

## April Meeting Calendar

- 1 & 15** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 3** Cons. Adv. Council
- 3** BOT Work Session
- 4** BOT Work Session
- 8** BOT Work Session
- 9** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** BOT Work Session
- 10** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 16** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 30** Fire Council

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) for times/locations of individual meetings.



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Facebook: Search for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov) and click "Subscribe to E-Alerts."

*Stay connected!*

## Village Releases Tentative Budget for 2019-2020

Village Manager and Budget Officer Janine King filed the 2019-2020 tentative budget with the Village Clerk on March 18, 2019. This budget is the result of submissions from and discussions with each Department Head, and analysis and review by the Village Treasurer and Village Manager.

The budget, which is currently being reviewed by the Board of Trustees at budget work sessions (see calendar to the left), complies with the state property tax cap law. This year, a tax base growth factor of 0.28% has been applied, along with an allowable levy growth factor of 2% and an available

carryover from FY 2017-2018 of \$173,682. This budget, as proposed, has a tax levy of \$11,721,287, which is \$277,916 less than the allowable limit and an increase of \$160,011 from last year.

The proposed tax rate is \$261.233 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of \$2.828 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in a 1.09% increase in the tax rate.

For more detailed budget information, visit the Village website or view the budget documents at the Municipal Building or Croton Free Library.

## Croton Point Avenue Project Postponed

The Croton Point Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Project has been postponed for this year.

The Village released an Invitation to Bid on March 1, 2019, for the project. This was the culmination of a multi-year effort between the Village and New York State DOT.

On March 29, 2019, the bid opening was held. A total of two bids were received from Billotta Construction Corp. and Montesano Bros. Inc.

Upon review by the Village and its consultant, the Village Board voted to reject the bids at their meeting of April 1, 2019. The reason for such rejection was due to higher than anticipated costs as well as the number

of bids providing inadequate competition. This decision was not taken lightly, but the Village believes it to be in the best interest of the residents to rebid the project.

The Village is working with its engineering design consultant to analyze the bid package to ensure a future invitation to bid receives more responses. The Village tentatively expects to rebid the project in late 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the above postponement, please call the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

## Reminder: Sign Up For Paperless Bills

All property owners received their quarterly utility bills during the second half of March. We are happy to report that almost two hundred property owners signed up to receive their bills electronically!

If you would like to enroll in this service for the utility billing and/or property tax billing in June, please go to [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov), click "Online Forms" and then click "Utility/Tax Bill Email Form" under the Village Treasurer section.

As a reminder, bills can also be paid online at the above link. If you have any questions, please call the office at 862-1419.

**Reminder! Recycling should be placed loose in bins. Any recycling in plastic bags will not be picked up by DPW.**

## Demystifying Medicare for Seniors

This presentation is perfect for anyone trying to navigate their way through the complicated healthcare system. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement, or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions.

The engaging, interactive program outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with the medical and drug insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include Medicare Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs.

This program will be held on Tuesday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Croton Free Library. Registration is requested by calling the library at 271-6612.

## Yard Waste Pickup Returns

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson DPW will be collecting yard waste curbside during the spring, summer and fall months (April through October). All yard waste must be placed in biodegradable leaf bags or open top garbage cans. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Yard waste put out with the garbage or mixed in with the garbage will not be collected. No more than ten bags or three open top garbage cans per pickup.

Yard waste will be collected:

- On the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month yard waste will be collected from homes North of Route 129
- On the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month yard waste will be collected from homes South of Route 129

### What kind of yard waste can be put out for collection?

Raked up yard waste, small twigs, flowers, hedge trimmings may be placed in biodegradable yard waste bags. Small branches will be collected provided they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Cut into lengths not to exceed 4 feet;
- 2) Tied into bundles not exceeding 18" in diameter;
- 3) Not more than two bundles of small branches per collection.

Grass clippings should be left on the lawn.

**Reminder! Offices will be closed April 19  
in observance of Good Friday.**

## Zoning Study Survey

The Village hosted its first Zoning Update workshop on Thursday, March 21, at the Harmon Firehouse. At this workshop, representatives from the Village's planning consultant, BFJ Planning, identified the two areas which are to be studied, the Municipal Place Gateway Area and the North Riverside Avenue Corridor, and the current zoning of each. A link to the presentation can be found by going on the Village's website and clicking "Projects and Initiatives" under the Citizen Action Center.

All residents have been invited to complete a survey on the zoning study. This survey is intended to gather input from a diverse range of people who live, work or own property in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, on the key issues and opportunities for the two areas.

The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. There are 19 questions, mostly multiple choice. All individual responses are confidential and will be tabulated and shared in summary form only.

Residents are encouraged to take the survey online by visiting [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CrotonSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CrotonSurvey). If you do not have access to the internet, surveys will also be mailed to each resident in the coming days.

If you have any questions regarding the study process, please contact the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

### April 2019 Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department would like to remind all residents that the Spring/Summer 2019 Recreation Brochure is now available on the village website. All registration for programs began April 1, 2019.

The link to register online is <https://croton.seamlessdocs.com/f/crotonspringsummer2019>. Please note there is a nominal processing fee when paying online.

Camp forms are available now at the Recreation Office and Croton Free Library. To receive a discount, be sure to sign up before June 1st!

For senior program information, please call Valerie Nolan, Seniors Director, at 271-5804. For information on all other recreation programs, please call the office at 271-3006.

### Summerfest 2019

The Village is pleased to announce that the 33rd Annual Summerfest will return to the Upper Village on Sunday, June 2. This year, the Village has undertaken the registration of vendors and other planning activities. We wish to thank Dr. Greg Schmidt for his many years of work on this annual event!

In a change from years past, all vendor registration will be done online. Interested vendors should visit [www.crotonsummerfest.com](http://www.crotonsummerfest.com) and complete the registration form. Any food or beverage vendors should be prepared to provide insurance documentation to the Village.

Also new this year is a different pricing scale. Vendors are encouraged to register before May 1 to take advantage of reduced pricing.

If you have any questions regarding this year's Summerfest, please contact Bryan Healy at [bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov](mailto:bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov) or 271-4848.





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## Arbor Day Celebration

All residents are invited to join the Village and the Conservation Advisory Council's Tree Committee as Arbor Day is observed!

Trees will be planted along the Benedict Blvd. traffic islands on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m. This ceremony is held in accordance with Croton's designation as a Tree City USA.

For further information, please contact the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

## Croton Little League Parade

In celebration of Opening Day for Croton Little League, on Saturday, April 13, players will assemble in front of the high school between 9:30 and 10 a.m. and then parade to Dobbs Field via Old Post Road South and Grand Street to the field. Parents and fans line the streets and enthusiastically greet the players in their new uniforms and team configurations. Residents are advised to expect temporary road closures during the parade.

There will be also be a short ceremony at Dobbs Field at 10:30 a.m. to officially open the spring baseball and softball seasons.

