounds with diverse interests. Copies of the Historical Society's *History of Croton-on-Hudson, New York* and *Images of America: Croton-on-Hudson* are available at the Village office.

**2000 CENSUS STATISTICS**

Land Area (Square Miles) 4.98

Density (Population/Sq. Mi.) 1,527

Total Population 7,606

Households 2,859

Recognized as "Tree City, USA"

Winner of the 2004 Visions in Planning Award

		<b>Croton-on-Hudson</b>	<b>Westchester County</b>
<b>Total Population:</b>		7,606	923,459
<b>Age:</b>	0-14	22.2%	21.3%
	15-34	18.0%	24.4%
	35-44	20.1%	17.0%
	45-59	22.3%	19.3%
	60+	17.4%	18.1%
<b>Housing:</b>	Owned	75.8%	60.1%
	Rented	24.2%	39.9%

## Introduction to the Village Government

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson became an incorporated Village within the Town of Cortlandt in 1898 and adopted the Council-Manager form of government in 1971. In this form of government, the Village Manager administers the daily operations of the Village in accordance with the policies set by the Village Board.

The Village Board is comprised of the mayor and four trustees. The Board sets policy, approves the budget, adopts local laws and appoints the Village Manager to implement policies and supervise administration of local affairs. Each member serves two-year terms. The Village Justice presides over the Village Court and serves a two-year term. The Village holds annual local elections in March to elect Mayor, Trustees and Village Justice depending on which terms have expired. Residents may also vote on public referenda during these elections.

As chief administrative officer, the Village Manager carries out the Village Board's policies, manages the government's staff, prepares the budget and serves as an advisor to the Village Board. The local government benefits from the Manager's training and experience in administration of projects and programs, and citizens can count on the Manager to provide complete and objective information.

The Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Water Control Commission make land use decisions. The Planning Board considers site plans and subdivisions, the Zoning Board evaluates applications for variances and the Water Control Commission considers wetland activity permits. The Advising Boards and Committees make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and other decision making boards.

All individuals who are at least 18 years of age and have lived in the Village for 30 days as of the date of elections are eligible to vote in Village elections. Village elections are held the third Tuesday of March. The Village Clerk is responsible for the mechanics of the election. A winning candidate is determined by a simple majority of votes. Those residents who are interested in serving as election inspectors should contact the Village Clerk's Office. The Village Office can provide contact information regarding active political parties in the Village.

## Parks, Playgrounds, Preserves, Fields & Museums

Dogs are prohibited at all times in Village of Croton-on-Hudson Parks.

**Black Rock Park** 271-3006  
Located on Quaker Bridge Road along the Croton River, the park offers access to the Croton River for fishing and picnic space.

**Brinton Brook Sanctuary** 666-6503  
The 156-acre Brinton Brook Sanctuary offers roughly 3 miles in trails. Hikers are rewarded with scenic Hudson River views and exposure to native wildlife. The preserve is accessed from a private drive off Albany Post Road North (Route 9A), 3/10ths of a mile north of Sky View Nursing Home. The road is marked with a sign that reads "SMRAS" (Saw Mill River Audubon Society). A small parking area is located at the trails head.

**Canoe/Kayak Launch at Croton-Harmon Train Station** 271-3006  
The boat launch, located behind the Village Garage and salt shed at the Croton-Harmon train station, is for car top boats only. There is free parking. It is prohibited to use this access ramp for boats on trailers.

**Croton Gorge Park** 864-PARK  
Croton Gorge Park is a 97-acre property at the base of the Croton Dam and affords impressive views of the dam and spillway. The park is a popular spot for fishing, picnicking and hiking, with direct trail access to New York State's Old Croton Aqueduct. The park is also used in winter for cross-country skiing. Croton Gorge Park is part of the Westchester County Parks System. [www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks](http://www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks).

**Croton Landing** 271-3006  
Croton Landing is a Village owned waterfront property located north of Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club. The park offers Hudson River views and a handicapped accessible path along the waterfront, part of the RiverWalk. The pedestrian bridge provides access to the park by foot from the bottom of Brook Street on North Riverside Avenue. A boat ramp for car top boats is located in the parking lot. It is prohibited to use this access ramp with boats on trailers.

**Croton Point Park** 862-5290  
Croton Point Park is a 508-acre park situated on a peninsula on the east shore of the Hudson River. The park offers year-round events and activities, such as the Clearwater Revival Festival in late spring. There are facilities for camping, hiking and swimming. Reservations for camping on the park should be made with the Westchester County Parks Department. The Park is a part of the Westchester County Parks System. [www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks](http://www.co.westchester.ny.us/Parks).

