

Village of **Croton-on-Hudson** New York

Fall

Quarterly Newsletter

2016

Upcoming Events in the Village

September

- 9th 9/11 Memorial Ceremony -- 4pm at Croton Landing Park
- 10th Hudson River Day -- 11am-4pm at the Yacht Club
- 17th Fall Arts Festival -- 12pm-4pm at Senasqua Park

October

- 16th Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger
1mi Fun Run at 11am starting at Cleveland Drive
5k at 9am starting at Old Post Road South
10k at 11:45am starting at Croton High School
Register at runagainsthunger.com
- 16th Croton Fire Fair -- 1-5pm at the Harmon Firehouse
- 22nd The Croton Conservation Advisory Council's 15th Annual Daffodil Planting
-- 9am-12pm, location TBA (refer to Village website)
- 22nd National Take-Back Initiative -- 10am-2pm in the Croton Commons Parking Lot
This is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of
prescription drugs, hosted by the Croton Police Department.



November

- 11th Veterans Day Ceremony -- 11am at Veterans Corners (Will be moved to the Community Room of the Municipal Building if raining.)
- 11th Veterans Day Luncheon -- 12pm-4pm at the Croton Yacht Club
Veterans and spouses, surviving spouses of veterans, as well as active military and spouses are free to attend. To offset expenses, attendees are suggested to donate \$10 per adult, \$5 per teen, and children are free. Any net proceeds will be donated to Croton Harmon VFW Post 5197.
- ** Croton Community Coalition's 7th Annual Candlelight Vigil at Vassallo Park
Date and time TBA (refer to the Village website)

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

At Van Cortlandt Manor; times vary by evening. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to: hudsonvalley.org/events/blaze
Sept. 30
Oct. 7-10, 13-16, 19-31
Nov. 3-6, 10-13

When the Village is

closed:
Sept. 5th
Oct. 10th
Nov. 11th, 24th, 25th

Elections

State/local primaries: Sept. 13th
General Elections: Nov. 8th
Visit the Westchester County Board of Elections website and click on "Polling Places" to find your voting location:
westchestergov.com/boe/

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The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will now be sending out newsletters on a quarterly basis. Newsletters will still be available on the Village website (pdf form) and in the Village Office (hard copy).

We would also like to remind and encourage you to sign up for email and telephone notifications regarding Village events and important information. Details on how to do this can be found on page 4 of the Information Book.

2016 Village Projects

Comprehensive Plan Update

A Comprehensive Plan is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community. Croton-on-Hudson's existing Comprehensive Plan was developed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee over a number of years and adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 2003. The 2003 Plan is still in effect, and it is expected that the approval for the 2016 update will be completed in the upcoming months. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan outlines long term goals and objectives for all aspects of the Croton community. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan includes four main goals as the Village's vision for the future:

1. Enhance the Village's visual environment and public areas using design guidelines, improved streetscapes, code enforcement, as well as enhancing commercial vitality.

2. Upgrade the Village's pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists, and improving parking and traffic flow. (The Elliott Way Improvement Project is an example.)

3. Develop a consistent way finding signage program to include directional signage, promote commercial areas, cultural activities, and Village assets.

4. Update and promote the Village's identity and brand to celebrate Village history, culture, diversity, and natural resources.

This Comprehensive Plan should be in effect for years to come and includes specific ways the Village plans to meet these goals. A draft of the 2016 Plan is available on the Village website's main page under "Quick Links."

The Elliott Way Improvement Project

For a number of years, the Village has been exploring the options for improving the connection between Senasqua Park and the Croton Yacht Club. The Village's engineering design consultant, Site Design, has designed the plans and specifications for an elevated walkway which will allow pedestrians a separate walkway between the two sites. Currently, walkers, runners, strollers, dog walkers, bicyclists, and vehicles, must share the narrow stretch of a single lane road. In addition to the elevated walkway, the project also includes an additional sidewalk extending from the Elliott Way walkway north through the edge of Senasqua park, the replacement of an existing corrugated metal arch pipe, replacement of an existing sediment basin, as well as shoreline rehabilitation and protection. Work is expected to begin this fall. More information on the project is available on the Village website under "Projects and Initiatives."



Corrosion Control

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson is dedicated to producing drinking water that meets all State and Federal standards, and continually strives to adopt new methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to your homes and businesses. Within the last few years the Village has been experiencing increasing levels of copper and the Westchester County Department of Health has mandated the Village to introduce a corrosion control additive to the Village's water supply.

The Chazen Companies, a firm which provides engineering, land surveying, planning, environmental, and safety services to clients throughout the Northeast and beyond, have recommended adding a blended phosphate to the water distribution system. Based on the specific chemical makeup of our water supply, the chemical Carus 8600 has been recommended. This chemical is very commonly utilized in the potable water industry as well as the food industry and has Kosher approval. Additionally, it is expected to perform well without the need for any other chemicals.

