

December

Calendar

- 5 & 19** Village Board Mtg.
- 6 & 27** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 7** Cons. Advisory Council
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals
- 21** Water Control Comm.
- 21** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 23 & 26** Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 2** New Years Holiday

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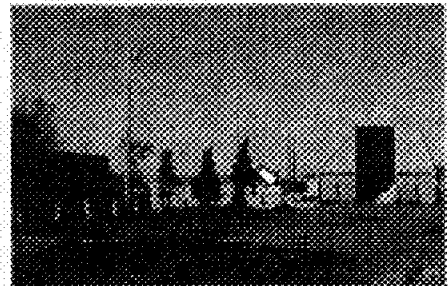
Cellular Tower Proposed in Croton

At the request of the Village's Police, Fire and DPW departments, the Village asked Nextel to submit a proposal for improving cellular service in the Village. Currently these departments use Nextel phones in the execution of their jobs. There are areas of the village, however, where service is poor or nonexistent. Police and Fire personnel have experienced instances when they have to use regular call box phones to communicate with each other during emergencies. The DPW uses Nextel phones for communication between crews as part of their regular operations as well as during weather emergencies.

Nextel has submitted a proposal for constructing a cellular tower in an area located near the salt storage shed at the south end of the railroad station parking lot. They are also proposing to place antennas on the roof of the Municipal Building and to construct an interior space in the building's third floor.

The Village Board took the first step in this process by authorizing lease agreements for both proposals subject to the granting of two special permits (one for the pole site and one for the Municipal Building) by the Board and Site Plan approvals by the Planning Board before any construction takes place. Both the special permit application and the Site Plan applications will require public hearings. Since both proposed sites belong to the Village, a lease agreement was necessary for Nextel to have legal standing to make these applications.

The tower, as proposed, would be a 140 foot monopole. In addition to Nextel, it would allow for three addi-



Proposed tower location shown by arrow

tional cellular companies to co-locate on it. There would be both a generator and an equipment structure located at the pole's base. At a meeting at which Nextel presented their proposal, Cingular also indicated their interest in co-locating on the tower.

The proposal also calls for flat panel antennas to be mounted on surfaces of the chimneys on top of the Municipal Building (see below). An interior room in the attic space on the third floor of the building would house equipment for the installation.

The two lease agreements each call for a five year term with 5 successive 5-year options to renew. Initially, the monthly payment for the building site would be \$2,000; for the pole site it would be \$1,800. Both would increase by 3% annually.



Proposed Antenna Locations on Roof

Winterfest is Coming!

Sunday, Dec. 4th from 2 to 4 pm, the annual Winterfest celebration will be held at Vassallo Park. Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Dept., Chamber of Commerce and PVC Middle School, the event will be a fun-filled afternoon for the entire family. Among the featured events are performances by the PVC band and chorus, appearances by Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph as well as an elf. Santa will arrive by fire truck to meet children and pass out candy canes. Victorian carolers will also be strolling the park to entertain. Refreshments will be sold by the CHHS Yearbook Committee as a fundraiser.



Letters to Santa

Letters to Santa received between Dec. 1st and Dec. 15th are guaranteed an answer. Santa Mailboxes are located at the Municipal Building and at Save Mor drugstore in Croton Commons. No postage is required but a return name and address is a must.

Compost Agreement

Due to the lack of an appropriate place to store and compost its leaves, the Village has entered into an agreement with the Village of Ossining to deposit the Village's organic waste at their facility in Ossining. The Village will pay \$20 per ton for its use of the site. The Ossining facility is not expected to be available next year. Some compost remaining from previous years is still available at Croton Landing for Croton residents to pick up at no cost.

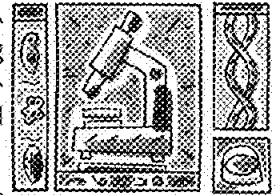
Street Names

The entire length of road from Municipal Place south through the Half Moon Bay condominiums to Croton Point Ave. has been officially named Half Moon Bay Drive by the Board of Trustees. This changes the name of a section of the road near the Finkelstein warehouse from Hudson River Dr. and adds the new southern access road to and from the condominiums. Additionally, the Board clarified the current use of two different names on one Village street, Hunter St. and Hunter Place, by declaring it to be Hunter Place.

Vacation Science Programs

Two Science-related one-day programs are being offered by the Recreation Dept. over the school vacation week.

Crime Scene Investigation Science: Tues. Dec. 27th, 9-3, Grades 3-6. Become a super sleuth! Learn about forensics, CI investigation, and crime lab chemistry with up to 40 experiments that show you just how those tricky cases are solved. Search for evidence, gather clues, experiment with fingerprinting, DNA testing, blood typing, handwriting analysis and a host of other experiments. Everyone takes home a CSI kit.



Super Science Make & Take:

Wed., Dec. 28th, 9-3, Grades 2-5. Discover the excitement of science! Build a model of a tornado in a tube. Make ultraviolet light-detecting bead bracelets. Make a Lava Lamp blob in our special do-it tubes. Make an electric motor, green slubber, glowing slime, a working telescope, and more. All projects can be taken home.

The registration deadline for both programs is December 22nd at the Recreation Office in the Municipal Building or mail in the form in the back of the Fall Recreation booklet. The cost for each program is \$50 (\$60 non-resident). Non-perishable lunches must be brought each day.

Call 271-3006 for more information.

Croton Seniors

The annual Holiday Party is set for Fri. Dec. 16th in the Community Room for Senior Club members. Seniors can also take advantage of a holiday shopping trip by bus to the JV Mall on Dec. 14th. Call Yvonne at 271-5804, MWF, 8:30-3:00, for information and to sign up.

