



Information for Residents of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson

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Please take some time to review the information we have compiled in the enclosed booklet. It was designed to provide an overview of Village government and services, and help residents navigate some of the laws and regulations specific to our village. We hope you will find this information useful and we also encourage you to view our village website, sign up for email notifications, connect with us on Facebook, and attend or watch our Village Board Meetings.

Janine King
Village Manager

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Telephone Directory

Village of Croton-on-Hudson	www.crotononhudson-ny.gov	
Village Manager's Office		271-4848
Village Clerk's Office		271-2013
Treasurer's Office		862-1419
Recreation and Parks Dept.		271-3006
Court		271-6266
Engineering/Building/Planning/ Zoning Office		271-4783
Code Enforcement		271-4783
Assessor's Office		271-4783
Dept. of Public Works		271-3775
Croton-Harmon Train Station Parking		271-4781
Water Dept. (Billing Questions)		862-1419
Fire Dept. (Non-emergency calls only)		271-2693
Police (Non-emergency calls only)		271-5177
EMS (Non-emergency calls only)		862-1600
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 School District	www.croton-harmonschoools.org	
District Office		271-4713
Superintendent of Schools		271-4793
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	www.henhudschoools.org	
Main Office		257-5112

About the Village

The Village Government

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson became an incorporated village within the Town of Cortlandt in 1891 and adopted the Council-Manager form of government in 1971. In this form of government, the Village Board is comprised of the mayor and four trustees. Each Board member serves two-year terms. The Board sets policy, approves the budget, adopts local laws, and appoints the Village Manager to implement policies and supervise the administration. The Village Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the Village. The Board's meetings are open to the public and are usually held the first and third Mondays of each month in the meeting room on the second floor of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building. Work sessions are also held once to twice per month. All meetings are televised and web streamed live. Web streams are available on demand.

All individuals who are at least eighteen years of age, registered to vote, and have lived in the Village for thirty days before the election are eligible to vote in Village elections. Village elections are held in November by the Westchester County Board of Elections.

Village Newsletter

The Village publishes newsletters that offer updates and information on Village projects and local events. The newsletter is delivered to all resident addresses by the US Postal Service. Additional copies are available on the Village website (pdf-format) and in the Village Office (hard-copy).

Public Access Channel

The Village's local Public Access Channel is channel 78. The Village Board meetings and work sessions 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 Village Website

www.crotononhudson-ny.gov

Residents are encouraged to sign up for email and telephone notifications regarding Village events and important information. This allows us to contact you regarding emergencies and information on street closures, power outages, water shut-offs, Village events and projects, as well as other matters impacting Village quality of life. To sign up, access the Village website and select “Stay Connected” on the lower portion of the main page. This will allow you to access the Village Facebook page, subscribe to news, and sign up for notifications from the school district.

Visit the Village’s website for updates on projects and initiatives, access to community links and newsletters, and options to make online payments or send comments. Additionally, there are several ways to keep up to date with Village affairs. The Village calendar shows the scheduled public meetings. You can view agendas for upcoming meetings online through NOVUS Agenda, which allows you to view detailed information pertaining to each item on the agenda. You are also able to watch Village Board meetings and work sessions live or at your convenience via web stream, and audio files are available for past work session meetings.

To access these, select “Minutes, Agendas, and Meetings on Demand” on the lower portion of the Village website’s main page. A government channel live stream will appear along with links to access agendas and related information dating from June 6, 2011 to the present, as well as minutes from 1997-2005. Recent minutes can be found by using the search box located at the bottom of the page under the “Board of Trustees” tab. Click on the month to see the meetings that were held. Once selecting a specific meeting, you will be taken to a page featuring a video of the meeting. Minutes and the agenda for that meeting can be found in the right sidebar under “General Attachments.”

2010 Census

Land Area (Square Miles) 4.64
Density (Population/Sq. Mi.) 1,738.5
Total Population 8,070
Households 2,934

Village Offices

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 Treasurer's Department, 862-1419.

