



February Meeting **Calendar**

- 4 & 19** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 5** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 7** Cons. Adv. Council
- 12 & 26** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 13** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 19** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 25** BOT Work Session
- 26** Fire Council

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



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 crotononhudson-ny.gov and click "Subscribe to E-Alerts."

Stay connected!

Members Needed for Boards/Committees

The Village Board of Trustees is currently accepting applications for the boards and committees listed here:

Advisory Board on the Visual Environment
Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Business Development Committee
Conservation Advisory Council
Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Planning Board
Recreation Advisory Committee
Sustainability Committee
Trails Committee
Water Control Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals

Descriptions of each board's responsibilities are available at: <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/boards>.

If you have an interest in joining any of the below boards or committees, please send a letter of interest and resume to Bryan Healy, Secretary to the Village Manager, at bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Over the next few weeks and months, the Mayor will be reviewing the applications received and will be in contact with those selected for an open position.

Croton Celebrates Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, the Village would like to spotlight a former resident, Lorraine Hansberry, who made a significant contribution to our nation.

Lorraine Hansberry, a playwright, was the author of *A Raisin in the Sun*, written in 1957. The script was a major hit and was released on Broadway on March 11, 1959. It was the first play in history to be written by an African-American woman to be shown on Broadway.

She lived in Croton-on-Hudson when she passed away in 1965 at the age of 34. She is buried at the Bethel Cemetery on Old Post Road South.

The Croton Free Library, as part of its *Croton Reads 2019* program, is celebrating Ms. Hansberry's legacy.



Throughout the months of February and March, the library will be celebrating her life with three books, three film screenings and two special guest appearances, all exploring the writing of the incomparable Lorraine Hansberry.

For more information on all these events, please visit: <http://www.crotonfreelibrary.org/croton-reads/>.

Reminder: Sign Up For Paperless Bills

Beginning with the March 2019 utility billing cycle, paperless billing will be available from the Treasurer's Office. Paperless billing will be available for both the quarterly utility bills and the annual village property tax bills.

The Village is happy to offer this service to residents as it has been a frequent request over the years. Residents can opt in to receive utility bills via email and tax bills via email.

It is important to note that residents will no longer receive bills via US Mail if they sign up for paperless billing.

Residents can sign up by going to www.crotononhudson-ny.gov, clicking "Online Forms" and then clicking "Utility/Tax Bill Email Form" under the Village Treasurer section.

As a reminder, bills can also be paid online at the above link. If you have any questions, please call the office at 862-1419.

Tree Committee Update

The Village, working with the Tree Committee of the Conservation Advisory Council, plans to offer trees to homeowners in locations where street trees are missing and where the median is too small to support a replacement on village property. The project, pending final approval in the 2019-20 village budget, will work like this: homeowners will apply in May 2019, and choose, with advice from a tree committee arborist, one of 4-6 pre-selected species. Supplies will be limited, and trees delivered on a first come/first served basis.

Delivery is targeted for September 2019 and participants would agree to plant the tree within four days of delivery, to plant it on their property within five - ten feet of the sidewalk or street and to care for it as they would any other tree in their yard.

Look for the announcement that applications are open in May, and join us in this and other efforts to preserve our urban forests, cool our streets, clean our air, reduce our carbon footprint and improve our overall state of well being.

Reminder: Village Assessing Newsletter Delivery Options

All newsletter readers will notice that a pre-paid, pre-addressed postcard has been included as an insert. This postcard poses two questions: have you subscribed to the village e-alert system and would you prefer to receive the newsletter via electronic mail or US Mail?

If you have already subscribed to the village's e-alert system and prefer to receive the village newsletter electronically, you need not do anything. The new paperless system will begin in April.

However, if you would prefer to continue to receive the newsletter as a paper copy by mail, please return the postcard with the requested information listed. Additionally, if you have not signed up for the village's e-alert system, you can do so by visiting the village website or by returning the postcard with your e-mail address.

