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July Calendar

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- 14 Village Board Mtg.
- 8 & 22 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 9 Zoning Board Mtg.
- 2 Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 8 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 16 Visual Environ. Board.
- 23 Trails Comm.

August Calendar

- 11 Village Board Mtg.
- 12 & 26 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 6 Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 12 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 20 Visual Environ. Board
- 27 Trails Comm.

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Safety concerns have grown for the narrow stretch of road between Senasqua Park and Croton Landing Park. Increased usage of Elliott Way is due to the increasing popularity of walking and cycling along the length of Croton's Hudson River waterfront as well as increased usage of Croton Landing Park itself.

Newsletter

The narrow stretch of road, between the Metro North tracks and the Hudson River shoreline, is used by vehicles, cyclists

> and pedestrians. Its width barely accommodates two cars going in opposite directions creating a potentially dangerous situation for walkers and cyclists on the road.

An earlier plan to improve this narrow length of road by widening was dependent on Metro North allowing the Village to utilize

about 3 feet of their property on the east side of the road. (It also would have provided for a new water line extension to HMB.) Metro North recently notified the Village that they are unable to grant this easement, leaving the Village with few alternatives for short-term and longterm improvements.

The Village Board has approved an immediate change to the road that will improve safety by limiting the road to oneway traffic. The road will be visually divided into two lanes - one for vehicles and bicycles, and one for pedestrians. In addition to road repair to fill potholes, and visual aids to define the lanes, two traffic lights will be installed at either end of the narrow stretch of road to control the resulting one-way traffic. The lights will be timer-controlled and adjustable

Safety Improvements Along Elliott Way

for different traffic conditions. These safety improvements will be installed in July.

Drivers going north from Senasqua Park will encounter a traffic light allowing them either to proceed north to Croton Land-



Pedestrian on road to

Croton Landing Park

ing or to stop while cars travel south from Croton Landing. The reverse will happen for southbound traffic from Croton Landing.

> While this traffic control is expected to help with current safety concerns, the

Village is also planning to undertake a long-term solution that would reinstate two-way traffic and add a separate pedestrian access along this narrow stretch of road. Since any long-term solution will require widening to the west along the shoreline, it will likely include some cantilevering of a pathway over the water. This will require engineering analysis, design and possibly approvals from outside agencies. It is likely to take several years to accomplish.

Historically, access to the waterfront became possible with the closing of the atgrade railroad crossing and Metro North's willingness to pay for the creation of Elliott Way from HMB to Senasqua Park. The Village's acquisition of the property that is now Croton Landing Park provided the opportunity for County financing for its development and the road and sidewalk improvements in that area. The narrow stretch of road between the improvements to the north and south, was not part of either the development of Elliott Way or the Croton Landing Park.



Narrow section of

Elliott Way



SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

MOVIES

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 9 JOURNEY 2; MYSTERIOUS ISLAND

Sean Anderson receives a coded distress signal from a mysterious island. It's a place of strange life forms, gold, volcanos and secrets. Sean, with his stepfather, Polit, and Polit's daughter, set out to find the mysterious island.

July 16 CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF

<u>MEATBALLS 2</u>

Flint and his loyal group of friends battle such delicious, but deadly, hybirds as the tacodiles, applie pie-thons, and shrimpanzees. Saving the world from these rampaging monstrosities won't be easy, but, if anyone is up to the task, it's Flint and company.

July 23 THE MUPPETS

With the help of three fans, the Muppets reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon.

July 30 DESPICABLE ME 2

Follow Gru, the ex-scheming evildoer turned parental figure, as he is recruited by the antivillain league to help deal with a new super criminal.

August 6 THE SMURFS 2

Gargamel is back, and this time he's sending the Smurfs on a wild adventure through Paris in the globetrotting sequel.

CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays in Senasqua Park (except, Thurs., July 3). The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

July 3 THE 145 BAND (Thur) 7 PM

The 145's are a high energy, danceable, rock and roll band playing hits from the 60's through the 90's.

July II <u>RUSS HARPER TRIO</u> 7 PM

The Trio is an acoustic rock group featuring harmony vocals. Great music!!

July 18 12X* 7 PM

I2X is your ultimate rock and dance band playing a variety of Top 40 hits! This band will leave you wanting more.

July 25 <u>BLUE WATER</u> 7 PM

Blue Water plays acoustic and electric rock and roll with a harmony twist.

Aug. I SUNDOWN BAND 7 PM

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.

AUG. 8 <u>BEACH BOYS TRIBUTE BAND*</u> 7 PM "GOOD VIBRATIONS"

Good Vibrations brings the days of sun, surf and cars back to life right here in Croton! This show is not to be missed!

*(Rain location: CHHS Auditorium)

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

*** All performances will be Thursday evenings at Senasqua Park at 7PM except July 24 at Vassallo Park. (Rain loc: CET Multi-Purpose Room)

July 10 <u>THE MAGIC TRUNK.</u> Ventriloquist Sylvia and her hysterical cast of characters will entertain and delight you! Her trunk is full o9f boisterous puppets that are here to tickle your funny bone. This show is nothing short of "VENTASTIC"!

July 17 <u>TRADITIONS OF CHINESE ACROBATICS.</u> Be amazed by Li's acrobatic skills! Hand balancing, plate spinning, foot juggling and artistic cycling are just some of the many acrobatic Chinese traditions that will be performed. This show is exciting!

July 24 <u>MUSIC BY ZEV & PRETZELSTEIN.</u> (Vassallo Park—10 am) Zev and his band Pretzelstein will entertain you with their funky, family music with a twist! Come enjoy this fun, fresh family band where every song is a crowd pleaser!

