



Historical Society Presents Postcard Exhibit

The Croton Historical Society has mounted a new exhibit in the first floor hallway of the Municipal Building. The POSTCARD Exhibition is a collection of postcards depicting scenes from the community

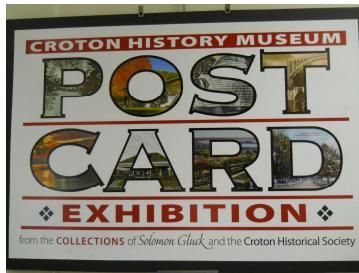
covering the period from 1900 to 1975. Actual postcards are displayed in a display case in the hallway. Many postcard pictures have been enlarged and mounted on the walls in the hallway.

Most of the postcards are from the collection of Solomon Gluck, a long-time teacher at Croton-Harmon High School.



Postcard Display Case

His family donated his collection to the Croton Historical Society. Postcards became very popular in the early twentieth century as a means not only of communicating a message but of depicting interesting places and for advertising purposes. Many Croton sites are depicted on postcards in the exhibit including scenes of the Croton and Hudson Rivers, Croton Point Park, streetscapes in the



Village and the Croton Dam. Postcards are also displayed that were forms of advertising for local stores, restaurants and inns.

There are several postcards showing the Tumble Inn on Albany Post Rd. overlooking the Hudson as well as the Nikko and Mikado Inns overlooking the Croton River.

The study and collection of postcards is known as deltiology. The first known postcard was sent in England in 1840. In the United States, an 1848 postcard advertisement is the earliest known postcard.

Beginning in 1878 the United States Post Office introduced pre-stamped "penny postcards" which were available for many years.

The Croton Historical Society is hosting a reception to mark the opening of the Postcard exhibit on Sunday, September 8 from 2 to 4 in the Municipal Building on Van Wyck St. All are welcome.



Croton River Scene on early postcard.

September Calendar

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Toughman Returns To Croton

The 6th annual Toughman Half Triathlon ToughTeens event.

competition is returning to Croton Point Park this year on the weekend of Sept. 7 and 8. The

two-day event features the ToughKids competition (ages 4 to 14) on Sat., Sept. 7 and the adult Toughman Half Triathlon on Sun., Sept. 8 as well as a



events on both days begin and end at the headquarters in Croton Point Park. The bike ride and running events take

The adult Half Triathlon event includes a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. All

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Gabrielsen - Youth Officer of the Year

Cliff Gabrielsen, a Detective in the Croton Police Department, has been selected as the Youth Officer of the Year by the New York State Youth Officers Association. Detective Gabrielsen has headed the DARE program in both the Croton-Harmon and Hendrick Hudson School Districts for many years. Additionally, he has been an active member of the Coalition Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, a federally funded program now in its fourth year in the Village.

Detective Gabrielsen received his award at the Youth Officers Association's August meeting in Geneva, NY. Congratulations and thank you from the community!

Yacht Club Hosts Hudson River Day

The Croton Yacht Club is sponsoring its annual "Hudson River Day" event on Sat., Sept. 7th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Yacht Club on Elliott Way. Hudson River Day promotes interest in the history and ecology of the river, cultivates future local environmental leaders and promotes, enhances and protects river-related recreational resources.

Highlighting the day will be events and exhibits for both adults and children that focus on the history and ecology of the Hudson River. Attendees will see a seining exhibition where local marine life will be captured, displayed and later released, viewing tanks of local marine life, toy sailboat-making, fossil-making, fish printing, sail boat rides and local artists displays and sales.

The Croton Yacht Club coordinates this annual event to give its members and local exhibitors the opportunity to share their river-related knowledge with the community, thus passing on the knowledge that can safeguard the river in the future.

Food and beverages will be available including the best fish chowder on the Hudson. Admission is free. This is a great family-focused event that everyone can enjoy and learn from.

September Primary Polls

The Westchester County Board of Elections reports that the polling places in the Village for the September 10th Primary elections will be the same as the November polling locations.



Ceremony at BCC 9/11 Memorial

A ceremony will be held at the 9/11 Memorial in Croton Landing Park at 3 pm on Wed., September 11. The ceremony is the joint effort of the Town of Cortlandt, Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson as the volunteer Task Force committee for the BCC 9/11 Remembrance Memorial.



