



October Calendar

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Irene - Before and After

The Village has been buffeted this summer by several severe storms on June 23, August 4 and then, Hurricane Irene, on August 27th and 28th.

Each of these storms caused damage with Irene causing the most. Power outages

Center, contacting the Red Cross, announcing closures of parks and the station parking lot were all planned for in the following days, ahead of the storm.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 28 at 7 am, the Village's Emergency Operations Center

(EOC) opened at the Municipal Building and staff were monitoring developments around the village in an effort to facilitate cleanup and repairs by utilities and road crews. Although the storm abated during mid-day, Village emergency personnel were again called upon for several hours of rescue operations due to five rafters



Sat. August 27. Emergency Management Committee members coordinating response to impending storm.

lasted for days for many residents, roads were blocked by fallen trees and wires, facilities were closed and events cancelled.

Fortunately, Croton was among the most prepared of area Villages due to its establishing an Emergency Management Committee in 2010 as a result of a very severe ice storm in late winter of 2010. Under the direction of Richard Nagle, a plan was developed and tested that ensured a continuity of operations in the event of major emergencies.

Advance warning of Irene allowed the Emergency Management team to start preparing for its effects several days prior to its hitting the area beginning Thurs., Aug. 25. Village management, and its DPW and Engineering staffs, the Police Dept., Fire Dept., EMS, along with Mr. Nagle, met on a daily basis to ensure that Croton was prepared. Steps such as moving DPW equipment to higher ground, fueling village cars and trucks, daily briefings with the County Emergency Center and with Con Ed's Emer-

overturning in the Croton River.

As essential services were restored—some taking several days, and streets and roads reopened, the Village began a review of how the Emergency Plan had



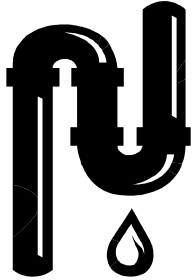
Sun., August 28. Tracking and mapping Village locations reporting storm damage.

worked and where it needs adjustment for future storms. As well, the financial costs of the storm are still being totaled including lost and damaged equipment, personnel time, damage to facilities and shorelines, tree and debris removal and more.

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Water Forum Meeting

The Village Board will be holding an informational meeting on Croton's water system. The Village is in the process of developing a long-term Master Plan for the system. The session has a two-fold purpose: 1) it is intended to provide information to residents on the water system as it exists today and 2) to address issues such as aging water lines, raising the well field treatment controls and emergency power supply above the new FEMA 100-year flood plain, increasing chlorine contact time, brown water, and mandatory capacity requirements for water distribution systems.



Village staff, including Water Foreman Tom Brann, will conduct the session. Both staff and the Village's water consultants will be available to answer residents' questions. The session will be in the Municipal Building Meeting Room on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30pm. It will also be televised. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about Croton's Water system.

Basic Water System Facts:

Water source—Village well field along Croton River.

Serves ~ 7,700 customers, mostly residential.

Service connections ~ 2,500.

Avg. Daily use = 1.1 million gallons/day.

Storage tanks = 4.

Pipes - cast iron, steel, ductile iron; various ages.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

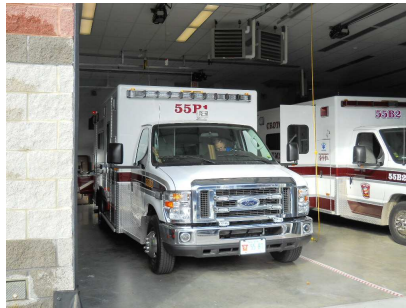
The federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled its third National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Sat., October 29, from 10 am to 2 pm. In Croton, this initiative is being sponsored by the Croton Community Coalition in conjunction with the Croton Police Dept. Prescription drugs can be turned in to the collection site which will be set up at Croton Commons.

It is estimated that over 7 million Americans abuse prescription drugs and that, each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs for the first time. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. The DEA is currently developing a permanent process for disposing of these drugs.

Croton EMS Seeks Recruitment Volunteers

Croton EMS is seeking volunteers for a Recruitment and Retention committee tasked with growing and maintaining the EMS volunteer membership. If you have knowledge and experience in the areas such as brand management, public relations, marketing, social media, graphic design, web design, team building, event planning, or leadership training, consider volunteering your expertise on this committee. Please contact Mark Dickey at mark@bestweb.net if you are interested.

