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## Croton Police Officers Receive Honors

Four members of Croton's Police Marine Unit received the First Place honors in the Journal News Police Honor Awards Program.

Detective Sergeant John Nikitopoulos, Sergeant John Barirde, and Police Officers Douglas Garrido and Corey Velardo were recognized for their brave actions, despite personal danger to themselves, which resulted in the saving of lives. On August 28, 2011 at 5:41 pm, the officers responded to multiple calls of a boat overturned in the Croton River. This was the day following the Hurricane Irene storm which caused the river to be extremely rough and dangerous.

Five males had attempted to ride an inflatable raft from Croton Gorge Park downstream to the Hudson River. The raft overturned in the swift waters and the occupants fell into the river. The Police Marine unit was assigned to search for the men. Croton's Fire Department also responded immediately and additional manpower was brought in from the County Police, NYS Police, Ossining Police, NYPD Aviation as well as Ossining, Yorktown and Irvington Fire Departments.

Three occupants of the overturned boat reached shore safely. A fourth occupant was pulled from the water by the Marine unit, given CPR and taken to the hospital where he later died. The fifth occupant was unreachable in a rough water area, holding onto a tree. After 2 and 1/2 hours, he let go. The Marine unit was able to pull him from the river as he floated downstream. He was subsequently taken to the hospital and survived.

During this rescue operation a member of the Croton Volunteer Fire Department also fell into the Croton River. Officer Velardo and another volunteer firefighter were able to get a rescue ring to him and pull him to safety.

The Police Honors Award program was



**Sergeant Barirde, Chief Tramaglini, Officer Garrido, Detective Sergeant Nikitopoulos and Officer Velardo at the Cere-**

established by the Journal News in conjunction with the Westchester County Chiefs of Police in 1955. The awards recognize heroic and outstanding police work. There are three categories of awards. Croton's officers were awarded first place in Category Three which specifically recognizes actions resulting in the saving of a life through immediate and intelligent action and prompt and professional application of medical aid.



## Summerfest!

The 26th Annual event is Sunday, June 3 in the Upper Village. This annual event always features food, games, vendors, community groups and a parade. It provides a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and friends in a fun-filled afternoon.

The parade kicks off at 1 pm from Five

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Corners. Leading it will be the Hendrick Hudson High School Marching Band followed by this year's Grand Marshall, Rosalind Morrissey. Marching in the parade will be many local officials and members of local clubs and sports teams. The Croton Fire Department apparatus will follow the marchers - always an impressive part of the parade.

In addition to the many vendors and food opportunities, many local organizations will be hosting booths to provide information on their activities.

A sixteen-piece swing band, The Jumpers, will be playing for listening and dancing in the street in front of the former Holy Name of Mary School building. A second band, the Mike Risko Band, will be playing next to the Rivertowns Realty building.

The days events are coordinated and co-sponsored by the Village Recreation & Parks Dept. and by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Croton subcommittee.

This year promises to be better than ever. Be sure you don't miss it.

## Connie Fay Retires

Connie Fay, the Village's Court Clerk, has retired. Connie has been Court Clerk since 2004 and previously served as Assistant Court Clerk from 1992 to 1999.



The Court Clerk is responsible for the overall operation of the Village Court office including preparing the paperwork and scheduling weekly court sessions, following up on court decisions and the managing the financial accounts of the office.

Connie has served under the late Village Justice Guy Admai and Late Ass't. Village Justice Paul Hoffman. Most recently she has managed the office under current Village Justice Sam Watkins and Assistant Village Justice Anne Minihan. Justice Watkins noted that Connie was praised by "not only the judges and staff but by the District Attorney and attorneys who regularly appear in the Croton Court. We will surely miss her and wish her well."

In retirement, Connie will travel more frequently to her Florida home where her mother resides. She and her husband also plan a cross country trip to see the national parks and visit old friends in the near future.

## June Concerts and Movie at Senasqua

Summer concerts at Senasqua begin with two in June this year. All concerts are scheduled for Friday nights with the rain date being Saturday unless otherwise indicated.

On Friday, June 22, beginning at 6:30 pm, the **Croton-Harmon High School Bands** and **Hard Ten** will be featured. Local CHHS school bands will show their talents. Hard Ten will wrap up the evening with Classic Rock and Southern Rock hits.

On Friday, June 29, beginning at 7 pm, **Second Wind & Guests** will perform. Whether it is Classic Rock or "unplugged" acoustic, this will be an evening to remember.