Clerk's Office

Telephone: 271-2013

Fax: 862-3494

The Village Clerk is responsible for processing and maintaining all personnel records, employee benefits, Village insurance policies, workers compensation benefits, processes complaints filed with the Village, makes notice of legal notifications to public and files local laws with the state. The Village Clerk is the custodial keeper of Village Records and serves as the FOIL and Records Management Officer. The Clerk also serves as the Registrar of Vital Statistics issuing birth and death certificates filed with the Village. The Clerk's office is responsible for issuing dog licenses, film, peddlers/solicitors, and block party permits.

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.

Court

Telephone: 271-6266

Fax: 271-2021

The Village Justice Court is in session every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 a.m. with criminal matters handled first, followed by vehicle traffic at 10:15 a.m., parking violations at 10:30 a.m., and Village Code violations, civil, landlord and tenant, and small claim matters at 10:45 a.m. Jury trials are held on an as-needed basis on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Croton Emergency Medical Services

Telephone: 862-1600

Emergency: 911

Croton-on-Hudson's Emergency Medical Service is a volunteer organization, assisted 24/7 by a Emergency Medical Technician, that provides ambulance service to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and Mt. Airy and Quaker Bridge Fire Protection Districts, in the Town of Cortlandt. Croton EMS responds to over 700 calls per year.

Engineering/Building/Planning/Zoning Department

Telephone: 271-4783

Fax: 271-3790

Email: engineering@crotononhudson-ny.gov

This 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 Department assists in developing plans and specifications for capital improvement projects.

Manager's Office

Telephone: 271-4848

Fax: 862-3494

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. The Manager's Office is located on the second floor of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

Parking/Permits

Telephone: 271-4781

Fax: 271-2836

The Village Office issues train station parking permits, handicapped parking permits, off-street parking permits, alarm permits, and hardship permits. The Office houses Village records open to the public through the Freedom of Information Law. The Village's main office is located on the second floor of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

Police Department

Telephone: 271-5177

Emergency: 911

The Police Force consists of twenty-one 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 sponsors DARE in local schools. Additionally, the Croton Police provide services that include a Dark House List and bicycle registration. Patrol cars are equipped with defibrillators, naloxone, and full First Aid kits. 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. The Department also has a cadet program for youths 13 to 17 years of age.

Recreation and Parks Department

Telephone: 271-3006

Fax: 862-3497

The Recreation and 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. The Croton senior recreation programs provide environments of social engagement, continued learning, and enjoyment through a variety of classes, special events, and trips. Services include a local shopping bus, exercise classes, and a senior club. Activities are open to Village and school district residents age 60+. Program brochures are made available 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 13. The Department also develops a schedule and maintains registration for non-club member residents to golf at Hudson National Golf Course.

Treasurer's Department

Telephone: 862-1419

Fax: 271-2836

The Treasurer's Department receives tax and utility 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 Treasurer's Department prepares the annual budget.

Volunteer Fire Department

Telephone: 271-2693

Emergency: 911

Croton-on-Hudson's Fire Department is an entirely volunteer organization that provides fire suppression, rescue, fire prevention, and safety education services to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson as well as the Mount Airy and Quaker Bridge Fire Protection Districts. The five fire companies have a membership of over 200 people. The Explorers, a group of teenage volunteers, provide support services at fire scenes. No firefighting experience is necessary to join the Department; training and equipment are provided.

Each Village Department maintains a page on the Village website. For more contact information and the most current updates for Village residents, visit:
www.crotononhudson-ny.gov

Boards, Committees, Commissions and Councils

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 all projects and proposals under consideration by these bodies, in order to review those aspects of such projects and proposals, which affect the visual environment of the Village. The Board also reviews commercial sign applications.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee strives to improve the quality of life and safety of those who walk, ride bicycles, and rely on non-motorized means of travel in the Village. The Committee promotes a long range plan for access improvements for commuters, shoppers, students, and biking enthusiasts.

