Croton-on-Hudson New York

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# Newsletter

#### July Calendar

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- 8 Village Board Mtg.
- 9 & 23 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 17 Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 2 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 2 Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 17 Visual Env. Board
- 24 Trails Committee

#### August Calendar

- 5 Village Board Mtg.
- 13 & 27 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 6 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 6 Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 13 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 21 Visual Environ. Board
- 28 Trails Committee

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Detail design for the improvements to the water infrastructure in the Wolf Rd./Cook Lane area and in the area of Truesdale Harmon including Dr./Morningside Dr./Cedar Lane/Nordica Dr./Arlington Dr./Franklin Dr./Piney Point and parts of Cleveland Dr. and Old Post Rd. South are 100% complete. They are currently being reviewed by the County Board of Health. While this is occurring, the work specifications for the bid documents are being developed. Once final Board of Health approval is received, any comments or modifications will be incorporated in these documents and the project will be put out to bid. It is anticipated that work can begin in September.

Design work for Phase 2B which includes Sunset Dr., Lexington Dr.. Observatory Dr., Park Ave., and a section of Cleveland Dr. is also 100% complete and is undergoing Board of Health review as well. Phase 2B, which had previously been expected to be done in a few years, is now included in the overall implementation project. Findings that many existing water lines did not require complete replacement created significant savings and design efficiencies.

Once construction timetables are set, the Village will hold meetings with the homeowners directly affected by the work to familiarize them with the plans and what to expect as far as work in their immediate area. The selected contractors will prepare a staging plan to provide the most efficient work schedule for the work involved. All areas will not be under construction at the same time as work will proceed from one area to the next according to this implementation plan.

One aspect of the work will be the laying of above-ground temporary steel and PVC water lines to supply residents dur-

#### Water Line Update

ing the cement lining work. This will occur in sections of about 500' with advance notice to households. Existing water valves will be replaced. With new ones. Since most existing lines have been found to be sound, they will undergo a process of scraping on the inside to remove the accumulated iron tuberculation and then cement-lining.. This process will take place in sections from one valve location to the next and for the most part, will require digging up existing lines and replacing them, saving time and minimizing construction costs. In some limited areas in the Harmon work area, new water lines will be laid to increase the pipe size with 8" or 10" lines. This will have the important benefit of increasing the "fire flow" - i.e. water pressure available for fighting fires.

In the Wolf Rd./Cook Lane work area, the scouring and cement lining of existing lines and the installation of new water valves will be the primary work. A new extension of the water main from Wolf Rd., across North Riverside and two private properties, will allow the water lines for this area to be connected to the water line on Old Post Road North. Easements are being obtained for this work to proceed. This extension will actually be tunneled under North Riverside avoiding an open cut across the street which NYS DOT would not allow.

The entire project is expected to take 2 years. The work on both Phase 2A and Phase 2B will encompass approximately 25,000 linear feet of cement lining water lines, another 5.500 linear feet of new cement-lined new water mains, new valves throughout, and dozens of new hydrants.

Funded through the Water Fund, two million dollars of bonding has been approved for the fiscal year 2013/2014.



# SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES MOVIES CONCERTS

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. All are rated G or PG. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening. Picnicking is encouraged.

#### July I0

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# <u>SPY KIDS -</u>

#### ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD

Rebecca and Cecil are thrust into action when they learn their boring step-mom was once a top agent and is being called back for duty. With help from some very familiar spy kids and some great gadgets, they may be able to save the world and bring their family together.

#### July 17 PUSS IN BOOTS

Before he ever met Shrek, the legendary Puss in Boots goes on a heroic journey with mastermind Humpty Dumpty and the street-savvy Kitty Softpaws to steal the famed Goose that lays the Golden

#### July 24 THE SMURFS

When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble out of their magical world and into ours - into the middle of Central Park. Stuck in the Big Apple, the Smurfs must find a way to get to their village before Gargamel finds them.

#### July 31 BIG MIRACLE

The true story of a small town news reporter and a Greenpeace volunteer who enlist the help of rival superpowers to save three majestic gray whales trapped under the ice of the Arctic Circle. Concerts are on Fridays in Senasqua Park. The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

# July 5 RICKY BLUES BAND

Ricky Blues Band plays and performs R & B and rock with a unique flair and style.

