



June Calendar

- 2 & 23** Village Board Mtg.
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 16** Zoning Board Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 10** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 18** Visual Environ. Board.
- 20** Garden Club
- 25** Trails Comm.

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The Municipal Building

Officially named the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, after a former Mayor, the building currently is the center of operations for most Village departments.

The building was built in 1909 as the Croton Union School serving grades 1 to 12. An auditorium on the 2nd floor is where the Village offices and the hallway are now located. In 1926 grades 7 to 12

moved to the new Croton-Harmon High School. The building remained a grade school until 1939 when the Pierre Van Cortlandt School was completed. Subsequently it was sold to the Village and became the location of Village offices, the Croton Free Library and Police Dept. The Town of Cortlandt also rented office space for several years.

Currently the Municipal Building is the primary location for multiple Village departments and their related activities.

The first floor is occupied by the Police Dept., the Court Room and associated space for juries, a holding vestibule, and the prosecutor. The Court and Judges' offices are also on this floor. Additionally, the Croton Historical Society is also located on the first floor and the hallway serves as its display area for exhibits.

The second floor is occupied by the Village administrative offices, the Engineering/Building Dept., Recreation and Parks Dept., a large meeting room and two other smaller meeting rooms. The Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and numerous village committees use these rooms for their meetings. The basement of the building is the location of the Community Room and a small pantry, the building's heating plant, a teen room, rooms for storing records and Historical Society items, Police Dept. storage and training areas, and a space

for the Auxiliary Police.

Above the second floor is an attic space which is only accessible by a ladder-like sets of stairs at the east end of the building. The attic is used for informal storage and as a location for several leased cellular facilities. The existing elevator was installed in 1994 and a roof replacement was done in 1978.

Over the years many assessments have been made of the building's overall condition and of how well it meets the requirements of the services located there. In 2008, a Police Dept. and Village Court Needs Assessment and Facilities Master plan was done by Rebanks, Pepper & Littlewood, Police Facility Consultants, and the VCA Group, Architects. That study developed two theoretical options for improving the space utilization in the building and bringing certain aspects of the Police and Court Depts. into compliance with NYS regulations. In 2010, Gisolfi Associates was hired to develop specific designs for the two options identified, as well as a third new one.

Gisolfi presented their design recommendations and options for the 30,000 square foot building space to the Village Board in February of 2011.

While the study found the building to be structurally sound, it also identified deterioration of the brick and mortar joints in the lower part of the building and of the exterior masonry. Deterioration of the decorative wood soffits and cornices was also noted. Currently the roof is also in need of repair.

Common to all approaches was the need for a new fire sprinkler system, new mechanical system for heating and air conditioning, adding ADA compliance in the

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Door to Door Soliciting

Along with nice weather, often comes more instances of door-to-door solicitation. Types of solicitation vary. Some solicitation is for the purpose of selling and some is for fund-raising or the promotion of a cause or belief.

Chapter 172 of the Village Code, Peddling and Soliciting, provides regulations for people engaging in these activities. In general, those selling items must be registered with the Village Office and receive a license to do so prior to engaging in door-to-door solicitation.

Those who are canvassing for a religious, charitable, educational or political organization should be registered with the Village but do not require a license.

Licensed solicitation may not occur before 9 am or 1/2 hour before sunset or, in any case, after 7 pm. Other solicitors for causes may do so until 9 pm.

A licensed solicitor or registered canvasser is allowed to ring a door bell or knock on a door. If

you do not want anyone coming to your door for these purposes, you may post a sign in public view saying "No Peddlers", "No Solicitors, No Agents" or similar wording.

Any solicitors without a license should be reported to the Croton Police Department at 271-5177.



Infrastructure Contract Approved

The contract for the Harmon and Wolf/Cook Area Water Main Replacement, Cement Lining and Extension Project has been awarded to Heitkamp, Inc. in the amount of \$5,441,612.70.

Once the work schedule for the project has been established, the Village will hold meetings with the homeowners to explain how the work will affect them and answer questions. It is expected that initial work will begin in July.

The project will result in the replacement or adding of 7,370 feet of new water main and the relining of 24,100 feet of existing water main for a total of 31,470 feet of water main improvements. The project also includes 45 new or replacement fire hydrants and 133 new or replacement water valves being installed throughout the project area.

