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Eagle Scout Builds Agility Course at Dog Park



The new multi-obstacle course at Black Rock Dog Park includes jumping hoops, a tunnel, an adjustable dog hurdle and a platform.

Croton Harmon High School senior **Justin Rose-Sommers** installed a new agility course at **Black Rock Dog Park** for his Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 49 Eagle Scout project. Justin raised \$4,700 from local businesses, dog park patrons, friends, and family to purchase materials and coordinated with volunteers and fellow scouts to install the equipment. **Black Rock Park** is open to Village residents who have a valid parks ID card and have their dog licensed by the Village.

Village Adopts Local Laws 13 and 14

After almost two years of extensive analysis, environmental review, hearings, and public feedback, the Village Board has adopted two new laws related to the South Riverside Avenue Area Zoning Study. **Local Law No. 13 of 2022** and **Local Law No. 14 of 2022** establish new rules for future development in the Harmon/South Riverside Gateway and Light Industrial Zoning Districts, with the goal of encouraging revitalization, reducing commercial vacancies in the Harmon neighborhood, and introducing a mixed-use, transit-oriented concept to the Croton-Harmon train station area. More information on the new laws is available on the Projects page on the Village website.



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Some Not-Snow-Fun Reminders...

A friendly reminder that the Village Code requires the clearing of snow and ice from the full width of the sidewalk **12 hours after the cessation of snowfall**. The Village will declare an official end time to each storm, which will be posted on the Village website and social media. The Village thanks you in advance for clearing your sidewalk of snow and ice — doing so creates a safer environment for our pedestrians and especially children who walk to school. Sidewalks not cleared after the prescribed 12 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 914-271-4848.



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 914-271-4781.

*Village residents with **Weekend Parking Permits** for the train station parking lot should be aware that all current permits **expire on December 31st**. Residents can reapply for a new permit on the Village website. Permits will be mailed after submission of the online form and valid car registration. For more info, email parking@crotononhudson-ny.gov or call 914-271-4781. Weekend permits are valid in section F & G in the train station parking lot.*

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS ON BEE-LINE!
ENJOY FREE RIDES ON ALL BUSES!
DECEMBER 7 THROUGH DECEMBER 26

A white Bee-Line bus with the number 376 on its side. The bus is decorated with snow globes and snow globes. Three snow globes are in the foreground, one of which is a snowman. The background is a snowy landscape with a blue sky and falling snow.

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REMINDER: Current **annual alarm system permits** expire on December 31st. The annual renewal invoice (\$50 for residential, \$100 for businesses) 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 \$100 for private residences and \$200 for businesses. For detailed information, residents can view Chapter 70 of the Village Code, Alarm Systems, available on the Village website.

Permits for the dog park located at **Black Rock Park** are now available for 2023. Permits are free and available to Village Residents with a valid Recreation Photo ID Card and a valid Village of Croton-on-Hudson dog license. The application may be found on the Village website under "Online Forms." For more information on the dog park and the application process, please call the office at 914-271-4781.



Tax Exemption Deadlines Approaching

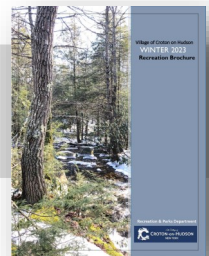
Village residents can apply for property tax exemptions if they are income-qualified seniors, persons with disabilities, volunteer firefighters, or armed services veterans. The Village recently passed two new local laws to increase the income eligibility level for seniors and persons with disabilities, meaning more residents are now eligible for these exemptions. Veteran exemptions vary according to the time period served, disabilities, etc. Applications for property tax exemptions must be made at the Village Engineering Office in the Municipal Building no later than Friday, December 30th. Questions may be directed to Robert Miller, Village Assessor, at 914-271-4783.

Police Advisory Committee to Hold Town Hall

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson **Police Advisory Committee**, in conjunction with the Village Board of Trustees and the Police Department, will host a town hall for the community on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM. The town hall is an opportunity for residents to review the Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement. The meeting will be held in the Georgiana Grant Meeting Room of the Municipal Building. Questions and input from residents will be welcomed at the end of the meeting. More information is available at crotononhudson-ny.gov.

The 2023 Winter Recreation Brochure is Available Now!

Visit crotononhudson-ny.gov/recreation-parks to sign up!







Public Works Report



The Village Department of Public Works is pleased to report that the resurfacing program and fall sidewalk project list has been completed. Gotwald Circle on Benedict Boulevard has been striped for traffic. On November 20th, the DPW assisted the Croton trail crew by removing a downed tree that was obstructing a trail along the Jan Wines Memorial Trail System. The leaf collection crew is hard at work vacuuming the season's remaining leaves from Village streets. The 2022 Leaf Collection schedule and map is available on the Village Website.

As a reminder, the community vote on the **Croton Harmon Schools Future Facilities Project** will take place on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Croton-Harmon High School. More information is available at chufsd.org.

VILLAGE CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 Winter Holiday Celebration 5 PM	2	3 Croton Police Association Toy Drive 12 to 4 PM 
4	5 Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting - 7 PM	6 Police Advisory Committee Town Hall - 7 PM	7 Conservation Advisory Council Meeting - 7:30 PM	8 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting - 6 PM	9	10 Croton Fire Department Holiday Parade - 6 PM 
11	12 Board of Trustees Work Session - 7 PM	13 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting - 7 PM Planning Board Meeting - 8 PM	14 COVID Booster Clinic 1-4 PM Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 8 PM	15	16	17
18 Hanukkah Begins 	19 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7 PM	20	21 Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	22 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting 6 PM	23 Village Offices Closed	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Christmas Day 	26 Village Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Greetings from the North Pole! Santa's Elves will place special mailboxes at the Municipal Building and SaveMor Drugstore. Children may write letters to Santa and receive a personalized response back. Place letter in designated mailbox **by December 15th** (no postage required). The letter must include child's name and a return address (please print clearly).

Holiday Home Decorating Contest!

The Village of Croton invites residents to participate in the FIRST EVER Village-Wide Holiday Home Decorating Contest! Residents can register on the Village website by December 19th and their homes will be featured on the **Village of Croton Holiday Home Map**. Judging categories will include: Best Traditional/Classic Decorations, Showstopper, Best Theme, and Most Creative.



COVID-19 Booster Clinic

COVID-19 vaccine booster shots will be available at a pop-up clinic in the Community Room at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building at 1 Van Wyck Street on Wednesday, December 14th from 1 to 4:00 PM. The Pfizer Bivalent Booster (12 and older) and the Moderna Bivalent Booster (18 and older) will be available. Please call 914-271-2895 to register.



Croton Police Association Toy Drive

The Croton Police Association is hosting a Toy Drive on Saturday, December 3rd from Noon to 4:00 PM at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building Community Room to support Croton Caring's Adopt-a-Family program. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a Croton child in need and have some hot chocolate, enjoy a tasty treat and meet Santa!