The Film Festival will feature *Moonstruck* on Fri. Dec. 9th at 1:45 in the Community Room. There is no charge and free popcorn and soda are available but you must sign up either at the weekly meeting or by calling Yvonne as indicated above.

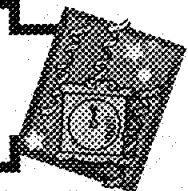
Operation Snowflake

Earn Money and Help Out

The Town of Cortlandt is seeking teens to shovel the driveways, pathways and walkways of Senior Citizens. Teens will be paid \$7. per hour. For more information or for an application, contact Dawn Mahoney, at 528-1572 on TWTh between 9:00-3:30.

Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Fri. & Mon., December 23 & 26 and Mon., January 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.



Spotlight on James Bagley

Sergeant Jim Bagley has been with the Croton Police Department fifteen years this November. Jim came to Croton as a Patrolman with two years experience as a Patrolman with the City of Newburgh Police Department.

In his position as Sergeant, to which he was promoted three years ago, Jim acts as a Patrol Supervisor. He supervises two patrolmen who are on duty with him. Jim dispatches the patrolmen in response to incoming calls as well as answering questions from them while they are on patrol, for instance, checking on a license plate or a request for outstanding warrants on a person. Everything that happens during his shift comes through him

responsible for the paperwork involved, either writing it or approving it.

Jim is also a member of the department's Dive team along with three other officers. In this capacity, he responds to boat and swimming accidents, mutual aid for other departments on water incidents, and recovering evidence from the water. With the other dive team members, Jim has been trained in underwater crime scene investigation. This includes the ability to recover even fingerprints from underwater! Jim has also been a scuba diving instructor in the past.

As the liaison with Croton's Auxiliary Police, Jim works with the seven volunteers who help the department with traffic control at pa-

rades, Summerfest, concerts and other events at which large number of people are attending.

Growing up in Los Angeles, Jim moved to Dutchess County in his Senior year of high school. He has an Associate degree in Criminal Justice.

Jim lives in Dutchess County with his wife and 3 year old son. He and his family enjoy traveling on their boat as well as fishing outings. They travel on the Hudson River, Long Island Sound, the Jersey shore and through the locks up to Lake Champlain.



"I always hope that I have made a difference in helping someone out."

Jim Bagley

ALERT! Holiday Garbage Schedule Mistake

The following is a change from the orange 2005/2006 Garbage Holiday Schedule:

Week of Dec. 19th to 23rd

Mon. & Tues.- Garbage collection as usual.

Wed. & Thurs.- Recycling pickups will be 1 day earlier.

Friday- No pickups; Village holiday.

Week of Dec. 26th to 30th

Monday- No pickups; Village holiday.

Tues. & Wed.- Garbage pickup will be 1 day later.

Thurs. & Fri.- Recycling pickups as usual.

Week of Jan. 2nd to 6th

Monday- No pickups; Village holiday.

Tues. & Wed.- Garbage pickups will be 1 day later.

Thurs. & Fri.- Recycling pickups as usual.

Note: No metal or electronic pickups during this 3-week period. For questions, call DPW 271-3775.

Blood Drive Reminder!

Remember the Community Blood Drive on Dec. 4th, 9-3, at C.E.T. elementary school. Call Rosalind Morrissey, 271-8449, Carol Shanessy, 271-7645, or Natalie Rotkoff, 737-6165 for an appointment.

Friends of History Calendar

A 2006 calendar with historic photographs of familiar Croton features and sites is available for sale for \$12. in the Village Office. Each day on the calendar features a piece of historic information relating to that day. A great gift idea!



Filing Deadline for Exemptions

Croton residents who wish to file for a new senior, veteran, volunteer fire personnel, disabled or renewal of a senior property tax exemption must have their application and supporting documentation into the Village Engineer's office no later than January 3, 2006. Applications and instructions can be obtained in the Engineer's office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. You may call 271-4783 if you have questions.

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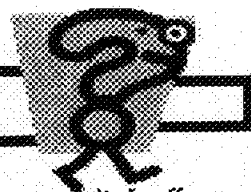
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Got a Question?



With several natural disasters occurring in recent months, which are receiving less public attention as time passes, I am wondering if there is a way for me to keep abreast of what is needed and how I can help at the local level?

This is a question that is broader than Croton, but a loosely-organized group of residents and organizations are trying to do exactly what you are asking. After the Katrina disaster, several people and organizations and Village representatives came together to form a Katrina Disaster Committee. Following the devastating earthquake in Pakistan, the committee changed its name to the Croton Disaster Relief Committee.

The committee is an evolving effort to be responsive to the needs of people affected by these natural disasters, and others, by serving as a clearinghouse for information about the changing and ongoing needs at the disaster areas. They hope to keep these disasters, and others that may occur, in the public eye and provide a way

to help people connect to relief efforts. Since Katrina, the Village of Croton has also seen many groups and concerned individuals organize their own efforts to help. These have ranged from tag sales, auctions, and clothing and supply collections to personal volunteering at the affected sites. The Croton Disaster Relief committee, with Village cooperation, is providing information on the Village website to focus awareness on ways to be helpful. (At the website, click on Important Links.)

Groups and individuals who are hosting an event or collecting supplies can have their information posted on the website by contacting Laura Seitz at 271-3265 or Carol Shanessy at 271-7645. There will be weekly updates on what the current needs are and how to personally volunteer. In the Katrina-affected area, there is currently a need for volunteers to help in the cleanup effort. The committee meets bi-weekly at the Municipal Building in the evenings. The time and dates will also be posted on the website page.