December 2018 Number 205

December Meeting Calendar

3 & 17 Village Bd. Mtg.

- 5 Cons. Adv. Council
- 10 BOT Work Session
- 11 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 11 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 18 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 19 Trails Comm.
- 26 Fire Council

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at www.crotononhudsonny.gov for times/locations of individual meetings.

Village Contracts for Sidewalk Snow Removal

At the Village Board meeting on November 5th, the Trustees approved a contract with Errico Landscaping to clear sidewalks that remain snow covered past the 18-hour deadline.

Village Code requires that all residents clear their sidewalks of snow and ice 18 hours after the cessation of snowfall. Beginning this winter, the Village will be declaring an official end time to each storm. Such time shall be posted on the Village website and social media.

The Village urges all residents and property owners to take responsibility for their own sidewalks. Doing so will result in a safer environment for our pedestrians and especially those school children who are required to walk to school.

Any residents who have to have their sidewalks cleared by Errico Landscaping shall be billed for such services as follows:

\$38/hour for snow shoveling, \$46/hour for snow blowing \$175/hour for using a skid steer

Any bills which remain unpaid shall be levied to the property owner's village tax bill.

Any questions should be directed to the Village Manager's office at 914-271-4848.



Village Snow Regulations

As a reminder, there are a number of regulations residents should be aware of in regard to snow removal.

In order to facilitate keeping our streets clear of snow and ice, no parking is allowed on any village street when there is 2 or more inches of snow.

For residents that have no viable offstreet parking, village municipal lots are available for parking. Seasonal hardship parking permits are also available for those who qualify. Hardship permit holders shall move their vehicles no later than 12 hours after the snow stops.

For more information on the above, please call the village office at 271-4781.





Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

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

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudsonny.gov and click "Subscribe to E-Alerts."

Stay connected!



Upcoming Holiday Events

Santa's elves have placed special mailboxes at the Municipal Building and at Save-Mor for letters to Santa. Letters must be put in the mailbox by December 14th to be guaranteed an answer. No postage is required but a return name and address must be included.

The Village's Menorah Lighting ceremony is Sunday, December 2nd at 4:30 p.m. and will continue each night for 8 nights. The menorah is located at the corner of Benedict Blvd. and South Riverside Ave.

The Village Christmas Tree Lighting is on Friday, December 7th at 6 p.m. in Vassallo Park. The evergreen growing in the park will be lit for the season. Everyone is invited to sing carols beginning at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy some light refreshments.



New Weekend Parking Permits

Village residents with Weekend Parking Permits for the train station parking lot should be aware the current permits expire on December 31, 2018.

New permits may be obtained at the Village office starting on December 1, 2018. A current car registration with a valid Village address is required for each permit issued.

Weekend permits are valid on Fridays after 6 p.m., all day on Saturdays and Sundays as well as certain holidays. Permits are valid in sections E and I.

The new permits will be good for 2 years, through December 31, 2020. Any questions regarding the weekend parking permits should be directed to 271-4781.

Tax Assessment Exemptions

Village residents can apply for property tax exemptions if they are income-qualified seniors, disabled, volunteer firefighters or armed services veterans.

Applications for property tax exemptions must be made at the Village Engineering Office in the Municipal Building no later than Monday, December 31.

Allowable income levels for partial real estate exemptions are set by New York State for persons aged 65 years or older. Exemption percentages vary from 5% on a total income range of \$36,500 to \$37,399 and up to 50% on a total income of less than \$29,000.

Veteran exemptions vary according to the time period served, disabilities, etc. Property tax assessment reductions are now available to veterans who served during the Cold War periods.

Questions may be directed to Joe Sperber, Village Assessor, at 271-4783.

South Riverside Avenue Parking

With the conclusion of the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze on November 24, parking along South Riverside Avenue south of Croton Point Avenue has resumed.

These discounted spaces are available for residents and non-residents who are commuting via the Croton-Harmon Train Station to use at the rate of \$1.00 per hour or \$5.00 per calendar day.

For any questions regarding these spaces, please contact the Village office at 271-4781.

Reminder! Offices will be closed December 24-25 in observance of Christmas Day.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Village's DPW will pick up discarded Christmas trees during the first two weeks of January. Trees should be free of all trimmings, tinsel or wires. They should not be placed in bags.

Quarterly Utility Bills

Quarterly water bills will be mailed on December 17 and are payable January 15 without penalty. The bill includes both the water and sewer fees.