This additive will limit the corrosion of pipes and leaching of copper, iron, and lead in the water. It is also expected to reduce the frequency of brown-water events. 3.2 gallons of Carus 8600 will be injected for every million gallons of water sent into the distribution system. While this dosage may seem small, the distribution system is expected to be coated in about a week's time.

Before the addition begins, a few general improvements must also be made. These include: a new climate controlled weatherproof structure, a chemical feed pump system, insulated chemical feed lines, (2) double-walled bulk storage tanks, and small site improvements to accommodate the structures. Having recently been approved by the Westchester County Department of Health, the project is expected to begin this fall.



The Croton Dummy Light

Most residents of the Village are familiar with one of our local landmarks located at the intersection of Old Post Road South and Grand Street—the traffic light that stands on a pedestal in the middle of the intersection, better known as the “dummy light.” Don’t worry, this historically valuable piece won’t be going anywhere. In fact, the Village has just recently spruced up the brick work and added some structural reinforcement. However, you can expect a more noticeable change coming this September. Instead of functioning as a streetlight, the Village intends on having it blink red in all directions as a three-way stop. This is expected to improve pedestrian safety as well as traffic flow.



The Croton PD Cadet Program

The Croton Police Department runs a Cadet Program for residents of the Village ages 13 to 18, who have an interest in Law Enforcement. Cadets meet every other Wednesday during the school year for two hours. The Program exposes Cadets to all aspects of Law Enforcement, provides basic training, and instills an appreciation for the police function in the community. Instructed topics range from Criminal Law to First Aid to the Court System and more.

Agents and officers from other agencies are often guest speakers at meetings. Cadets learn about a variety of units and services within the Department as well as other departments in Westchester County.

Young adults in the Program also have opportunities to assist the Police Department with community events. The year culminates at Stations Day, a competition at the Westchester Police Academy where Cadets from all over Westchester County compete in responding to different scenarios as if they were officers on scene. **Interested residents should contact the Croton Police Dept. at (914) 271-5177.**

Community Safety Initiative

One thing that makes Croton-on-Hudson unique is that virtually every road in the Village runs through a residential area. Additionally, many are very narrow and require extra caution. With that in mind, we have a greater responsibility when it comes to driving, riding, and walking in the Village. Because the Village is committed to maintaining a safe traffic environment and preserving our community's quality of life, a two-pronged initiative will begin this September to increase community safety.

The Village will begin a "Slow Down, Croton" campaign, supported by the Croton-Harmon School District's "Safe Routes to School" campaign. This initiative strives to make community members aware of the need to enhance safety measures throughout the Village. The initiative will begin with the following measures:

1. Increased traffic enforcement throughout the Village.
 2. Informational presentations for students and community organizations. Presentations will also be given for residents at the September 1st Board of Education meeting and the September 6th Board of Trustees meeting.
 3. Conducting safe walks to school with fifth and sixth grade students. Also called "Safety Always Matters" field trips, school and village representatives will accompany students walking to school, while identifying dangerous and avoidable practices and behaviors.
 4. Grassroots marketing efforts by Village residents.
 5. Continued campaign efforts throughout the year.
- While efforts will be made to educate students in being responsible pedestrians, the Village also strives to remind drivers of some important things to remember while on the road:
1. The Village speed limit is 30 mph; leave early so you're not in a rush!
 2. Always yield to pedestrians.
 3. Text messages can wait until the end of your ride.

4. Come to full stops at Stop Signs.
5. Be aware of kids.
6. Respect bicyclists; they've got a harder ride!
7. Engage in stress relieving activities to avoid road rage.

Residents have increasingly been speaking up about unsafe driving in the Village. Let's show everyone that we don't need an accident to learn a lesson.



Leaf Vacuuming

The Department of Public Works will be vacuuming leaves from November to January. Only loose leaves left curbside will be picked up. Bagged leaves will NOT be taken. Twigs, branches, and other yard debris should not be mixed in with the loose leaves. The weekly street schedule for leaf vacuuming will be posted on the Village website in November.

Recreation Programs

The complete 2016 Fall brochure is available on the Recreation Department's page on the Village website, which includes additional programs and details.

You can also call the Recreation Department at: 271-3006 for more information.

Special Events:

Movie Night at Vassallo Park

Friday, September 23 (Rain date the 24th)
Movie at dusk: Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)

Halloween Window Painting Contest

Saturday, October 22 (Rain date the 23rd)
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: October 9

Registration forms will be available at participating stores: look for a flyer in store windows. Return the completed form to the Croton Recreation Department.



