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Croton's Village Court Office is a very busy place yet many are unaware of its existence or its functioning. Located on the first floor of the Municipal Building, Judge Sam Watkins, Jr. or Acting Village Judge Paul Hoffman preside every Wednesday in the court room. The Court offices on the same floor are busy every day preparing for the Wednesday court sessions and doing the follow-up from each case. Additionally people come and go every day to pay fines or make inquiries. The



Court Room at Municipal Building

Court office personnel also includes Village Prosecutor, Paul Rosen, Court Clerk Connie Fay, Ass't. Court Clerk Jeannie Romeu, Court Officer Frank Rodriguez and one full-time and two part-time clerical staff. The positions of Judge, Acting Judge, Prosecutor and Court Officer are part-time positions.

In addition to their court room presence, the judges are called out three to four times a week for arraignments which may occur at any hour as needed by the Police.

The Village Court handles criminal cases, such as felonies, misdemeanors and violations. It also handles civil matters, violations of Village ordinances and Vehicle and Traffic laws. The average weekly court session will handle over 50 cases.

Jury trials, when needed, are held on a different day. Although the number of jury trials has not been high, the number is increasing now due to the County District Attorney's stance against plea bargaining. When there is a Vehicle and Traffic trial, Prosecutor Paul Rosen is involved on behalf of the Village. On most days, an Ass't. District Attorney from the County is also present to prosecute criminal cases as well as defense attorneys and the defendants themselves.

In addition to Croton's Police Dept., the cases handled in Village Court also come from arrests and tickets made by several different police jurisdictions who operate within the Village's boundaries including the New York State Police, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority police, the County Police and the NYS DEC Police.

In the calendar year of 2007, Croton's court offices started 2285 cases and closed 1691, excluding parking violations. In 2007 5126 parking violations were made of which 757 remain open.

Preparation for court day requires creating a file for each case. Most cases require different forms and legal documents. Follow-up on each case's disposition may involve fines, commitment forms, bail, appointment of an attorney, as well as considerable correspondence and phone calls.

Fines and, in some cases, surcharges are paid to the Village and sent to New York State which, in turn, returns a portion to the Village. In 2007, the total amount collected by the Court office was \$390,403.00. New York State returned \$237, 730.50 of that amount.

The Village Justice Court budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is \$228,152.00 including personnel, equipment, contractual obligations and supplies.



Blood Drive

Croton's Community Blood Program will hold its 76th blood drive on Sun., May 4th from 9 am to 3 pm at Croton-Harmon High School. Donors are urgently needed

to meet the demand for blood.

Donors must be at least 16 (with parental permission), 110 pounds, and not yet 76. Over 76-ers need a doctor's note. Contact one of the following to make an appointment so they will know how many donors to prepare for: JoAnn Fannon, Chair, 271-5529; Carol Shanesy, 271-7645; or Rosalind Morrissey, 271-8849.

Tree Planting Volunteers Needed

As part of continuing intermunicipal planning efforts between the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Croton in the Croton River Gorge, the Town has been awarded free trees by the NYSDEC. The trees are to be planted at Mayo's Landing. The Hudson River Estuary Program's "Trees for Tribs" initiative provides free native trees and shrubs for qualifying projects. The objective of the program is to maintain healthy streams and water by improving their buffers with healthy trees, shrubs and grasses.



One component of the grant requires that the trees and shrubs be planted by a volunteer effort. If you are interested in being a volunteer tree-planter in early May, please respond to Janine King in the Village office at 271-4781.

Your Opinion is Needed!

RBA Group, the Village's traffic consultant, is performing a study of the rail station parking facility, Croton Point Ave. and South Riverside Ave. to identify ways to improve vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access. They will conduct a public information gathering session on Tues., April 15 at 7:30 at the Municipal Building to obtain your input and suggestions. This is not a presentation but an open-ended opportunity to provide input that will be used to shape the study. Maps and drawings will be available.

Election Results

On March 18, residents elected two Trustees as follows: Richard Olver (D,CT) - 1119; Ann Gallelli (D,CT) - 1104; Joseph Streany (R,A) - 698; Joann Minett (R,A) - 612.

The first meeting of the new Board is Monday, April 7th.

Chief Tramaglini Sworn In

Croton's new Police Chief, Anthony Tramaglini, was officially sworn in at the March 3rd Village Board meeting. Attended by 14 of the Department's officers, the swearing in is the cap of a long career with the Croton Police for Chief Tramaglini. He began his Police career in Croton as a Patrolman, 37 years ago. Prior to his being appointed as Chief, his most recent position was Lieutenant of the Detective Division where he was in charge of all investigations. He was also Executive Lieutenant putting him in charge of the Dept. in the Chief's absence.



Chief Tramaglini

Kaplan's Pond Trail

Croton has received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Greenway Conservancy for the Kaplan's Pond Trail Construction and Extension Project. The extension of this trail will help to complete the linkage between the Jane E. Lytle Memorial Arboretum with the River Landing Trail and the center of the Village. The Village Board has authorized the \$5,000 match to perform this work.

The proposed work includes construction of a new trail segment from the end of the existing trail connecting Lounsbury Road to Hessian Hills Road around the west side of Kaplan's Pond. The new trail will run from the existing trailhead along the edge of Kaplan's Pond to the new Kaplan's Pond Spillway. From there, two existing bridges lead to Giglio Court.



