



2015 Village Projects

October Calendar

- 5 & 19** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 13 & 27** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 12** **Columbus Day**
- 14** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 1** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 5** Cons. Adv. Council
- 13** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 21** Visual Env. Board
- 21** Comp Plan Comm.
- 28** Trails Comm.

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From the Spring to Fall months of the year, the Village focuses on many capital projects that require outdoor work. This year, 2015, has seen many projects get underway or completed. Some large projects were carried over from the previous year such as the massive water main relining and replacement project, covering more than 4 miles of water lines, and the well field upgrades. While these continued this year and will be reaching conclusion in coming months, many additional projects that improve the well-being of the Village are underway or have been completed.

The most visible project is at the Municipal Building where scaffolding and netting masks the roof and brick repair that is going



Scaffolding at Municipal Building

on. Work on the exterior of the building is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Inside the building, new doors will be installed on the first floor to accommodate the County's Family Court requirements regarding separation of the public from offenders and privacy concerns for witness inter-



Black Rock Park

views. Over the summer, Black Rock Park on the Croton River has been enhanced with a newly defined traffic and parking layout and new landscaping.

Following the Duck Pond Park improvements in late 2014, both Sunset

and Senasqua Parks are scheduled to get new playground apparatus. The Sunset playground update should be completed by late fall.

Planning and design work for improvements to Elliott Way between Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club are underway with the Village awaiting final sign-off from the NYSDEC and Army Corps of Engineers. Once received, final specifications will be drawn up and the project put out to bid later this year.

The Village's three fire houses are all receiving needed attention.



The **Grand Street Firehouse** Harmon Firehouse is being evaluated for needed window replacements. Washington Engine Company will have a much needed generator installed and has repair work to drainage damage underway. The Grand Street Firehouse is undergoing repair of its apron



Mt. Green Road

from the street to the garage door which was sinking and cracking. Additionally, its electrical

equipment has been upgraded and interior repairs to doors and floors have been done. Drainage lines, a repaired retaining wall, resurfacing of its parking lot and driveway are also among the work projects at the Grand St. Firehouse.

The Nordica Pump Station is undergoing the second phase of a project to upgrade this critical link in Village sewer treatment which links to the Ossining Sanitary Sewer District.

35th Run Against Hunger

The 35th Annual Run Against Hunger is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. The Run Against Hunger includes three events—a 5k (3.1 mile) walk at 9:30 am, a 1 mile Fun Run kicks off at 11:00 am, and the 10k race starts at 11:45 am.



While these events are going on, other activities will be occurring on the lawn at Croton-Harmon High School. There will be food for sale, pumpkin and face painting, and electronic chip timing for the 10k run.

Online pre-registrations must be received by October 16. Go to runagainsthunger.org.

There is also in-person registration on Sat., October 17th at Asbury Methodist Church and Race Day registration at the high school.

Organizers ask that on race day, participants and watchers bring canned or non-perishable items for the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry.

Proceeds from this event benefit many organizations including, locally, the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry and the Croton Caring Committee.

Projects cont'd.

As part of ongoing efforts to improve drainage problems due to storm water runoff, Mt. Green Road is being widened along its length, with new curbing on its south side. New storm drain pipes, catch basins and repaving on the road are also part of this project.

While these projects are underway, the Village also undertakes its yearly road repair as well as sidewalk and curb improvements.

In addition to these Village projects, other significant improvements have been or are being undertaken within the Village by Con Edison and Metro North railroad. For several months this spring and summer, Con Edison has been undertaking its “storm hardening” program by replacing utility poles and wiring throughout the Village. At the railroad station, Metro North is currently undertaking the renovation of the station building.

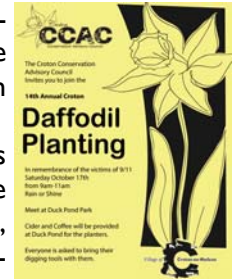
Daffodil Planting Plans

Croton's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is planning its 14th annual daffodil planting event on Saturday, October 17 from 9 am to 11 am.

The CAC tradition of daffodil planting began in 2001 to create a living remembrance of the 9/11 events of that year. 911 daffodils were planted. Every year since then more daffodils have been planted around the Village to continue the remembrance but the number of daffodils planted each year has grown to well over 1000.

Some of the areas where daffodils have previously been planted are the hillside at the Bethel Cemetery, along Benedict Blvd., Croton Landing, at the train station entrance, along South Riverside Ave., and in Vassallo Park. This year the Duck Pond will be the location of the community planting event. Everyone is asked to bring their digging tools with them to this fun and meaningful family experience. Refreshments will be served.

Additional plantings will be made by volunteers of the Garden Club along South Riverside Ave. and other locations that are more difficult to access than the community event location.



Summer Numbers

The Village's many parks were very busy this summer. Croton's Recreation and Parks Department reported another outstanding summer at all its facilities.



Swimming at Silver Lake on the Croton River was very popular, as always. Over the summer season, attendance figures were over 6300!

Wednesday night attendance at movies ranged from 50 to 175 people while the Friday night concerts at Senasqua Park had huge attendances. From 250 to 900 people attended the concerts each week.

All of the three sessions of the Village-run camps were well attended. Day Camp had an average of 80 to 98 per session while Tiny Tots camps had 27 to 32 per session.



Reminder!

Offices will be closed Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day!



Leaf Vacuuming

The Dept. of Public Works will begin vacuuming leaves in November. The weekly street schedule for vacuuming will be posted on the Village website in November. Posting of the list will be on Fridays for the following week. By clicking on "Subscribe to News" from the Home page of the Village website, you can also be notified of the weekly list of streets by email.



