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## Summer 2017 Quarterly Newsletter

### Farmers Market

The Croton-on-Hudson Farmers Market is open for its 9th season! The Market is open Sundays from 9am-2pm until its last day on November 19th. It is located in Section A of the Croton-Harmon train station parking lot, which can be found directly across the street from the station and main lot. A map of the station with labeled sections is also available on the Village website under “Train Station Parking” for additional clarification. For more information, visit [downtoearthmarkets.com](http://downtoearthmarkets.com), select “Farmers Markets” and find Croton as the first option.

The website features a list of what’s in season, who the vendors are, what they’re bringing, and which Sundays they will be there. You can also see when specialty food and drink makers will be at the Market, as well as a Master Gardener to answer your home gardening questions. Visiting the Farmers Market not only gives you something to do on those lazy Sundays, but also serves as a great way to support New York’s local food system!



### Village Budget Summary

On April 17, 2017, the Village Board of Trustees approved the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. This budget was approved after several work sessions and a public hearing. Although much effort was put into finalizing it, there are minimal differences from the initially proposed budget.

The 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 \$11,474,942.57, which is a \$161,083.20 increase from the previous year. The tax rate for the budget is \$257.198 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of \$1.913 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in a 0.75% increase in the tax rate. The budget for 2017/2018 reflects an increase in Village Assessments of \$199,044.



### Water Billing

On May 1, 2017, the Village’s Board of Trustees adopted Local Law 3 of 2017, which will change utility billing from biannual to quarterly. 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 abnormally high utility bills. The next bill date will be September 15, 2017, but residents will receive a formal notice prior.

### Hydrilla Update

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will begin its herbicide treatment of the hydrilla infestation in the Croton River on July 5th. Treatment is likely to continue until mid-October 2017. The application of the aquatic herbicide fluridone is intended to control the growth and spread of the highly invasive aquatic plant hydrilla and reduce the

plant’s long term impacts on recreation, ecology, and water quality in the Croton River. The NYSDEC has chosen a method of control that allows for use of a low concentration of herbicide that is well below the NYS Department of Health and US Environmental Protection Agency recommended limits. There will not be any restrictions on swimming in the Croton River as the treatment does not pose a public health threat. Updates will be available on the NYSDEC website (search “Croton River” on the main page and select the first link), and residents should feel free to call the Village Manager’s office at 271-4848 with additional questions.

### Gouveia Park Update

With improvements to Gouveia Park wrapping up, it is expected to be open to the public by mid-July. The opening date will be provided once established, and an opening ceremony will be scheduled for a later date.

### Farrington Road & Hunter Place Update

The water and sewer improvement project on Farrington Road and Hunter Place officially began June 26th. This project will improve water quality through the replacement of water mains, update the sanitary sewer system, rehabilitate cracked and aging sidewalks, and conclude with the repaving of streets. This is expected to be completed by mid-October.

### Oil Conversion Update

The conversion of the Municipal Building boiler from oil to natural gas is nearly completed, and expected to be finished mid-July. Utilizing natural gas will save the Village money while reducing its carbon footprint.





**DPW Building**

The Village Board of Trustees has accepted an opportunity to relocate the Department of Public Works to a new facility, and has given the Village Manager permission to go through with signing contracts. After signing, the Village will have a span of 60 days in which the contract can be terminated with a full refund.

This move will consolidate the location of staff, create a more efficient operation, ensure a longer life for Village vehicles and equipment, and create a safer environment for its workers. The properties are located in the Town of Cortlandt at 435 Yorktown Road and the adjacent piece of vacant property located at 439 Yorktown Road, which will be used for vehicle storage. The Village is purchasing the building for \$2,250,000 and the lot for \$460,000. The existing building contains office and warehouse space with vehicle bays. Additionally, the decommissioning of the previous DPW facility will create 130 commuter parking spots at the Croton-Harmon train station, generating an annual \$150,000.

**Corrosion Control Update**

The installation of the corrosion control system has progressed, and it is expected that the system will be completed and operational by September 2017. This system will use a poly/orthophosphate, with no zinc, as the corrosion control additive. This installation was mandated by the Westchester County Department of Health in an effort to limit the corrosion of pipes

**Elliott Way Update**

The second phase of the Elliott Way project, which includes the installation of the elevated walkway, has begun. The second phase is expected to last for four months. The roadway between Senasqua Park and the Croton Yacht Club has been restricted to one lane. Two-way traffic will be controlled through the use of two automated flagmen on either end of the road. The narrow width of this one lane of traffic necessitates that we limit the use of the road to vehicles and bicycles throughout the duration of the project. Pedestrians will only be able to access Croton Landing Park via the Pedestrian Bridge from North Riverside Avenue. If you have any additional questions you can call the Village Manager’s office at 914-271-4848.



and leaching of copper. Iron and lead levels in the water will also be reduced. The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will continually work to provide the best quality drinking water to your homes and businesses, as well as provide updates to residents as they are made available.

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

The newest Comprehensive Plan is anticipated to be adopted July 10th at the 8pm Board of Trustees meeting in the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building. This builds on the 2003 Plan with updated background information and community data, as well as consolidated community-wide goals. The 2017 Comprehensive Plan features four main goals:

- 1. Enhance the Village’s visual environment and public areas using design guidelines, improved streetscapes and code enforcement.
- 2. Upgrade the Village’s pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists, and improve parking and traffic flow.
- 3. Develop a consistent public signage program to enhance the Village brand and to help make Croton an attractive destination.
- 4. Update and promote the Village identity and brand based upon our history, culture and natural resources.

The Plan then details recommended steps to assure successful and timely implementation of each goal.

**Movie Series**

*Movies are shown in Senasqua Park beginning at dusk on Wednesdays. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic, enjoy the sunset, and stay for the movie. In case of rain, movies will be shown the next evening. All movies are rated G or PG.*

July 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Secret Life of Pets	popcorn night!
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pete’s Dragon	ice cream night!
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Jungle Book	popcorn night!
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Finding Dory	popcorn night!
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Angry Birds Movie	popcorn night!



**Entertainment Series**

*Entertainment is scheduled for Thursday evenings. The rain location will be the CET multi-purpose room.*

July 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Fun and Funny Juggling Show	
	7pm @ Senasqua Park	watermelon night!
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Seth Dale - Interactive Comedy Magic	
	7pm @ Senasqua Park	popcorn night!
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Beth & Scott and Friends	
	10am @ Vassallo Park	
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Squeaky Clean	
	7pm @ Senasqua Park	popcorn night!
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeffrey & the Bossy Frog Band	
	7pm @ Senasqua Park	watermelon night!

**Concert Series**

*Concerts are scheduled for Friday evenings in Senasqua Park. The rain date will be Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.*

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fallout @ 7pm
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Bottom Blues @ 7:30pm
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Force @ 7pm
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	*Evolution, Journey Tribute Band @ 7:30pm
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	*CSN Songs, The Music of Crosby, Stills & Nash @ 7:30pm
*Rain location CHHS auditorium.	

*Descriptions of each movie and performance can be found in the 2017 Spring/Summer Recreation Brochure, which is available on the Village website. Residents can call the Recreation Department at 271-3006 with any questions.*