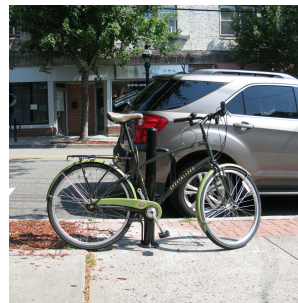
The Memorial, *Reaching through the Shadow*, has recently completed its Phase I construction. It is now a functioning sundial with nine bronze medallions serving as hour markers which also depict the events of that day.

Remaining work to complete Phase 2 consists of a bronze statue of a woman who is reaching, but not quite touching, the steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower. She symbolizes hope and strength. A remembrance garden is also planned at the site which is designed to be a place for reflection and renewal.

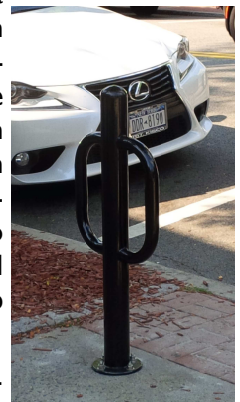
People who would like to attend the ceremony should gather at the Croton Landing Park parking area at 2:30. There will be a procession to the memorial site a quarter mile to the north, led by a color guard. A van will be available to transport those who need a ride to the site.

New Bike Posts

Seven new bike posts were installed in the Grand St. and Old Post Rd. South commercial area of the village. The posts had been recommended by the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee (BPC) to encourage residents to bike to shop and eat in the upper village area. Each post can accommodate two bikes parallel to the curb line.



The purchase and installation



New Bike Post

of the posts was approved by the Village Board in April. Locations for the posts were determined by the DPW Superintendent and members of the BPC to ensure that they won't interfere with utilities, car door openings, pedestrians or DPW operations. Ten posts were purchased for \$2,000. Locations for the remaining three have not yet been identified.

Reminder!

**Village Offices will be closed
Monday, September 2 for Labor Day!**



Garden Club at Work

Croton's recently formed Garden Club has already made a significant impact at many locations around the village. Pictured below is the flower display at the dummy light in the Upper Village commercial area. A small sign indicates it is the work of the gardeners in



Flowers at Upper Village Light

the club.

Another six areas have been cleaned up and re-planted including beds at Croton Landing and Veterans Corners.

The Garden Club is a subcommittee of the Conservation Advisory

Committee. Chaired by Richard Zumbach, the club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Croton Free Library. If you are interested in joining the effort to add beauty to Croton through gardening, please contact Richard at rdzumbach@yahoo.com.

Run Against Hunger Coming Up



Mark your calendars for the 33rd annual Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger on Sunday, October 20. The day will include a 5K Walk, a Fun Run and the 10K race. For more information and to sign up to participate go to

www.runagainsthunger.com.

Movie Night at Vassallo Park

The Croton Recreation Dept. is holding a family movie night in Vassallo Park on Friday, Sept. 27. (Rain date is Sept. 28).

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and arrive early for the movie which will begin at dusk. This year's movie is **Hotel Transylvania (PG)**. The Hotel is a resort for monsters such as Dracula, Frankenstein, and the Invisible Man among others. High jinks ensue when a human mistakenly stumbles upon it.

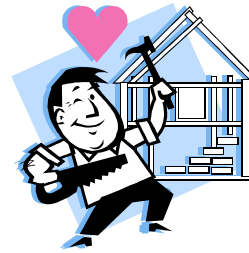
The Fall Recreation brochure is now online and can be viewed from the Home page of the Village's website: <http://crotononhudson-ny.gov>.

Croton Seniors Club

After a busy summer, Croton Seniors will return to the Community Room in the Municipal Building for their regular Friday meetings beginning Fri., Sept. 6. Coffee is served beginning at 11 am. Meeting at 12:30.

Building Permits from Hurricane Sandy

In November 2012, the Village Board waived fees for building permits and certificates of occupancy for the repair of damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. The Board wanted to encourage the prompt repair of damages caused by the storm. Applications were required to be made within 9 months of November 5, 2012 and the Village Engineer had to certify that the damage was related to the storm. The deadline for applications was August 5, 2013.



Village Engineer, Dan O'Connor, reports that the fees were waived for seven building permit applications, one demolition permit, and eight certificates of occupancy. The damages sustained ranged from roof and second story repairs as well as deck, garage, porch, and shed repairs.

The total estimated cost of construction due to damages sustained is \$268,503. The total fees saved by homeowners that were not charged amounted to

Bike Week

Croton Bike Week, sponsored by the Village's Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (BPC), begins Sat. August 31st and runs through Sun., Sept. 8th. It coincides with the Westchester Cycling Club's Golden Apple and the Toughman Triathlon with a Bike Expo on Sat. Sept. 7 at Croton Point Park.