June Concerts and Movies

The Village's Summer series of concerts and entertainment will begin in late June with a juggling performance and a rock band concert at Senasqua Park. The full schedule for movies, concerts and entertainment, along with acknowledgement of those who have contributed to support these events, will appear in the July Newsletter.

On Thurs., June 26, **The Gizmo Guys**, comedic jugglers, will perform "Objects in Motion" which combines world-class juggling skills and original routines that both amuse and amaze. The performance begins at 7 pm. In the event of rain, it will be relocated to the C.E.T. Multi-purpose room. Great family fun!

On Fri., June 27, **The Lost SOULZ Band** will perform starting at 7 pm. Lost SOULZ is a classic rock band with a mix of Motown and R&B. A great way to enjoy music and the Hudson River!



For up-to-date information on the Village, "LIKE" us on Facebook at **Crotongov.**

Community Meeting on Water Project

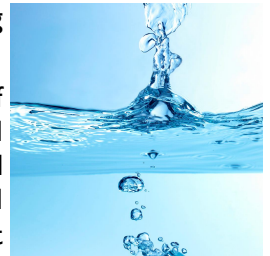
As the date for starting the work on the relining and replacement of water lines is nearing, the Village has scheduled a meeting for affected households.

The work will affect all of the Wolf Rd./Cook Lane neighborhood and most of Harmon between Cleveland Dr. and Old Post Rd. South and Nordica Dr. During the project temporary above-ground water lines

will be installed on a phased basis in the work areas.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26 at 8 pm at the Municipal Building. Affected residents will be notified by letter and through the Village's notification system for phones and emails.

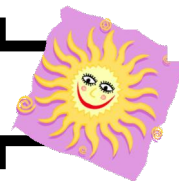
At the meeting, residents in affected areas will learn about the proposed phasing of the work. The meeting will include an informative slideshow, handouts, maps, the phasing plan, and other information. Mr. David Ebner from Heitkamp, Inc., the contractor for the infrastructure project, will be in attendance and available to answer residents' questions.



Reminder!

SUMMERFEST is Sunday, June 1

from 1pm to 6pm



Municipal Building cont'd.

bathrooms, and renovation of the community room and pantry. The primary focus, however, was on the need to provide more space for the Police Dept., and provide required security features for the court and the need for major improvements to the HVAC systems.

One option identified was to move the Court Room out of the building to another location; a second option called for a smaller court room on the 1st floor and moving the Historical Society and its museum space to a renovated basement area. Current uses in the basement might be relocated to the attic with an elevator extension and new stairways to reach it. A third option was to move the Court Room to the 2nd floor, use the basement and attic as in option #2, and move Recreation and program rooms to the first floor. This option would require a special elevator for transporting prisoners to the 2nd floor.

The three options that were looked at to solve the Police and Court space requirements each presented additional complications and further discussion and analysis. No decisions were made. As the building now requires some significant maintenance upgrades, these options may be revisited in the coming months. The Village Board will be discussing further what work needs to be done in order to maintain the building as well as how the building functions to meet the long-run needs of the Village Departments housed there.

Windsurfing

Anyone wishing to windsurf from Senasqua Park must obtain a seasonal windsurfing permit from the Recreation Office. Fees are \$60 res/\$75 school district res.



Defensive Driving Class

This six hour class is for licensed drivers through the New York State Safety Program. Upon completion of

this course, four points will automatically be reduced from the driving record point total. If the participant is listed as a principal operator on an auto insurance policy, a 10% discount on collision and liability will be applied for a full three years.



The course is offered on Thursdays, June 12 and June 19 from 6 to 9 pm in the Municipal Building Community Room. Attendance is required at both classes in order to obtain the point and insurance rate reductions. The deadline for registering is June 5. The fee is \$40/res and \$50/school district.

BCC 9-11 Memorial to be Completed

Phase 2 of the Buchanan, Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson (BCC) 9-11

Memorial will be completed this summer in time for a dedication ceremony on September 11, 2014.



The memorial, which features a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, is located at the northern end of the Village's Croton Landing Park. Phase 1 is as pictured above. Phase 2 will include a bronze sculpture of a woman reaching toward the steel, additional Belgian block paving, benches and landscaping.

Work on the completion of Phase 2 will occur in June and may result in some temporary closure to the site.

