

The Croton-on-Hudson **Village Newsletter**

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February Calendar

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- 5** Conservation Advisory Council
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NEW WATERFRONT ROAD TO START IN 2003 **Grade Crossing Elimination Design Near Completion**



Waterfront Road location looking north from HMB Bridge

Plans for the new waterfront road are nearing completion. The design work is being done by McLaren Engineering Group of West Nyack for Metro North. The target date for 100% completion of the design is the end of March, 2003. The next step, according to Manager Herbek, is for Metro North to put the project out to bid—a 4 to 5

month process. Actual construction is expected to begin in Fall of 2003.

The new road will run above the existing tunnel to the waterfront which will be extended 25' to 30'. The tunnel will be open for pedestrian and bicycle usage when the road is completed.

In addition to the new road, the project includes an 8-foot wide sidewalk for both pedestrian and bicycle usage located between the roadway and the Hudson River. Landscaping and street lighting along the new esplanade is also part of the planned project.

The project cost is \$4 million dollars which has all been allocated through funding by Metro North, the NYS Dept. of Transportation and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The Village will take advantage of the construction to install a new water main from HMB to the Brook Street crossing

which will allow the Village's water system to be looped through this area. The project will not otherwise incur Village expenditure.

The new road, when completed, will provide more convenient and safer access to Senasqua and Croton Landing Parks and the Croton Yacht Club, and a reduction in the number of train whistles and train-related noises in this area.



Brook Street grade crossing to be eliminated.

Croton Seniors Citizens Club



If you are 60 years old or more, don't miss out on the activities of the Croton Senior Citizens Club.

The club meets every Friday in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. Meetings begin at

12:30 but coffee and rolls are available at 11am. Table games, programs and parties

follow the meetings. Dues are only \$6/year.

Trips are scheduled frequently throughout the year. You do not have to be a member to go on a trip but you need a Senior Photo ID which you can obtain at the Recreation Office on Tues. & Thurs. starting in March.

The next trip is scheduled for March 11

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Magical Mystery Tour

Explore the Harry Potter Novels



All aboard for lots of hands-on fun! Join in the escapades of Harry and his friends. Play Quidditch for Muggles, make invisible ink, make an edible wand. You will brew some fantastic potions to eat. You will become a magical muggle of science, art and literature. Harry, Ron and Hermoine are waiting for your arrival. And by the way, you will experi-



ment with mystical sand as well as butter bear.

This program, is being offered by the Croton Recreation Dept. for children in Grades 1, 2 & 3 on February 18, 19, 20 at the Municipal Building Community Room. The hours are 9:00 AM—2:30 PM each day.

The cost for Village residents is \$130.00 and \$140.00 for non-residents.

Registration may be done by a Mail-in Form on the back cover of the Recreation Dept.'s Winter 2003 Bulletin which was mailed to your home. Additional copies are available in the Recreation Office in the Municipal Building.

Duck Pond Dredging

The work to dredge the Duck Pond was completed in December and the Pond is now filled with water again. With this Winter's very cold weather, the possibility of skating is looming in many minds. Recreation Dept. staff check the depth of the ice regularly, which must be 6 inches by NYS Law. Green flags at the Pond will indicate that skating is permitted.



Snow covered benches at Duck Pond

Recreation Report Received

A report asked for by the Village Board at the request of the Recreation Dept. and its Advisory Board is now available. The Recreation Master Plan presents a Recreation Needs Assessment and Recommendations for Croton. The report was prepared by Cherbuliez/Munz PLLC of Scarsdale, NY. Copies are available for review in the Recreation Office and Library. It is also on the Village's website and individual copies may be purchased for \$10.

Millennium Pipeline Update

Due to a decision by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals to hold the appeal of FERC's decision in abeyance until the Commerce Dept. decides the outcome of the negative Coastal Zone Management finding by the NYS Dept. of State, the Village will not have to fight the Pipeline proposal on two fronts

simultaneously. The Village has also submitted a request to file an Amicus Reply Brief in the appeal of Millennium Pipeline L.P. to the Sec'y. of Commerce and has submitted supplemental comments to the Commerce Dept. about our wellfields and water supply and PCB's in the US Gypsum Channel.