The Comprehensive Plan/Economic Development Committee
The original Comprehensive Plan Committee was formed in 1999 to create a Comprehensive Plan for the Village. This plan was adopted in 2003. A Comprehensive Plan is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community, outlining objectives and long term goals. The Comprehensive Plan/Economic Development Committee was established to update the 2003 Plan, move forward with the implementation of plan recommendations, and explore various ways that the Village can clarify its brand through signage and other mechanisms in order to facilitate economic development.

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, in addition to demands on natural resources. The CAC also sponsors a local Earth Day, informational events, and a yearly daffodil planting. The CAC manages the Croton Garden Club, which creates and maintains gardens on Village property. The club is open to all who have an interest in adding to the beauty of the Village, learning about gardening, sharing one's gardening expertise, or meeting people with similar interests. Interested residents should contact Richard Zumbach at: rdumbach@yahoo.com.

The Planning Board's responsibility is to review all proposals affecting land use in the Village. The Board processes all applications for subdivisions, site plans, minor site plans, and changes of use. The Planning Board also advises the Village Board and makes recommendations to them on the granting of special permits, zoning changes, and improvements or new construction of Village-owned projects. The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Applicants may contact the Planning Board secretary in the Village Engineer's office to have their applications placed on the Planning Board agenda.

The Recreation Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Recreation Supervisor 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 Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.

The Sustainability Committee is a voluntary advisory group chartered by the Board of Trustees to assist efforts to reduce climate impacts from both Village municipal operations and private facilities. The Committee develops and recommends greenhouse gas targets and practices, within budgetary limits set by the Village Board. The Committee also pursues climate action efforts to reduce the climate impacts of such operations and facilities. The Sustainability Committee has also organized community gardens, located at Silver Lake and the Municipal Building. Plots are available for Village residents via a lottery system. To sign up for the lottery and to learn more, email: communitygarden@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

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. The Committee also maintains and clears trails. A Village trail map is available on the Village website.

The Water Control Commission is charged with protecting the public interest, general health, safety, and economic and general welfare of the citizens of the Village by providing for the protection, preservation, proper maintenance, and use of its wetlands, water bodies, and watercourses by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats, and protecting against flood and pollution. The WCC considers applications for wetlands activities permits.

The Waterfront Advisory Committee consists of five members appointed by the Mayor from the Board of Trustees, the Water Control Commission, and the Planning Board. The Committee reviews waterfront projects for consistency with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

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.

These groups are comprised of volunteer members. Anyone interested in joining should email the Mayor with a letter of interest.

Each board, committee, commission, and council maintains a page on the Village website, which contains updates and contact information.

Tax Information

Taxes can be paid online. The link is available on the Village website on under "Online Payments."

Residential Property Tax Payment Schedule

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

Village Utility Bills (water consumption and sewer vents)

Village utility bills are mailed semi-annually.

1st billing is June 15th due July 15th

2nd billing is December 15th due January 15th

Dates are subject to change. Please visit the Village website for the most up to date information.

Additional Information

Fall Leaf Collection

The Village provides a means of fall leaf collection. The DPW vacuums loose leaves piled at the curb; bagged leaves will not be taken. Beginning in November, a schedule is posted on the Village website for each week. The DPW attempts to reach every street by the end of January.

FOIL Requests

Under the Freedom of Information Law, residents may request to view any of the Village's public documents. This can be done by submitting a filled out FOIL request form, which is available on the Village website, or by emailing the Village Clerk. The Village Clerk is the FOIL Officer and handles these matters.

