

## April Meeting Calendar

**6 & 27** Village Bd. Mtg.  
**13** BOT Work Session  
**20** BOT Work Session

Due to COVID-19 precautions, all advisory board and committee meetings have been postponed.

Please call the Engineering Department at 271-4783 or check the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) for information on Planning and Zoning Board meetings.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

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

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov).

*Stay connected!*

## Village Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson has been proactively responding to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic currently impacting our area. All residents are strongly encouraged to visit the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) for daily updates.

As of March 16th, the Municipal Building has been closed to the public. All essential services provided by the Village are continuing to operate, including emergency services, water distribution and sanitation. Each department has put into place contingency plans to operate under Governor Cuomo's reduced workforce mandate:

Clerk's Office - Many services can be conducted through the mail, via email or through our online services. The Village Clerk can be reached at 271-2013 to answer questions or you can visit the Clerk's page on our website for additional information.

Department of Public Works - DPW is operating with a reduced and separated staff and is concentrating its operations on public health related activities; specifically water distribution and sanitation. While other tasks are also being assigned, the reduced work force makes it difficult to provide services normally scheduled during this time of the year (i.e. yard waste removal, tree trimming, field maintenance, etc.). Public comments and requests for service continue to be reviewed by the department, however each request is being prioritized and will be performed as time allows. Call 271-3775 with any questions.

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## Unemployment Insurance Claims

New York State is waiving the 7-Day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures or quarantines.

If you are filing a new unemployment insurance claim, the day you should file is based on the first letter of your last name. If your last name starts with A - F, file your claim on Monday. For last names starting with G - N, file your claim on Tuesday. For last names starting with O - Z, file your claim on Wednesday. If you missed your filing day, file your claim on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

To file a claim online, visit [https://labor.ny.gov/ui/how\\_to\\_file\\_claim.shtm](https://labor.ny.gov/ui/how_to_file_claim.shtm) for step-by-step instructions.

Telephone filing hours are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 7:30 PM.
- Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM
- Saturday, 7:30 AM to 8 PM.

## COVID-19 Hotline Phone Numbers

- People under self-quarantine or exposure to known case: (866) 588-0195
- New York State COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline for mental health counseling: 1-844-863-9314.
- New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline: (888) 364-3065
- New York State Price Gouging Complaints: 1-800-697-1220. Complaints can also be filed online by clicking [here](#).
- Westchester County COVID-19 Information: 211 or [COVID19FAQ@westchestergov.com](mailto:COVID19FAQ@westchestergov.com).
- Westchester County Volunteers: [ICanHelp@westchestergov.com](mailto:ICanHelp@westchestergov.com)
- Westchester County Dept. of Community Mental Health Information, Support and Referral line: (914) 995-1900 or text 914-461-7281 (open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

## **Village Response (cont'd)**

**Engineering Department** - The Engineering/Building Department is continuing to accept permits by email or mail. We are also scheduling inspections on a case by case basis with the proper precautions in place. Please call our office to arrange these inspections. We continue to provide support for real estate transactions. Our code enforcement officer continues to receive and follow-up on complaints. Call 271-4783 with any questions.

**Parking Department** - The Parking Department continues to issue permits for the Croton-Harmon Train Station and all applications should be completed online. Applications for local permits for the municipal lots must be done via U.S. Mail. Please call the main office at 271-4781 with any questions.

**Police Department** - The Police Department continues to operate 24/7 with officers ready to respond to any calls for service. Non-essential programs such as child safety seat inspections and civilian fingerprinting have been suspended. All residents are reminded to be wary of any scams related to COVID-19 and report any suspicious activity to the police by calling 271-5177. As always, dial 911 in an emergency.

**Recreation Department** - The Recreation Department is working hard to rearrange programming and plan for possible schedule changes for the summer. The Spring/Summer brochure is tentatively scheduled to be published in May. We are currently accepting and processing registrations for the boat basin and registration for the canoe/kayak racks will begin on April 23rd. Please check our website for some recreation ideas for the whole family and call 271-3006 with any questions.

**Treasurer's Office** - The Treasurer's office is continuing to operate with a skeleton staff. Utility bills, along with all other village billing, are being processed as normal with the exception of in-person payments. Please expect up to seven business days for payment processing. Vendor invoices are being received via email and U.S. Mail and being processed as usual. You may reach the office by calling 862-1419 and leaving a voicemail; all calls will be returned.

**Village Court** - All state court operations, including the Village Justice Court, were suspended by order of the NYS Unified Court System on March 16th, for at least 45 days, or longer, depending on the pandemic status. Please contact the court via email with any questions at [jromeu@nycourts.gov](mailto:jromeu@nycourts.gov). Written pleas for traffic tickets are answerable by mail to the Court. Vehicle and traffic payments are accepted only via mail by money order. Village-issued parking violations can be paid either by phone, website, or personal check mailed to the Court.