Reminder

Village Offices Closed, Mon. Feb. 17 for President's Day

Spotlight on Artie Neff

Chances are, if you spend any time in Croton's parks, you will have seen Artie Neff, Croton's Parks Foreman. As Parks Foreman, Artie has responsibility for maintenance, upkeep and oversight of our ballfields, playgrounds, Senasqua, Silver Lake and Croton Landing. He also oversees schedules for the fields and helps organize both Staff and Senior picnics. He has been known to do the cooking too.

Artie is starting his 26th year with the Village after starting in November 1977 as a laborer at the

Village's Sewer Treatment Plant. Shortly thereafter he moved to the Highway Dept. and then on to the Water Dept in 1987. While at the Water Dept. he passed the licensing exam making him a key person responsible for the well operation.

In 1995, Artie was promoted to the position of Parks Foreman where he performs a myriad of duties in keeping Croton's Parks in tip top shape. Artie credits his right hand man, Rudy Fasciani, the Parks Groundsman, in making this a successful operation.

Artie grew up in Croton and graduated from Croton Harmon High School where he played football and baseball. In his spare time he attends many sports events and also coaches his two daughters basketball and softball teams.

Susan Menz, Recreation Superintendent, says Artie takes a real ownership interest in the Village's Parks and is on top of whatever needs attention.



"I like being involved in youth sports in Croton. I feel I am giving back what I received when I was young."

Artie Neff

Croton Seniors cont'd.

to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The price of \$44. includes bus transportation, admission and lunch. The special focus of this trip is the Butterfly exhibit. The bus will leave at 8 am and return approximately 3:30 pm. The trip is open to all resident Seniors not just Club members.

In February there will be a Valentine's Day Party at the regular meeting and the Seniors will also have a Buffet lunch on February 19 at a Portuguese restaurant, Churrasqueria Ribatejo in Ossining.

Other programs open to all Seniors offered include:

- Blood Pressure Readings and Ask the Nurse on the 1st Friday of the month between 11 am and 12 noon.
- Shopping trip to Jefferson Valley Mall on the 1st Wed. of each month. The van leaves the Municipal Building at 10:30 am and returns approximately 1:45 pm. You must register in advance by calling 271-3006.

- A shopping bus is available twice/week for Seniors who need to go to the grocery store. The bus takes residents to ShopRite, to the bank or to the Post Office. If you wish to participate, call the Recreation Dept. at 271-3006.
- Help with Social Security and Medical Forms.

Members of the Club receive a Quarterly Newsletter with all events listed. Marie Weigman is the Senior Coordinator who aids in making the events happen. Call her for information or to make suggestions at 271-5804 on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Senior Citizens

Membership

Joining is easy. You may do it by attending any regular Friday meeting and paying \$6. Obtain your Senior Photo ID in the Recreation Office on T/Th beginning in March.

For more info: call Marie at 271-5804 on M/W/F

We're on the Web. Visit us at [Http://village-croton-on-hudson.ny.us/](http://village-croton-on-hudson.ny.us/)

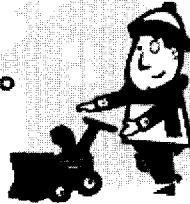
Got a Question?



What are my responsibilities regarding snow?

This Winter is proving to be quite a challenge for residents and the Village Highway Dept. as well. There are some basic rules that must be followed to ensure that our streets and sidewalks are kept open and free of ice and snow.

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parked cars makes it impossible to do the job. Sometimes it snows over night, so part of your responsibility is to keep abreast of forecasts so your car is not in the way of the plows. Cars will be ticketed if they are in the way.

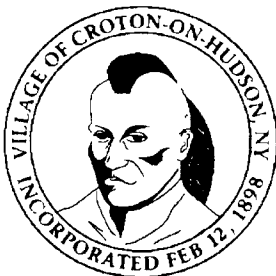
Village Law that cars be removed from the whenever there is 2" fresh snow or more. plows need to be able clear the streets and maneuvering around

Sidewalk clearing in front of your residence is also your responsibility. This ensures safe passibility for pedestrians. If possible, the Highway Dept. recommends shoveling after they have cleared the street so they don't inadvertently undo your shoveling efforts. They also ask that you do not shovel or blow your snow into the cleared streets as this creates a safety problem for cars traveling on the streets.

Cable Channel Changes

Recently Cablevision changed its Channel Lineup. As a result, Croton's Government Access Channel is now Channel 78, whether or not you have a cable box. You can view this station for Public Service announcements that pertain to Croton and watch the live televised Village Board meetings on their regularly scheduled meeting nights.

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Carrier Route

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