Handicapped Parking Permits

Handicapped Parking Permit tags are available in the Village Office. The required forms are on the New York DMV website 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

- To register for and purchase a quarterly resident commuter parking permit for the Croton-Harmon Train Station, visit the Village website and click on the train station parking link. Once the application is approved, you may also purchase the permit online.
- Free weekend/holiday permits are available at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building. This permit will allow residents to park for free in specific areas of the parking lot on Friday evenings (after 6:00 p.m.), Saturdays, Sundays, and certain holidays.
- Residents must provide proof of residency and current copies of the car registration with their Croton address on it in order to obtain either type of permit.

Recreation and Parks ID Card

Between May and September an ID is required for entrance to Senasqua Park. This card is also required at Hudson National Golf Course and Silver Lake in order for residents to receive the discounted rates. Residents should obtain a photo identification card from the Village Recreation Department. Photos can be taken every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., as well as certain evenings and Saturdays during our spring and summer seasons. Cards are good for three years and cost \$9.00 for Village residents and \$15.00 for school district residents. Proof of residency is required.

Summer Employment

During the summer, students ages 16+ are hired 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 résumé should be submitted to the appropriate department at the beginning of January each year for the upcoming summer.

Transportation in 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 communities in the county.

Metro-North

www.mta.info

Amtrak

www.amtrak.com

Bee-Line Buses

transportation.westchestergov.com/bee-line

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 field, four storage tanks located throughout the Village, and a network of pipes, valves, and hydrants. Treatment consists of chlorine added for disinfection and a corrosion control additive. No fluoride is added to the Village's water supply.

- The Village operates a semi-annual hydrant flushing program to ensure the continued cleanliness of the water system. As the hydrant-flushing program nears your neighborhood, you may notice the discoloration of your water. This poses no health risk; you should run your water for a short period of time until it clears up. Refrain from doing laundry until you are certain your water is clear. If discoloration persists, contact the DPW.

- Water bills are based on household consumption, administrative costs, and infrastructure improvements. Consumption represents the largest portion of the bill. By reading your water meter you can find out several things about your water usage and discover possible leaks. The water meter is initially set at 1. As water is used, the number goes up. Each increase of '1' equates to a cubic foot of water (7.48 gallons). By keeping track of the change in this number from day to day or at regular intervals, you can monitor your water usage. If your water usage seems to be increasing at a rate which seems too fast, you may have a leak. There is a red triangle which spins when water is running. If you turn off all the water in your house and the red triangle is still spinning, you probably have a leak.

Garbage and Recycling

- Garbage cans should be limited to three (3) 32 gallon containers and weigh no more than 70lbs each.
- Please do not put garbage out until sundown the day before collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of the collection.
- Large items (Example: furniture, toys, mattresses etc.) should be put out on regular trash days. No special pick-up is necessary.
- Wood, brush, or carpets are to be cut into 4ft. or less lengths. All materials are to be tied up in accessible bundles. Carpets must be rolled, cut and tied, and no wider than 2ft.
- Fall leaves are collected only if leaves are loose and placed at the curb. Bagged leaves 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.
- To dispose of refrigerators, freezers, A.C. units, and dehumidifiers, please call the DPW to make an appointment to have the item(s) picked up. 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 914-813-5425.
- 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.
- Yard waste is collected April through October; a specific schedule is available online. All yard waste must be placed in biodegradable leaf bags or open top garbage cans. More details can be found on the DPW's page on the Village website.

Weekly 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

Local Laws and Regulations

Accumulation of Snow

In order to facilitate efficient plowing of streets, residents must move vehicles from the street when two or more inches of snow have accumulated. In cases where there is no off-street location or right-of-way area which can be used for parking, the Village Manager, upon receiving written application forms verifying the applicant's hardship, can issue an annual parking permit granting permission to park motor vehicles on certain streets. Within 24 hours after snow fall, residents must clear their sidewalks of ice and snow.

Bicycling

Bicycling on the sidewalks of 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. 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 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 the property owner before a permit can be issued. Applications for alarm permits are available in the Village Office or on the Village website.

