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Spring 2017 Quarterly Newsletter

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Village Budget Summary

On March 20, 2017, Village Manager and Chief Budget Officer, Janine King, filed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2017-18. This budget is a result of submissions from and discussions with each Department Head, and analysis and review by the Treasurer and Village Manager. The tentative budget complies with the Property Tax Cap legislation; which this year has applied a tax base growth factor of 0.28%, an allowable levy growth factor of 1.15% and available carryover from FYE May 31, 2016 of \$186. This allows the Village to raise its tax levy to \$11,475,744 which is an increase from the prior year of \$161,884. The proposed tax rate for the tentative budget is \$257.182 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of \$1.897 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in a 0.74% increase in the tax rate. The proposed budget for 2017/2018 reflects an increase in Village Assessments of \$205,659.

Budget meetings are scheduled as follows (all meetings begin 7:30 pm):

Public Hearing on Budget: March 28

Budget Work Sessions: March 22, April 5, April 11, April 13

Budget Adoption: April 24

Community Choice Aggregation

Village staff have met with Sustainable Westchester about the possibility of implementing a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in Croton. This is a community-based bulk energy purchasing program intended to increase the use of renewable energy, provide a fixed rate in a volatile electric supply market and potentially lead to lower costs. It is known as an opt-in program, automatically enrolling all households into the program within the participating municipality; although, homeowners may opt-out of the program at any time by calling or emailing the electric supply provider. There are 20 municipalities throughout Westchester County participating in the current round of CCA, with the contract for the Con Ed territory, which includes Croton, set to expire next year. This provides an opportunity for the Village to join CCA in 2018. Sustainable Westchester has hired a PR firm and plans to assist the Village in implementing an informational marketing campaign to educate our residents about the program. There will be much more information provided about CCA in the months and year ahead.

Reminder!

Any utility bill (water and sewer) with a balance over 60 days will be added to the property owner's tax bill.

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Proposed Changes to Village Utility Billing

The Village is considering billing its utility customers on a quarterly basis. The rationale for the change is that the increased billing periods will allow residents to more closely monitor their water consumption in an effort to identify and fix issues that could lead to higher than normal utility bills. Currently utility billing is done twice a year, which makes it difficult for residents to identify water leaks or high usage activities that can generate high utility bills over a 6 month period. A public hearing will be held on April 17, 2017 at 8pm in the Municipal Building.

Update on Treatment of Hydrilla in the Croton River

The Village Board, Water Control Commission, Waterfront Advisory Committee, and staff have held meetings with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the treatment of the Croton River in order to eradicate Hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant species. The NYS DEC has applied for a Village Wetlands Permit and other required permits to treat the Croton River with Fluridone, an aquatic herbicide approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Croton River will be treated from the base of the New Croton Dam to the point at which the Croton River meets the Hudson River. The Fluridone treatment is proposed to start in early June and continue for 90-120 days. A public information meeting was held in December 2016 and a second is scheduled some time in May 2017. Information will be disseminated to the public as it becomes available. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

Elliott Way Update

The long awaited improvements to Elliott Way, including a new pedestrian walkway, are scheduled to begin this summer. The construction is expected to cause some traffic disruptions, and as such, residents are encouraged to access the park via the pedestrian bridge. More information about the project as well as subsequent changes to the traffic flow and pedestrian access will be disseminated by the Village as we approach the start of the project.

Sunset and Gouveia Park Updates

Construction of Sunset Park has been completed, but some weather-dependent landscaping work still remains. The Village will be planning a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 4, 2017 at 4pm, with the potential of opening the park before then. Further updates will be provided by the Village. Improvements to Gouveia Park continue, as there was a brief hiatus over the winter months. Work to widen the park's entrance and driveway, as well as the addition of a parking lot is set to be completed this spring so the park can be made available to the public for the summer.

ID Photos will be taken in the Rec. Office:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm (Excluding holidays):
April 29, 9-11am; **May 25**, 4-8pm; **May 26**, 11am-2pm
June 4 (Summer Fest), 1:30-3:30pm; **June 7**, 4-8pm
June 10, 9am-12pm; **June 15**, 4-8pm; **June 24**, 9am-12pm
July 8, 9am-12pm; **July 18**, 4-7pm

More Village
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Charter Bus Trips & Travels

May 9 Hotel Fauchere
(Historic New Milford, PA)

June 15 NY Botanical Gardens
(Lunch City Island)

July 6 The River Lady Lunch Cruise
(Toms River, NJ)

Local Explorers

May 17 Caramoor
Mediterranean Celebration

June 29 Woodbury Commons

July 20 Empire City Casino

August 4 Alamo Draft House

Call 271-5804 for more trip details

Senior Exercise

Act. #2060, Sec. 1: Fridays (ongoing)

Act. #2050, Sec. 1: Tuesdays (ongoing)

Rec. Conference Room; 10-11am

A6/1/17 - 5/31/18.