Goblin Walk

Saturday, October 29 at 12:00 p.m.

All goblins, creatures, and spirits, will meet at the Municipal Building at noon and march to Vassallo Park, where some tricks and treats will be waiting for everyone. In case of rain, the Goblin Walk will be relocated to an indoor site.

Youth Activities

Ice Cream Bingo Act. #1301 Sec. 1

Friday, September 30 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$20.00 Village residents

\$25.00 School dist/non-residents

Ages: Grades 3 - 4

Registration Deadline: September 23

Enjoy a night with your friends, make your own ice cream sundaes and take your chances at winning some cool prizes! Great way to kick-off back to school. No registration will be taken at the door.

EXTREME FLIGHT! Act.# 1069 Sec. 1

Mondays, beginning September 26

3:30- 4:30 PM (6 sessions)

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$110.00 Village residents

\$135.00 School dist/non-residents

Ages: Grades K - 4

Registration Deadline: September 19

Take your building and flying skills to the next level! We will build really cool planes like a J3 Piper, Airhawk and a super cool glow in the dark UFO! Learn how planes fly and what each part is for!

NEW!

Wizardly Wonders Act.# 1071 Sec. 1

Tuesdays, beginning September 27

3:30-4:30 p.m. (6 sessions)

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$110.00 Village residents

\$135.00 School dist./non-residents

Ages: Grades K-4

In this program you will learn everything you need to know to perform amazing tricks and illusions!

CRAZY CHEMWORKS -

Reactions in Action Act.# 3048 Sec. 1

Monday, October 3 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$100.00 Village residents

\$120.00 School dist/non-residents

Ages: Grades K - 4

Registration Deadline: September 26

Bubbling Potions Act.# 3049 Sec. 1

Tuesday, October 4 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$100.00 Village residents

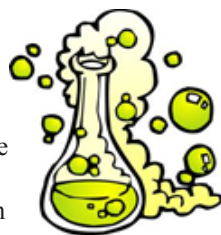
\$120.00 School dist/non-residents

Ages: Grades K - 4

Registration Deadline: September 26

We'll dive into molecules and chemical reactions that produce light, gas and even slime!

Each day will include awesome hands on experiments and take home items. Bring a non-perishable lunch as children will not be permitted to leave the building for lunch!



MAKE YOUR OWN

HAUNTED HOUSE Act.# 1056 Sec. 1

Friday, October 21 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$20.00 Village residents

\$25.00 School dist/non-residents

Ages: Grades 4 - 6

Registration Deadline: October 14

In this class you will make and design your own edible Haunted house!

BASKETBALL OFFENSIVE

IMPROVEMENT Act.# 1025 Sec. 1

Mondays, September 26, October 17, 24

November 7, 14, 21 7:00 - 8:00 PM

CHHS Gym

Fee: \$70.00 Village residents

\$85.00 School dist/non-residents

Grades: 4 - 8

Registration Deadline: September 19

This 6 week clinic will help students improve their offensive basketball skills.

FLAG FOOTBALL Act.# 1080 Sec. 1
 Saturdays, practices begin September 17.
 Play schedule TBA. (8 sessions)
 9:00 - 10:15 AM at CET Upper Field
 Fee: \$60.00 Village residents
 \$75.00 School dist/non-residents
 Ages: Grades 3 – 6
 Registration Deadline: September 9
 Basic instruction and organized games are included, with some Friday evening games.
 Participants must wear a mouth piece.

Adult Activities

TAI CHI Act.# 2032 Sec. 1
 Thursdays, beginning Sept. 22
 7:30 - 8:30 PM (8 sessions)
 Municipal Building Community Room
 Fee: \$80.00 Village residents
 \$95.00 School dist/non-residents
 Registration Deadline: September 15
 Tai Chi is a low impact workout designed to increase your mental and physical energy.

COMPOSTING with CROTON'S DOWN TO EARTH FARMERS MARKET
 Sunday, Sept. 18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Farmer's Market- Lot A Croton Train Station
 Fee: FREE!
 All are welcome! For more information visit: downtoearthmarkets.com

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL Act.# 2011 Sec. 1
 Tuesdays, beginning September 27
 8:30 - 10:00 PM (10 sessions)
 PVC New Gym
 Fee: \$70.00 Village residents
 \$80.00 School dist/non-residents
 Ages: 30 years and older
 Registration Deadline: September 20
 This program is open to those 30 years of age and older. Pick-up basketball will take place in a fun and friendly environment.