As a reminder, bills can be paid online by going to the Village website, may be mailed to the Municipal Building or paid in person at the Village office.

Questions regarding your bill should be directed to the Finance office at 862-1419.

Trails Cleanup Scheduled

The Croton Trails Committee has scheduled a cleanup for Saturday, December 15th, beginning at 9 a.m. All volunteers should meet at the entrance to the Croton Arboretum. For more information, please contact Trails Committee Acting Chair Terry McGarty at terrence.mcgarty@gmail.com.



Zoning Consultant Hired

At the November 5th Village Board meeting, the Village Trustees retained BFJ Planning for consulting planning services for zoning updates in order to optimize residential stock as well as encourage commercial opportunities along the Riverside Ave. corridor from Prospect Pl. to Oneida Ave., including the Municipal Place Gateway Area.

BFJ Planning, which has previously worked with the Village on projects such as the Comprehensive Plan and the LWRP, was one of three proposals received and was recommended to the Village Board by a working group consisting of Paul Doyle, Ted Brumleve, Deputy Mayor Ann Gallelli, Bruce Kauderer, Village Engineer Dan O'Connor, and Village Manager Janine King.

In the upcoming months, BFJ Planning will begin project coordination and solicit community input. They will then be tasked with drafting a land use plan with proposed zoning text. The Board will review the proposed changes and discuss them at future meetings.

Affordable Housing Law Adopted

At the November 5th Village Board meeting, the Village Trustees adopted Local Law No. 9 of 2018 to add affordable housing regulations to the Village Zoning Code.

These regulations require that, for all residential developments of ten or more units created by subdivision or site plan approval, no less than 10% of the total number of units must be created as affordable units. Rounding shall be done as follows: for 10-14 housing units – one unit; for 15-24 housing units – two units; then continuing in like increments as the number of housing units increase.

The Village Board held a number of meetings and work sessions to implement this local law and coordinated these efforts with the Croton Housing Network and the Westchester County Department of Planning.

For the full text of the law, please visit the Village website and click on Village Code.

Village Election Results

Below are the results from the Village Election on November 6th. The candidates for Village Trustee and Village Justice ran unopposed:

Village Trustee Election: Ann Gallelli: 2,789 Andy Simmons: 2,736

Village Justice Election: Sam Watkins Jr.: 2,884



December 2018

Published for the Residents of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson

Brian Pugh, Mayor Ann Gallelli, Trustee Amy Attias, Trustee Sherry Horowitz, Trustee Andy Simmons, Trustee

Janine King, Village Manager www.crotononhudson-ny.gov

Alarm Permits Renewal

Current annual alarm system permits expire on December 31st. The annual \$50 renewal invoice will be mailed to permit holders in January.

Residents with private alarm systems are required to register their system with the Village. Alarm permit applications are available at the Village office or by going online to the village website. The initial registration fee for an alarm system is \$150.

For detailed information, residents can view Chapter 70 of the Village Code, Alarm Systems, on the Village website.

Verizon Wireless Cell Towers

The Village Board, at their November 5th meeting, scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, December 3rd, to consider the issuance of a special permit for Verizon Wireless to collocate a wireless tower on the roof of the Municipal Building. The Planning Board has reviewed the matter and reported back favorably to the Village Board.

The Village Board also received notification from the Town of Cortlandt that Verizon Wireless is looking to collocate a wireless tower on Albany Post Road in Montrose.

It is the Village's hope that these two new cell towers will greatly improve cell service for residents in the Village.

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
WHITE PLAINS,
NY
PERMIT NO 111

Municipal Building Meeting Room Renamed

At the November 5th Village Board meeting, the Trustees adopted a resolution to rename the 2nd Floor Meeting Room in memory of former Village Trustee Georgianna Grant.

Trustee Grant was elected as the first female Trustee in Village history, serving in office from 1975 to 1977 and then again from 1993 to 2005.

Members of the Grant family were on hand to accept a formal resolution from the Board. Signage for the room will be ordered in the near future.

<u> 2019 - Registration Form</u>
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Cell #
Email: Emergency Contact Name: Phone:
Separate checks per program payable to: "Village of Croton"
Mail to: Croton Recreation Department One Van Wyck Street Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 Att. Valerie Nolan
Program:
Act/Sec#Fee:I hereby recognize that there are inherent risks involved with participation in this program & agree to release and hold harmless the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, their employees & volunteers, of any liability whatsoever in connection with any damages and/or injuries that the above named person may sustain as a result of participation. In the event of injury, I hereby give permission to myself, named above, to be transported to a hospital for treatment to include evaluation of the injury, x-rays, and needed medical care.
Signature:

Local Shopping Bus

A senior shopping bus is available on Mondays and Wednesdays. The bus takes village residents to Shoprite, the bank or post office. Pre-registration is required.