**League of Women Voters of  
Briarcliff, Ossining, Croton and Cortlandt**

949-0507

The League of Women Voters works at the local, state and national levels, paralleling the levels of American government. The organization's name, like its mission, derives from the proud legacy of the women's suffrage movement. Today's members are women and men; any citizen aged 18 or older can join. With membership comes the opportunity to work on local, state, regional and national public policy issues. Local leagues set their local programs, priorities and dues; state leagues set the statewide agenda. [www.watpa.org/lwv/bocc.html](http://www.watpa.org/lwv/bocc.html)

**Material Archives & Laboratory for Archaeology (MALFA)**

The Lower Hudson Chapter of the NYS Archaeological Association is located at the Nature Center in Croton Point Park.  
[www.geocities.com/MALFANY](http://www.geocities.com/MALFANY)

**Houses of Worship**

Asbury United Methodist Church	271-3150
	<a href="http://www.asburycroton.org">www.asburycroton.org</a>
Holy Name of Mary Church (Roman Catholic)	271-4797
	<a href="http://www.catholic-church.org/holyname">www.catholic-church.org/holyname</a>
Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church	271-4632
	<a href="http://www.oursaviourcroton.org">www.oursaviourcroton.org</a>
Saint Augustine's Church (Episcopal)	271-3501
	<a href="http://www.bestweb.net/~august/">www.bestweb.net/~august/</a>
Temple Israel of Northern Westchester	271-4705
	<a href="http://www.uahcweb.org/congs/ny/ny054/">www.uahcweb.org/congs/ny/ny054/</a>

**The Village Web-site:**

The Village maintains a thorough and accurate web-site:

**[www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)**

Residents are encouraged to sign up for e-mail notification regarding Village events and meetings. Subscribe at no cost to receive e-mails by logging on to the web-site and clicking on the link 'Email Subscriber' located in the lower right corner of the home page.

Information available on the site includes:

- Contact information for all Village Departments
- Downloadable pdf-format forms for permit applications
- Current program information for the Recreation Department
- Garbage and recycling collection schedules
- A calendar publicizing Village meetings and community events
- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Recent newsletters
- Maps of the Village Streets, Parks and Trails
- Information on parking at the Croton-Harmon train station
- Links to the school district, library and local organizations
- A complete and searchable Village Code
- Links for local, county, state and federal representatives
- Pictures and history of the Village

**Village Newsletter**

The Village publishes a monthly newsletter (bi-monthly in the summer) that offers updates and information on Village projects and local events. The newsletter features a question/answer section and a get-to-know the Village employees section in each issue. The newsletter is delivered to all resident addresses by the US Postal Service, but additional copies are available on the Village web-site (pdf-format) or in the Village Office (hard-copy).

**Public Access Channel**

The Village's Local Public Access Channel is channel 78. The Village Board meetings (usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month) are broadcast live and re-broadcast on the Wednesday following the Monday night meeting.

The Croton-Harmon Union Free School District's Public Access Channel is channel 77.

## The Town of Cortlandt

Croton-on-Hudson is an incorporated Village within the Town of Cortlandt. The Town Hall is located at 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. Residents of our Village pay town, school, and county taxes to the town. See page 17 of this booklet for an in-depth explanation of the tax payment schedule for Village residents.

The Village issues only birth and death certificates, dog licenses and some handicapped parking permits. For sporting licenses and marriage licenses, Village residents go to the Town Clerk's office. For more information call the Town Clerk's office.

Residents of the Village are eligible to participate in Town Recreation programs. The Town issues a recreation brochure three times a year that is mailed to all Village residents. The Town offers programs in sports, art, nature, and music for youth, teens, and adults. The Town also operates a day camp throughout the summer.

In addition, Village residents may utilize Town recreation parks and facilities. A complete listing of these facilities is listed in the Town Recreation Brochure. Some of these facilities include a pool at the Charles J. Cook Recreation Center, the Steven H. Hebert Memorial Skate Park, a roller hockey rink, and the tennis courts located at Lake Street, Walter Panas High School, and the Charles J. Cook Recreation Center (including the Croton-Cortlandt Center for the Arts). Use of some of these facilities may require a Town Photo ID. For information regarding the dates and times Town Photo IDs are issued please contact the Town Recreation Office.

Village residents participate in the Town Elections each November for Town Supervisor and members of the Town Board.

### Contact Information:

For a complete telephone directory for the Town of Cortlandt please see page 1 of this booklet. For additional information about the Town and Town Programs, log onto the town's website, [www.townofcortlandt.com](http://www.townofcortlandt.com).

### Directions to 1 Heady Street:

Go north on Route 9 (straight thru to the Bear Mountain Parkway). Get off at the North Division Street exit. Make a left onto Oregon Road. At the traffic light (Heady Street) make a right into Town of Cortlandt Office driveway.