The trail extension is the final development of the Kaplan's Pond property and will make the unique environmental resource accessible for residents to enjoy without upsetting the pond and wetlands.

Earlier work replacing the Kaplan's Pond drainage system to improve stormwater management was funded in part through a Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) awarded in 2004. It included spillway upgrades, installing two bridges and dam renovation on the east side of the pond..

Reminder!

Budget Hearing on 2008-2009 Village Budget

Monday, April 14 at 8 pm



Spotlight on Phyllis Bradbury

Phyllis Bradbury is both a new employee and a long-time employee. Since 1990, Phyllis has been taking the Village Board minutes on a once a month basis. More recently, in April 2007, Phyllis started working in the Village Engineer's office three days/week following her retirement from her former full-time job.

In the Village Engineer's office she performs a variety of tasks ranging from assisting residents at the desk, answering phones, and doing a lot of computer work—her special area of expertise. Phyllis has undertaken a number of special projects as well such as updating the Engineering Dept.'s downloadable, online forms for consistency, working on Water Dept. contract bids, and researching methods for

phragmites control at Kaplan's Pond.

Before her retirement, Phyllis was a Manager of Information Technology (IT) Services at Pace University where she worked for 24 years. Eleven years ago, Pace merged their communications services with their computer services into a common IT service known as DOIT (Division Of IT). DOIT managed all aspects of computer and telecommunications usage by the university for students, faculty, staff and administration.

Phyllis lives in Yorktown Heights with her husband, Bill, where they raised three sons, Bill, Glenn, and Chris.

Her son, Chris, was a Village intern in Croton in the early 1990's while studying public administration and is currently the Village Adminis-

trator in the Village of Rye Brook.

Phyllis' sons are all married and have a combined total of 9 children - the oldest of which is 13. As they all live in the metropolitan area, a good deal of Phyllis' time is oriented toward her family.

In her spare time, Phyllis finds knitting and crocheting very relaxing. She loves using the internet for research, keeping up to date with news, and emailing her friends. She recently located and re-connected with an old friend through the internet. Phyllis also regularly attends the NYC Ballet and reads for pleasure - mainly biographies and novels. She and Bill have also been active in the Yorktown Lions Club.



"It is really nice to come into a place you are comfortable with. I enjoy working here very much."

Phyllis Bradbury

Earth Day is Coming!

Croton's Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) is planning its annual Earth Day activities. This year it will be held on Sat., May 3rd from 9 - 12 at Senasqua Park. Cleanup efforts this year will center on Senasqua Park itself - removing driftwood and trash that have washed up over the winter. A series of environmental activities are also planned which may include composting and/ or solar power demonstrations, e-waste disposal (computers, cell phones, etc.), free Croton Earth Day t-shirts, and live music. Other possibilities being considered are distribution of free reusable bags and compact fluorescent bulbs. Plans are still being finalized but be sure to put this event on your calendar so you can be part of them.



Daffodil Hill. Be sure to watch for the daffodils blooming on the hillside on Old Post Road South by the Bethel Cemetery. In the years since 2001, the CAC has annually organized volunteers to plant daffodil bulbs - now over 5,000 in total. These beautiful signs of spring should soon be in full bloom providing a gorgeous yellow panorama for a few short weeks.

Yard Waste - What You Need To Know

The DPW will be collecting yard waste curbside during the spring, summer and fall. Yard waste includes leaves, twigs and small branches, clippings and flowers. Grass clippings should be left on the lawn. All yard waste must be placed in bio-degradable leaf bags or open-top garbage cans. **Waste in plastic bags will NOT be collected.**



Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, NOT with your garbage collection. Collection will begin in April. The exact start date will be available on the website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov and on Croton's cable channel 78.

The following schedule will be followed:

- North of Rte. 129 (Maple St.) - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
 - South of Rte. 129 (Maple St.) - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
- There will be no yard waste collection on April 30, July 30 and Oct. 29. For more information, call 271-3775.

Reminder! The County Household Recycling Days on April 4 & 5 will be at Playland Park in Rye. Call the Household Recycling Info Line 914-813-5425 for details.

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Got a Question?



I don't want to miss the opportunity to get my children into Croton's great Summer Camp Program. How can I sign them up?

Croton'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 Wednesday, April 16 at 12 noon.**



Your form(s) must be in the Recreation Office by this time, completed and paid in full. You must register using the appropriate triplicate form. Susan Snyder, Recreation Dept. Superintendent, suggests bringing your form(s) to the office in person, weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

School District residents may participate in the lottery, however, they must pay the non-resident rate.



Both camps will be held beginning June 30th and ending August 8th (no camp on July 4th). Each camp has three (3) sessions of two weeks each.

Croton Day Camp will be held at C.E.T. school from 9 am to 3 pm. Children ages 6 years (have completed First Grade) through 6th grade may register.

Tiny Tots Camp will be held mornings, from 9 am to 12 noon at P.V.C. school. Children ages 4 - 6 years may register.

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 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 process is completed, they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions regarding either camp program or the registration process, please call the Recreation Office, 271-3006, prior to the lottery deadline.