

April Meeting Calendar

- 1 BOT Work Session
- 5 & 19 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 7 Cons. Adv. Council
- 8 & 12 BOT Work Session
- 13 & 27 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 13 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 14 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 15 BOT Work Session
- 21 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 26 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 27 Fire Council

All meetings are being held via Zoom. Please check the Village website or call 271-4848 for details on joining meetings via Zoom.

Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for Village of Croton-on-Hudson Government

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Stay connected!

Village Releases 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

Janine King, Village Manager and Budget Officer, filed the 2020-2021 tentative budget with the Village Clerk on March 19, 2021. 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 will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at budget work sessions (see calendar to the left), does not comply with the state property tax cap law. This year, a tax base growth factor of 0.36% has been applied, along with an allowable levy growth factor of 1.131% and an available carryover from FY 2019-2020 of \$151,222.

This budget, as proposed, has a tax levy of \$12,474,070 which is \$132,171

higher than the allowable limit and an increase of \$544,720 from last year.

The tax levy increase represents a decrease in expenses of \$365,810 from the previous year and a decrease in non-tax revenues of \$2,187,047. The major loss in revenue stems from the loss of commuter parking at the Croton-Harmon train station.

The proposed tax rate is \$274.866 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of \$10.105 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in a 3.82% increase in the tax rate.

For more detailed budget information, visit the Village website to view the budget documents.

Board Completes Police Reform Process

The Village Board of Trustees approved the Village's police reform plan on March 1, 2021. This plan, which can be viewed on the Village's website, is the result of many months of task force meetings and outreach to the community.

Within the plan are 15 action items that are listed as priorities. One such priority was the formation of a Police Advisory Committee (PAC), which the Village Board did create by resolution on March 15, 2021. The PAC will work closely with the Chief of Police to advise on issues and concerns of interest to local residents, make recommendations regarding recruitment and training policies and practices, undertake and organize educational outreach initiatives, in conjunction and coordination with the Chief of Police, to Village residents, particularly members of the Spanish-speaking and youth communities, and assess the needs and priorities for the future law enforcement administration of the Village.

Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks and months as the Village and Police Department work to implement the other action items called for in the reform plan.

Reminders! Village offices will be closed April 2nd in observance of Good Friday.

Hudson River Recreation to Return to Echo Canoe Launch

On March 15, 2021, the Village Board of Trustees approved a one-year contract with Hudson River Recreation (HRR) to operate the kayak concession at the Echo Canoe Launch. HRR will be permitted to operate during the period of May 1 through November 30.

The owner-operator of HRR met with the Village Board and detailed the procedures that have been put in place to help reduce any overcrowding conditions on the Croton River. Additionally, he explained the COVID-19 procedures in place to keep patrons and staff safe.

At the end of the season, the Village Board will conduct a review and determine whether or not to extend the contract for an additional three-year period.

The Village regrets to announce that Summerfest has been cancelled for 2021 due to the effects of the continuing pandemic. It is the Village's expectation that Summerfest will return in June 2022!

Croton Business Council Presents "What's for Dinner?" Wednesdays

During COVID-19, many retailers are suffering from reduced patronage and sales. The Croton Business Council has partnered with participating hospitality retailers in the Village for "What's For Dinner?" Wednesdays in an effort to encourage residents to shop and eat local.

Retailers offer to-go specials (in-dining and delivery not available) at a discount of 10-30% off menu prices. Dinner specials will be listed on the CBC Croton Business Council Facebook page, as well as the Croton Community pages each week. In-dining and delivery not available for featured specials.

Wear it RIGHT



Wearing a cloth face covering may help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
Source: CDC



COVID Vaccine Resources Available

As a reminder, the Village shares information regarding vaccine availability and eligibility through its website as well as through its social media accounts.

Everyone is encouraged to check the Village's COVID-19 information page at <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/home/pages/coronavirus-covid-19-updates> for the latest news and updates.

Intercom System Installed at Municipal Bldg.

An intercom system has been installed at the Municipal Building to control access into the building. The intercom system is available at the west entrance of the building, nearest to the police department. Anyone who needs to access the building can call the Village department they need to transact business.

Please note that the building remains closed to the public at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Time to Renew Parks ID Cards

All residents who have a parks ID card which was last issued or renewed in 2018, or earlier, will need to renew for the upcoming season. ID cards are needed to use Village recreational facilities, including Silver Lake Park, Senasqua Park and Mayo's Landing.

You are able to renew your parks ID cards online by using the Village's website. Simply go to "Online Forms" under the Citizen Action Center and select the renewal option. New residents are also able to obtain ID cards online for the first time as well.

You will need to upload proof of residency when completing the form. Please contact the Recreation Department at 271-3006 with any questions.

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.



Dropbox Available at Municipal Bldg.

Residents are reminded that a secure dropbox has been installed outside the Municipal Building on Van Wyck St. for payments, permit applications and/or program registration forms. Payment should only be left in the form of a check; not cash.

Please enclose any items in a sealed envelope and indicate the person or department the item is for on the outside of the envelope. The dropbox will be checked each weekday morning for items left the previous day.

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



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

April Recreation Update

The spring brochure is now available on the village website. Many programs are being offered by the department this season - be sure to check them out!

Youth Programs being offered are Junior Golf, Craft Time, Game Days, Youth Basketball and Ballet.

Adult Programs include Rise & Shine Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Pound, Defensive Driving and Coastal Navigation.

Seniors can enroll in Senior Tai Chi and the Croton Senior Club via Zoom!

Seasonal Kayak/Canoe storage racks at Echo Canoe Launch and Croton Landing are returning for 2021! Registration is by lottery. Applications are available on the Recreation page and will be accepted until April 12.

This year our Day Camp and Tiny Tots program registration will be held by lottery. Camp applications will be due by April 29 at noon in order to be part of the lottery process. Camp application forms are available on the Recreation page.

For all the details on these programs and more, visit the Recreation page on the Village website. You may also call 271-3006 for more information. If you have not signed up to receive the recreation email blasts, please do so by visiting the Village website and clicking on "Subscribe to E-Alerts."