# Newsletter

April 2022 Number 242

#### **April Meeting Calendar**

- 4 & 18 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 5 BOT Work Session
- 6 Cons. Adv. Council
- 11 BOT Work Session
- 12 & 26 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 12 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 13 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 20 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 21 BOT Work Session
- 25 Budget Adoption Mtg.
- 26 Fire Council
- 27 Div. & Inc. Comm.

Most meetings are once again being held in-person at the Municipal Bldg.

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for specific location information.





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 crotononhudsonny.gov.

Stay connected!

# Village Releases 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

Bryan Healy, Village Manager and Budget Officer, filed the 2022-2023 tentative budget with the Village Clerk on March 18, 2022. 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 0.58% has been applied, along with an allowable levy growth factor of 2%.

This budget, as proposed, has a tax levy of \$12,827,094, which is \$166,267 higher than the allowable limit and an increase of \$486,096 from last year.

The tax levy increase represents an increase in expenses of \$362,174 from the previous year and an increase in non-tax revenues of \$1,113,612. The revenue increase accounts for the return of some commuters to the train station parking lot.

The tentative budget includes appropriating \$400,000 from fund balance, which allows for a significantly lower tax increase than would otherwise be required.

The proposed tax rate is \$281.930 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of \$9.974 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in a 3.67% increase in the tax rate.

For more detailed budget information, please visit the Village website.

# **Earth Day Festival Returns**

The Croton Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) is pleased to announce the return of the annual Earth Day festival, scheduled for April 30th at Senasqua Park from 10 AM to 4 PM!

Join the CCAC for a load of fun activities, including environmental projects, crafts and activities for children, live music, information on birds, pollinators, native plants and much more!

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



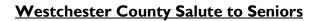
Reminders! Village offices will be closed April 15th in observance of Good Friday.

#### **Upcoming Events**

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee will be continuing our discussion on The 1619 Project. Please join the committee this month to reflect on our experiences. Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th, from 7 to 8:30 PM. Please RSVP by April 4th to COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com.

The Croton Yacht Club will once again be hosting its annual Hudson River education seminar on Saturday, April 16th, at 7:30 PM. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Town of Ossining Historian Scott Craven will be discussing the history of local brick making and its impact on the local economy, environment and architecture. For more information, please contact the yacht club at 914-271-6548.

The Village is pleased to announce that Summerfest will be returning in 2022! The event is scheduled for June 5th, 2022. For more information on how to sign up as an event vendor, please visit www.crotonsummerfest.com



Westchester County has announced the return of the Salute to Seniors event. The event for Northern Westchester seniors will take place on May 18th at Croton Point Park from 10 AM to 12:30 PM.

Seniors and their caregivers will engage with program and service providers in a safe, socially distanced way. Registration is required and a complimentary lunch for all registered attendees will be provided.

Please contact Event Consultant Chereese Jervis-Hill from Events To Remember at 914-218-3968 and EventsCJH@eventsremember.com to make a reservation to attend or if you have questions.



#### **Mobile Shredder Comes to Croton**

Westchester County will be bringing the mobile shredder to Croton-on-Hudson on Tuesday, April 12th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The shredder truck will be located in Lot A at the Croton-Harmon Train Station.

Residents may bring up to four file boxes (approx. 12" by 15" in size). All paper must be free of clips, bindings, etc.

#### **Welcome Officer Terance Yant**

P.O. Terance Yant is the Croton Police Department's newest hire. He has transferred from the New Paltz Police Department with five years' experience. Officer Yant is a community-oriented Police Officer and comes to the Croton Police Department highly recommended. He is excited to continue his police career with the Village and serve our community.



#### **Time to Renew Parks ID Cards**

All residents who have a parks ID card which was last issued or renewed in 2019, 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.



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.

## **Spring Celebration at Vassallo Park**

The Recreation Department is pleased to offer a Spring Celebration on Friday, April 8th, at 6 PM. The rain date will be April 9th.

There will be an interactive bubble show with entertainment, refreshments, giveaways and lots of bubble fun!



For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 914-271-3006.



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## **April Recreation Update**

The spring brochure will be available on the Village website on April 1st, 2022. There is a full compliment of classes, camps, outdoor pursuits and entertainment being offered. Be sure to signup today!

Youth Programs being offered include Game Days, Craft Time, Junior Golf and Music & Movement.

Adult Programs being offered include Dog Training (basic & intermediate), iPhone Photography & Gentle Yoga.

Senior Programs being offered include Fitness for Balance, Chair Yoga, Art Studio & Card Sharks.

Seasonal kayak/canoe storage racks at Echo Canoe Launch and Croton Landing are returning for 2022! Registration is by lottery and will be accepted until April 8th. Non-residents may register after April 11th.

Picnic permits are available for Village and School District residents for Senasqua Park and the park pavilion.

Day Camp and Tiny Tots camp registration has begun as of March 14th. Camp application forms are available on the recreation page of the Village website, Recreation Department office and the Croton Free Library.

For all the details on these programs and more, visit the recreation page on the Village website. You may also call 914-271-3006 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."