### Croton Senior Citizens Club

271-5804

The Croton Senior Citizen Club is open to all residents of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson 60 years or older, or married to a resident 60 years or older. The Club meets in the Community Room at the Municipal Building every Friday, except in summer months when the Club meets at the pavilion at Senasqua Park, weather permitting. Trips, programs and parties are planned throughout the year. Call to find out more about membership, fees, and upcoming events.

### Croton Teen Theatre

271-1418

Croton Teen Theatre provides an opportunity for teens throughout the region to perform in a Broadway Musical. The production takes place in July. Auditions occur in the spring. Past productions include *Oliver!*, *The Sound of Music* and *The King and I*. Teens work with a professional director, musical director and choreographer, and professional set, light and sound designers.

### Friends of History

The Friends of History organize guest lectures on the history of the Hudson Valley and book club meetings with local authors. The organization uses the Ottinger Room at the Croton Free Library. Upcoming events are posted on the Events Calendar on the Village website, [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) and on the Croton Free Library website on the Ottinger Room page, [www.crotonfreelibrary.org](http://www.crotonfreelibrary.org). For more information e-mail: [backyard1@verizon.net](mailto:backyard1@verizon.net).

### Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger

The Run Against Hunger takes place in the Village every fall. The running event is designed to increase awareness of hunger and poverty issues and to raise money for hunger relief. It includes two runs: a 10K road race and a one mile Fun Run. [www.runagainsthunger.com](http://www.runagainsthunger.com)

### Hudson Stage

271-2811

Hudson Stage Company is a professional non-profit theatre group. Hudson Stage produces original, provocative and affordable new plays in Westchester. There are mainstage productions and ongoing stage readings at the Croton Free Library. [www.hudsonstage.com](http://www.hudsonstage.com)

### Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce

737-3600

Many of the local businesses are members of the Chamber. The Croton Business Council works within the Chamber to organize and sponsor seasonal events in the Village including Summerfest, the street festival that occurs early in June. [www.hvgatewaychamber.com](http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com).

**Croton Harmon Education Foundation**

271-5123

Croton-Harmon Education Foundation was created to raise and administer funds to encourage innovation in education. They endeavor to collect sufficient funds to support academic programs and special projects that enhance and enrich public education in the Croton-Harmon School District. [www.crotonfoundation.org](http://www.crotonfoundation.org)

**Croton Housing Network**

The housing network is a not-for-profit organization that develops affordable housing options in and around the Village. The organization owns properties that they rent to qualified residents and seniors.

**Croton Historical Society**

271-4574

The Historical Society is a volunteer organization that works with the Village Historian to collect and preserve historical materials and to make them available to the public. The Society coordinates speakers, films and projects that draw attention to the rich history of the Village. The Society established and coordinates a museum in the Croton Free Library. The Society meets on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the History Room at the Municipal Building. The Croton Historical Society maintains a web-page on the Village's web-site.

**Croton Little League**[www.crotonlittleleague.com](http://www.crotonlittleleague.com)

A group of volunteers organize the Croton Little League. The Little League program provides the opportunity for youths to experience team sports in a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

**Croton Lions Club**

271-3428

The Lions Club loans wheelchairs, crutches and other hospital equipment to help the sick and injured. They provide scholarships to high school seniors, send blind adults and children to the Vacation Camp for the Blind Lions, and support the Guiding Eyes for the Blind organization.

**Croton Rotary Club**[www.crotonrotary.org](http://www.crotonrotary.org)

The Croton-on-Hudson Rotary Club meets every Tuesday. The Club sponsors two main fundraising events every year: the Kellerhouse Scholarship Dinner/Dance in the spring and an Auto Show in the fall.

**Croton Sailing School**

271-6868

The Sailing School is located in Senasqua Park adjacent to the Marina area and Senasqua Boat Basin. The School offers classes for teens and adults, as well as boat rentals and charters. [www.crotonsailing.com](http://www.crotonsailing.com).

**Croton-Harmon Union Free School District**

In a county well-known for the high quality of its public schools, it is the Croton-Harmon School District's mission to challenge its students with high expectations and include parents and the community as partners in the endeavor for better education. The district attempts to develop student skills that will enable them to meet the challenges that lie ahead responsibly and maturely. The faculty is committed to developing the habits of mind and the social skills of Croton-Harmon students in order to create lifelong learners, who will be able to contribute to the well-being of society. Small-class size, a personalized approach to teaching and an outstanding faculty contribute to the success of the district.

The Croton-Harmon School District includes parts of the Town of Cortlandt, Town of Yorktown, Village of Ossining, and most of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. The district's 1,600 students attend Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School (grades K-4), Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School (grades 5-8) and Croton-Harmon High School (grades 9-12). Each year about 90% of the High School graduating class continues their education.

Channel 77 is the Croton-Harmon School District Public Access Channel. Board of Education meetings are shown, as well as information and announcements regarding district events.

The district welcomes visitors. Tours are a great way to get a feeling for the schools. Those interested in tours should contact the schools directly.

Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School	271-5184
Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School	271-2191
Croton-Harmon High School	271-2147
Website: <a href="http://www.croton-harmonschoools.org">www.croton-harmonschoools.org</a>	

**Hendrick Hudson School District**

A small percentage of our residents who reside in the north end of the Village attend the Hendrick Hudson Schools. The District includes Buchanan, Verplanck, Crugers, Montrose, and parts of Cortlandt Manor, Croton, and the City of Peekskill. The District facilities consist of six buildings: Hendrick Hudson High School (grades 9-12), Blue Mountain Middle School (grades 6-8), three elementary schools, Buchanan-Verplanck, Frank G. Lindsey, Furnace Woods (grades K-5), and the District Office. The District's current enrollment is 2,840 students.

District Office:	61 Trolley Road Montrose, NY 10548 Telephone: 914 737-7500 Website: <a href="http://www2.lhric.org/henhud">www2.lhric.org/henhud</a>
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## Village Offices

Visit the Village on the Web: [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)

Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building  
One Van Wyck Street  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520  
Tel: 914-271-4781 • Fax: 914-271-2836  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Manager's Office

Telephone: 271-4848  
Fax: 271-2836

The Village Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies set by the Village Board, advising the Board, and administering the day-to-day organizational tasks of the Village. Manager's Office is located on the second floor of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

### Clerk's Office

Telephone: 271-4848  
Fax: 271-2836

The Village Clerk has many responsibilities including handling all commercial insurance policies for the Village, carrying out the Village Elections, processing all Personnel records and employee benefit enrollments, recording complaints to the Village Office, and preparing legal notices.

### Village Office (Parking/Registrar of Vital Statistics)

Telephone: 271-4781  
Fax: 271-2836

The Village Office issues train station parking permits, handicapped parking permits and dog licenses. The office houses Village records open to the public through the Freedom of Information Law. The Village issues death certificates and birth certificates only for deaths and births that have taken place within the Village. The Village's Main Office is located on the second floor of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

### Finance Department

Telephone: 271-4782  
Fax: 271-2836

The Finance Department receives tax and water bill payments, handles all Village funds including receipts and disbursements, plans borrowing and transfers, prepares financial statements and handles Village investments. In conjunction with the Village Manager's Office and with the support of the Trustees, the Finance Department prepares the annual budget.

### Croton Cortlandt Center for the Arts (C/CCA)

739-4320

C/CCA is a not-for-profit organization that provides art classes for the community. The Center boasts a staff of local artists and offers classes year round for all ages. The Center also provides workshops throughout the year and offers summer camp opportunities. Visit their web-site at [www.cccarts.org](http://www.cccarts.org) for class information and up coming events.

### Croton Council on the Arts (CCoA)

271-6132

The Croton Council on the Arts is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to developing the awareness of and appreciation for the arts in the Village through the promotion of local artists. The Council sponsors many events throughout the year such as gallery exhibitions. Art enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to join the Council as members or volunteers. Call for an informational brochure.

### Croton Food Bank

271-3150

Croton Food Bank is an independent, not-for-profit, non-denominational organization that provides non-perishable groceries to people who need food. It was started with a grant from the second Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger. It is run by nearly 50 volunteers from the community and more are always welcome. The Food Bank is located in the basement of the Asbury United Methodist Church. It is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and by appointment during the week for emergencies. [www.asburycroton.org/fb.htm](http://www.asburycroton.org/fb.htm)

### Croton Free Library

271-6612

The library is part of the Westchester Library System and offers many cultural and community activities for children and adults. The library is also home to a collection of 80,000 books and periodicals, as well as audiocassettes, CD's and videotapes. Featuring an online automated catalog system, a full reference section, internet access, and knowledgeable staff, the Croton Free Library makes research much easier. Story hours introduce children to the pleasures of reading, and the Library is a short walk from Village schools. The library's catalog system allows library card holders to search for and order inter-library loan materials from other Westchester libraries. The Library provides gallery space for the Croton Historical Society to display parts of their permanent collection and also for temporary exhibits of the work of local artists. The Ottinger Room is used by many organizations for lectures, meetings and special programs. The Library's web-site is [www.crotonfreelibrary.org](http://www.crotonfreelibrary.org). The Westchester County Library System's web-site (for searching the library catalog from home) is [www.westchesterlibraries.org](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org).

## Community Organizations

**Croton Auxiliary Police** 271-5177  
Auxiliary Police assist the Croton Police Department in the protection of the safety and security of our community. Volunteer for a few hours a month and experience the pride and satisfaction of serving the community and working in law enforcement. No experience in law enforcement is necessary. Come into the police station to apply.

**Croton AYSO** [www.crotonsoccer.org](http://www.crotonsoccer.org)  
A group of volunteers heads up Croton AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization). The Organization welcomes the involvement of all interested in playing soccer.

**Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary, Inc** 271-2623  
The Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary is a volunteer, non-profit organization that provides environmental stewardship for more than 20 acres of wetlands and woods at the Jane E. Lytle Arboretum off of Fox Road. The group promotes environmental education in wetland restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement and water-quality monitoring. Visit their web-site, [www.crotonarboretum.org](http://www.crotonarboretum.org), for more information.

**Croton Caring Committee** 271-4979  
CCC is an all-volunteer, lay, not-for-profit organization that helps the frail elderly, the home-bound, the handicapped and families in need in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

**Croton Children's Theatre** 271-8812  
Children's Theatre, a three week summer camp, offers children the opportunity to experience the performing arts by experimenting with the different aspects of production including music, dance, set design and construction and costuming. The final product, a musical, is performed at the end of the three weeks. All children perform.

**Croton Chorale**  
The Croton Chorale has concerts year-round, as well as an annual holiday performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The Chorale presents its concerts as benefits for local non-profit organizations.

**Croton Community Blood Program** 271-5529  
The Community Blood Program organizes and operates biannual Blood Drives in the Village. The Blood Drives are held in May and December. Call for information on volunteer opportunities.

**Engineering Department**  
Telephone: 271-4783  
Fax: 271-3790

The Engineering Department enforces building and zoning codes and issues permits for a variety of construction activities. Other responsibilities include advising Village Boards and committees regarding building, zoning and engineering matters, and overseeing construction. The Engineering Department assists in developing plans and specifications for capital improvement projects.

**Assessor's Office**  
Telephone: 271-4783  
Fax: 271-3790

The Assessor is responsible for assigning values to property within the Village for property tax purposes. Property tax information can be obtained from the Finance Department, 271-4781.

**Code Enforcement Office**  
Telephone: 271-4783  
Fax: 271-3790

The Code Enforcement Officer monitors development activity in the Village to ensure compliance with the Code. Residents can inform the Code Enforcement Office if there is a concern about a code violation.

**Department of Public Works**  
Address: 1 Gateway Plaza  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520  
Telephone: 271-3775  
Fax: 271-2856

The DPW maintains the Village streets, including repairs, street sweeping and snow removal. The Department is responsible for street lighting, street trees, the water system, and the sanitary and storm water sewer systems. In addition, the department provides sanitation and recycling services, fall leaf removal and metal collection.

**Recreation & Parks Department**  
Telephone: 271-3006  
Fax: 271-2836

The Recreation & Parks Department maintains and renovates the parks and playgrounds. The Recreation Department sponsors exercise and art classes, sports, trips, special events, and other activities seasonally for all age groups. Program brochures are mailed to residents three times a year. Residents should obtain a Resident Photo ID Card in order to have full use of the Village's parks and facilities. More information on ID Cards can be found on page 14-15. The Department also develops a schedule and maintains registration for non-club member residents to golf at Hudson National Golf Course.

**Court**

Telephone: 271-6266

Fax: 271-2021

The Croton-on-Hudson Justice Court is in session every Wednesday morning convening at 9:30 a.m. Court is held in the Court Room on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Criminal cases are called first, followed by vehicle and traffic tickets, parking violations, civil, small claims and zoning cases. Jury trials are held on separate days commencing at 9:00 a.m. The Justice Court is enrolled with the Department of Motor Vehicles under the Parking Scofflaw Plan.

**Police Department**

Telephone: 271-5177

Emergency: 911

The Police Force consists of 21 full-time officers. The force provides 24-hour help and protection to those in need of assistance, and also educates Village residents and merchants regarding safety and security. The Department has a Dive Team and an Emergency Response Team. Croton Police sponsor DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in the local schools and provide services that include a Dark House List and bicycle registration. Patrol cars are equipped with automated electronic defibrillators and full first aid kits, and all officers are trained in C.P.R. and first aid. The Auxiliary Police is a group of volunteers who assist the Croton Police Department with crowd and traffic control.

**Volunteer Fire Department**

Address: P.O. Box 365

Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Telephone: 271-2693

Emergency: 911

Croton-on-Hudson's Fire Department is an entirely volunteer organization that provides both fire and ambulance services to the Village. The five fire companies have a membership of over 200 people. The Department responds to over 750 calls per year. The Explorers, a group of teenage volunteers, provides support services at fire scenes. No prior firefighting experience is necessary to join the Department, and training and equipment are provided. Stop by a firehouse Mondays at 7 p.m. for more information.

Each Village Department maintains a page on the Village Web-site. For more contact information and for the most current information for Village Residents visit:

[www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)

The **Conservation Advisory Council** was established to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and manmade environment within the Village in the face of population growth, urbanization and technological change. The CAC meets the first Wednesday of the month.