Fee: \$45 Village residents

\$85 School dist./non-residents

Chair Yoga

Act. #2110, Sec. 4

Mondays, beginning April 17

Rec. Conference Room

11:30am-12:30pm

Register by April 10

Fee: \$80 Village residents (10 sessions)

\$95 School dist./non-residents

Fitness For Balance

Act. # 2111, Sec. 2

1-2pm; Wednesdays, beginning April 19

Municipal Building Community Room

Register by April 11

Fee: \$65 Village residents (9 sessions)

\$78 School dist./non-residents

Intermediate Balance

Act. #2112, Sec. 3

2:15-3:15pm

Wednesdays, beginning April 19

Municipal Building Community Room

Register by April 12

Fee: \$65 Village residents (9 sessions)

\$78 School dist./non-residents

Painting With Watercolors

Act. #2100, Sec. 3

Mondays, beginning April 17; 1-3pm

Municipal Building Community Room

Register by April 10

Fee: \$80 Village residents (8 sessions)

\$95 School dist./non-residents

Painting With Acrylics

Act. # 2102, Sec. 2

1:30-2:30pm

Tuesdays, beginning April 25

Register by April 18

Fee: \$80 Village residents (8 sessions)

\$95 School dist./non-residents

Music Appreciation

Act. #2119, Sec. 1

2-3pm

Tuesdays, beginning May 16

The Bennett Conservatory

Register by May 9

Fee: \$28 Village residents (8 sessions)

\$34 School dist./non-residents

Please remember you may access the full Recreation brochure online, as well as registration and payment options.

Energize Croton

Approximately 60 Croton homeowners have worked with Energize Croton to make their homes more energy efficient. The non-profit Energize Croton program can help with the initial application, picking a contractor, scheduling the home energy assessment, prioritizing energy upgrade measures and accessing financing options. Energize Croton can be reached at 914-302-7300 ext. 8102 or EnergizeNY.org.

125th Anniversary for the Croton Volunteer Fire Department

The year 2017 marks the 125th anniversary of the Croton Volunteer Fire Department’s 100% all volunteer service to our community and beyond. To commemorate this auspicious occasion the Fire Department will be hosting a dress parade with over 25 fire and EMS agencies, marching bands and a wide variety of fire apparatus. The parade will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 beginning at 1:00 PM. The parade will start at Veteran’s Corner and proceed down Cleveland Dr. to Benedict Blvd, making a left onto South Riverside Ave. to Croton Point Ave. and ending at the Harmon Station parking lot. We urge you to come out and show your support for the Croton FD and the other volunteer agencies for all they do for their communities.



Community Safety Initiative

The Village continues to move forward with its community safety initiative, known as “Slow Down Croton”. Residents may have noticed the speed sign, which will be placed throughout the Village on a rotating basis. In addition to warning drivers about their speed, this device helps to capture speed data that can be evaluated by Village staff and the Police Department. Please also remember that “Slow Down Croton” yard signs are still available at Village Hall.

Upcoming Events in the Village

APRIL	7	Croton Yacht Club will be hosting a discussion with Capt. John Matthews of Halfmoon Charters at 7:30pm
	8	Croton Little League Opening Day at 10am at Croton-Harmon HS
	8	Lunch with the Spring Bunny at noon in the Community Room of the Municipal Building; register with the Rec. Dept. (271-3006)
	10-13 ..	Store window decorating to celebrate the coming of Spring; register with the Rec. Dept. (271-3006)
MAY	14	Village Offices closed for Good Friday
	29	Earth Day celebration from 10am-2pm at Vassallo Park
	29	“Drug Take Back Day” from 10am-2pm in the Croton Commons
	4	Ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of Sunset Park at 4pm
	7	Community Blood Drive from 9am-3pm in the Croton-Harmon HS gym; contact 271-7645 or communityblooddrive@gmail.com to make an appointment (apppointments encouraged but walk-ins also welcome)
	7	The Farmers Market opens Sundays from 9am-2pm in Section A of Croton-Harmon Train Station Parking Lot (Closed June 18th)
JUNE	21	Croton’s Sustainability Committee will be hosting a speaker, panel, and car show about electric cars at the Teatown Reservation in Ossining; email info@sustain-croton.org for additional details
	27	Kite Day at Croton Landing Park from 1pm-3pm; bring kites and enjoy free refreshments; register with the Rec. Dept. (271-3006)
	29	Village Offices closed for Memorial Day
	29	Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran’s Corner at 11am
	3	Croton Yacht Club’s Commissioning Day from 2pm-8pm
	4	Summer Fest takes place throughout the streets of the Upper Village; parade begins at 12:45pm with festivities continuing until 6pm
	10	Parade commemmorating the 125th anniversary of the Croton Volunteer Fire Dept. at 1pm (see info at top of this page)

Westchester County Now Recycling Gabel-Top Cartons

Recycle:

Gable-top refrigerated food and beverage cartons (milk cartons), aseptic cartons (non-dairy beverages and soup), juice boxes, and ice cream containers. **How:** Rinse cartons and place them loose in the recycling bin with glass, metal, and plastic containers. **Don’t Include:** Paper cups/dishware or juice/yogurt pouches.



