



## April

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- 3 & 17** Village Board Mtg.
- 10** Budget Hearing
- 11 & 25** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 5** Cons. Advisory Council
- 12** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
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## New Mini-Sports Camps Coming

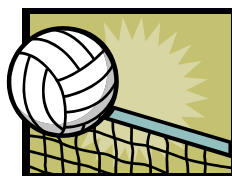
In addition to its regular summer camp programs, this summer the Recreation and Parks Dept. will be offering new summer sports camps and clinics for children 3 to 14. US Sports Institute (USSI) will run the programs under a contract with the Village. US Sports Institute, a NJ company, has been running similar programs elsewhere in Westchester County.



Three programs will be offered for different age groups. All are scheduled for late summer and will not conflict with the regular day camps. The end of summer is a time when most regular day camps have concluded and these mini-camps will provide additional opportunities for fun and instruction.

### Multi Sports Camps

This mini camp will provide an introduction and experience in up to 15



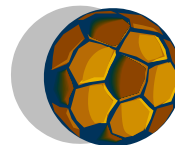
different sports. It will be offered in both half day (ages 5-7, \$155.) and full day (7-14, \$175.) versions. Sports may include Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bocce, Cricket, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Hand Ball, Lacrosse, Net Ball, Pillo Polo, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, World Cup, and Olympics.

Campers will receive instruction and will then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. This camp will run from Aug. 28-Sept. 1.

Sports Squirt Camps This program is a great way to introduce children ages 3 to 5 to a variety of sports such as Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, Lacrosse and Hockey. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities

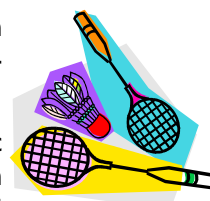
designed to ensure learning and most importantly, fun. The sports equipment used in this program is scaled down to be appropriate for this young age group.

Dates for this camp are July 24-28 from 2:45-4:15pm, and Aug. 7-11, 5-6:30pm at \$85.



Flag Football Clinic This USSI clinic offers an incredible opportunity for any future football

star to learn and enhance their skills in running, catching, passing and blocking. Open to children of all ability levels, the camp will focus on individual techniques and, again, more importantly, fun. The week finishes with the USSI Superbowl! This clinic will be offered Aug. 7-11, from 5-7pm for ages 7-14 at \$105.



As this football clinic occurs before the sign up for the regular fall Flag Football program, it provides the opportunity to try out the sport in advance or get early practice for those already involved in the sport.

USSI camp staff have a minimum of 3 years experience in sports education or teaching. No sport experience is necessary and children will be placed in age and ability appropriate groups.

Flyers with additional information are being distributed in the schools.

Sign up may be done online, by mail or by drop-off at the Recreation Dept. All campers will receive a free USSI T-shirt and certificate.

Mini-camp locations are the Duck Pond park and Manes Field. All prices shown are for Village residents. Non-village residents pay slightly more.

## **Earth Day and Daffodils**

Croton's Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) is Planning its annual Earth Day event on April 29th. The event is co-sponsored by the Croton Parks Dept and DPW. In conjunction with Earth Day, the CAC holds a Clean Up event to remove debris and trash from key areas in the Village. Planting will also be done in selected areas.

The Clean Up event will be a half day from 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers should meet at 9am at Senasqua Park for assignments throughout the Village. The focus this year will be along the Hudson River north of Senasqua Park and the Duck Pond. It will also include some clean up and planting at the train station entrance and walkway. Every year community spirit abounds with many families participating in this activity. Please plan on joining the effort.



**1500 blooming daffodils to appear on Bethel hillside**

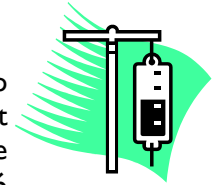
In the meantime, watch the hillside on Old Post Rd. South by the Bethel Cemetery for daffodils to be in bloom. In the Fall of 2005, the CAC planted an additional 500 daffodil bulbs as part of what has become their annual autumn tradition. This year over 1500 daffodils will be coloring the hillside yellow.