IV Mall Shopping

A mall shopping trip is open to all Croton Seniors. The bus leaves from the Municipal Building at 9:30am returns by 1:30pm.

Pre-registration by Monday prior,
Minimum of 5 participants required
Dates: Jan 10, Feb 14, March 14

Croton Senior Club

Enjoy coffee, conversation & fun!
Join us for weekly Friday meetings
11:00am at the Municipal Building.
The Croton Senior Club enjoys social
activities, trips, classes & guest
speakers. Open to Croton Village &
school district residents ages 60+.

For Additional Information:
Contact: Valerie Nolan: 271-5804
Director of Senior Recreation

Croton Recreation: 271-3006

www.crotononhudson-ny.gov

Croton-on-Hudson Senior Recreation Programs Winter Activities



Charter Bus Trips:

Charter Bus departs from ShopRite

Thursday, April 11
"Resorts World Casino"
Trip to New York's Newest
Casino in the Catskills

Local Explorers:

Míní Bus departs from the Municipal building

Thursday, January 31
The Westchester Mall
Thursday, February 21
Lunch at Furci's in Yorktown
Thursday, March 28
The Palisades Mall

Fitness For Balance Act #2111 Sec 4

Date: 8 Wed, starts Jan 16 (skip Feb 20)

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Community Room

Fee: \$75 Village Residents-8 classes

\$85 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Caryl DePalma / Trainer Improve balance, fitness, strength & flexibility. Helps reduce the risk of falls.

Intermediate Balance Act #2112 Sec 2

Date: 8 Wed, starts Jan 16 (skip Feb 20)

Time: 2:15 – 3:15 PM

Location: Community Room

Fee: \$75 Village Resident - 8 classes

\$85 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Caryl DePalma / trainerBuild advanced balance techniques.*Must be able to get up from the floor *

Chair Yoga Act #2110 Sec 3

Date: 9 Mondays, starts Jan 14 (No Class Jan 21 & Feb 18)
Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Rec Conference Room **Fee:** \$80 Village Res - 9 classes \$90 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Sarah Lipton

Enjoy all aspects of yoga while seated.

Tai Chi for Seniors Act# 2113 Sec 1

Dates: 8 Tues starts Jan 29 (skip Feb 19)

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: Rec Conference Room **Fee:** \$75 Resident – 8 classes

\$85 Non-Resident

Instructor: Kim Cercena

A form of moving meditation, combining relaxed gentle motion with breath.

Famous Women Artists

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, starts Jan 16

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 PM Location: Community Room

No Fee: Pre-Registration Required **WCC Instructor:** Susan Courtney

Join us for a 4 part lecture series. Explore

the art, lives and artistic impact of

influential female artists.

Presented by Mainstream, the Institute for Mature Adults at Westchester Community College and Funded by a Grant from the Westchester Department of Senior Programs and Services.

Acrylic Painting Act #2102 Sec 1

Dates: 8 Wednesdays, starts Jan 30

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Rec Conference Room

Fee: \$88 Village Residents – 8 classes

\$98 Non-res/school dist. **Instructor:** Hillary Hostetler

Discover painting with acrylic paints. Explore color, composition & new painting techniques. All levels of experience welcome, come join the painting fun!

Watercolor Painting Act #2100 Sec 2

Dates: 8 Mondays, starts Jan 28

(No Class Feb 18) **Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Community Room **Fee:** \$88 Village Res - 8 classes

\$98 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Jeanne Demotses

Explore basic watercolor techniques. Practice drawing, observation skills & proper handling of materials. Enjoy working in a creative atmosphere.

Current Events Act #2125 Sec 2

Dates: 8 Thursdays, starts Jan 17

(No Class Feb 21)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Location: Community Room Fee: \$50 Village Res - 8 classes \$60 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Ed Pressman

Join us for a lively discussion of today's

news headlines!

Bridge for Beginners Act #2091 Sec 3

Dates: 8 Mondays, starts Jan 28

(No Class Feb 18)

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00PM Location: Community Room

Fee: \$100 Village Res - 8 classes \$115 Non-res/school dist.

