



## July Calendar

- 5 Independence Day**
- 12** Village Board Mtg.
- 12 & 27** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 7** Cons. Advisory Council
- 14** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 21** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 28** Trails Committee

## August Calendar

- 9** Village Board Mtg.
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Advisory Council
- 18** Visual Environ. Board
- 25** Trails Committee

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## The Duck Pond Watershed

The Duck Pond, long a pleasurable focal point for residents, has been suffering from extensive algae buildup each summer. Last summer, 2009, the pond became completely engulfed in an unpleasant looking green surface covering.

In response, the Village has begun an undertaking which is intended to restore a healthy environment in the pond. With the help of the Village Engineer, Dan O'Connor, and a group of interested residents who have volunteered their help in coordinating a long-term Duck Pond restoration, the Village is embarking on a program that includes analyzing the



**Algae cover in summer 2009**

proper, non-toxic, treatment of the pond. The future of the pond is directly related to the sources of pollutants and nutrients that flow into the pond from its surrounding areas - the Duck Pond Watershed. As shown on the watershed map on the right, this watershed extends far into the surrounding neighborhoods. Many residents of these neighborhoods are probably not aware that run off from their yards is going directly to the Duck Pond through a series of stormwater drainage channels created in the 1950's. A portion of the Harmon flats area discharges to a stream valley at the end of Whelan Ave. then flows into the pond. However, it has been determined that an earlier storm water drainage improvement in the 1930's bypasses the Duck

Pond and discharges directly to the Hudson River. In 2003 the Duck Pond was dredged to increase its depth and remove sedimentation which accumulates from the outflow pipes leading into it from its watershed area. The benefits of the dredging were short lived as the problem of sediment and nutrients which flow into the pond were also not addressed.



**Duck Pond Watershed Preliminary Map**

The watershed area of the Duck Pond is shown in the solid green line. The Duck Pond is shown with an oval around it on this map. The area which drains to the Duck Pond extends beyond the Harmon flats area and includes areas bordered by Cleveland Drive extending beyond the library as well as the PVC middle school and the field between it and the high school.

A group of citizen volunteers with an interest in restoring the pond to health and who have both background knowledge and expertise have been formed into an ad hoc committee known as the Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors Workgroup. Their mission is to weigh the options for improving the condition of the Gorge and the health of its water bodies. This group, which is being spearheaded by residents Doris Daubney, Merrily Schalansky and Jane Laudon, will act as liaisons to the many residents who live in the gorge's

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**SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES****MOVIES**

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

**July 7 CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS**

This animated adventure follows a scientist who tries to solve his town's problems only to see things go awry as food falls from the sky.

**July 14 WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**

Max, a disobedient little boy, creates an imaginary forest world populated by wild things, exotic monsters and creatures who embrace Max as their ruler.

**July 21 MONSTERS VS ALIENS**

When a meteorite from outer space hits a young girl and douses her with the alien liquid Quantonium, it turns her into a 48-foot monster.

**July 28 HOTELS FOR DOGS**

This story revolves around two orphaned teenagers who decide to turn an abandoned building into a safe haven for stray dogs.

**Aug. 4 IMAGINE THAT**

Evan is a successful financial executive who finds all the solutions to his problems in his daughter's imaginary world.

**CONCERTS**

Concerts are on Fridays in Senasqua Park. The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

**July 2 \*JOURNEY TRIBUTE\* 8 PM**

This tribute band is as close as it gets to seeing Journey in concert - right here in Croton!

**July 9 SUNDOWN BAND 7 PM**

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.

**July 16 COOL SHOES BAND 8 PM**

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

**July 23 \*THE JUMPERS ORCHESTRA\* 8 PM**

Enjoy an evening of "swing" music as The Jumpers Orchestra entertains you.

**July 30 SECOND WIND 7 PM**

Whether it's classic rock or "unplugged" acoustic, Second Wind will make it a night to remember.

**Aug. 13 \*BLUE WATER\* 7PM**

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

\* Rain location is at the Croton-Harmon High School Auditorium

**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES**

\*\*\* All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 15th event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park.

**July 8 BETH & SCOTT AND FRIENDS** Beth and Scott Bierko share some of their most beloved stories and songs. Every song is a crowd-pleaser, sure to delight all ages!

**July 15 THE FUN & FUNNY JUGGLING SHOW (Vassallo Park)** Audiences of all ages will be treated to astounding displays of juggling, tricks, sight gags, music and much more.

**July 22 MAD SCIENCE - UP, UP & AWAY** Mad Science shows are fun and educational and this program will leave you flying high!

**July 29 CIRQUE MENAGERIE** Fidget and Mr. Van Loon bring you a mini circus of mad-cap proportions!

**Aug. 12 DAVID LEVITAN'S MAGIC** This fast paced show features magic, juggling, fluttering birds and tons of audience participation. This show is a treat for the whole family.

**Reminder!**

**Village Offices will be closed  
Monday, July 5th for Independence Day!**



## **Duck Pond Cont'd.**



June 2010 with 2 aerators

Watershed area and to experts who can provide assessment tools and adaptation and mitigation options. The workgroup will endeavor to engage residents in the formulation of a plan to assess

the state of the watershed of the Duck Pond Gorge to establish a baseline inventory and to suggest recommendations for actions available to the Village and its residents to ensure a healthy gorge, creek and pond in the coming years.