The **Recreation Advisory Committee** serves in an advisory capacity to the Superintendent of Recreation and the Village Board. The Committee acts as a liaison between the community and the Village Board, evaluating programs, determining uses for facilities, maintaining public relations and considering other matters pertaining to recreation and parks.

The **Trails Committee** was established in 1992. The Trails Committee considers open space that could potentially be part of a trail system by identifying existing and potential properties that could connect trails or create trail linkages. Contact the Village Office to obtain a map of the trails that run through the Village or to learn about the most recent plans for increasing and augmenting the Village's network of trails. The map is also available on the Village web-site.

The **Water Control Commission** is charged with protecting the public interest, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Village by providing for the preservation, proper maintenance and use of its wetlands, water bodies and watercourses. The Commission handles applications for wetlands activity permits for development in areas under its purview.

The **Waterfront Advisory Committee** consists of five members appointed by the Mayor from the Board of Trustees, the Water Control Commission, the Planning Board, and, according to the Mayor's discretion, an environmental consultant. The Committee reviews waterfront projects for consistency with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Contact information for all Boards, Committees, Commissions and Councils is available on the Village Web-site:

[www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)

## Boards, Committees, Commissions & Councils

The **Village Board of Trustees** promotes effective and efficient government and ensures the protection, order, conduct, safety, health, welfare and well-being of persons and property within the Village. The Board's responsibilities include policymaking, reviewing applications for special permits, and budget review and approval. The Village Board meets at 8pm in the Municipal Building, see Village Website for schedule. The meetings are open to the public and agendas can be obtained before the meeting from the Village Office or online on the Village web-site at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov). Minutes from previous meetings are available on the web-site.

The **Planning Board** reviews and approves applications for site plans, subdivisions and change of use. The Board provides recommendations to the Board of Trustees on all special permit applications. The Board meets on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are open to the public and agendas can be obtained before the meeting from the Village Engineer's Office or online on the Village web-site at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov). Minutes from previous meetings are available on the web-site.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** meets on the second Wednesday of each month to consider applications regarding the interpretation of the Zoning Code, for special permits, and for variances from the Zoning Code. The meetings are open to the public and agendas can be obtained before the meeting from the Village Engineer's Office or online on the Village web-site at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov). Minutes from previous meetings are also available on the web-site.

The **Advisory Board on the Visual Environment** acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees, Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Village Engineer for projects and proposals under consideration in the Village. The Board reviews aspects of projects and proposals that affect the visual environment of the Village. The Advisory Board's meetings are the first Wednesday of each month.

The **Comprehensive Plan Committee** researched and developed a Comprehensive Plan for the Village. In January 2003, the Village Board of Trustees adopted the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Committee believes that this document reflects public input and good planning principles. The complete document is available on the Village web-site, and hard copies are available for viewing in the Village Office. The Committee is now in the process of updating the Village's Zoning Chapter to reflect the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations.

## Local Laws and Regulations

The following summary is to facilitate comprehension of frequently encountered Village regulations. It is not a complete summary of Village laws. The Village Code should be consulted for more details. The Village Code is available in the Croton-on-Hudson Village Office and on-line on the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov).

### Accumulation of Snow

In order to facilitate efficient plowing of streets, residents must remove vehicles from the street when two or more inches of snow have accumulated. Within 24-hours after a snow fall, residents must clear their sidewalks of ice and snow.

### Bicycling

Bicycling on the sidewalks in the Village is prohibited to ensure the well-being and safety of pedestrians. Helmets must be worn by all children under the age of 14. Please be sure that your children are aware of these regulations.

### Building Permits

Except for normal maintenance that is not structural in nature, all construction requires a building permit. This includes exterior and interior alterations, retaining walls over four feet high, swimming pools, sheds and decks. Permits are issued only after approval of applications by the Village Engineer. Failure to obtain a permit is a violation of the Village Code. Permit applications are available at the Engineer's Office or on-line on the Village Website. A Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained for each Building Permit that is approved.

### Burglar/Fire Alarms

All home and business burglar/fire alarm systems must meet the Village's requirements prior to installation. Permits for installation are mandatory. In addition, a yearly registration fee is required for active alarms. Only alarm installation companies licensed by the County may conduct business within Croton-on-Hudson. Alarm permits can only be issued to property owners. Tenants must obtain written permission from property owner before a permit can be issued. Applications for alarm permits are available in the Village Office or online on the Village web-site.

### Dog Leash and Licensing Law

Pets are welcome. However, it is unlawful for a dog to be at large in the Village. Dogs must be restrained by a leash or chain. Dogs are prohibited at all times in any public park, playground or on school property. The Village has a pooper-scooper law that requires owners to clean up all dog feces and dispose of them in an air tight container. All

dogs must be licensed by the Village in accordance with the N.Y.S. Agricultural and Marketing Law; license applications are available at the Village Office. Any person who observes a dog in violation of the code may call the Dog Control Officer at 271-3775, or, after business hours, the Croton Police Department on the non-emergency line.