(Material Fee \$20 – Paid to instructor)

Instructor: Bob Kerr

Beginning Bridge includes bidding basics, step by step instruction & time for play.

Intermediate Bridge Act #2092 Sec 2

Dates: 8 Thursdays, starts Jan 31

(No Class Feb 21) **Time:** 1:00 – 3:00PM

Location: Rec Conference Room **Fee:** \$100 Village Res - 8 classes \$115 Non-res/school dist.

Instructor: Bob Kerr

Designed for students with a basic understanding of Bridge who wish to sharpen skills & play in a friendly setting.

Book Club at The Croton Library

Dates: Wednesdays, Jan 2, Feb 6, March 6, April 3 (Once a month)

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 No Fee

2019 Registration Form

Please use a separate check for each program.

Participant's Name:			
Parent's Name (if under 18)			
Address:			
Phone:			
Grade: Date of Birth:			
E-Mail:			
Emergency Contact:			
Phone:			
Checks payable to: "Village of Croton"			
Mail to:		artment	
Activity/S	Sec #	Fee:	
Activity Name:			
Activity/Sec #			
Activity Name:			
Activity/Sec #Fee:		Fee:	
Activity Name:			
I am enrolling myself/my child in programs offered by th Croton Recreation Department/Village of Croton-on-Hudson In so doing, I hereby waive, release and discharge the Villag of Croton-on-Hudson, its employees and agents from an liability for injury to person or property that may arise fror me/my child participating in these programs. I hereby als state that I have health insurance for myself/my child in effect during the time I am engaging in any activities offered by the Croton Recreation Department, its agents or employees. agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Crotor on-Hudson for any damages or injuries resulting from me only child's intentional or negligent conduct.			
Signatur	re:	Date:	

Youth Programs

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT CET!

Games Days #1407 Sec. 1

Dates: Fridays, beginning January 4

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 PM Location: CET Gym

Fee: \$60.00 Village residents for 4 sessions \$75.00 School dist/non-residents

Grade:

Registration Deadline: December 26

Students will play various games such as Kickball, Basketball, Whiffle Ball, and more in a structured setting. Supervision/snack time at 2:30, games begin at 3:00. Parents must sign participants

out daily. Come join the fun!

Game Days #1405 Sec. 1

Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays, beginning January 2

No class January 21 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Location: CET Gym
Fee: \$100.00 Village residents for 7 sessions

\$120.00 School dist/non-residents

Grades: 1 - 2

Time:

Registration Deadline: December 26

Students will play various games such as Kickball, Basketball, Whiffle Ball, and more in a structured setting. Supervision/snack time at 2:30, games begin at 3:00. Parents must sign participants

out daily. Come join the fun!

Game Days #1406 Sec. 1

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays, beginning January 3

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 PM Location: CET Gym

Fee: \$100.00 Village residents for 7 sessions

\$120.00 School dist/non-residents

Grades: 3 - 4

е

Registration Deadline: December 27

Students will play various games such as Kickball, Basketball, Whiffle Ball, and more in a structured setting. Supervision/snack time at 2:30, games begin at 3:00. Parents must sign participants

out daily. Come join the fun!

Register on-line!

www.crotononhudson-nv.gov

Croton-on-Hudson Recreation Department Programs



Winter 2019

Special Events

Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7

Caroling at 5:30pm, Tree Lighting at 6:00pm

Come join the fun!

Santa's Letters

Starting December 3 through December 14 Mailboxes at Municipal Building and Save Mor

Build-A-Snowman Contest
Pictures due by Friday, March 8, 12 noon

To view our complete brochure, visit the village website at:

www.crotononhudson-ny.gov

Youth & Adult Programs Inside!

Youth Programs

Motorized Lego Machines #3079 Sec.1

Thursday, December 27 Date: Time: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Location: Community Room Fee: \$75.00 Village residents

\$90.00 School dist/non-residents

Grades: 2-4

Registration Deadline: December 20

Have fun building and creating a wide variety of motorized Lego Technic machines and mechanisms. Projects include a motorized player-piano, a car, crane, amusement park and more! Take home projects included! Come join the fun!

Phreaky Physics #3067 Sec. 2

Dates: Wednesday & Thursday, February 20,21

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Location: Community Room Fee: \$180.00 Village residents

\$210.00 School dist/non-residents

Grades: K-4

Registration Deadline: February 13

Is your energy potential or kinetic? Find out with us we explore centrifugal force & gyroscopes. Become a junior engineer and experiment with axles, pulleys, levers and more! Come join us!

