

## December Calendar

- 2 & 16** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Adv. Council
- 9** BOT Work Session
- 10** Rec. Adv. Comm.
- 10** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 11** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 17** Bike/Ped Comm.

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) for times/locations of individual meetings.

## Holiday Happenings in the Village

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 16th to be guaranteed an answer. No postage is required but a return name and address must be included.

The Village's Community Holiday Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6 p.m. at Vassallo Park. Come join your neighbors and friends as we light the Christmas tree and celebrate Chanukah. There will be singing of carols and holiday songs, along with light refreshments. The night promises to be a great event for the whole family!

Finally, on Sunday, December 22nd, all residents are invited to the Village's Chanukah Celebration at Vassallo Park at 5 p.m. The Village will be dedicating the new menorah purchased this year. There will be holiday songs sung, as well as light refreshments provided.

For more information on these events, please contact the Croton Recreation Department at 271-3006.



## 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 off-street 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

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

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

*Stay connected!*

## **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 Tuesday, December 31st.

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 Thomas Waitkins, Village Assessor, at 271-4783.

## **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 16th and are payable January 15th 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.

## **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.

## **South Riverside Avenue Parking**

With the conclusion of the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze on November 30th, 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.

## **Village Election Results**

Below are the results from the Village Election on November 5th. The candidates for Village Mayor and Village Trustee ran unopposed:

### Village Mayor:

Brian Pugh: 1599 votes

### Village Trustee:

John Habib: 1714 votes

Sherry Horowitz: 1685 votes

**Reminder! Village offices will be closed on December 24th & 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.**

## **Recreation Happenings for December**

A full schedule of events for middle school students is planned for this Winter. All trips and drop-ins are on Friday evenings. There will be Ice Skating at the Westchester Skating Academy on December 13th. Call 271-4668 to make a reservation today!

There are many youth activities available this Winter! Lego WeDo Robotics is a Holiday Break program being held Monday, December 30th in the Municipal Building for Grades 1 – 4. Register early as there is limited enrollment!

Adult programs for the winter begin in January. Sign up today for Tai Chi, Pound, Yoga, Open Gym and Soccer!

Fun and exciting programs are being planned for the Croton Seniors! Sign up today for Watercolors, Acrylic Painting, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Current Events and many exercise programs! Book Lovers Club will be offered at the Croton Free Library starting in December. Other programs begin in January. Register today!

The Winter 2020 Brochure, listing all recreation programs for youth, adults and seniors, is available on the Village website and in the Recreation Office. 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 News”.

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### **Train Station Parking Lot Project Update**

The Village’s DPW employees have been working hard this fall to add additional spaces to the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot. Following the demolition of the Village’s old DPW Garage in the parking lot, space has been made available for an additional 150 parking spaces.

The work, which is being completed by DPW staff, includes the removal of an old drainage system and installation of a new drainage system consisting of seven new catch basins, five new manhole structures and 660 linear feet of drainage pipe. The site will also be entirely regraded to allow for proper drainage.

There will also be curbs and sidewalks installed, as well as electrical work done to prepare the site for new lighting. The end result will have the site prepared for asphaltting in spring 2020.

Commuters can expect to have the additional spaces available for use beginning in June 2020. More information, such as which spaces will be non-resident, preferred, etc., will be released in 2020.



*At R: Domenic Cassese, a DPW employee, helps to set one of the manhole structures in the parking lot.*



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### **Sidewalk Snow Removal**

All residents are reminded that the Village Code requires the clearing of snow and ice from the full width of the sidewalk 18 hours after the cessation of snowfall.

The Village will again 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 sidewalk. Doing so will result in a safer environment for our pedestrians and especially those school children who are required to walk to school.

Sidewalks not cleared after the prescribed 18 hours will be cleared by the Village's contractor. Property owners will be billed for this service. Any bills which remain unpaid shall be levied to the property owner's Village tax bill.

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