Only loose leaves left at curbside will be picked up. Bagged leaves will NOT be picked up. Twigs, branches and other yard debris should not be mixed in with the loose leaves. Leaf vacuuming will continue through December. Yard waste, such as small twigs, clippings, flowers, etc. (not including loose leaves) will continue to be picked up through October on alternate Wednesdays. Yard waste should be in bio-degradable bags or in open-top garbage cans.

Croton Police Cadet Program

The Croton Police Cadet program, run by members of the Police Dept., began in 2011. The program is for residents ages 13 to 18 who have an interest in Law Enforcement. New cadets are being recruited now. Cadets are exposed to all aspects of law enforcement. Meetings are every other Wednesday evening for two hours. Topics such as Criminal Law, Vehicle & Traffic Law, service calls, radio communication, first aid, the Court system, and careers in law enforcement will be discussed. Agents and officers from other agencies are frequent guest speakers. Police Cadets also have the opportunity to assist Croton Police with community events such as parades and fairs. The cadets are also exposed to units such as SWAT, the Dive team, Bike unit and Accident Investigation.

The Cadets' year culminates with an all-day event at the Westchester Police Academy - Stations Day, where cadets compete using skills they have learned during their meetings to respond to scenarios as if they were officers on the scene.

The Croton Police Cadet Program is affiliated with NERLEEA (Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association, Inc.) Their primary purpose is to network the many Law Enforcement youth programs in the northeast United States and to provide training, competitions and social events to the youth. Interested Croton Youth should contact the Croton Police Department at (914)-271-5177.

Halloween Events

Youth throughout the Village can look ahead to another exciting Halloween with two events organized by the Recreation Dept.

The annual **Halloween Window Painting Contest** is being coordinated with participating stores throughout the Village. Family and individual entries are encouraged. (Look for a flyer in a store's window to see if they are participating.) Painting will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 9 am to 2 pm. The rain date is October 18.



Registration forms may be picked up at a participating store. The form should be completed and returned to the Recreation Office in the Municipal Building no later than October 9. Windows will be assigned by the Recreation Dept. Space is limited so enter soon!

Goblins, creatures and spirits will be meeting at the Municipal Building at noon on Saturday, October 24 to march to Vassallo Park in the annual **Goblin Walk**. This fun family event is open to young and old. Some tricks and treats will be waiting for everyone at the Park. In case of rain, the Goblin Walk will be relocated to an indoor site.

FIRE FAIR Coming!

The 34th Annual Fire Fair hosted by the Croton Volunteer Fire Dept. will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Harmon Fire House; the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week.

This year's theme for the Fair and Fire Prevention Week is "Hear The Beep Where You Sleep" to emphasize that smoke detectors should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your house.



The annual Fire Fairs are always filled with activities and information. This year will be no exception. Children will be able to "earn" rides on the fire engines by practicing 5 simple fire safety practices. Mrs. Hazard's Kitchen, a Fire Safety Magic Show by the Magic of Christopher and free safety material will all be part of the fair.

Free hot dogs and drinks, courtesy of ShopRite will be available. Members of the Explorer Post will be serving free popcorn as well.

There will be educational material for adults as well as safety equipment for sale at wholesale cost.



Got a Question?



I would like to know more about the Love 'em and Leave 'em program that the Village endorses. Where can I learn more about it?



The Village continues to encourage residents to mulch their leaves in place on their lawns. It is not only good for the lawns and reduces the need for fertilizers, it has the added benefit of cost savings on the labor, equipment, maintenance, and gas as well as the fees paid for leaf disposal.

To see an informational video on the benefits of the program and how to do it, go to the Village website and, from the Home page, click on Department of Public Works.

If you choose to Love 'Em and Leave 'Em, you can encourage your neighbors to do so as well by obtaining a Love 'Em and Leave 'Em medallion on a small pole to place in your yard from the Village Office at no charge.

Water Bill Reminder!

Unpaid semi-annual water bills, sent out in mid-June will incur an additional \$100 penalty charge if not paid by October 15. The penalty charge is in addition to the monthly penalty of 1% and a \$5 delinquency notice charge for each month the bill is in arrears.



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Recreation Programs

The Recreation Dept. is offering two 1-day programs in October.

Beading with Joan! lets you design and bead your own earrings with artist Joan Lloyd. Make one of a kind pair of earrings for yourself or a friend. The program for grades 5 - 8 is on Friday, October 9, 5-7 pm in the Municipal Building Community Room. Fees are \$5 res./\$6 nonres. The registration deadline is October 2.

Make Your Own Haunted House is offered on Friday, October 23 from 5-7 pm in the Municipal Building Community Room. At this class, for grades 4 - 6, you will design and make your own edible haunted house. All the supplies are included. The deadline to register is October 16. Fees are \$20 res./\$25 non-res. A Halloween Treat!

DPW Commissioner Carr Resigns

DPW Commissioner Anthony Carr has resigned from his position as Commissioner of Public Works as of Friday, September 25. Mr. Carr has accepted a position as Deputy Commissioner with the City of White Plains.

Croton Seniors

A holiday celebration trip at Villa Roma is planned for Tuesday, December 1. The day will be filled with entertainment, activities and fun including welcome coffee, Trivia Challenge, Luncheon, Holiday Show, line dancing, bingo and use of indoor pool and Jacuzzi facilities. The trip is from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Sign up and pay in the Recreation Office by November 17. The fee is \$32 res./\$38 non-res.