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Croton's Police Department

Public safety for Village residents is a multi-faceted job, and the goal, of Croton's Police Dept. Only a phone call away at 271-5177 or 911 (by land line), Croton's Police Dept. 24/7 dispatching and on-the-road presence provides a rapid response to a myriad of situations. These range from simple calls for assistance to investigating suspicious activities, traffic infractions, accidents, drug overdoses, physical violence, medical aid, thefts and much more. The Department also is equipped with defibrillators and Narcan kits.

Beyond responding to calls, however, the Police Dept. also has a steady visibility in the Village and provides friendly outreach with its officers' daily presence in the Upper Village business area as well as at numerous public events such as Summerfest, parades, the Run Against Hunger and others.

The Police Department works closely with the schools and school-age youth in providing education and guidance in a variety of settings including the in-school D.A.R.E. program, health classes, a Halloween safety program, a Youth Cadet program, the Youth Academy and hosting cub scouts and girl scouts at the Police station.

The Croton department is also one of the biggest community participants on Croton's Coalition Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse. As part of their commitment to this program, they are active participants in the Vassallofest program of education on substance abuse and the Candlelight Vigil to remember those who are struggling or have struggled with such abuse. They also participate in a program to educate local businesses on the laws regarding the sale of alcohol.

As the Village includes the busiest Hudson Line Metro North train station, the

County's Croton Point Park, and is adjacent to the Croton Dam Park, both the Hudson and Croton Rivers, and New York City's reservoir system, the Croton Police work collaboratively with the MTA Police, Westchester County Police, NYS Police, NYS DEC and NYC DEP police as well as neighboring municipal departments. Due to proximity to these locations, the Croton Police are frequently the first to be dispatched on mutual aid and first to reach the scene when calls affecting these areas are received. Importantly, Croton Police have a deserved reputation for their follow-up on all calls.

The Police Department, including its Chief, Anthony

Tramaglino, has 21 members in two divisions - Patrol and Detective. In the year ending December 31, 2015, there were 4679 total calls for police services. The number of crimes reported and investigated by the patrol division as well as the Detective division was 267. Patrol issued 655 vehicle/traffic tickets and went to 343 motor vehicle accidents. Overall there were 348 arrests including such infractions as criminal sale of controlled substances, criminal possession of marijuana, tampering with evidence, DWI, and more. The Department also responded to 758 Fire and Ambulance calls. They are frequently the first on the scene for these situations as well.

The Police Department, located on the west side of the Municipal Building, also .

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Police Station Entrance at Municipal Building

New Press Box in Dobbs Park

Croton's Little League organization has long desired a Press Box for the ball field at Dobbs Park where it plays many of its games. An agreement was reached in 2015 and finalized in Spring of 2016 in which Croton Little League would construct a Press Box and donate it to the Village. It replaces a smaller one-story shed at the site.

The Press Box will be used to house equipment and as a location for announcing its games. The sound amplification system must be pre-approved by the Village as well as its volume and times of use.



Under the agreement, Croton Little League has transferred ownership to the Village and will assume liability and future maintenance costs for the Press Box. The three-year agreement was finalized in April. The accompanying photo shows the new Press Box and a new scoreboard as well.

Health For Life

For 6 Wednesday mornings, 10 am to 12:30 pm. beginning on May 11, the Recreation Dept. is offering a workshop that will help you maintain your health and independence at home. Aimed at seniors, this is a free program developed by Stanford University. It is an informative and interactive workshop and is also fun. It focuses on building skills to manage chronic conditions and improve your health. Registration is required by May 2. Call 271-3006 for more info.

Farmers Market Opening Reminder!

Down To Earth Markets will be re-opening for the 2016 season on Sunday, May 8th from 9 am to 2 pm. This year they will be at a new location. The market will be located in Section A of the Train Station Parking lot. This is the upper lot at the intersection of Croton Point Avenue and Veterans Way. The Farmers Market will continue on Sundays at this location through Sunday, December 4.



Seniors Install New Officers

The Croton Seniors have elected their officers for the coming year. The officers are: Karen Columbo, President; Vice President Bill Tuttle; Treasurer Regina Bishop (not pictured); Assistant Treasurer Don Divney; and Secretary Bonnie Dietz.

The new officers were sworn in at an Installation Luncheon on April 17th at Fino's Restaurant.



L to R K. Columbo, B. Dietz, Mark Duncan, Recreation Supervisor, D. Divney, B. Tuttle.

Photo by Vince Duffy

The Croton Seniors Club especially thanked John Giglio for over twenty years of service to the club as its Treasurer.

The Seniors Club meets Fridays in the Municipal Building Community Room at 11:00 am. All Village and school district residents, 60 and older, are eligible to join. Annual dues are \$10 res/\$20 non-res.

Daily Parking Rates Change

On June 1, the rates at the daily lot at the train station will increase from \$9 to \$10 per calendar day, Mon.-Fri. The hourly rate remains at \$1. The Sat./Sun. rate remains at \$5. There are also 50 Daily parking spots available on South Riverside Ave. near ShopRite, for \$5/day every day.

Payment for the Daily parking spots is by pay machine at the station or the ParkMobile App or phone (toll free 1-877-727-5730). For info on how to use the App or phone, click on Train Station Parking from the Home page of the Village's website.

Croton Police cont'd.

plays an active presence during Court hours. The members of the Croton Police Department pride themselves on their knowledge and relationship to the community. Many of the members are village residents or grew up in the Village. Given Croton's size, all of the members of the department soon become familiar with the ebb and flow of the community and develop an active interest in local affairs. More articles relating to Police Dept. youth and auxiliary programs are on pages 3 and 4

Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



2016/2017 Budget Approved

The budget for fiscal year 2016/2017 for the Village was adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 18.