The project, under the leadership of resident Janet Mainiero, began in 2011. The site design was created by James Rhodes, sculpture by Lauren Davis and engineering work by Rocco Mastronardi, all residents, on a volunteer basis. Much of the contracting work was also volunteered including the landscape plan for the finished site was designed by resident Jan Johnsen. While the municipalities have provided the location and equipment and manpower to construct the site, all other costs of materials, transportation, insurance, plantings, etc. have been raised by the BCC 9-11 Foundation through fund raising.

Potassium Iodide (KI) Pills

Potassium Iodide (KI) pills are available for distribution in the Village Office. KI pills block the absorption of radiation by the thyroid in the event of a radiological incident. They do NOT affect other organs. KI pills have been available to residents from the Village Office since Spring 2004. KI pills distributed since then may have expired and should be replaced with new KI pills.

KI pills are intended for those who live in the 10-mile radius Emergency Planning Zone around the Indian Point Power plants. The KI pills are provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission through Westchester County. They are generally distributed one pill per person in a household in the Evacuation Zone.

The pill is to be taken only as directed in the event of a radiological incident. The Village Office will provide more information about KI when the pills are distributed.

When picking up KI pills for the members of their family, residents will be asked to sign a form indicating that is the case. More information can be obtained about KI from the County website:

www.westchestergov.com/health.

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Got a Question?



I live in the area where the traffic circle intersects Benedict Blvd. and Cleveland Drive. I have witnessed many near accidents as drivers do not appear to know the rules for entering and leaving a traffic circle. Can you clarify the rules?

Vehicles entering a traffic circle must yield to any traffic already in the circle. Once a vehicle is in the circle, it has the right of way as it travels around it. As you approach a traffic circle, look left and, if no traffic is in the circle, you may merge into it. If there is traffic in the circle, you must wait for it to pass you and there is an opening for you to enter the circle.

Yacht Club Public Events

The Croton Yacht Club has published a list of its upcoming events that are open to the public. The list of events is available on their new website, <http://www.crotonyachtclub.org/cyc-events/>.

On Sat., June 7 from 2 to 8 pm, the Yacht Club will host Commissioning Day ceremonies. In conjunction with this event, the Village will open its new promenade around the Yacht Club and the connecting link to Croton Landing Park to the north. Residents are invited to sign up for the event at which hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage and peppers, salads, corn on the cob, clams, tap beer and soft drinks are included in the cost. There will be a cash bar and live entertainment. Adults \$35, teens \$15, children free. Registration is required for planning purposes. Instructions are at the Yacht Club website above.

Croton Seniors

Summer meetings of the Croton Seniors will be held at Senasqua Park starting Friday, June 6 and continuing through August 29. In the event of inclement weather, the meetings will be in the Community Room at the Municipal Building. For more info. call 271-5804.

Water Bill Reminder!

On June 15, the semi-annual water bills will be sent to residents on the Village's water system. The Village has a six-tiered water rate in which the rate is set by the total cubic feet of consumption. The less water used, the lower the rate. Most residences are in Tier 2 which represents a water consumption of 901 to 100,000 Cubic Feet/Year. For the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2014, the rate for Tier 2 water users is \$6.48 per 100 CF. (Note: Rates are based on the prior



year's consumption.)

Water bill payments are due by July 15. Penalties accrue with late payments at 5% for the first month and 1% more for each additional month.

Silver Lake Swimming

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, on Sat., May 24, Silver Lake will be open for swimming from 11 am to 7 pm on weekends only. On Friday, June 27, Silver Lake Park will be open daily from 11 am to 7:30 pm. Due to weather conditions and staffing, the dates and times are subject to change. It is anticipated that the Park will remain open for swimming until on or before, Monday, September 1.



Silver Lake Beach

Entrance to Silver Lake Park is allowed for residents and school district residents who have a Silver Lake permit or pay the daily entrance fee. In all cases, permits and/or entrance fees also require a valid Village Recreation ID.

Silver Lake permits for the entire summer are offered for families, adults, and children (4 and up) at varying prices ranging from \$175 for a Village family to \$240 for a School District family. Individual adult or child summer permits are less.

Guests **MUST** be accompanied by a Village or School District resident who also has a valid Village Recreation ID. After 5 pm, all daily fees are discounted by \$2.00.