## **Senasqua Pavilion Parties**

Did you know that the Senasqua Park Pavilion can be booked for a special occasion such as a birthday party or reunion? Plan ahead for your special occasion and reserve now by calling the Recreation Office at 271-3006. The most desired days in the summer months are Saturday and Sunday. Village and School District residents may reserve the pavilion with a valid photo ID issued by the Croton Recreation & Parks Dept. Parties of up to 100 people may book the pavilion at a cost of \$200./\$275. (res./non-res.). Parties of no more than 25 may also reserve use of Senasqua Park for \$35./\$50.



## **Community Blood Drive**



The Croton Blood Drive is coming up on Sunday, May 7th from 9am to 3pm at the Croton Harmon High School. The minimum age for giving blood is 17 (16 with a form signed by a parent), 110 pounds and healthy. Appointments are appreciated and will prevent waiting but walk-ins are also welcome. For an appointment or information, please call Carol Shanesy, 271-7645, or JoAnn Fannon, 271-5529.

Please highlight this important date on your calendar as the blood donations benefit all Croton residents.

## **Village Files Brief with FERC**

In its ongoing legal opposition to the proposed Millennium Pipeline, the Village's Special Counsel, Neil Levy of Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington DC, filed a brief in late February with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Village is protesting to FERC that Millennium's request for certification from FERC for a revised, two-phase, pipeline project is both illegal and that it fails to provide details of the different phases.

The Village is seeking a decision from FERC that the application by Millennium Pipeline LLC to build the pipeline in two phases be considered a completely new project and not be approved phase by phase as the project has "changed substantially" and the "underlying environmental assessment of the project is outdated."

The Village is also seeking that FERC "vacate" its 2002 certification of the project because the project does not comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act and because the application itself proves that there are reasonable alternatives.

## **Land Added to Arboretum**

A two-acre, Village-owned, parcel of property, formerly known as the Mann property, has been incorporated into the Village's lease with the Jane Lytle Memorial Arboretum and Sanctuary. The Arboretum has long sought this acquisition to further its protection of open space in the Village.

The parcel added to the twenty-acre Arboretum is not accessible by road. Among its features is a large rock ledge covered with a mature beech forest providing views into the main Arboretum wetland below it. Plans for a trail connection from the Village's Highland Trail are under discussion.



## Spotlight on Michael Esposito

Michael Esposito has been employed for eight years, since 1998, as a Skilled Laborer for the Village. Prior to his current job, Michael was employed by the NYS Dept. of Transportation.

In the warm weather months, Michael's primary job is doing masonry work. He fixes catch basins, does brick, stone or block work and works on curbing and sidewalk repair. This is often done as a result of water main breaks when the street and curbs sometimes are torn up and need replacement. He also works on black-topping in the Village's on-going street repaving projects.

Work in the winter time includes tree cutting and snow plowing.

Michael says he always

wanted to follow in his uncle's footsteps and do cement work. He describes his fellow workers as "a good group of guys" that are easy to work with. He also says he enjoys talking to residents when the opportunity arises on his rounds.

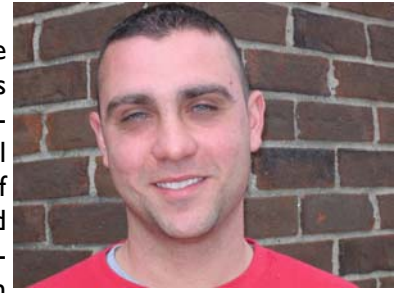
Michael lives in Peekskill and has lived in the area all his life. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Somers.

Michael's parents owned an Italian restaurant in Peekskill while he was in high school. During those years he worked there after school and at night but decided that a restaurant career was not what he wanted.

He and his wife, Angela, have two boys—Matthew who is four and Michael who is two. In his spare time he

enjoys spending time with the family. He likes to go fishing with Matthew, as well as baseball and a computer golf game. He looks forward to his younger son, Michael, being big enough to join in those activities as well.

