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REMINDER
Online Registration and Payment
Options Available for Rec. Programs
& Full Brochure Accessible Online

Village of Croton-on-Hudson Recreation Department

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: <https://croton.seamlessdocs.com/f/crotonwinter2018>

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 Village of 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.

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Upcoming...

December

1st - The **Holiday Tree Lighting** at Vassallo Park. The choir performance is scheduled to start at 5:30pm and the tree lighting will occur at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served.

3rd — The **Croton Community Blood Drive's winter drive** will be from 9am to 3pm in the Croton-Harmon High School gymnasium. Donors must be at least 110 lbs, 16 to 75 years old and healthy. Donors 76 and older must present a doctor's note. Those age 16 need parental permission. A valid photo ID must be presented. Walk-ins will be welcome, but it would be helpful to the staff if donors schedule an appointment by emailing communityblooddrive@gmail.com or calling 271-7645. The Croton Community Blood Drive Committee will additionally be at the Municipal Building on Dec. 27th for those who cannot donate on the 3rd.

7th — The **Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony** will be hosted by the Town of Cortlandt in partnership with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, the Village of Buchanan, and the City of Peekskill at 1pm. The ceremony will take place in the Muriel H. Morabito Community Center at 29 Westbrook Dr. in Cortlandt Manor, NY. Interested participants are asked to RSVP by calling (914) 734-1002 or emailing kareng@townofcortlandt.com.

12th — **Village begins lighting a menorah** located at Benedict Blvd. and South Riverside Ave.

22nd & 25th — **Village Office closed for Christmas.**

31st — **Annual alarm system permits expire.** The annual \$50 renewal invoice will be mailed to permit-holders in January. Residents with private alarm systems are required to have alarm permits, which can be obtained in the Village Office for an initial fee of \$150.

January

1st — Village Office closed for New Years Day.

15th — Village Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

****The Village DPW will be picking up untrimmed and unbagged Holiday Trees during the month of January.**



February

10th — **Teatown's Annual Hudson River Eaglefest** will be from 9am to 4pm. Croton Point Park will serve as the Headquarters for the event. In addition, there will be many other viewing locations around the Hudson and Croton Rivers, including at the Echo Canoe Launch where there will be a warming tent, Teatown educators and bird experts from collaborating organizations. General admission tickets provide entry to all the shows except the bus tour (tickets must be purchased separately). Ticket sales and more information are available online at www.teatown.org/events/eaglefest.

19th — **Village Office closed for Presidents Day.**

20th — **On this year's Grievance Day** applications will be reviewed from 4pm to 8pm in the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building. Every year on Grievance Day the Board of Trustees meets as the Board of Assessment Review to evaluate property owners' requests for a change in their property assessment. Applications for an assessment adjustment must be completed and filed with the Village Assessor, Joe Sperber, by 4pm on Grievance Day. Additional information is available on the Village website under the Assessor's Department. Residents can also stop by the Engineering Department in the Municipal Building or call 271-4783 for information.

Year in Review

Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

The Village budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was passed in April, coming in under the New York State Tax Levy Cap. The tentative budget for fiscal year 2018-19 must be filed on or before March 20, 2018.

Capital Construction Projects:

It was a very busy year throughout the Village of Croton. Improving our roads, water infrastructure, sidewalks and parks are some of the greatest responsibilities of local government. Over the past year, a variety of important projects were completed.

• The second phase of the **Farrington Rd. and Hunter Pl. Project** was completed in September. This included the sidewalk replacement and repaving, which followed work to update public water infrastructure and sewer lines from Riverside Ave. to Old Post Rd. North.

• **The Elliott Way Improvement Project**, which includes the installation of an elevated walkway on the Hudson River, began this spring and is currently in its second phase. This project will create a safe riverfront pedestrian walkway between Senasqua Park and Croton Landing. During this time, the roadway between Senasqua Park and the Croton Yacht Club will continue to be 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 the Village 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 Ave. The project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018.

Year in Review (Contd.)

• **Gouveia Park** was officially opened this summer following the completion of work to widen the driveway and construction of a gravel parking lot to make it accessible to the public. The 15-acre property located at 1300 Albany Post Rd. was formerly the home of John and Laurel Gouveia. The long-time Croton residents bequeathed their house and land along with an endowment of \$1,000,000 to the Village of Croton for use as a public park.

• This fall, the Croton River was treated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to eradicate **Hydrilla**, which is an invasive aquatic plant species that has spread throughout the river threatening the local ecosystem. A second round of treatment is scheduled for the summer of 2018, and there will be an informational session held on Jan. 24, 2018 in the Municipal Building.