### July 12 COOL SHOES 7 PM

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Cool Shoes is classic soul, hot Motown, cool funk and old school R & B.

# July 19 CHICAGO TRIBUTE BAND\* 8 PM

### **"BEGINNINGS"**

One of Rock's most successful hit making machines comes to life right here in Croton-on-Hudson! (\*rain location TBD)

# July 26 BRITISH INVASION 8 PM TRIBUTE BAND\*

This nostalgic tribute band features songs by the British Invasion Bands. Join this trip back into time! (\*rain location TBD)

# Aug. 2 SUNDOWN BAND 7 PM

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.



# FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

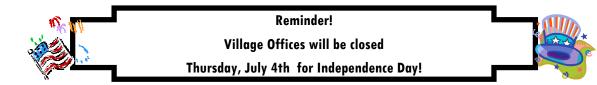
\*\*\* All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 25 event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park.

July 11 <u>GOOWIN'S BALLOOWINS</u>. Madcap balloon artist, Allyynn Gooen, invites audience members into his stories while he creates their sets, props, and costumes from twisting balloons. This unforgettable show will surely captivate the audience!

July 18 <u>AROUND THE WORLD .....LOU'S WORLD.</u> Storyteller Lou Del Bianco shares tales as well as songs and stories from his childhood. Children from the audience will help Lou bring his stories to life.

July 25 <u>BETH & SCOTT AND FRIENDS.</u> (Vassallo Park—10 am) Beth and Scott Bierko share some of their most beloved stories and songs. Every song is a crowd-pleaser, sure to delight all ages!

Aug. I JONATHAN KRUK. Join Master story teller, Jonathan Kruk, as he tells a story of the majestic and mysterious Hudson River with music by Rich Bala. This show will surely keep you on the edge of your seat!



#### FEMA Reimbursement Update

In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy resulted not only in many expensive repairs for private property owners but also repair expenses for the Village and extensive overtime labor hours. After multiple meetings with FEMA officials and provision of exacting documentation, the Village will be receiving its first reimbursement payment of \$179,444. This amount is for reimbursing the costs of debris removal performed by the Village and includes related regular and overtime labor costs for a 30-day period following the storm. It also



includes equipment depreciation and \$44,000 of fuel expenses, and contracted services such as tree removal and the hauling of debris. Additionally \$5100 is allotted for the administrative costs of the work

needed to complete the applications.

Still to be resolved are claims for Police Dept. overtime during the emergency, repair work at the DPW garage, the current temporary trailer for DPW employees at the garage, the replacement of three pay stations at the train station parking lot and repair of the seawall at Croton Landing. Village Manager Zambrano anticipates approximately another \$200,000 for this work.

The Village is also the recipient of further reimbursement money from the Hurricane Irene storm in August 2011. Severe damage to the Black Rock Dam required \$237,000 in repairs. To repair it in such a way that it would mitigate against damage from future storms required an estimated additional \$199,000. FEMA has approved the total of \$438,000 for this repair and mitigation work as well. In August of 2012, FEMA previously approved \$209,707 for damages attributable to the Irene storm.

#### Harmon Litigation Article 78 Ends

Following the April 4 decision by Judge Cacace upholding the Village's zoning amendment to the Harmon Gateway district, the window for appealing this decision expired on June 24. The Judge concluded that the Village "did not act in an arbitrary manner" and had thoroughly reviewed the proposed changes.

The amended zoning became effective with the April decision and is no longer under threat of appeal. The rezoning adds options and incentives for commercial property owners in the Harmon business district to spur investment in mixed use buildings. The underlying commercial district zoning remains in place. Since its inception in 2010, the Village incurred expenses of \$439,900 in defense of the Article 78 suit.

#### BCC 9-11 Memorial

The final pieces of Phase I of the BCC 9-11 Memorial have been completed. This includes the laying of "rays" of bricks emanating from the piece of steel in the center. The memorial will function as a sundial on Sept. 11 each year. The sun will cast a shadow along each "ray" at the exact time various events occurred at the two World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon in Washington, DC as well as the downing of the plane in Pennsylvania. A circular plaque is embedded in each ray to tell what happened at that precise time. A ceremony is planned for September to officially inaugurate the completion of Phase I.