Youth Basketball #1400 Sec. 1

Dates: Saturdays, beginning January 5 9:00 - 10:00AM Times: Grade 1

10:00 - 11:00 AM Grade 2 Grade 3 - 5 11:00 - 12:00 PM

Location: PVC New Gym

\$55.00 Village residents Fee: \$65.00 School dist/non-res

Registration Deadline: December 29

In this instructional program, participants will learn basic basketball skills such as ball handling, passing and shooting.

Winter Middle School Programs

December 14 Ice Skating at Westchester Skating Academy

January 11 Drop in at the Rec

January 25 Dave and Busters at the Palisades Mall Bowling Bonanza at Jefferson Valley Lanes February 1 Ice Skating at Westchester Skating Academy February 8

For more information call the Recreation Reservation Line: (914) 271-4668

Challengers Basketball #1500 Sec. 1

Date: Saturday, February 2 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Time:

Location: CHHS Gvm

Fee: \$5.00 Village residents

\$8.00 School dist/non-res

7 - 21 Ages:

Registration Deadline: January 25

Boys and girls with special needs can join in a morning of fun! Learn basketball skills with members of the CHHS Varsity

Basketball Teams

More Youth Programs on Back!

Adult Programs

Art of Well Being #2038 Sec. 1

Thursdays, beginning January 16 Dates:

7:30 - 8:30 PM Time:

Location: Recreation Conference Room

\$80.00 Village residents for 8 sessions Fee: \$95.00 School dist/non - residents

Registration Deadline: January 9

Cultivate a healthy mind through meditation! Discover how meditation can help you develop key skills that support mental health and overall well-being.

Pound! A Fun Workout #2036 Sec. 3

Dates: Thursdays, beginning January 17

5:30 - 6:15 PM Time: Location: Community Room

\$65.00 Village residents for 8 sessions Fee: \$80.00 School dist/non - residents

Registration Deadline: January 10

Pound is a great way to burn calories and bang out your stress. Pound combines cardio. strength training and Pilates.

Open Gym - Basketball #2011 Sec. 2

Tuesdays, beginning January 8 Dates: No class February 19

8:30 - 10:00 PM Time: Location: PVC New Gym

\$75.00 Village Residents \$85.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: January 2

This program is open to those 30 years of age and older. Pickup basketball will take place in a fun and friendly environment.



Indoor Soccer - Monday #2012 Sec. 1

Dates: Mondays, beginning January 7

No class January 21. February 18

8:30 - 10:00 PM Time: Location: PVC New Gym

Fee: \$75.00 Village Residents for 10 sessions

\$85.00 School dist/non-residents

21 years and over Ages: Registration Deadline: January 2

Take part in the fast-paced action of indoor soccer. This program is great for staying fit during the late winter months.

Indoor Soccer - Wednesday #2012 Sec. 2

Dates: Wednesdays, beginning January 9

No class February 20 8:30 - 10:00 PM

Time: Location: PVC New Gym

\$75.00 Village Residents for 10 sessions

\$85.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: January 3

Take part in the fast-paced action of indoor soccer. This program is great for staying fit during the late winter months.

Gentle Yoga I #2094 Sec. 1

Dates: Mondays, beginning January 14

No class January 21, February 18

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Location: Recreation Conference Room

\$150.00 Village residents for 10 sessions

\$180.00 School dist/non-residents

Registration Deadline: January 7

Gentle Yoga II #2094 Sec. 2A

Dates: Wednesdays, January 9 for 6 sessions

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM Registration Deadline: January 2

Gentle Yoga II #2094 Sec. 2B

Dates: Wednesdays, February 27 for 6 sessions

9:30 - 10:30 AM Time:

Registration Deadline: February 20

Location for Above: Recreation Conference Room

Fee 2A or 2B: \$60.00 Village residents

\$75.00 School dist/non-residents

Yoga: Strengthen, Relax, Renew #2094 Sec. 4A

Dates: Thursdays, January 10 for 6 sessions

7:30 – 9:00 PM Time: Registration Deadline: January 3

Yoga: Strengthen, Relax, Renew #2094 Sec. 4B

Thursdays, February 28 for 6 sessions Dates:

7:30 - 9:00 PM Time:

Registration Deadline: February 21

Location for Above: Recreation Conference Room

Fee 4A or 4B: \$90.00 Village residents

\$110.00 School dist/non-residents