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Water Infrastructure Update

Work on water line improvements in two areas of the Village is expected to begin in the upcoming summer months. The Wolf Rd./Cook Lane area and the Truesdale Dr./Morningside Ave. areas have been subjected to brown water problems which are expected to be substantially improved as a result of these water line improvements. The Truesdale/Morningside area also includes Nordica Dr., Cedar Lane, Piney Point, Franklin, Hill and portions of Cleveland and Old Post Rd. South. This area is referred to as Phase 2A. A second group of streets in the Harmon area will also be improved in Phase 2 including Lexington Dr., Park Ave., Sunset Dr., and Observatory Dr. (Phase 2B).

The preliminary work of creating a computer model of the entire Village water system, surveying of the two areas, and preliminary design has been completed. Work has also been done by Con Ed in identifying the location of their underground gas lines so they won't be disturbed by the construction. As they misidentified some of their locations, they are now doing additional work to verify the correct locations.

The design work for Phase 2A, the largest area, done by The Chazen Companies, is about 99% complete and ready to be sent to the County Dept. of Health. The design for the Wolf Rd./Cook Lane project, done by Chazen, is nearing completion and will be submitted with the final design work for Phase 2A in the near future. Once approval is received, the bid documents will be finalized and the entire project will be put out for bids.

During the design process, it was determined that many of the existing water lines were structurally sound and in good shape except for tuberculation of their inside walls due to iron corrosion.

Under the implementation plan, these lines will undergo an interior scouring process and be cement-lined. Where existing pipes are not sound or are too small for good fire flow or have a history of breaks and repairs, new cement-lined water lines will be laid. As this approach will result in less construction upheaval and be less expensive in overall material costs, it is expected that Phase 2B of the project can move ahead in conjunction with Phase 2A



and the Wolf/Cook area. Additionally, all water valves will be replaced making it easier for the Water Dept. to manage any future water line breakages or repairs. Many older fire hydrants will be replaced as well.

The winning bidder will be responsible for creating an implementation plan, with Village approval, to assure the project proceeds in the most efficient way. It is expected that a single contractor will perform all the cement-lining work. As this work proceeds, each area affected will have temporary above-ground PVC piping laid to provide the water supply while the existing pipes are being either lined or replaced. These above ground pipes will be picked up in November prior to the cold weather months and replaced again the following April as the project moves forward. It is expected that the entire project will span 2 years.

The entire project will encompass more than 20,000 linear feet of water lines. The project is funded through the Water Fund; in January 2013, the Village Board approved bonding of \$2.4 million for the work.

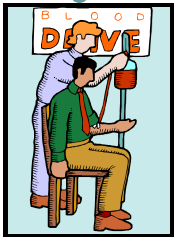
Spring/Summer Recreation News

The Recreation Dept. Spring/Summer Brochure is now available online at the Village's website. It lists all the activities, events and ongoing programs planned through September 2013.

Photo ID's will be required for those 4+ years after May 1 at Silver Lake and Senasqua Parks and also to play at Hudson National Golf Course. The IDs are valid for 3 years. Resident IDs are \$6 and Seniors are free. School District residents are \$12 and Seniors are \$10. Two proofs of residence are required not including an old Village ID. Photos are taken at the Recreation Office on the following schedule:

Hours are every T/Th from 12:30 - 3:30.

May	23 (Th)	4 - 7pm
	28 (T)	4 - 8pm
	31 (F)	1 - 4pm
June	8 (Sat)	9am - noon
	12 (W)	4 - 8pm
	20 (Th)	4 - 8pm
	29 (Sat)	9 - noon
July	13 (Sat)	9 - noon
	30 (T)	4 - 7pm



Blood Drive Reminder

The 86th Community Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 9 am to 3 pm at Croton-Harmon High School. Donors must be at least 16, not yet 76, and over 110 pounds. Those between 16 and 17 need a parent's permission; over 76-ers need a doctor's note. All must bring some official ID. For further appointments call Carol Shanesy, 271-7645, or Annette Birnbaum, 271-3010 or email communityblooddrive@gmail.com

Croton Seniors

Members of Croton Seniors Club held their annual election of officers on April 12. The following officers were elected: President Elizabeth Faranda, Vice-President Karen Colombo, Treasurer John Giglio, Ass't. Treas. Donald Divney, Secretary Bonnie Dietz. The newly elected officers will be sworn in at the Installation Luncheon at Table 9 on April 25.