On Wed., June 27 beginning at dusk, **Judy Moody and the not Bummer Summer** will be shown. Judy's plans for summer fun may be impacted by having to stay home with her pesky brother while being watched by her Aunt Opel whom she has never met.

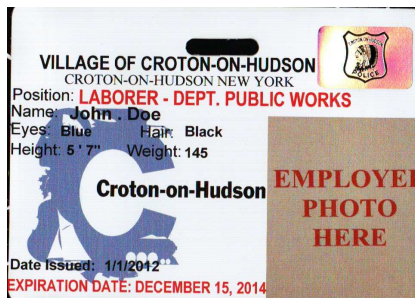
July and August concerts and summer entertainment programs will appear in the next Newsletter.



## Village Employee ID Cards

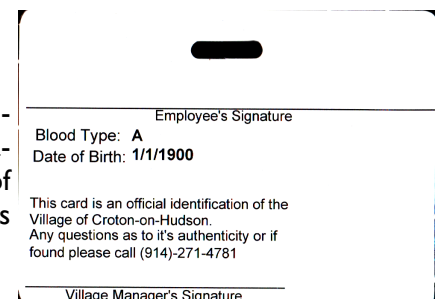
Police Chief Tramaglini and Village Manager Zambrano have developed a new Employee Identification card which Village employees will now be carrying. Pictures of the new ID cards are shown below, front and back. There is a hologram on each card to prevent counterfeiting.

If an employee comes to your home or business, their authenticity as Village employees can be verified by asking to see their card.



The front features a photo, the employee name, identifying information and a hologram image of the Croton Police shield.

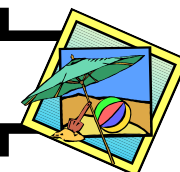
The back of the Employee ID card features the signature of the Village Manager as well as the employee.



## **Reminder!**

**Summerfest is on Sunday, June 3**

**Noon to 6 pm in Upper Village!**



## **Drug Take Back Day**



Detective Sergeant Nikitopoulos and Detective Gabrielsen are shown collecting expired and unused medication at Croton Commons for the "Croton Coalition Drug Drop Off Day". Many people took advantage of the opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets. The bag shown was one of several full bags of such medications that were brought to the

site. Approximately 134 pounds of drugs were collected and turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for proper disposal. The Croton Coalition paid for the officers time.



## **Water Bills**

Semi-annual water bills will be sent out on June 15 and are due July 15. Penalties for unpaid bills accrue after that date. There are six tiers of water rates which are based on the cubic feet of water consumption over the

prior year effective for consumption after June 1.

Tier 1 - Basic service; up to 900 CF/year	\$45.23 year
Tier 2 - 901-100,000 CF/year	\$5.025/100/CF
Tier 3 - 100,001-500,000 CF/year	\$5.52/100CF
Tier 4 - 500,001-1,000,000 CF/year	\$5.62/100 CF
Tier 5 - 1,000,001-1,500,000 CF/year	\$5.77/100CF
Tier 6 - over 1,500,001 CF/year	\$6.02/100/CF

Most Village-water users are in the Tier 1 & Tier 2 groups.

## **Goose Control at Senasqua Park**

The presence of large numbers of Canadian Geese at Senasqua Park has been a long-time problem and has taken away from residents' enjoyment of the park. This summer the Parks Dept. is trying a method used successfully by other municipalities with the same problem.



An electronic bird control product called BirdGard will be tried. Using two speakers mounted on the Senasqua Bath House, digital recordings of the sounds of distressed and alarmed birds as well as sounds of their natural predators will be broadcast intermittently. It will also include an occasional shot gun sound. BirdGard triggers a fear and flee response in the geese.

The BirdGard sounds will be shut off at times of high use of the Park. When it is active, the sounds will be programmed to occur intermittently to prevent the geese from becoming accustomed to it and reducing their flee response.

## **2012/2013 Budget Adoption**

The Board of Trustees adopted the 2012/2013 budget on April 30. The budget year begins June 1, 2012 and ends May 31, 2013.

The adopted budget calls for a total of \$17,354,393 in total appropriations of which \$10,579,289.07 is to be raised by property taxes. This represents a percentage increase of 1.50% over the prior year.

The difference between the total appropriations and the amount raised by taxes represents money raised through a variety of revenue sources - \$6,775,103.93.

The proposed budget was filed on March 20, 2012 by the Village Manager and called for a 6.76% increase. Between then and its adoption, the Board of Trustees met eight times including meetings with department heads and public hearing to streamline the final budget.