• Two significant projects at the Village's Water Dept. facility have wrapped up over the past year. The Village's **Corrosion Control** system has been constructed and is nearly operational. The system will reduce corrosion of the pipes delivering potable water to Croton homes, ultimately dropping the level of copper in the public water supply. Secondly, a **bridge and culvert** has been constructed in order to provide additional access to and from the Water Dept. facility. This need was identified following Hurricane Irene, as flooding in the area damaged access points. It is vital to have reliable access to the Water Dept. during natural disasters, especially when flooding is imminent, making this project essential for emergency preparedness.

• Upgrades to **Sunset Park** were completed in 2017. With input from a working group consisting of Village residents and staff, Sunset Park was upgraded for the first time in 20 years.

• The **stormwater system improvement project on Georgia Lane** was completed earlier this year. This project involved the reconstruction of the retention basin, as well as the installation of additional drainage structures in an area that has been prone to flooding.

Winter Snow Removal & Parking



As the winter season approaches, it is important for residents to be familiar with Croton's regulations and protocols regarding snow. While on-street parking is still permitted during the winter, residents must remove vehicles from streets if two or more inches of snow has accumulated to allow the DPW to clear the streets. Plowing will continue until the snow has stopped and streets have been cleared. Residents are encouraged to listen to weather reports and move vehicles in anticipation of snow.

Residents without feasible on-site parking may obtain a Seasonal Overnight Parking permit at the Village Office. The permit fee ranges from \$25-\$100 based on the number of permits needed. Residents with these permits must still remove their vehicles from the streets no later than twelve hours after the snow has stopped falling. This policy also applies to all vehicles in Village-controlled lots. This includes the Asbury Methodist Church, behind the Holy Name of Mary Church, the west end of Benedict Blvd., and the Municipal Building.

Additionally, parking restrictions will be in effect on:

- the north side of Grand St. between Old Post Rd. North and Riverside Ave.
- both sides of Benedict Blvd. and Maple St.
- east side of Riverside Ave. between Brook St. and High St.
- east side of Old Post Rd. South (High School side) between Maple St. and Cleveland Dr.

Residents are obligated to clear their own sidewalks, and commercial establishments are required to keep their adjacent sidewalks clear between 9am and 5pm. Please keep in mind that it is a violation of Village Code and a safety hazard to shovel, blow or plow snow into the street.

Utility Billing

Most homes in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson are serviced with municipal potable water. A small number of homes in the Village have private wells. Homes that have water service are billed quarterly for water consumption. On Dec. 15th, water bills will be sent out and are payable by

Jan. 15th without penalty. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and can be mailed to the address on the front of the bill or paid in person at the Manager's Office in the Municipal Building. Payments can also be made online with a credit card or ACH. Past due accounts are assessed a 5% penalty for the first month of delinquency after the due date, and an additional 1% per month for each month thereafter. Although no penalties have been assessed for late payments for the Sept. 15th billing cycle, if the bill remains unpaid after Jan. 15th, penalties will begin to accrue.

New Home for the Village's Dept. of Public Works

In 2017, the Village Board of Trustees approved funding for the acquisition of a building at 435 Yorktown Rd. and an adjacent piece of property at 439 Yorktown Rd. for the relocation of the Village's DPW facility. The current Village DPW facility is located in the parking lot of the Croton-Harmon Train Station which is within a flood plain, is adjacent to the Croton River Estuary, and is housed in a deteriorated and undersized building. Portions of the current facility require costly repairs, while much of the DPW's equipment must be stored outdoors, shortening its useful life. After many years of evaluating properties throughout the Village, the properties on Route 129 became available and fit all of the necessary requirements. Relocating the DPW facility will centralize all public works staff to one location, allow for upgrades to the Dept.'s operations, ensure longer life for Village vehicles and equipment, and create a safer environment for its workers. The move will also enable the Village to expand its commuter parking operations at the Croton-Harmon Train Station, resulting in increased revenue to the Village. After a certain amount of renovations to the building and site, the DPW is expected to relocate its operations in the summer of 2018.

The Full Winter Recreation Brochure can be found on the Recreation and Parks Dept. page on the Village website. Residents can call 271-3006 with additional questions.

Youth Activities

CHEMICAL WIZARDRY
Act. # 3065 Sec. 2
Thursdays, Dec. 28
9am - 2:30pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$60.00 Village residents
\$75.00 non-residents
Grades: 1-4
Deadline: Dec. 21

ROBOTIC FUN
Act. # 3078 Sec. 1
Wednesday, Feb. 21
9am - 2:30pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$60.00 Village residents
\$75.00 non-residents
Grades: 1-4
Deadline: Feb. 14

YOUTH BASKETBALL
Act. # 1400 Sec. 1
Saturdays, beginning Jan. 6
Grade 1 9am - 10am
Grade 2 10am - 11am
Grade 3-5 11am - 12pm
PVC New Gymnasium
Fee: \$50.00 Village residents for 6 sessions
\$60.00 non-residents
Deadline: Dec. 29