The budget calls total appropriations of \$18,826,308 of which \$11,313,859.34 will be raised through property taxes. This amount is only \$1,000 less than the total amount permitted under New York State's Tax Levy Cap. As such the Village has met the criteria of



both the Tax Cap and Tax Freeze, thereby enabling resident property owners to receive a rebate check from NYS in the Fall of this year. (The rebate check this year will be the second and final rebate checks under the NYSTax Freeze program.)

Under the approved Tax Levy, property owners see an increase of \$1.206 in their tax rate over the 2015/2016 tax rate. The new rate is \$254.079 per 1000 of Assessed Valuation. This is a percentage increase of 0.47%

The Village's total assessed valuation increased slightly this year over last - \$63,566.

Village tax bills will be sent out on June 1 and are payable by June 30, 2016.

Yacht Club Commissioning Day

Residents are invited to enjoy a day at the Yacht Club and celebrate the Commissioning of its new Commodore and officers. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage, & peppers, salads, corn on the cob, clams, tap beer and soft drinks are included. Cash bar. Registration is required. Forms are available at crotonyachtclub.org. or at the Yacht Club. Adults -\$35, teens \$15, children free.

The Gas Survey Insert

The survey insert in this issue of the Newsletter is an effort by the Village's Sustainability Committee to determine who presently has natural gas service and who might like it in their home or business. With that information, Con Edison and the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) will assist the Village figure out if it can happen.

Whether you have gas, would like it, or not like it, please fill out the survey and mail it back (stamp required) or take it online at sustain-croton.org.

Details of the pros and cons of gas service, and how the information will be used (and kept confidential) are outlined in the survey flyer.

Cadet and Youth Academy Programs

The Croton Police Department participates in two programs aimed at youth interested in the law enforcement and the criminal justice systems.

It's Youth Police Cadets program, for youth aged 13 to 17, meets twice a month under the supervision of Village Police Officers. During its meetings, students learn about techniques used by the police as well as become familiar with various equipment that is used in law enforcement. Simulated situations offer a real opportunity to understand how police officers conduct their jobs. Currently there are 15 local youth participating.

Members of the Croton Police Dept. also provide the leadership, along with Peekskill police, for the Westchester Youth Police Academy conducted at PACE University in Pleasantville. This 6-week program is for high school Seniors with up to 40 participants from county high schools. Croton students who participate do so as part of their CHOOSE program in the Spring of their Senior Year.

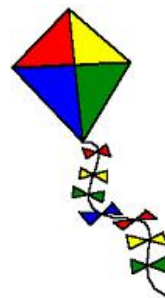
As part of the Youth Academy program, an internship program in the field of law enforcement, students participate in physical training, lessons from law enforcement experts and hands on learning experiences. The program includes learning field skills, attending a mock trial in a County court room, visits to the County Forensics lab and shooting range, learning about Penal law and information on substance abuse. Those who complete the course receive certificates and PACE also offers them 3 credits towards its Criminal Justice degree.

Don't Forget the Blood Drive!

The next Community Blood Drive is Sunday, May 1 from 9 am to 3 pm at Croton-Harmon High School. Call 271-7645 or 271-8449 for info or to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Donors must provide official identification and be between 16 (with parents permission) and 76 and 110 pounds or more.

Go FLY A KITE!



Kite Day at Croton Landing is Saturday, May 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Enjoy an afternoon at Croton Landing Park showing off your kite-flying skills. Bring your own kite. Refreshments will be served.

This event is FREE but registration is required by May 26 at the Recreation Dept. office or calling 271-3006. This is a wonderful family event.

Got a Question?



My family has our first dog. What regulations for dogs should we be aware of?

Dogs are not allowed to roam off-leash anywhere in the Village except at the Dog Park at Black Rock for which a permit is required. Croton Landing Park is the only park where leashed dogs are permitted during park hours and may only be walked on the paved Riverwalk Trail on a maximum 6 foot leash. All other parks, fields, and



school properties are off-limits to dogs, leashed or unleashed. Leashed dogs may be curbed in the part of the street lying between the two curb lines. All feces must be removed by the walker and deposited in an airtight container and placed in a refuse container - never in storm drains or sewers.

In New York State all dogs, 4 months and older, must be licensed. Licenses for Village residents' dogs can be obtained in the Village Office for a fee upon presenting a current rabies certificate. The fee is \$15 or \$25 depending upon whether the dog is spayed or neutered. Part of the unneutered/unsprayed fee is used by the State to fund such programs across the state.



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Croton's Auxiliary Police

Croton's Auxiliary Police Department is a volunteer service position in law enforcement. Typical assignments for Auxiliary Police Officers include traffic control and road closures, vehicular and foot patrols, traffic and crowd control at large events, and helping in storm and weather-related emergencies. Men and women are encouraged to volunteer. Uniforms, equipment and training are provided.

To qualify, a volunteer must be 18 years or older, have no arrest record, have a valid NYS Drivers License, be in good physical conditions to perform the requirements of the job, and either live or work in Croton-on-Hudson or the Town of Cortlandt.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lt. Russell Harper at 271-5177.

SUMMERFEST Ahead!

On Sunday, June 5 join your neighbors in the streets of the Upper Village for the annual celebration of the start of summer. Street vendors, delicious food and entertainment will be going on throughout the afternoon. The Summerfest parade begins at 12:45 pm and the fun continues until 6 pm.

The Recreation Dept. office in the Municipal Building will also be open from 1:30 to 3:30 during Summerfest to issue Village Photo IDs.