Non-tax revenues represent almost 39% of the total appropriations. Parking lot revenue from the Village-owned train station lot is projected at \$2,860,000. Other anticipated large sources of non-tax revenue come from the Westchester County sales tax - \$1,020,000, \$170,000 in Franchise taxes, Parks & Recreation fees - \$247,500, Fire Protection Services - \$262,571, Ambulance charges - \$200,000 and Mortgage taxes of \$95,000. The remainder of the revenue comes from a wide variety of fees, fines, rental income and grants.

The approved budget increased total expenditures by \$148,224.34. The NYS Tax Cap Levy law would have permitted an increase of \$292,544.27. The resulting property tax rate for the 2012/2013 fiscal year is \$240,748, an increase of \$3.567 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Village property tax bills will be sent out on June 1 and are payable by June 30.

## **Seniors at Senasqua**

Croton's Senior Club will continue their regular Friday meetings at the Pavilion in Senasqua Park beginning on June 1. Weather permitting, meetings will continue there through Sept. 7.

Meetings begin at 12:15 pm but coffee and refreshments are available from 11:00 am. On bad weather days, the meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Municipal Building.

On June 28, a day trip to Mohonk Mountain House is planned - a good example of the kind of trips Seniors can participate in as well as an exciting array of other activities. Croton Seniors will have a table at Summerfest with information about the club and activities. They are selling raffle tickets to help support their activities with a \$500 first prize.



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### Summer/Fall Public Works Projects

Several Village infrastructure projects are scheduled to be undertaken over the coming months. Among them are the following:

Water Main improvements. Surveying is completed and preliminary design work is under way for water main replacements in the Wolf Rd./Cook Lane and Truesdal/Nordica/Cedar Lane areas. Arrangements for establishing staging areas for construction materials are being put in place in anticipation of the construction work beginning after final design specifications are drawn and the project is put to bid.

Elliott Way. A new road bed and pedestrian sidewalk will be constructed between Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club entrance. As part of this project a new water main loop will be installed to provide a backup water supply for Half Moon Bay residents.

Georgia Lane. Repairs to the emergency spillway and damaged pond berm as well as enlarging the existing culvert and replacement of the outlet structure and discharge pipe is planned to comply with Stormwater Phase 1 and Phase 2 regulations.

Farrington Rd./Hunter Pl. Work will begin on the water main and sewer line replacements for these streets. Work will include new paving and sidewalks and curbs. Work is expected to begin in the Fall.

Well fields. A plan for increasing chlorine contact time for water being pumped from the Village well field will be finalized and permit approvals will be sought.

Sidewalks and curbs. The Village will continue the installation of new sidewalks and curbs as part of its long-term Sidewalk Replacement program in which residents pay part of the cost.

General road repairs. The yearly resurfacing and repair of streets throughout the Village will continue.

## Got A Question?



**Now that summer is almost here and my windows are open, I am much more conscious of noise in my neighborhood from motorized equipment. What are the rules regarding us of this equipment?**



The Village's Noise Law, Chapter 160 of the Village Code, prohibits the operation of power lawn mowers, rakers, leaf blowers or other motor-driven or garden equipment during certain

hours. This equipment between 8 pm and 8 am from Sunday through Friday, from 8 pm on Friday to 9 am on Saturday, and from 8 pm Saturday to 10 am on Sunday.

Speakers and amplifiers are also limited in the decibel limits from 10 pm to 8 am on weekdays and from 11 pm Saturday to 10 am on Sunday.

Construction work cannot begin before 8 am on Mondays thru Saturdays and 10 am on Sundays.

During the warm months, these noises can be more annoying than at other times of the year. Be a good neighbor.



### Con Ed Liaison Program

Con Ed has selected the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to be one of two municipalities in Westchester County where their Municipal Liaison program will be launched.

The program is being designed to work together with municipalities to restore power in cases of major outages. Con Ed will be assigning several individuals to the Village, who will become familiar with our electrical grid, municipal facilities, critical infrastructure and sensitive locations. They will work with the Village's administrative staff and first responders as necessary in order to work more efficiently. During major outages, the liaison will be on site within the Village and, together with Village staff, will determine areas that need attention in order to be able to expedite power restoration.



### Summer Camp Spots Available

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Day camp and Tiny Tots camp. There are still some openings. Call Recreation at 271-3006 for availability and registration information.