MN Trestle Bridge Repair

The railroad trestle bridge across the mouth of the Croton River is in need of repair. Metro North has notified the Village that it will begin repairs to the bridge later this spring. At a work session on February 25, MN representatives and their engineering consultants met with the Board to outline the work to be done. As important as the construction itself, MN also addressed the precautions and protections they are taking for aquatic vegetation and to reduce any recreational impacts on boaters launching from the Village's Echo Boat Launch site. A



1907 Trestle Bridge

manned boat will be on site to stop or guide boaters during all construction operations. All access to the work site by construction workers and suppliers will be from a barge. The super structure will be fully

replaced requiring the temporary removal of track 4.

While this construction will necessitate the track being out of service starting in June of this year, MN officials say there will be no service impact on trains to and from the station.

The trestle bridge to be repaired was built in 1907 and supports the western-most track crossing the Croton River. The work contract is for 18 months.



BCC 9/11 Memorial Shuttle

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 27, and continuing thru Labor Day, September 2, a shuttle will take visitors to the BCC 9/11 Memorial at the north end of Croton

Landing. The shuttle will be at the parking lot at Croton Landing from 9 - 11 am on Saturdays and Sundays.

Kite Day at Croton Landing

Saturday, May 25 will be Kite Day again at Croton Landing. This fun family event will let you demonstrate your kite-flying skills.

The event is from 1 - 3 pm and is free but pre-registration is required by May 23 in the Recreation Office or by calling 271-3006. Bring your own kite to fly. Refreshments will be available.



REMINDER!

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day Observance.



Station Parking Permit Reminder

If you are a permit holder for the train station parking lot, please remember that beginning June 1, the new License Plate Recognition system will be employed to enforce parking at the station. As the name implies, license plates will be "read" by a camera on the parking enforcement car and will be compared in real time with a valid list of license plates - those of paid permit holders.

Resident and non-resident train station parking permit holders are required to set up an online account prior to June 1st. Current permit holders have received a letter and emails reminding them to set up their accounts which includes their email addresses, their car(s) and license plate number(s). Village residents must also provide a copy of their car registrations.

Once the account is set up, current permit holders will also be able to purchase permits online. Permits will be sold on a quarterly basis. Permits may also be paid for by mail or at the Village Office.

Croton Village Garden Club



A garden club is being recreated under the auspices of the Conservation Advisory Council. If you are interested in gardening and contributing to making Croton a more attractive community, please contact Richard Zumbach at rdzumbach@yahoo.com or 271-3154.

Article 78 Decision

The long-running litigation on the Village Board's adoption of amendments to the Gateway Zoning for the Harmon commercial area has been decided. On April 1, Judge Susan Cacace rendered a decision that found the Village had done a thorough review and had not acted "arbitrarily or capriciously".

The litigation began in March, 2010 and has been ongoing while the Village revised and passed a second law. To date, the costs associated with the litigation are in excess of \$422,000.

The full decision is available on the Village website. Under the Quick Links section of the Home Page, click on Documents Relating to the Proposed Harmon Gateway Law. The decision is the last item on the list.



Duck Pond Aeration Resumes

A visitor to the Duck Pond will notice a slight bubbling in several areas of the pond. That is the effect of the underwater aeration system that was installed to counteract the heavy algae outbreaks which were covering the pond with a green slime every summer for the past several years.



Early April at the Pond

In March of 2011, the Village commissioned an environmental analysis of the Duck Pond at the request of the Ad Hoc Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Committee. The study found elevated levels of phosphorous and low oxygen levels.

The summer of 2012 saw a significant improvement in the pond due to the improved water circulation. However, the circulation prevents the pond from freezing over so the aeration process is discontinued in the Winter months to allow freezing and ice skating if the weather is cold enough.