## **State of Emergency in Effect**

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for a period of time effective immediately and continuing for the next thirty days.

The State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Such conditions threaten or imperil the public safety of the citizens of this municipality. As Chief Executive Officer of this municipality, I have exercised the authority given to me under New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of the community.

I hereby direct the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Emergency Medical Services to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

The following facilities have been closed under emergency order:

- Croton Landing Field
- Dog Park at Black Rock Park
- Dobbs Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Duck Pond Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Firefighters Memorial Field
- Harrison Street Park Playground
- Manes Field
- Senasqua Park
- Senasqua Park Playground
- Sunset Park Playground

Updates will be provided via CodeRed, the Village website and social media.

**Reminder! Village Offices will be closed on April 10th in observance of Good Friday.**

## **Croton Caring Committee Supporting the Community**

As many of you may be aware, a few days ago, in response to the impact of COVID-19 on many of Croton's seniors and others in our community, the outpouring of volunteer support, and the Croton Caring Committee's mission to help the homebound and those in need of assistance, a pilot program was launched to connect volunteers with those in the community who need assistance with grocery shopping or other light errands during this time. Volunteers as well as those in need assistance can contact the CCC by visiting [www.crotoncaring.org](http://www.crotoncaring.org) or e-mailing [crotoncaring@gmail.com](mailto:crotoncaring@gmail.com). If one of these two preferred methods is not available, you can call 914-271-4979.

Many in the community have wondered how they can help those in need:

- **Donate Non-Perishable Food and Gift Cards to Local Stores** - Help those in need with their immediate food and other needs. Nothing will be wasted and any surplus will be shared with other local Croton organizations serving those in need. These items can be dropped off in the two bins on the porch at 11 Eklof Court or mailed to Croton Caring Committee, PO Box 221, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.
- **Donate Your Free Ham at ShopRite** - You can do so at checkout by informing the cashier that you are donating the hams to the Croton Caring Committee.
- **Donate Money** - Many have asked how they can donate to help those in need. You can donate online using Paypal (a PayPal account is not required to give online) or via mail by sending your donation to Croton Caring Committee, P.O. Box 221, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make a difference to those in need during this difficult time!

### **Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry**

The Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry will remain open for those in need during this time of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Location: Holy Name of Mary Church parking lot adjacent to Vassallo Park. The entrance to the parking lot is off of Old Post Road South.

Hours: The pantry is open each Saturday from 10 AM until noon and are distributing food out of doors in pre-packed bags and boxes for the safety of all. Please remember to practice social distancing when arriving at the pantry.

For now, the pantry is not able to accept individual food donations. The Westchester County food bank, Feeding Westchester, is being used to supply food that is safely sourced and packed.

For more information or the latest updates, please consult the food pantry website: [www.foodpantryincroton.org](http://www.foodpantryincroton.org)

### **Support Croton Businesses**

The Croton Business Council has put together a list of restaurants and bars that are offering takeout and delivery services during this emergency situation. You can view the listing by going to the following website: <https://croton.suburbanguides.com/croton-business-council-virtual-drink-dine-day/>. Residents are encouraged to support all our local businesses during these trying times.

### **Annual Water Quality Report**

This year, the Annual Water Quality Report will not be mailed out to individual homeowners and businesses.

The AWQR will be available on the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's website with a direct link to the report. This link will also be included in the May newsletter.

For more information, please call the Engineering Department at 271-4783.

**Reminder! Utility bills are due April 15th. Payments must be submitted online or through the U.S. Mail.**



## April 2020 Newsletter

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### **Tentative 2020-2021 Village Budget Filed**

The Village Manager filed the tentative 2020-2021 Village Budget with the Village Clerk on March 20th as required by law. The budget is available on the Village website for review by the public. The Board of Trustees have been meeting with the department heads to review the budget. A public hearing will be held on April 13th to hear comments from the public; this hearing will be held over Zoom and Facebook Live. The budget is scheduled to be adopted by the Village Board on April 27th.



### **Climate Change Documents Posted**

As part of the Village's effort to be certified as a Climate Smart Community (CSC) by the NYSDEC, the Sustainability Committee recently updated and posted a variety of documents relevant to climate change:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory of December 2009
- 2018 Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- February 2012 Community and Government Operations
- 2019 Appendix to the February 2012 Climate Action Plan

They may be found at: <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/sustainability-committee>. A 20-day comment period (running from April 6 through April 26) has been set to accommodate DEC's certification requirements. Please email comments to: [info@sustain-croton.org](mailto:info@sustain-croton.org).