Bike Week encourages cycling in Croton in three ways: Bike to School, Bike to Work, and Bike to Shop. Many local businesses will provide discounts to those who travel and shop by bicycle. Just show your helmet or take your bike to those locations. The list of participating businesses are displayed on the Village website.

Curb Cuts at Library

Two new handicapped accessible curb cuts have been constructed on both sides of Cleveland Drive at the entrance to the Croton



Curb Cut and Crosswalk at Library

Free Library. The new curb cuts and marked cross walk are intended to increase the safety for children walking to the library from CET Elementary school. The curb cuts are part of the

Village's annual sidewalk and curb maintenance program. Each year \$100,000 is allocated in the Capital Budget to keep Village sidewalks in good repair.

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Bulkhead Repair Authorized

The Board of Trustees authorized the financing of the costs of repairs to the bulkhead located on the Village's property on the Hudson River where the Croton Yacht Club is located. A thirty-year bond was authorized not to exceed \$2,800,000 for the repair.

The construction will be performed by Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman, Inc. of Branford, CT whose bid was accepted by the Board. Ten contractors picked up plans and specifications and three ultimately bid on the project.

Work is expected to begin later this Fall.

Tax Cap is Lowered

The NYS property tax cap law limits annual property tax increases to 2 % or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. This year the Consumer Price Index has fallen. Accordingly, the NYS Comptroller has lowered the cap from 2% to 1.66 %. This will affect all Town, Village and School budgets in their upcoming fiscal year.

Got a Question?



I recently found a flyer taped to my front door telling me I am living on a street named after a deceased Croton Veteran. Can you tell me more about this?

Local Girl Scout, Erin Livingston, has written a book "Remembering Croton Veterans" which tells the stories of the 26 Croton Veterans who died in battle.

The project is Ms. Livingston's Girl Scout Gold Award project. She is a member of Troop 1244 led by Ms. Kathy Vogel. Ms. Livingston has been working with Village Historian, Dodie Pezanowski, over the past year to research these veterans.

Each of these veterans has a Village street named after them. These streets can be easily identified by the star on the street name sign.

You can read Ms. Livingston's book at the Croton Free Library, the Croton Historical Society and the Village's website: http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/Public_Documents/CrotonHudsonNY_WebDocs/HistoricalSociety/crotonsveterans. Send your reviews and opinions to erinlivingston7@gmail.com

Toughman Cont'd.

participants out of the park and into areas of Croton

and neighboring communities. The Toughkids event on Saturday and the ToughTeens event on Sunday will occur entirely in Croton Point Park.

The event, which began here in 2007, has since grown in size. Up to 1000 athletes are expected along with 1500 volunteers and many more spectators. At the headquarters in Croton Point Park, many vendors, both local and event-related will have tables with information, food and merchandise. Residents are encouraged to come to the park, observe the events and take advantage of all the event offerings. A portion of every entry fee will be donated to charities with over 50 charities benefiting from this event.

On Sunday, a free trolley will make continuous round trips from the park between 9am and 3pm. The trolley will go through the Village stopping at Croton Commons, in the upper village between Grand St. and Maple St., and at Van Wyck 2 Plaza. Villagers may take it out to the park and spectators may come into the village to visit shops and restaurants.

Everyone is welcome at post-race celebration in the park where there will be a full BBQ for sale and live music.

For the second year in a row, New York State DOT has granted permission for the closing of the Southbound lanes on Route 9 for the biking portion of the competition. The southbound lanes of Route 9/9A from Annsville Circle in Peekskill to North State Rd. in Briarcliff Manor will be closed to vehicular traffic from 5:30 am to 1 pm on Sun., September 8. All southbound traffic in this area will be diverted with entrance ramps closed off along the route. People going to Ossining and points south during that period will need to use the Taconic or Quaker Bridge Rd.

The 13.1 mile running portion of the Toughman event will occur mainly in the Village along Croton Point Ave., the Croton River and on Route 129 to the Croton Dam and returning on the same road. Route 129 will be closed at 9 am thru mid-afternoon except for one lane to allow residents along that section of the road to reach their homes. Other traffic will be diverted to Batten Road.

The event is being coordinated with the Westchester County Police, the Croton Police Dept., NYS Police and those of Briarcliff Manor and Peekskill. Parking will be both in the Park (limited) and at the Village's railroad station lot where shuttle buses will be waiting.