Crosswalks

New York State law requires that all drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

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 no longer than six feet in length. Dogs are prohibited at all times in any public park, playground, or on school property. However, leashed dogs are permitted on the Croton Landing RiverWalk Trail. Croton's Black Rock Park features a dog park, which requires a permit for use. Contact the Village Office for information on permits. 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 during business hours. After business hours you may call the Croton Police Department on the non-emergency line.

Fee Schedule

The Master Fee Schedule can be accessed online through the Finance/Treasurer's Department page by selecting the link for the adopted budget. The Fee Schedule is a list of all fees payable to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. This includes Recreation Department fees, Police Department fees, parking fees, and more.

Fences

The height and location of fences are regulated by the Village. Fences six feet high or less are permitted anywhere on the property providing that they will not obstruct the view of traffic. 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:

- 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Saturday
- 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

The operation of power lawn mowers, rakers, leaf blowers, or other motor-driven lawn or garden equipment is prohibited between:

- 6:00 p.m. Sunday and 8:00 a.m. Monday
- 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
- 8:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday
- 6:00 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's Office.

Speed Limit

No person may operate a vehicle on any street within the Village at a rate in excess of 30 miles per hour, excluding Route 9 and 9A, unless otherwise posted. It is also unlawful to drive in excess of 15 miles per hour in areas designated as school zones.

Swimming Pools: In-Ground and Above-Ground

A building permit is required for the construction of in-ground or 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's Office for more information.

Tree Removal

Under most circumstances the Village requires a permit for the removal of trees. Details can be found in the Village Code on the Village website. Contact the Village Engineer's Office for additional information.

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 thirty 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's Office 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.

This 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 online at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Parks, Playgrounds, Preserves, Fields, and Museums

Unless otherwise noted, dogs are prohibited at all times in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Parks.

Black Rock Park

Located on Quaker Bridge Road, the park offers access to the Croton River for fishing and picnic space. The park also features a resident-only fenced in dog park, which requires a permit. Permits are available in the Clerk's Office.

Brinton Brook Sanctuary

The 156-acre Brinton Brook Sanctuary offers roughly three 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).

Croton Gorge 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 lies slightly outside the Village boundary in the Town of Cortlandt. The park is a popular spot for fishing, picnicking, and hiking. It has direct trail access to New York State's Old Croton Aqueduct. The park is also used in the winter for cross-country skiing. Croton Gorge Park is part of the Westchester County Parks System.

Croton Landing Park

Croton Landing is a Village owned waterfront property located north of Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club, featuring a 9/11 memorial constructed in part from steel beams salvaged from the World Trade Center. The park offers Hudson River views and a handi-capped 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. Leashed dogs are permitted on the RiverWalk path at this park.

Croton Point Park

Croton Point Park is a 508-acre park situated on a peninsula on the east shore of the Hudson River. There are facilities for camping, hiking, and swimming. Reservations for camping at the park should be made with the Westchester County Parks Department. The park is part of the Westchester County Parks System.

Croton Trail System

The Croton Trails Committee has identified and mapped a Village-wide network of existing and planned walking trails. With the exceptions 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

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

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

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

Duck Pond Park

The Duck Pond is located on Bungalow Road. The park has playground equipment, a ball field, and basketball courts.

Echo Canoe Launch at Croton-Harmon Train Station

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. Kayaks are available to rent.

Elliott Way

Elliott Way can be accessed either from Half Moon Bay Drive or the Pedestrian Bridge. Elliott Way is a road and pathway traversing from the Half Moon Bay Marina parking lot north to Croton Landing Park. There is also a trail link between Croton Point Avenue and Elliott Way.

Gouveia Park

In January of 2015, the Village accepted a bequest from Laurel Gouveia, a long-time resident, of her property located at 1300 Albany Post Road. The property is approximately 15 acres of both woods and open lawn area with a small pond. A glass windowed house of approximately 2000 square feet of living space is also included. The Village is currently exploring options for the use of the property and house and is in the process of preparing the property for public use. Some form of open public access is expected no later than 2017.