INDOOR SOCCER Act.# 2012 Sec. 3
 Wednesdays, beginning September 28
 8:30 - 10:00 PM (10 sessions)
 PVC New Gym
 Fee: \$70.00 Village residents
 \$80.00 School dist/non-residents
 Ages: 18 years and older
 Registration Deadline: September 21

DEFENSIVE DRIVING Act.# 3090 Sec.1
 Saturday, November 5 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
 Recreation Conference Room
 Fee: \$40.00 Village residents
 \$50.00 School dist/non-residents
 Registration Deadline: October 28

YOGA CLASSES Act.# 2096
 Section I: Gentle Yoga I
 Section 2: Gentle Yoga II
 Section 3: Gentle Yoga III
 Section 4: YOGA: Strengthen, Relax, Renew
 Please see the full Recreation Brochure for dates, fees, descriptions, and more.

DEMYSTIFYING MEDICARE
 Saturday, November 19 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 Municipal Building Community Room
 Fee: FREE, but registration is required
 Registration Deadline: November 11
 This presentation is perfect for anyone trying to navigate their way through our complicated healthcare system for older adults.

INTRODUCTION TO COASTAL NAVIGATION
 Sunday, November 6 12:00 - 5:00 PM
 Recreation Conference Room
 Fee: \$105.00 Village residents plus
 \$75.00 for materials
 \$110.00 School dist/non-res plus
 \$75.00 for materials

Registration Deadline: October 28
 This introduction to navigation will teach you all the navigational techniques you need to sail safely in coastal or inland water.

Senior Activities

JEFFERSON VALLEY MALL SHOPPING

A shopping trip to the Jefferson Valley Mall is open to all Croton Seniors. The dates for Fall 2016 are: September 8, October 13, and November 10. The van leaves the Shoprite parking lot at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 1:30 PM. To register, please contact the Recreation Office at 271-3006.



CHARTER BUS TRIPS and TRAVEL

Chocolate Tour/Octoberfest

Wednesday, October 26

Culinary Institute/American Bounty

Tuesday, November 15

CHAIR YOGA

Act.# 2110 Sec. 2

Mondays, beginning September 26

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (8 sessions)

Recreation Conference Room

Fee: \$65.00 Village residents

\$78.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: September 19

Chair yoga incorporates all aspects of yoga, such as meditation, breathing, asanas and relaxation. In this class, participants do not get down on the floor.

PAINTING WITH

WATERCOLORS

Act.# 2100 Sec.1

Mondays, beginning September 26

1:00 – 3:00 PM (8 sessions)

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$80.00 Village residents

\$95.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: September 19

A material list will be available upon registration. The course will cover basic watercolor techniques and offer students the opportunity to draw and paint from still life, as well as from photographic sources. Drawing skills will be developed in a creative atmosphere.

CURRENT EVENTS

Act.# 2125 Sec.1

Thursdays, beginning September 29

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (8 sessions)

Recreation Conference Room

Fee: \$48.00 Village residents

\$58.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: September 22

Join us for lively discussions about today's news headlines!

MAH JONGG

Act.# 2089 Sec. 1

Tuesdays, beginning September 27

10:30 – 12:30 PM (8 sessions)

Recreation Conference Room

Fee: \$65.00 Village residents

\$78.00 School dist/non-residents

Material fee of \$9.00 pay to instructor.

Registration Deadline: September 20

This is a great class for new players. Have fun while learning the basic moves, rules of the game and winning strategies.



BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Wednesdays, September 7, October 5,

November 2, December 7, January 4

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Croton Free Library

Fee: FREE, but registration required

Join us for an energizing discussion of books that will engage and expand your mind and spirit. Books will be available at the library circulation desk and refreshments provided.

FITNESS FOR

BALANCE

Act.# 2111 Sec.3

Wednesdays, beginning September 28

1:00 – 2:00 PM (8 sessions)

Municipal Building Community Room

Fee: \$65.00 Village residents

\$78.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline:

September 21

Improve your fitness and balance!



**Village of Croton-on-Hudson
Recreation Department
Mail-in Registration Form/Release Form**

Please print and use a separate form for each person. When mailing a form, please send separate checks for each program. All information must be completed or registration will not be accepted.

Participant's
Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Parent's Name(If under 18) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Emergency Name & Phone _____

Activity #	Section #	Program	Day	Fee
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Total Due _____

I am enrolling myself/my child in programs offered by the Croton Recreation Department/Village of Croton-on-Hudson. In so doing, I hereby waive, release and discharge the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, its employees and agents from any liability for injury to person or property that may arise from my/my child participating in these programs. I hereby also state that I will have health insurance for myself/my child in effect during the time I am engaging in any activities offered by the Croton Recreation Department, its agents or employees. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for any damages or injuries resulting from my or my child's intentional or negligent conduct.

Participant's Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Registration may be done using this "Mail-in Registration Form." Please be sure to complete all information, sign and enclose check(s) for the proper amount made payable to: **"Village of Croton" and mail to Municipal Building, One Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.**