

April Calendar

- 6 & 16** Village Board Mtg.20
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Flood Mitigation Project To Begin

Work is scheduled to begin on the Village's plans to mitigate the flooding problem at the railroad station parking lot. Bids for the project will be opened on April 1st and the contract will be awarded at the Village Board meeting of April 6th. Over 40 contractors picked up bid packages.

The winning contractor is expected to begin work as soon as all the preliminary arrangements are made but not later than the beginning of May. Timing is critical for this project as it is essential that entire project be finished before the winter (and snow) months in late 2009.

The plan calls for three phases of work. The first phase is to begin immediately and will include the placement of gabion walls at the southern edge of the lot along Croton Bay, installation of drainage systems, catch basins, and piping, raising of the existing daily parking ticket booth, and the raising of the grade of the floodprone area with fill.

The parking areas affected are primarily Sections G and H. At completion, the grade of the lot in this area will be raised an average of 3' above the existing grade - elevation 5' or higher. During Phase 1, an anticipated 17,000 cubic yards of gravel and crushed stone will be brought in over a period of 6 to 10 weeks. It is likely that this fill will come from multiple locations depending on the winning contractor's sources for obtaining it. Every effort is being made to ensure that the 20 cubic yard trucks are staged around commuter rush hours.

During Phase 2, a section of the Veteran's Plaza roadway will be raised. Traffic to the lot south of the DPW garage will be diverted through the parking area to bypass the work area.

During Phases 1 and 3 of the improvement project, cars will not be able to park in Sections G & H.. Phase 3 will be the final asphalt resurfacing of the filled area. This will occur approximately 3 months after the initial fill operation is completed, allowing the fill to settle. During this 3 month period (Phase 2), cars will be allowed to park on the gravel fill but the spaces will not be delineated.

Parking during the Phase 1 and Phase 3 work will be accommodated in several ways. Cars with permits will be allowed to park along the road to the salt shed next to the guide rails on the left side. Parking will also be permitted along the driveway at 1A Croton Point Ave., along the south side of Croton Point Ave. and along both sides of South Riverside Ave. from Croton Point Ave. south to Van Cortlandt Manor. Additionally, arrangements have been made for parking in the Manor field adjacent to Shop Rite and also at Croton Point Park.

During the commuter hours, the Village will provide shuttle service from the Manor and Croton Point Park lots to the station but will not pick up people along the street. Additional people will be employed to direct traffic during these hours as well. Commuters who return to Croton after the shuttle service ends for the day will be accommodated by taxis at the station through an arrangement being negotiated by the Village.

Regular updates according to prevailing conditions will be made using the Connect CTY alert system. It is strongly suggested that all commuters using the parking lot sign up for this service by emailing dailyparking@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

While there will be inconveniences, it is hoped that the entire project will be completed before Winter of 2009.

Verizon Delay

Since the March Newsletter, there have been some setbacks in the negotiations between the Village and Verizon regarding a franchise agreement. Issues which the Village's attorneys, Miller & Van Eaton PLLC, had reached agreement upon have been raised anew by a new attorney for Verizon. These issues include provision of public channels, how the Village's tax reimbursement will be calculated and the provision of a build-out schedule among other items. As of mid-March, the resolution of these items is anticipated to take several more months.

Farrington Road CBDG Grant

A Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) has been awarded to the Village for infrastructure improvements that include the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer main, installation of manholes, installation of water valves, and replacement of sidewalk and curb including 100 feet on Hunter Place.

The total project cost is estimated at \$700,000. The Village requested \$350,000 and was awarded \$200,000 in the grant. The design phase of the project is projected to be undertaken in the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year with the construction phase occurring in the 2010/2011 FY.

Tiny Tots and Day Camp Registration

The Village's popular Day Camp and Tiny Tots summer programs are filled by lottery. The deadline for registration for the lottery is Wed., April 15 at 12 noon. Forms must be in the Recreation Office at this time.

The Recreation Dept. suggests that you bring your forms to the office in person, weekdays between 8:30 am and 4 pm. School district residents may participate in the lottery but pay the non-resident rate. Forms are available in the Recreation and Parks Dept. office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building.

Both camps will begin June 29. Each camp has three (3) sessions of two weeks each. Tiny Tots camp is held at P.V.C. School and the Day Camp is held at C.E.T. For further information, please contact the Recreation Office at 271-3006 prior to the lottery deadline.

Blood Drive Coming!

Mark your calendars for the 78th Blood Drive to be held on Sun., May 3 at Croton-Harmon High school from 9 am to 3 pm. Appointments can be made by contacting JoAnn Fannon, at 271-5529; Carol Shanesy at 271-7645; or Rosalind Morrissey at 271-8849. Donors are urgently needed.



Election Results

On March 18, residents elected a Mayor and two Trustees as follows:

Mayor: Leo Wiegman (D,CT) - 1078
Gregory Schmidt (R,A) - 1058

Trustees: Demetra Restuccia (D,CT) - 1108
Ian Murtaugh (D,CT) - 1095
Thomas Brennan (R,A) - 1025
Susan Konig (R,A) - 1037

The annual Reorganization Meeting and the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees is Monday, April 6.

Time to Get Boat Basin Permits

With the Senasqua Boat Basin opening on May 9, it is time to get your mooring spot reserved. Boat storage and space on the Sunfish Rack may also be reserved now.

Boat registration materials are available in the Village Office. Proof of liability insurance must be presented with the application.