July 31 <u>SQUEAKY CLEAN.</u> Squeaky Clean will perform musical favorites from the 50's, 60's and 70's!

Children will love interacting with Squeaky Clean and adults will love the authentic look and sound!



Croton Receives Planning Award

The Village is the recipient of the Westchester Munici-



pal Planning Federation (WMPF) Planning Commendation Award for the Harmon Gateway Zoning. In its program, the WMPF noted "The Village implemented this zoning amendment to provide fundamental opportunities for redevelopment and revitalization."

The awards ceremony was held on June 5 at Reid Castle at Manhattanville College.

Water Additive Under Consideration

The Village has received a directive from the Westchester County Dept. of Health requiring it to provide a corrosion control design and imple-



mentation plan for the Village's water distribution system. The directive came as a result of copper exceedance in the regular water testing that the Village performs. Water samples taken by the Water Dept. and submitted to the Dept. of Health indicated a 90th per-

centile copper level of 1.58mg/L which exceeds the Copper Action level of 1.3 mg/L set by the NYS Sanitary Code.

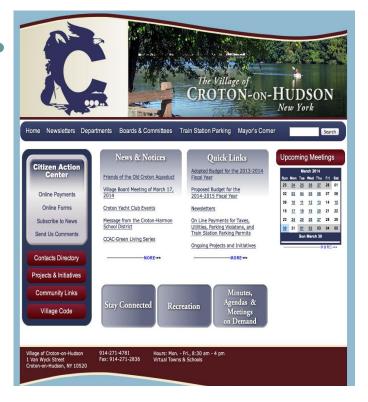
The Village's consultant on water issues, Chazen Co., had recommended in 2007 that the Village take a proactive step then to reduce elevated copper and lead levels' by introducing zinc orthophosphate (ZOP) into the water distribution system. No action was taken at that time but Chazen is again recommending ZOP as the measure that would meet the Dept. of Health directive.

The directive requires that Croton correct the copper exceedance with designed, implemention and full testing showing compliance by December 2015.

Copper is not present in the public distribution lines but is present in the connecting lines to the private homes and businesses and in interior plumbing. The Village, as are all water suppliers, is required to supply water that complies with all drinking water standards that are measured and controlled by the Westchester County Dept. of Health.

The Village Board and staff are reviewing the Chazen report and recommendations to determine what, if any, alternatives might be possible prior to making a final decision on how to meet the Health Dept. directive.

Look at the Village's Redesigned Website



Go to www.crotononhudson-ny.gov to view the new Home page and various new features of the Village's website. It has been redesigned to encourage more use and provide more functionality.

Swim Lessons

American Red Cross swim lessons will be offered for children four years and older at Silver Lake Park. Lessons are taught by a certified Water Safety Instructor and assisted by certified lifeguards.

Two-week sessions and three levels of instruction are available. Lessons are 30 minutes. Lesson Levels I (Introduction to Water), 2 (Basic Skills) and 3 (Stroke Readiness) are taught from 1:30 - 2 pm, 2:15 - 2:45 pm, and 3:45 - 4:15 respectively from Monday through Thursday.

Session I is from June 30 to July 10.

Session 2 is from July 14 to July 24. Session 3 is from July 28 to August 7.



The registration deadline is one week prior to the start date. Fees are \$80/ resident children for 8 lessons; \$95/school district children for 8 lessons.

Note: Admission for I parent is permitted with child's lesson; any other family members must pay the daily rate or have a season pass. Photo ID rules remain in effect.

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During the summer when my windows are open and I am outdoors in my yard, I am very conscious of noise in my surroundings. As much as it disturbs me, I want to be conscious of noise I may make as well. What are the noise regulations in the Village?

The Village Code has a chapter devoted to Noise regulations (Chapter 160). It regulates all types of noises



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Motorized equipment such as power mowers, leaf blowers and other motor-driven lawn/garden equipment can be operated only during

certain hours. It can only be used between 8 am and 8 pm from Monday thru Friday, Saturdays from 9 am to 8 pm, and on Sundays from 10 am to 8 pm.

There are specific decibel levels for speakers and amplifiers which cannot be exceeded from 10 pm to 8 am on weekdays and from 11 pm Saturday to 10 am on Sunday. Construction work cannot begin before 8 am from Monday to Saturday, and 10 am on Sundays.

Bugs, Birds & Beasts Camp

If your child is interested in the natural world, this new,

one-week, camp is a great opportunity to enhance that interest! Aimed at youth in grades I to 5, campers will make casts of animal tracks and study the feeding habits of owls. Investigating geology and paleontology will be part of learning about dinosaurs and other huge creatures. Campers



will cast replicas of fossils to take home and keep. Explore the natural world while having fun!

Bugs, Birds & Beasts camp runs from August 11-15, from 9 am to 2:30 pm in the Municipal Building Community Room. The registration deadline is August 4. Fees are \$275/resident; \$300/school district residents.

Croton Landing 9/11 Memorial



Over the months of July and August, the second and final phase of the BCC 9/11 Memorial will be completed. The bronze statue of a woman "Reaching Through the Shadows" will be permanently installed in July along with landscaping. There will

be a formal dedication ceremony in September.

Dead Animals

Dead animals are often seen on the roads and sometimes on private property. The Village DPW regularly

picks up small animals when they see them or when they are notified.

If you spot a large dead animal, such as a deer, on a village street, you should report it to DPW at 271-3775. The DPW



will contact an animal control service to remove it. If the dead deer is on a NYS road (Routes 9A and 129), DPW will contact NYS DOT for its removal. A dead deer on private property is the owner's responsibility, but the DPW can provide you with the names and contact numbers for animal control services to remove it.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SUPPORT

Many local businesses, professionals and individuals make it possible to provide the Summer Entertainment Series.



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