Graff Sanctuary

The 28-acre Audubon preserve is accessed from either Furnace Dock Road or Briggs Lane.

Harrison Street Park

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

Historic Hudson Valley: Van Cortlandt Manor

Van Cortlandt Manor, situated on the banks of the Croton River, 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.

Historical Society Museum

The Municipal Building 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: 271-4574.

Jane E. Lytle Arboretum

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 website for a map of trails.

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.

Mayos Landing

Mayos Landing is a Village designated conservation area accessed from Nordica Drive or from the Croton River. This area is open to residents or fishermen with valid NYS fishing licenses. Dogs are allowed but must be on a leash.

Senasqua Park

The park features a non-swimming beach and a playground. The pavilion can be rented through the Recreation Department. During the summer months the Recreation Department sponsors evening concerts, family entertainment, 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. The Pedestrian Bridge provides access to the park by foot from the bottom of Brook Street on North Riverside Avenue.

Silver Lake Park

Silver Lake provides access to the Croton River for swimming. The park opens for swimming 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 a fee are required for admittance.

Spencer Field

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

Sunset Park

Located at the corner of Sunset Drive and Lexington Avenue, the park features a mix of wood and plastic playground equipment for younger children.

Vassallo Park

Located behind Holy Name of Mary Church on Grand Street and Old Post Road South, the park offers a large grass play area, picnic tables, and a stage for seasonal events.

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. This includes volunteering for a few hours a month and experiencing 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

Croton AYSO is a local soccer program based in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. Started in 1986, the volunteer run and operated program works to provide a player development based soccer program. Croton AYSO operates within the AYSO National Guidelines. Small Sided soccer and smaller teams encourage greater player development.

Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary, Inc.

The Croton Arboretum and Sanctuary, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit organization that provides environmental stewardship for 20+ acres of wetlands and woods at the Jane E. Lytle Arboretum in Croton-on-Hudson. Visit their website, 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 Theater

271-6826

The Croton Children's Theater is a three-week summer camp that offers children the opportunity to experience the performing arts by experimenting with the different aspects of production. This includes 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 Choralewww.cortlandtmusic.org

The Croton Chorale has concerts year-round. 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.

Croton Community Coalition

261-6365

The Coalition is a group of like-minded business, municipal, school, and community leaders who work proactively to keep Croton's teens safe and drug-free. The Coalition acts as a resource for teens and parents to help them make informed choices about drugs and alcohol.

Croton Council on the Artswww.crotonarts.org

The Croton Council on the Arts is a non-profit group of Croton artists and art enthusiasts that supports the arts in all their diverse forms. They sponsor and promote events featuring local and visiting artists, nurturing an appreciation of the arts and a better quality of life in our community.

Croton Food Bank

271-5309

The Croton Food Bank is an independent, not-for-profit, non-denominational organization that provides non-perishable groceries to people who need food. The Food Bank is located at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Croton-on-Hudson and is open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon.

Croton Free Library

271-6612

The Library encourages the joy of reading, the exploration of ideas, and the pursuit of lifelong learning for the children and adults of our community. The Library serves as a gathering place and learning center for Croton residents, with dynamic cultural and educational programs, and space for community organizations to meet.

www.crotonfreelibrary.org

Croton-Harmon Education Foundation

The Croton-Harmon Education Foundation (CHEF) is a not-for-profit foundation established in 2000 to raise funds for the Croton-Harmon School District. Their goal is to enhance and increase educational opportunities for all children in the district by providing funding for projects that go beyond the scope of traditional classroom learning.

www.crotonfoundation.org

Croton Housing Network

www.crotonhousing.org

In the mid-1980s, Mayor Roland Bogardus formed the Croton Housing Task Force to address the dearth of affordable housing in Croton. Comprised of Croton clergy and concerned community activists, this grew into the Croton Housing Network, Inc., a volunteer not-for-profit organization that has become one of the most successful not-for-profit developers of affordable housing in Westchester County.