Before he and Angela had children, they loved to travel and look forward to doing more of that in the future when Matthew and Michael are older. They traveled to Mexico, Jamaica, Greece, and Italy as well as to many places in the United States including Florida and Las Vegas. The Jersey shore, however, was always and remains a favorite spot. They are hoping a trip to Alaska is in their future.



*"I'm here to serve the people. That's how I look at myself."*

*"Michael Esposito"*

### Yard Waste Reminder!

The Village's new organic waste recycling program described in the March Newsletter will begin on April 5th.

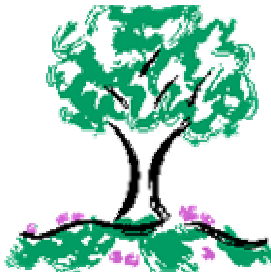


Remember that all yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or open-top garbage containers. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.** Collections will be on alternate Wednesdays. For further information or the pickup schedule, please visit

the Village website or call DPW at 271-3775.

### Street Trees Available

Croton residents who are interested in getting a street tree planted in front of their homes this Spring may call the DPW at 271-3775 and leave your name and address.



We're on  
the Web. Visit us at:  
<http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov>

### Croton Seniors

Every month seems to be packed with events for Croton Seniors. It is so much so that bookings need to be done far ahead. Already the April Cabaret show and lunch at the Hotel Thayer is fully booked but there is still time to sign up and take advantage of the May 10th trip to Oyster Bay on Long Island. This trip will feature a visit to Teddy Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill, and the famous Planting Fields Arboretum near by. The trip includes lunch and is \$28./\$34. (resident/non-resident).

On May 2, the annual popular Installation Luncheon will take place at Crystal Bay in Peekskill at 12 noon.

Both the above events require pre-registration and are for members of the Croton Seniors Club. Membership is only \$6./\$12. (res./non-res.) annually and may be paid at the weekly Seniors meeting on Fridays at 12:30 in the Municipal Building Community Room.

On Fri., April 21, the Film Series will feature *Roman Holiday* with Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. Films are shown in the Community room and include free popcorn and soda. The program is free to members but pre-registration is required. Non-members may attend for \$2.00. To register for all of the above events, contact Yvonne Beldotti at 271-5804 M/W/F.

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## Got a Question?



### When can I sign my child up for the summer Day Camp or Tiny Tots programs?

The Village's Day Camp and Tiny Tots summer program registration is held by lottery. The lottery process eliminates the long line and the need to be present on a specific date and time. **The lottery registration for both Day Camp and Tiny Tots is Thursday, April 20 at 12 noon.** Your forms must be in the Recreation office by this time, completed and paid in full. The Recreation Dept. suggests that you bring your form(s) to the office in person, weekdays between 8:30AM and 4:00PM. School District residents may participate in the lottery, however, they must pay the appropriate non-resident rate. When registering you must use the correct form for the summer program in which you wish to enroll. These triplicate forms are available in the Recreation Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building.



Each camp has three (3) sessions of two weeks each.

The summer programs are scheduled as follows:

**CROTON DAY CAMP** Tues. June 27-Fri. Aug. 4;  
9:00AM-3:00PM, weekdays only, at C.E.T. School, ages 5 years (completed Kindergarten) through 6th grade.

**TINY TOTS CAMP** Tues. June 27-Fri. Aug. 4;  
9:00AM-12 noon, weekdays only, at P.V.C. School, ages 4-6 years.

Unless you request differently on your form, anyone unable to be placed in the full season will be placed in whichever session(s) are available and will be charged accordingly. You may request one friend for your child on the registration form (no guarantees). You will be notified by mail once the Recreation Dept. completes the lottery registration.

If there are any openings in either summer camp program after the lottery is complete, these will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions regarding the lottery process, please call the Recreation office at 271-3006 prior to the lottery deadline.