YOUTH LACROSSE
Act. # 1075 Sec. 1
Saturdays, beginning Mar. 3
Grades 1-2 9am - 10am
Grades 3-4 10am - 11am
PVC New Gymnasium
Fee: \$50.00 Village residents for 6 sessions
\$60.00 non-residents
Deadline: Feb. 23

CHALLENGERS BASKETBALL CLINIC
Act. # 1500 Sec. 1
Saturday, Jan. 13
10am - 11am
CHHS Gym
Fee: \$5.00 Village residents
\$8.00 non-residents
Ages: 7-21
Deadline: Jan. 5

KIDS WRESTLING
Act. # 1065 Sec. 1
Thursdays, beginning Jan. 18
7pm - 8:00pm
CHHS Gymnasium
Fee: \$50.00 Village residents for 6 sessions
\$60.00 non-residents
Grades: 3-8
Deadline: Jan. 11

Adult Activities

TAI CHI
Act. # 2032 Sec. 2
Thursdays, beginning Jan. 18
7:30pm - 8:30pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$80.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$95.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 11

POUND! A FUN WORKOUT
Act. # 2036 Sec. 3
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 17
7pm - 7:45pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$65.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$80.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 10

YOGA CLASSES Act. # 2094
See online brochure for full details on sessions.
Sect. 1: Gentle Yoga I
Sect. 2A & 2B: Gentle Yoga III
Sect. 4A & 4B: Yoga: Strengthen, Relax, Renew

STRESS REDUCTION WRKSH
Act. # 2104 Sec. 1
Saturday, Jan. 20
9:30am - 12pm
Recreation Conference Room
Fee: \$45.00 Village residents
\$55.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 12

OPEN GYM - BASKETBALL
Act. # 2011 Sec. 2
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 2
8:30pm - 10pm
PVC New Gymnasium
Fee: \$70.00 Village residents for 10 sessions
\$80.00 non-residents
Ages: 30 years and over
Deadline: Dec. 26

INDOOR SOCCER
Act. # 2012 Sec. 1
Mondays, beginning Jan. 8
Act. # 2012 Sec. 2
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 10
8:30pm - 10pm
PVC New Gymnasium
Fee: \$70.00 Village residents for 10 sessions
\$80.00 non-residents
Ages: 21 years and over
Deadline: Jan. 2



Senior Activities

THE ART OF MAKING SUSHI
Act. # 2099 Sec. 1
Monday, Feb. 26
10:30am - 12:30pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$28.00 Village residents
\$32.00 non-residents
Deadline: Feb. 19

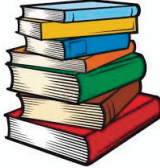
CURRENT EVENTS
Act. # 2125 Sec. 2
Thursdays, beginning Jan. 25
10am - 12pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$48.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$58.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 18

TAI CHI
Act. # 2113 Sec. 1
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 30
12pm - 1pm
Recreation Conference Room
Fee: \$72.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$85.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 23

FITNESS FOR BALANCE
Act. # 2111 Sec. 4
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 24
1pm - 2pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$72.00 Village residents for 9 sessions
\$85.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 17

INTERMEDIATE BALANCE
Act. # 2112 Sec. 2
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 24
2:15pm - 3:15pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$72.00 Village residents for 9 sessions
\$85.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 17

BOOK LOVERS CLUB
Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, and Mar. 7
(One session per month)
10am - 11:30am
Croton Free Library
FREE, but registration required



PAINTING WITH WATERCOLORS
Act. # 2100 Sec. 2
Mondays, beginning Jan. 22
1pm - 3pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$80.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$95.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 15

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS
Act. # 2102 Sec. 1
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 23
1pm - 3pm
Municipal Building
Community Room
Fee: \$80.00 Village residents for 8 sessions
\$95.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 16

CHAIR YOGA
Act. # 2110 Sec. 3
Mondays, beginning Jan. 8
11:30am - 12:30pm
Recreation Conference Room
Fee: \$72.00 Village residents for 9 sessions
\$85.00 non-residents
Deadline: Jan. 2

LOCAL EXPLORERS:
Our senior bus departs from the Croton Municipal Building parking lot. Call 271-5804 for more trip details!

The Palisades Mall
Jan. 25
Savannah & Co. Lunch
Feb. 22
Westchester Broadway Theater:
"A Chorus Line"
Mar. 28

CHARTER BUS TRIPS and TRAVEL:
Foxwoods Casino
Apr. 12

SKI DISCOUNT TICKET PROGRAM
In cooperation with the NYS Recreation & Park Society, we are offering discount admission tickets to various ski mountains. No minimum purchase is required, so take advantage of these great discounts! Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets available to the following mountains: Bromley, Hunter, Windham, Mt. Creek.