There will be two mooring drop dates - May 9 and June 6. Boats in Park Storage and on the Sunfish Rack may be brought to the boat basin any time on or after May 9. Rates for moorings, vary by the size of the boat. In addition, passes for use of the Boat Ramp and the Jet Ski ramp are available. Permits and Pass fees differ for Village residents and non-residents.

April Recreation Events

Spring Window Decorating. Join the fun and decorate Village windows for Spring! Participants may begin painting assigned windows on April 20 and must complete the art work by April 24. The Recreation Dept. will assign the windows. This is a fun event for the whole family. It is not a contest. Watch for flyers in participating stores to sign up.



Lunch with the Bunny. All Village and School district children are invited to have lunch with the Spring Bunny! This popular annual event will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 12 noon in the C.E.T. Multi-purpose room. Space is limited and you must be pre-registered to attend. The

fee is \$8 (residents) and \$10 (non-residents).

Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed Fri., April 10

For Good Friday



Spotlight on Kevin Bell

Kevin Bell is the newest member of the Department of Public Works. Kevin started with the DPW in December, 2008 in the position of Laborer.

A recent graduate of Hendrick Hudson High School, Kevin has previously worked on a part-time and seasonal basis for that school district, a distribution company and a hardware store.

As a Laborer, Kevin does a variety of jobs exclusive of the sanitation work. This includes sewer maintenance, brush clearing, snow removal, pot hole repair and any other Village tasks that require a work crew. This suits Kevin fine as he says he likes being busy and doing a variety of things. He looks forward to advancing within the DPW and being trained for additional tasks on its

equipment, both machinery and vehicles.

Being a DPW employee is not the only way Kevin contributes to Croton. He is a member of Croton's Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He also is part of the Cortlandt Volunteer Ambulance Corps and a member of the Montrose Fire Dept. which he joined three years ago while in high school. He joined the ambulance corps and Croton's EMS a year ago and is a trained EMT. He was certified after three months of training at Phelps Hospital. In the fire department he is an Engineer with responsibility for a Pumper truck.

Kevin lives in Buchanan with his father, mother and younger brother - a Senior at Hendrick Hudson.

In his spare time, Kevin enjoys spending time at the Montrose Firehouse and helping out on projects there. He also likes working on cars and trucks. He is planning on buying a "project" car to work on. His car of choice is a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair to replace a 1968 Corvair which he no longer has.

With his friends, Kevin plans a trip this year to Kentucky to visit the Corvette plant there, as they are all interested in cars. He has also visited GM plants in Kansas where his uncle works. For pure relaxation, he and his friends look forward to a trip to Florida in the coming year.



"I do many different things in this job which I like. I like doing things, I can't sit around."

Kevin Bell

Yard Waste - What You Need to Know

After the winter months comes Spring clean-up for many homeowners. To help dispose of the debris, the DPW will be collecting yard waste during the spring, summer and fall. Yard waste includes leaves, twigs and small branches, clippings and flowers. All yard waste must be placed in bio-degradable leaf bags or open-top garbage containers. **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 Village 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 Weds.
- South of Rte. 129 (Maple St.) - 2nd & 4th Weds.

There will no yard waste collection on April 29, July 29, and Sept. 30. For more information, call the DPW at 271-3775.

Farmers' Market Coming

A Farmers' Market will begin operations in Croton on Wednesdays beginning June 10th.

Operated by Community Markets, the vendors will be located at the former Skatepark at Municipal Place and S. Riverside from mid-afternoon until 8 pm or 9 pm.

The Village will prepare the site and stripe parking spaces on the site. Parking will also be available along S. Riverside. Traffic control will be provided by the Village during the early weeks.

Community Markets operates over 20 Farmers Markets throughout the metropolitan area including in nearby Ossining and Pleasantville.



Dog Park Extended to Fall 2009

The Village Board has extended the current Dog Park regulations to Fall 2009. Special permits must be obtained for licensed dogs at the Village Office. The permits allow use of the unleashed-dog facility at Black Rock Park for dogs of Croton residents only.



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Got a Question?



Earth Day is coming this month. I have read that the County is planning some special activities for this day. Is the Village planning its own event as in the past?



Earth Day—April 22
Croton's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) with the Dept. of Public Works and the Recreation and Parks Dept. are planning an Earth Day celebration at Senasqua Park on Sat., April 25 from 9 am - 1 pm. The day's events will include the annual Litter Clean-up, a sporting goods swap, and Carbon Footprint Bingo presented by the Girl Scouts. There will also be musical guests - Fred Gillen and Dave Goldman and Solar Punch. Information on how to decrease your carbon footprint, save the rain forest, and enjoy the great outdoors will be available from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Teatown Preserve, Croton Trails Comm., Croton Arboretum, Croton Free Library, PTA, Briarcliff Unitarian

church and the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Committee.

Free T-shirts and free Wildlife Species Trees (with planting instructions) will be available at the park.

Westchester County is celebrating Earth Day on Sun., April 19 from 10 am - 4 pm at Kensico Dam in Valhalla (rain or shine). Some of the highlights of their day are live music and entertainment, free "Earth Machine" composting bins for the first 50 families, free reusable shopping bags, free raffles for prizes like a home energy audit and a 30-day unlimited MetroCard, a Farmers Market, lawn and gardening advice, and more.

Admission and parking are free.

Water Bill - Overdue Reminder

Unpaid water and sewer bills that were due on January 15, 2009 will incur an additional \$100 fee if not paid before April 15, 2009. This is in addition to the accrued penalties for each month between January 15 and April 15.