Silver Lake Swimming

- Allowed on weekends from May 27-June 18 (11am-7pm)
- Opens full time June 23 (11am-7:30pm)

All guests must be accompanied by a Village resident or School District resident photo ID holder.

Co-Rec Basketball Camp

Act. #1020 Croton-Harmon HS Gym
Sections (all from 9am-2:30pm):
(1) June 26-30 (2) July 10-14
(3) July 17-21
Grades 3-8.
Register at least 1 week prior
Fee: \$185 Village residents
\$220 School dist./non-residents

Girls Basketball Clinic

Act. # 1021, Sec. 1
July 5-7; 4-6pm; HS Gym
Grades 3-8. Register by June 28th
Fee: \$60 Village residents
\$70 School dist./non-residents

Volleyball Camp

Act. #1022, Sec. 1
July 31-August 4; 9am-12pm; HS Gym
Grades 2-8. Register by July 24
Fee: \$95 Village residents
\$110 School dist./non-residents

Soccer Camp

Act. #1027, Sec. 1
August 7-10; 9am-12pm; Manes Field
Rain Date: August 11
Grades 2-6. Register by July 31
Fees: \$75 Village residents
\$90 School dist./non-residents

Village of Croton-on-Hudson Recreation Department
Mail-In Registration Form / Release Form
Please print and use a separate form for each person. When mailing a form, please send separate checks for each program.
To register online, please visit: croton.seamlessdocs.com/f/crotonspringsummer2017

Participant’s Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Parent’s Name (if under 18) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Name & Phone _____

Activity #	Section #	Program	Day	Fee
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Due				_____

I am enrolling myself/my child in programs offered by the Croton Recreation Department/Village of Croton-on-Hudson. In doing so, I hereby waive, release and discharge the Villageof Croton-on-Hudson, its employees and agents from any liability for injury to person or property that may arise from my/my child participating in these programs. I hereby also state that I will have health insurance for myself/my child in effect during the time I am engaging in any activities offered by the Croton Recreation Department, its agents or employees. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for any damages or injuries resulting from my or my child’s intentional or negligent conduct.

Participant’s Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Registration may be done using this “Mail-In Registration Form.” Please be sure to complete all information, sign and enclose check(s) for the proper amount made payable to “Village of Croton” and mail to Municipal Building, One Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Red Hot Robots Camp

Act. #1029, Sec. 1
August 7-11; 9am-2:30pm
Municipal Building Community Room
Grades K-4. Register by July 31
Fees: \$275 Village residents
\$300 School dist./non-residents

J-Train Fitness

Act. #2026, Sec. 1
MW beginning June 26, no class July 3
HS Gym; 5-6pm or 6-7pm
Grades 7-12. Register by June 19
Fees: \$125 Village residents (11 sessions)
\$150 School dist./non-residents

US Sports Institute Camps & Clinics

Spring classes being offered are Soccer Squirts, Total Sports Squirts, Parent & Me Total Sports and T-Ball Squirts, April 21 - June 9 at Duck Pond Park. Summer Camp is being offered this year the week of August 7 - 10 at Duck Pond Park. Camps being offered are multi sports camps. Please register online at: www.USsportsInstitute.com or use the specific USSI flyer available at the Recreation Office. Make checks payable to: “US Sports Institute.” For more info please refer to the website.

Adult Programs

Tai Chi

Act. #2032, Sec. 4
Thursdays, beginning April 20
Municipal Building Community Room
7:30-8:30pm; Register by April 13
Fees: \$65 Village residents (6 sessions)
\$80 School dist./non-residents

Tai Chi

Act. #2032, Sec. 3
Thursdays: June 8, 15, 22, 29
Croton Landing ; 7:15-8:15pm
Register by June 1
Fees: \$40 Village residents
\$50 School dist./non-residents

J-Train Fitness

Act. #2026, Sec. 2
MW, beginning June 26, no class July 3
11 Sessions; HS Gym; 7-8pm
Register by June 19
Fees: \$145 Village residents
\$150 School dist./non-residents

Please remember you may access the full Recreation brochure online, as well as registration and payment options.

Yoga Classes - Spring

Section 1: Gentle Yoga I
Section 2: Gentle Yoga II
Section 3: Let Your Yoga Dance
Section 4: Stregthen, Relax, Renew
Yoga Classes - Summer
Section 6: Gentle Yoga II
Section 7: Let Your Yoga Dance
Section 8: Strengthen, Relax, Renew
See full Rec. Brochure for details

Pound! A Fun Workout

Act. # 2036, Sec. 1
7-7:45pm
Wednesdays, beginning April 26
Municipal Building Community Room
Register by April 19
Fee: \$65 Village residents (8 sessions)
\$80 School dist./non-residents

Defensive Driving

Act. #3090, Sec. 1
April 22; 9am-3pm
Rec. Conference Room
Register by April 14
Fee: \$40 Village residents
\$50 School distr./non-residents

Stroller Strides

April-September at Croton Landing Park. For more information and to register, go to: www.yorktown.fit4mom.com