In its 2010/2011 FY Capital budget, \$25,000 has been approved to develop a restoration plan. The workgroup is also going to be developing an education campaign for all Croton residents and those in the watershed area in particular. This education will include information on how their actions contribute to the problems of the entire gorge and the health of its most visible spot - the Duck Pond, and steps residents can take to improve it.



## **Water Quality Report**

The Annual Water Quality Report for Croton's water system was recently mailed to all residents. Hundreds of samples are taken yearly to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic, or synthetic organic contaminants. Only those that were detected are shown in the report. In no case were there detections that reached an action level and there were no violations.

## **Senasqua Concert Night Vendors**

Two vendors have been approved to date to sell food at the Friday night concerts in Senasqua Park. They are La Monica's Salumeria and Baked By Susan. Enjoy!

## **Mayor's Corner**

The Village's website has a new item on it—the Mayor's Corner. The page offers brief analysis of topics relevant to Village government written by Mayor Wiegman. Mayoral Proclamations of note are also included on the web page.

To access the page, click on "Mayor's Corner" from the list on the left side of the Home page at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov).

## **Summer Recreation Programs**

American Red Cross Swimming lessons are offered at Silver Lake Park through the Recreation Dept. All lessons are taught by a certified Water Safety Instructor and assisted by certified lifeguards.

A two-week program of swimming lessons for Level 3 swimmers. Stroke Readiness includes proper breathing for the crawl, treading water and elementary strokes. Level 3 is for children who already are comfortable putting their face in the water (max. 7



children). The fee includes admission for one parent with a child's lesson; photo ID rules for Silver Lake admission apply and other family members must pay the daily fee or have a Croton season pass. The registration deadline is one week prior to the class start date. A package of 8 lessons costs \$70 res./\$85 non-res.

Day Camp, Tiny Tots and Basketball Camps.

Spots are still available for children to enroll in these camps. Check with the Recreation Dept. at 271-3006 for information on registration and available times.



## **Silver Lake Closing Date**

Silver Lake will be closed after Sunday, August 29 this season. A necessary dam repair project is scheduled to begin. The dam repair project had been planned for last summer but the unusually high water in the Croton River in the late summer of 2009 precluded the work. The work on the dam has to be done during the lower water period that normally occurs in late summer.

## **History Room Named for Finnerty**

The office in the Municipal Building that houses the Croton Historical Society will be officially named the "Joyce Ottaviano Finnerty History Room".

Joyce Finnerty, the most recent Village Historian, passed away last winter. Mrs. Finnerty was recognized by both the Historical Society and the Village Board as being instrumental in utilizing current archival practices for cataloguing Croton's collection of artifacts, papers, etc. She also established the Croton History Museum and extended the History library of books about Croton and by Croton authors. Mrs. Finnerty was also a noted artist and several "local" paintings are in the Municipal Bldg.

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## **Summer Recreation Programs**

The US Sports Institute is running several clinics and day camps under the auspices of the Croton Recreation Program this summer as they have in years past. Registration for these programs should be done online at [www.UsportsInstitute.com](http://www.UsportsInstitute.com) or by using a specific USSI flyer available in the Recreation Office.

**Golf Clinic** (Manes Field). Aug. 2 - 6. Ages 5 to 7, 4 to 5:30 PM; Ages 8 to 11, 5:30 to 7 PM. Fee \$109R/\$131NR.



**Sports Squirts** (Manes Field). Aug. 9 - 13. Ages 3 to 5, 9 to 10:30 AM or 10:45 to 12:15 PM. Fee \$99R/\$119NR.

**Flag Football** (Manes Field). Aug. 9 - 13. Ages 6 to 14, 5 to 7 PM. Fee \$119R/\$143NR.

**Multi Sports** (Duck Pond). Aug. 23 - 27. Ages 5 to 7, 9 AM to 1 PM. Fee \$169R/\$203NR. Ages 7 to 14, 9 AM to 3 PM. Fee \$189R/\$227NR.

Croton's Recreation Dept. will offer **Girls Only Basketball Camp** from July 6 to 9, 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Ben Martucci, the CHHS Girls Varsity Coach will conduct the camp. The camp focuses on each individual's skills and will be incorporated with game play, contests and individual and team competition. Fee is \$140R/\$170NR. Registration deadline - July 1.



## **Got a Question?**



With the summer months and open windows and more outdoor activities, I am much more conscious of noise in my neighborhood. Is the use of motorized equipment regulated as to when it can be used?



Yes, the Village's Noise Law (Chapter 160) of the Village Code, was amended in 2008 to prohibit the operation of power lawn mowers, rakers, leaf blowers or other motor-driven lawn or garden equipment during certain hours. This equipment cannot be operated between 8 pm to 8 am from Sunday through Friday, from 8 pm Friday to 9 am on Saturday, and from 8 pm Saturday to 10 am Sunday.

There are specific decibel levels for speakers and amplifiers 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 Mon. - Sat., and 10 am on Sundays.

There were fake coyotes located in Senasqua and Croton Landing Parks to scare the Canadian geese away. Now they are gone. What happened to them?

In an effort to combat the problem of Canadian goose droppings at our larger waterfront parks, the Village purchased several fake coyotes and placed them there. Many golf

courses have found these fake coyotes to be a successful deterrent to the geese. The coyotes are three dimensional, life-sized with a moving tail and look realistic from all angles. They are not permanently fixed in place since, to be effective, they must be moved to a new location on a regular basis.

Unfortunately for park visitors, the fake coyotes were stolen. Each coyote cost approximately \$50.