Croton Historical Society

271-4574

The Society is a volunteer organization that works with the Village Historian to collect and preserve materials and to make them available to the public. The Society established a museum in the Municipal Building. The Society meets on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the History Room at the Municipal Building. The Croton Historical Society maintains a page on the Village website.

Croton Little League

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

271-5200

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

271-4549

The Rotary Club of Croton-on-Hudson is an association of local business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all professions. It is the local chapter of Rotary International.

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

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. The club meets in the Community Room in 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 Theaterwww.crotontentheatre.org

Croton Teen Theater provides an opportunity for teens throughout the region to perform in a Broadway Musical. Auditions occur in the spring and the production takes place in July. 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.

Croton Youth Lacrosse

Croton Youth Lacrosse was created to establish a safe, fun, sportsmanship and skill based program for boys and girls in grades one through eight to be able to experience the game of Lacrosse, America's oldest sport.

Energize Croton

302-7300

Energize NY is a community based energy efficiency program operating within the Energy Improvement Corporation, a New York State local development corporation. Their mission is to provide energy efficiency and renewable energy benefits to New York property owners, helping them save money and reduce energy waste in their buildings.

Friends of Historywww.crotonfriendsofhistory.org

The Friends of History strive to encourage the sharing of interest in broad historical topics through lectures, discussions, and newsletters to bring together all those who value our heritage by bridging the past, enriching the present, and planning intelligently for the future.

Hudson Stage

271-2811

Hudson Stage Company is a professional non-profit theater group. Hudson Stage produces original, provocative, and affordable new plays in Westchester. There are main-stage productions and ongoing stage readings at the Croton Free Library.

www.hudsonstage.com**Houses of Worship**

- Asbury United Methodist Church
asburycroton.umcchurches.org 271-3150
- Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church
holynamenameofmary.org 271-4797
- Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church
www.oursaviourcroton.org 271-4632
- Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church
www.stacroton.org 271-3501
- Temple Israel of Northern Westchester
tinw.org 271-4705

The Town of Cortlandt

www.townofcortlandt.com

Croton-on-Hudson is a village within the Town of Cortlandt. Residents of the Village pay town, school, and county taxes to the Town. The Village issues birth and death certificates, dog licenses, and some handicapped parking permits. For sporting licenses and marriage licenses, Village residents go to the Town of Cortlandt's Clerk's office. For more information, call the Town Clerk's office: 914-734-1020.

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. Additionally, Village residents may utilize Town recreation parks and facilities. A complete list of these facilities is located in the Town Recreation Brochure. Use of some of these facilities may require a Town photo ID. Each November, Village residents have the opportunity to participate in the Town Elections for Town Supervisor and members of the Town Board.

Westchester County

westchestergov.com

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson is located within Westchester County. The County's website features important information regarding the 40+ specialized departments that make up your county government.

Some important phone numbers include:

Main Line:	995-2000
Board of Elections:	995-5700
Consumer Protection:	995-2155
Department of Health:	813-5000
Parks:	231-4500
Social Services:	995-5000

Please see the County website for additional phone numbers and information.

School Districts

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District

The Croton-Harmon School District includes parts of the Town of Cortlandt, the Town of Yorktown, the 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).

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.

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 Peekskill. The District facilities consist of six buildings: Hendrick Hudson High School (grades 9-12), Blue Mountain Middle School (grades 5-8), Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School, Frank G. Lindsey Elementary School, and Furnace Woods Elementary School (grades K-4). The District's current enrollment is 2,840 students.

Legislative Districts

9th County Legislative District
40th State District
95th Assembly District
17th Congressional District

These are the legislative districts that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson is a part of. This information is useful if you are interested in contacting your state or federal representatives.

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