Croton Coalition Director

Local resident, Laurie Dean, was recently named the new Director of Croton's Community Coalition Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Ms. Dean is a Human Resource Management professional and has been a regular volunteer in multiple school and student related organizations in Croton since 2002. She has been a parent representative on the Coalition since its formation in 2010. Spearheaded by a concerned group of residents in the school district and Village, an informal coalition was formed. The Village applied on their behalf for a federal grant from the Drug Free Communities Support Program; a \$125,000 grant was awarded which was renewable for up to five years.

Since drug and alcohol abuse is considered a community problem, the grant required the formation of a coalition comprising members from 12 sectors which includes, government, schools, businesses, police, health professionals, religious organizations, service organizations, and press members.

In carrying out its goal of education and increased awareness of the problems, the Croton Coalition has an Advisory Board and a part-time Director. The Coalition also receives support and training from the non-profit Student Assistance Services organization. Coalition programs and activities include media and education initiatives, parent and student surveys, training, and community outreach and events such as the annual Vassallo Fest with its games, attractions and prevention-related information. Vassallo Fest will occur this month on May 24th.

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Summerfest is Coming!

Croton's annual celebration of the beginning of summer will be Sunday, June 2, on the streets of the Upper Village. Street vendors, community organizations, delicious foods and wonderful entertainment will highlight the day.



The Summerfest parade will kick off the event at 1 pm from the Five Corners location at Old Post Road South and Cleveland Dr. The fun continues through 6 pm with live music throughout the afternoon. Be sure to put it on your calendar!

Memorial Day Observance



Croton's Veterans' Committee will conduct its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27, at the Veterans Memorial at Five Corners at 11 am. In the case of rain, the event will be held in the Community Room of the Municipal Building.

Farmers' Market Resumes

The Village Board has authorized a new contract with Down To Earth Markets (formerly Community Markets) to hold a weekly market in 2013. The market will continue to be located at the Municipal Place site where it has been in the past. However, this year the market will be held on Sundays from 9 am to 2 pm. The Village will receive \$75/week from the market for use of the Village property from June 2 through November 24, 2013. The market is responsible for all setup and cleanup.



30th Year as Tree City USA

The Village was named as a Tree City USA for 2012. This is the 30th time the Village has received the award from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as it first became a Tree City USA in 1983. The award is from the Division of Lands and Forests. A Tree City flag flies from the flag pole at the Municipal Building.

Got a Question?



In addition to the budgets for the General, Water and Sewer Funds, there is also a Capital Budget. What is the Capital Budget?

The Village's Capital Budget is a projected plan for major expenditures over the next five years. Unlike the General Fund budget which is the basis for Village property taxes and, by NYS law, must be adopted by April 30 preceding the next fiscal year, a Capital Budget is not required by law. Some municipalities do not make long-term capital plans.

Croton began long-term capital budgeting over thirty years ago as a means of planning large expenditures and phasing their estimated costs. Usually, the projects in the 5-year Capital plan are funded through bonding but they may also be funded through grants and Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). As the Village Board discusses these long term plans during the regular budget season, the Board generally adopts the Capital Budget at the same time as the General Fund budgets although that is not required.

The Capital Budget includes costs associated with planned projects and equipment for the General, Water and Sewer Funds.

The adopted Capital Budget is not static; unanticipated expenditures with high priority may replace items in the

currently approved Capital Budget causing some projects to be moved into the future. Having a Capital budget with the expected projects for the coming year makes it possible to issue only one bond for the entire year's projects. This is a cost savings for the Village as issuing bonds has inherent costs itself.

For the fiscal year 2013/2014, some of the projects being proposed include annual costs of general road repairs, sidewalk and curb replacement and improvement, two replacement trucks for DPW and a front-end loader. It also includes expenditures for Fire Dept. and EMS equipment needed to keep these services in compliance with regulations and to enhance their ability to respond. This year some modifications to the train station parking lot are proposed to provide additional spaces. The Police Dept. is projected to replace two vehicles and to acquire a taser ability. The Village is also planning to undertake the repair of the bulkhead on the Hudson River at the Yacht Club location.

The Village's planned improvements to its water distribution system to address brown water problems is a major expenditure in the capital plan for the Water Fund as well as well field improvements.