The Village will be including the postcard through the March editions to elicit responses from as many residents as possible. You only need to return the postcard once, however, if applicable.

**Reminder! Offices will be closed February 18
in observance of Presidents Day.**

Sustainability Committee Survey

The Sustainability Committee is examining several opportunities for reducing the Village's carbon footprint. The data will help us determine if sufficient interest exists to pursue several available grants and programs. The survey asks for your input on a community solar power system, food waste recycling, low carbon home heating options, and EV charging stations at sites around the Village.

All data will be kept confidential, and no commitment of any kind is made by responding to this survey. Results of the survey will be reported to the Village Board by this spring. Most questions ask for yes or no answers, while a few ask for your email address (or phone number if you don't have email) if you would like to participate in one or more of the proposed programs.

Please ask your Croton friends and neighbors to take this survey. A large response will help us determine which options are desired in our community. The survey will run until Friday, March 8.

To take the survey, go to <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/sustainability-committee/webforms/sustainability-survey>.

If you have questions about the survey, or wish to join our emailing list, please contact the Sustainability Committee at info@sustain-croton.org. Learn more about the Committee and its activities at <http://sustain-croton.org>. Thank you for taking the survey!

February 2019 Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department has a number of exciting programs on tap for February.

During the mid-winter recess, students in kindergarten through 4th grade can participate in the Phreaky Physics winter break program on February 20-21. Run by Mad Science of Westchester, kids become junior engineers and experiment with axles, pulleys, levers, gears and wheels. They build cars, bridges and more as we test out phenomenal forces. Each day will include awesome hands on experiments and take-home items! The cost is \$180 for village residents and \$210 for non-residents.

For middle school students, there are two Friday night activities planned. The first is scheduled for Friday, February 1. Join us as we have a Bowling Bonanza at Jefferson Valley Lanes from 5 to 9 p.m.! The fee is \$18 per participant. On Friday, February 8, middle schoolers are invited to come ice skating at the Westchester Skating Academy from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 per participant.

For our older adult residents, a senior trip is planned for Thursday, February 21 to Furci's Italian Restaurant in Yorktown Heights. The bus departs the Municipal Building at 11:30 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. The cost is \$28 for village residents and \$32 for non-residents.

A trip to the Jefferson Valley Mall is scheduled for Thursday, February 14. As always, the senior bus is available for village residents for trips to ShopRite, the bank and post office on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For full details on all these programs, and more, please visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov and view the Recreation Brochure.

For senior program information, please call Valerie Nolan, Seniors Director, at 271-5804. For information on all other recreation programs, please call the office at 271-3006.

New Speed Limit on Maple Street

A new school speed zone has been created along Maple Street between its intersection of Olcott Avenue and a point 450 feet west of its intersection with Old Post Road South. The length of the speed zone is a quarter-mile, which is the maximum length allowed by law.

The new speed limit in this area is 20 MPH. Signage was installed in January. This speed limit is in effect from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. on school days.

The reason for this new speed zone is to improve safety for children walking to the PVC/CHHS campus.

Energize Croton Home Assessments

A reminder that Energize Croton is available to provide residents with home energy assessments. For all residents with a household income of less than \$222,800, this assessment is provided free of charge!

You will get a comprehensive home assessment to improve energy efficiency and home comfort, while helping the community save energy.

For more information, visit croton.energizeny.org or call 914-302-7300.



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Fire Department Reminders

The fire department has reported an increase of calls for smoke or fire where the cause was found to be either a pinched, crushed or overloaded electrical cord.

Electrical cords - whether indoor or outdoor, or with one receptacle or several - all have their limitations for safe use. Improper use can result in overloaded electrical circuits and/or cause a fire. The fire department recommends only purchasing those items featuring the "UL" logo, and to read the safety warnings that come attached to all electrical appliances, extension cords and surge protectors.

If you have any questions regarding fire safety, please contact the fire department at info@crotonfd.org or 914-271-2693.