Croton EMS provides emergency medical services to the Village and Mt. Airy and Quaker Bridge Fire Protection Districts. They respond to over 800 911 calls annually. Individuals interested in volunteering and providing emergency medical care as an EMS professional should contact Croton EMS at membership@crotonems.org to apply or find out more. No experience is necessary as all necessary training and equipment is provided.



Native American Culture Event

The Croton Arboretum and the CET PTA are presenting a Native American Crafts & Culture event on Sat. Oct. 15 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Arboretum.

Native American craft expert, Barry Keegan, is going to build an authentic wigwam at the site. He will also use his replicas of bows, arrows, axes, buckskin, fire-making tools and pottery to illustrate the technology and the daily life of the Leni Lenape people, who lived in the Croton area at the time of Henry Hudson's voyage.



Leni Lenape Wigwam



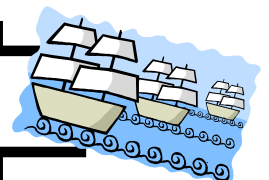
**Native American Crafts Expert
Barry Keegan**

The event is part of a 4-day workshop where Mr. Keegan will be working with the CET fourth graders for the first 3 days. The public is invited for the fourth day at the Arboretum.



Reminder!

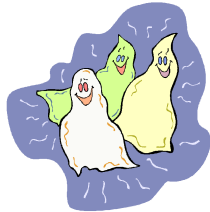
**Village Offices will be closed
Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day!**



Halloween Recreation Events

The Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest will take place on Sat., October 22 from 9 am to 2pm at storefronts around the Village. (Rain date is Sun., Oct. 23 from 9 am to 2 pm.) Contest categories include individual entries, two-some entries, and family entries. Both Individual and Twosome entries are further broken into subgroups by grade: 3 and 4, 5 to 7, and 8 to 10. Application forms are available ONLY at participating stores that have a flyer in their windows. Fill out the form and submit to the Recreation Office at the Municipal Building by Oct. 17. The Recreation Dept. will assign the window spaces.

Don't let the goblins, creatures and spirits scare you on Sat., October 29, as they participate in the annual Goblin Walk from the Municipal Building to Vassallo Park where some treats will await them. Young and old are invited to take part. The walk starts at 1 pm at the Municipal Building. In the event of rain, it will be relocated to an indoor site. Call 271-3006 for further information.



Noise Law Changes

The Village Board amended the Village's Noise Law at its meeting of Sept. 6 following a public hearing. The section amended pertained to the hours of operation of "power lawn mowers, rakers, leaf blowers or other motor driven lawn or garden equipment". The allowable hours of operation of this equipment on Saturdays is 9 am to 6 pm (changed from 8 pm), and on Sundays from 10 am to 6 pm (changed from 8 pm). Monday through Friday, this equipment may be operated between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm.



Household Recovery Days Are Over

The last Household Material Recovery (HMR) Day was held on Sept. 24. The County is completing a permanent HMR facility at its Grasslands campus in Valhalla which will open soon. When completed, it will be open 3 days a week for residents to transport their non-curb-side recyclables for disposal.

The next Mobile Shredder Day near Croton is Sat. October 15 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Ossining Community Center.

Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger

The 31st annual Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger will return to Croton's streets on October 16. It features a 1-mile Fun Run, a 5k Walk, and a 10k Race. The Village supports this event through provision of Police, DPW and EMS services.



To pre-register, go to www.runagainsthunger.com no later than October 14. Race day registration is at Croton-Harmon High School starting at 8 am. Pre-registration fees are Fun Run (\$7 for 15 and under, \$10 for 16+), 5K Walk - \$20, and 10K Run - \$22. Same day registration fees are slightly

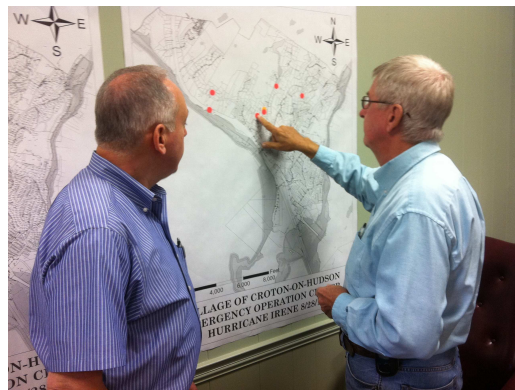
higher.