The 9-11 Foundation, chaired by resident Janet Mainiero, is also well underway with completion of Phase 2. This will include the casting and installation of the bronze statue of a woman reaching towards the steel by local sculpture Lauren Davis. A landscaped Remembrance Garden is also being planned and designed by Croton landscape designer Jan Johnsen. Phase 2 work is expected to be completed in time for a ceremony celebrating the final completion of the BCC 9-11 Memorial in September of 2014.



#### **SIREN INFORMATION**

Westchester County Office of Emergency Management advises that if you hear a siren which sounds for 4 minutes, you are being notified of an emergency in your area. Turn on your radio to an Emergency Alert System (EAS) station



for the most timely and accurate information. EAS messages are broadcast on WHUD FM radio (100.7) and most local radio stations.

#### Don't FORGET!

#### Water Bill Reminder!

The Village's semi-annual water bills, mailed to customers on June 15, are payable no later than July 15. Penalties accrue with late payments at 5% for the first month and 1%

for each additional month. For more information or questions, please call 271-4781.

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# SPORTS CAMPS

Sports camps that are specifically focused on a single sport will be offered by the Recreation Dept. in July and August. Camps for **Co-Rec Bas-**

ketball, Volleyball, Football

and Lacrosse (new) will teach



w) will teach fundamentals of each sport as well as fitness

requirements, and development of basic skills.

Lacrosse (grades 2 to 8) and Co-Rec Basketball (grades 3 to 8) camps

will begin in July with Football (grades 5 to 8) and Volleyball (grades 2to 8) scheduled for the first week of August. For full information on registration deadlines and fees, call the Recreation Office at 271-3006 or check the online Recreation brochure from the center of the Home page of the Village website: http://www.crotononhudsonny.gov.



As a new resident of Croton, I have been impressed with the recreational walking opportunities throughout the Village. Can you tell me more about walking along the Hudson River waterfront? Croton's trails along the Hudson River, also known as River Walk, extend from the northernmost point of the Croton Landing Park south into the County's Croton Point Park., almost 4 miles of trails. The complete trail includes segments that allow both pedestrians and cyclists (but not always both) to enjoy the river views. Signs clearly mark where bicycles are not allowed.

To the south of Elliott Way, the walkway in front of the Half Moon Bay condominiums is open for walking only to Croton residents and their guests. Residents should be prepared to present identification. Cyclists and walkers can also follow the bike path along the rear of the Half Moon Bay complex, with both paths joining to the south and leading to Croton Point Park.

A copy of the complete map of Village Trails may be obtained in the Village Office or downloaded from the Village website under Recreation and Parks.

# FISH WARNING

Signs warning of possible harm from eating fish from the Hudson River are posted at both Senasqua Park and Croton Landing. They are part of a NYS Dept. of Health



Advisory regarding chemicals at harmful levels that are present in the various species of fish in the river.

Although the chemicals vary, the primary concern is PCBs which are present in fish and, if eaten, can build up in your

body over time.

The degree of risk depends both on the type of fish and the location in the Hudson River (or tributaries) from which the fish are caught.

In general, fish from the lower Hudson River (below Catskill) are less contaminated than those north of Catskill. Some species of fish also have higher levels of contaminates than others. This varies by their size, age and what they consume.

An example of one advisory is for women of childbearing age (under 50) and children under 15 who should not eat crabs caught in the Hudson River anywhere from the NYC Battery to north of Albany. Additionally, species with high levels of fat, such as catfish and eels, should be avoided.

For more info on eating fish from the Hudson visit www.health.ny.gov/fish

# SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SUPPORT

Many local businesses, professionals and individuals make it possible to provide the Summer Entertainment series. Grand Patrons are: Adam R. West, Inc., Conte Electric Co., Croton Lions Club, Franzoso Contracting Inc., Matero Fine Jewelry & Design, ShopRite Supermar-



kets. Patrons: Croton Colonial Restaurant & Diner. Sponsors: All County Heating & Air Conditioning Systems, Inc., Doms Friendly Service, Inc., Robert T. Gold, DDS. Supporters: Anthony L. Fiorito, Inc.,Argento &

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