### **Fences**

The height and location of fences are regulated by the Village. Fences six feet high or less, measured from grade, are permitted anywhere on the property providing that they will not obstruct the view of traffic. However, fences over six feet high may require a building permit. The Village Engineer's Office should be contacted for more information and details.

### **Noise**

It is unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, peace, or safety of others. Construction work, including but not limited to building, repairing, blasting, grading, leveling and excavating, is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Saturday and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The operation of power lawn mowers, leaf blowers, or other motor-driven lawn or garden equipment is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Saturday and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

### **Right-of-Ways**

Residents may not plant trees or shrubs nor erect walls or fences on Village right-of-ways without a permit and approval from the Village Engineer.

### **Signs**

No signs of any type may be attached or fastened in any way to trees, shrubs, or poles on any street, park, or other Village property. Signs on private property are regulated by the Zoning Laws and in many cases require a permit. Certain types of temporary signs are exempt. Questions regarding signage should be directed to the Village Engineer.

### **Speed Limit**

No person may operate a vehicle on any street or highway within the Village at a rate in excess of 30 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted, or in excess of 15 miles per hour in areas designated as school zones.

## **Residential Property Tax Payment Schedule**

Your residential property tax liability is divided into components:

### **Village of Croton-on-Hudson Tax:**

Due: June 1<sup>st</sup>, payable by June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mailed: The end of May  
Period Covered: June to May  
Payable to: Village of Croton-on-Hudson

If the last day of any collection period falls on a weekend or holiday, the grace period is extended to the next regular business day. Post marks are valid if done at the US Post Office. Senior, veteran, fire and disabled exemptions are available to eligible individuals. These exemptions are available through the Village Assessor's Office.

### **Town and County (Combined on the Same Bill):**

#### Town of Cortlandt Tax:

Due: April 1<sup>st</sup>, payable by April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mailed: The end of March  
Period Covered: January - December  
Payable to: Town of Cortlandt Tax Receiver

#### Westchester County Tax:

Due: April 1<sup>st</sup>, payable by April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mailed: The end of March  
Period Covered: January - December  
Payable to: Town of Cortlandt Tax Receiver

### **School Tax (Paid in Two Installments):**

#### First Half:

Due: September 1<sup>st</sup>, payable by September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mailed: The end of August  
Period Covered: September to December  
Payable to: Town of Cortlandt Tax Receiver

#### Second Half:

Due: January 1<sup>st</sup>, payable by January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mailed: The end of August  
Period Covered: January to August  
Payable to: Town of Cortlandt Tax Receiver

The S.T.A.R. exemption is applicable to the school tax and is available through the Town of Cortlandt Assessor.

# Garbage and Recycling

Department of Public Works (DPW): 271-3775

- Garbage Cans should be limited to three (3) 32 gallon containers and weigh no more than 70 lbs. each.
- Please do not put garbage out until sundown, the day before collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- Large items (Example: furniture, toys, mattresses etc) should be put out on regular trash days. No special pick-up is necessary.
- Wood, Brush and Carpets are to be cut into four (4) ft. or less lengths. All materials are to be tied up in accessible bundles. Carpets must be rolled, cut and tied, and no wider than 2 ft.
- Fall leaves are collected only if placed in paper bags or loose at the curb. Placing leaves in bio-degradable bags expedites pick-up. Leaves in plastic bags will not be taken.
- Grass clippings do not belong in the garbage. Grass clippings should be left on the lawn or composted in the backyard.
- Refrigerators, freezers, A.C. units and dehumidifiers contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). In order to dispose of these items, a CFC removal sticker must be purchased from the village office at a cost of \$30.00 (The Village purchases the stickers from the Town of Cortlandt). Call the DPW to make an appointment to have the item(s) picked up. Each item requires one sticker. The collection of these and all metal items takes place every Wednesday except Holiday weeks.
- No construction debris, firewood, tree trunks or tires will be taken.
- No hazardous chemicals will be picked up. Call the Health Department at (914) 813-5000.
- Latex and oil based paint may be put out with the regular garbage provided all remaining paint is completely dried out and the lid is removed. Place the dried out paint cans with lids removed next to your regular garbage can.

## Weekly Schedule DPW Garbage and Recycling Removal Schedule:

Monday:	Regular Trash	North of Maple Street
Tuesday:	Regular Trash	South of Maple Street
Wednesday:	Metals, TVs & Computer Monitors by appointment.	
Thursday:	Recycling	North of Maple Street
Friday:	Recycling	South of Maple Street

## **Swimming Pools: In-Ground and Above-Ground**

A building permit is required for the construction of in-ground and above-ground swimming pools. All swimming pools, including existing swimming pools, must be protected with a four foot high fence with self-closing and self-latching gates. Contact the Village Engineer for more information.