Participants are encouraged to bring contributions of canned or non-perishable items for the food bank.

The 5k Walk begins at 10:30 am, the Fun Run begins at noon, and the 10k Run begins at 12:30 pm. The 10k Run begins at Croton-Harmon High School, and the other events start at Veterans Corner. For more information contact Jud Ramaker at 914-271-8965 or jud@runagainsthunger.com.

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It is expected that FEMA will provide reimbursement for at least some of these costs as the area was officially declared a Disaster Area.



Mon., August 29. Police Chief Tramaglino and Emergency Management Coordinator Nagle charting storm damage locations

Throughout the preparations for the storm, during it, and in its aftermath, the Village made a sustained effort to provide Croton residents with critical, storm-related information. Regular phone calls using the

Village's Connect CTY network allowed important information to be given to residents. A drawback to the effectiveness of this line of communications is that many residents have yet to sign up for receiving these calls on their land line phones as well as their cell phones. (See the article on p. 4 for details on how to sign up for this Connect CTY service.)

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BCC Upcoming Events

The Villages of Buchanan, Croton-on-Hudson and the Town of Cortlandt have jointly embarked on establishing a 9/11 memorial at Croton Landing Park using steel from the World Trade Center obtained from the Port Authority of NY/NJ. Fund raising to support the costs of designing and constructing the memorial included a Wine Tasting event on September 18 at Monteverde and an upcoming Golf tournament.



The Golf Outing will be held at Hollowbrook Golf Course on Monday, October 17th.

Costs are \$140/entrant or \$90 for First Responders. It will be a scramble format and includes both a box lunch and dinner.

For information and to signup for the golf outing, contact Ken Sherman at 914-734-1058. For more information on the BCC 9/11 Memorial committee, visit www.townof

Got a Question?



What do I need to know about leaf removal this autumn. I understand there are some changes from past years.



This autumn all leaves raked to the curb line will be removed by the DPW using their vacuum truck. Leaves should not be raked into the street. Vacuuming was recommended as the most efficient and cost effective means for the DPW to pick up leaves. NO bagged leaves will be picked up. Yard waste (small twigs, hedge clippings, flowers, etc.) will continue to be picked up through October in biodegradable bags or open top garbage cans. It is picked up on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays north of Route 129 and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays south of 129.

Vacuuming of loose leaves will occur in November and December. The schedule of streets to be vacuumed will be posted on a weekly basis on the Village's website. You can also be notified by email by going to the Village website and clicking on "Subscribe to News".

Sign up for Important Messages

During Hurricane Irene, the Village sent out many messages providing updates on current conditions - road and facility closings, water conservation advisories, timetables for expected repairs and return of power, etc. While this was appreciated by those who received the calls and emails, many residents have yet to sign up to receive these alerts.

These messages are part of Croton's Connect CTY system. To receive these messages, go to the Village website (www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) and click on "Sign Up now for Notification" in the lower left corner of the Home page. Since land line phones may be out of service when wires and utility poles come down in storms, it is important to register both your home phone and your cell phone. If you register your email address, you will receive the same alerts via email as well.

If someone in your household requires electricity for life support devices, it is advisable to notify Con Ed at 1-800-752-6633. You might also wish to notify the Croton Police at 271-5177 as the Con Ed list is considered private information and they cannot share it with local police or emergency personnel.

Leave Leaves Alone

As municipalities have tried to lessen the costs and inefficiencies of autumn leaf collection, several of them are educating their residents on the benefits of mulching leaves in place or composting them. Mulched leaves provide a good source of lawn nutrition. Composting leaves provides nutritious organic matter for next year's garden soil. Both reduce the cost and use of purchased fertilizers. A Town of Bedford program created in conjunction with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County provides education and practical tips for mulching and composting leaves. Its website: www.leaveleavesalone.org provides useful information on both. A video segment from Irvington's Green Policy Task Force shows leaf mulching by mowing as well other environmentally sound gardening tips at www.youtube.com/user/IrvingtonGPTF.