## **Tree Law**

The Village requires a permit for the removal of certain trees. Removal of any tree 8 inches or more in diameter requires a permit on parcels of land capable of being subdivided, parcels of land without a residential structure, or property that would require a site plan. A tree removal permit is also required for: trees located on a slope greater than 25%; threatened or endangered species as defined by the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation; and landmark Village trees. Questions regarding tree removal and obtaining a tree removal permit should be directed to the Village Engineer's Office.

## **Visual Obstructions**

Residents must trim or cut back trees and shrubs that obstruct visibility on roadways, driveways, or at intersections. Trees, shrubs, fences, walls and structures more than 30 inches above the curb level are prohibited on street corners and in the clear area as defined in the Village Code. Trees are allowed in the clear area only if they are trimmed to permit visibility. See the Village Code or contact the Village Engineer for more details.

## **Wood Burning Stoves and Fireplaces**

All residents wishing to install a wood burning stove or a fireplace in their home must obtain a Building Permit prior to installation. Each installation is inspected by the Engineering Department. A certificate of conformity is issued for all properly completed installations.

The Village Code is available on the Village Web-site for free and easy consultation. The Village website is:  
[www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov)

# Information for Village Residents

## Fall Leaf Collection

The Village provides two means of fall leaf collection. Leaves can be placed in biodegradable paper bags or in piles at the edge of the street to be vacuumed up.

The DPW collects leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags once a week during November, December, and, if necessary, January. The DPW vacuums loose leaves piled at the edge of the street. DPW attempts to reach every street by the end of January. There is no specific schedule for vacuuming of the leaves. Bagging leaves will ensure timely removal by the DPW.

Leaves vacuumed or collected in biodegradable bags are composted. Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

## GIS System

GIS stands for Geographic Information System. The Village GIS system has been developed over the last nine years and is used by the Village to view and analyze information in a graphical format. Our current system is used in the management of infrastructure and environmental resources and to answer many inquiries regarding these assets. The information in the GIS system is organized into layers. Each layer contains a particular type of information, for example utilities or environmental, which can be displayed and analyzed.

By 2005, a subset of the GIS information will be accessible through a link on our web-site. This information will be limited to parcel, building foot print, street, environmental features and other non-security related information. Contact the Village Engineer for more information.

## Handicapped Parking Permits

Handicapped Parking Permit tags are available in the Village Office. The required forms are on the Village web-site or can be picked up at the office. License plates with handicapped status are issued through the DMV.

## Parking at the Croton-Harmon Train Station:

Registration forms for monthly and weekend/holiday permits are available at the Municipal Building or on the Village website. A resident monthly parking permit is \$40.00 (2004) per month. The permits are sold quarterly (every three months). Weekend/holiday permits are free for Village residents. These permits allow residents to park at the train station on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays at no cost. Residents must provide proof of village residency and current copies of the car registration in order to obtain permits.

## Resident Identification Card:

Between May and September an ID is required for entrance to Senasqua Park. The Skate Park, Hudson National Golf Course and Silver Lake require residents to have this card in order to receive the resident

rates. Residents should obtain a photo identification card from the Village Recreation Department. Cards are sold from March through October Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and some evening and Saturday hours. Cards cost \$5 and are good for three years; proof of residency is required. Check the Recreation Department brochure, Village web-site or call the Recreation Department for more specific information.

## Representation:

Visit the Village web-site section titled Important Links for the most up-to-date information on Village representation in local, county, state, and federal government.

## Summer Employment:

During the summer, the Village hires high school and college students for various positions in the Village. These include public works positions as laborers, opportunities with the Recreation Department, and internships in the Manager's and Engineer's Offices. A resume should be submitted to the appropriate department in the beginning of January each year for the upcoming summer.

## Transportation in and around the Village:

The Croton-Harmon Train station provides Metro-North Hudson Line commuter train service and access to Amtrak Northern Corridor service. The Westchester Bee-Line Bus system runs through the Village and connects with other Westchester communities. The Westchester County Airport is in White Plains about 20 miles from the Village.

Metro-North

[www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)

Amtrak

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

Bee-Line Buses

<http://beelinebus.westchestergov.com/>

## Village Water:

Approximately 90% of the Village's population is supplied by municipal hookup; the remainder is supplied by individual wells. The water comes from an aquifer beneath the Croton River, not from the New York City reservoir supply. The Village maintains its own supply and distribution system consisting of three well pumps at the well fields, four storage tanks located throughout the Village, and a network of mains and pipes. The only treatment consists of chlorine added at the well field for disinfection; no fluoride is added to the Village's water supply. A water quality report is prepared each year and includes detailed information on water quality. Billing for water is on a six month cycle.

Information about the Village Garbage & Recycling Collection and Tax Payment Schedule is on the following pages.