

February Meeting Calendar

- 1 & 17 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 3 Cons. Adv. Council
- 8 BOT Work Session
- 9 & 23 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 9 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 10 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 17 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 23 Fire Council
- 24 Bus. Dev. Comm.
- 24 Div. & Inc. Comm.

All meetings are being held via Zoom. Please check the Village website or call 271-4848 for details on joining meetings via Zoom.

Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.

Grievance Day Information

Every year, the Board of Trustees meets as the Board of Assessors for the purpose of evaluating property owners' requests for a change in their property assessment. This is known as Grievance Day.

This year, the Board will meet on Tuesday, February 16 to review applications from 4 to 8 PM via Zoom. Those wishing to apply for a tax adjustment are encouraged to speak with the Village Assessor, Thomas Waitkins, prior to Grievance Day.

To help you understand whether you should file a tax grievance to reduce your residential property assessment, perform the following calculation: Divide your property's current assessed valuation by the 2021 Residential Assessment Ratio (RAR), which is .0328. The result will provide the estimated market value of the property. For example, if your property is assessed at \$15,000, the 2021 RAR will yield a market value of \$457,317 ($15,000 / 0.0328$). This calculation may help you decide whether to file a grievance to try to lower the assessment. Commercial properties follow a different procedure.

More information can be found on the Village website or by calling the Engineering Dept. office at 271-4783.

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Information

As of January 12, 2021, New Yorkers in Phase 1a and segments of Phase 1b are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. All vaccinations are by appointment only. Eligible groups include doctors, nurses and health care workers, people age 65 and over, first responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers and public safety workers. Check the state's website for more information on eligibility: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine>.

New York State has clarified that immunocompromised individuals will be able to register in the next phase. They are working with the CDC to define the term.

To determine your eligibility, and to schedule an appointment, you are encouraged to use the state's eligibility tool: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline is also open for scheduling vaccination appointments for eligible New Yorkers: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

Senior citizens (age 65 and over) who encounter any issues completing the online registration form can call 914-271-3006 and staff will gladly try to assist.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for Village of Croton-on-Hudson Government

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Stay connected!

Police Reform Public Hearing Scheduled for February 22

The Village's Police Reform Task Force has been hard at work the past two months reviewing the data received from the community survey and the comments received during the public forums. At the February 1, 2021, Village Board meeting, the draft plan developed by the task force will be submitted to the board members for their review.

On February 22, 2021, at 6 p.m., the Village Board will hold a special meeting for the purposes of opening a public hearing on the adoption of the draft reform plan. Interested members of the public are invited to join the public hearing via Zoom to voice any comments or questions they have regarding the draft plan.

The Village Board of Trustees will take any public comments received into consideration and adopt a final reform plan at their March 15, 2021, meeting. A certification of adoption will then be sent to the New York State Budget Director in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 203.

The plan will be available on the Village's police reform web page, <https://www.crotononhudson-n-y.gov/ongoing-projects-initiatives-proposed-infrastructure-improvements/pages/police-reform-accordance>, after February 1 for any interested community members to read.

Croton Business Council Presents "What's for Dinner?" Wednesdays

During COVID-19, many retailers are suffering from reduced patronage and sales. The Croton Business Council has partnered with participating hospitality retailers in the Village for "What's For Dinner?" Wednesdays in an effort to encourage residents to shop and eat local.

Retailers offer to-go specials (in-dining and delivery not available) at a discount of 10-30% off menu prices. Dinner specials will be listed on the CBC Croton Business Council Facebook page, as well as the Croton Community pages each week. In-dining and delivery not available for featured specials.

Wear it RIGHT



New COVID Dashboard Available

Westchester County has released a new COVID-19 dashboard which provides residents with up-to-date numbers of active cases, new cases and cumulative cases in every municipality in Westchester County.

Also available on the dashboard is information on finding a testing site, as well as information on the areas designated as cluster zones by New York State.

Access the dashboard at the following link:
<https://t.co/Grpfh3hVFs?amp=1>.



Fire Department Top Responders

In 2020, the volunteers of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department answered 434 calls for assistance. Below is the list of volunteers who answered the most calls in 2020:

1. FF Daniel Vlad, Jr., 232 Alarms
2. Captain Chris Colombo, 206 Alarms
3. FF Jake Dominello, 202 Alarms
4. Lt. Dave Kempter, 182 Alarms
5. FF Frank Pusatere, 182 Alarms
6. Captain Dave Altamura, 172 Alarms
7. FF Chris Colombo, Jr., 159 Alarms
8. FF Kim Goldstein, 156 Alarms
9. FF Barney Flynn, 153 Alarms
10. Engr. Bill Gallagher, 150 Alarms

We also wish to acknowledge the service of our volunteer fire chiefs, who all responded to more than 200 calls in 2020: Josh Karpoff, 275 Alarms; John Munson, 268 Alarms; Phil Dinkler, 226 Alarms.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

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 12 hours after the cessation of snowfall.

The Village will again be declaring an official end time to each storm, which will be posted on the Village website and social media.

All residents and property owners are urged to take responsibility for their own sidewalk. Doing so will result in a safer environment for our pedestrians and especially those schoolchildren who are required to 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 271-4848.



New Dropbox Installed at Municipal Bldg.

A secure dropbox has been installed outside the Municipal Building on Van Wyck St. for residents needing to make payments, apply for permits and licenses and/or register for programs. The dropbox will be checked each weekday morning for items left the previous day. As a reminder, the Municipal Building offices remain closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and many forms and applications are available to submit online via the Village website.

Village of Croton
Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Open Community Discussion

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HISTORY
MONTH

Its origins, impact and future
Feb. 10, 2021 7pm
RSVP by Feb 7 for zoom
COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com



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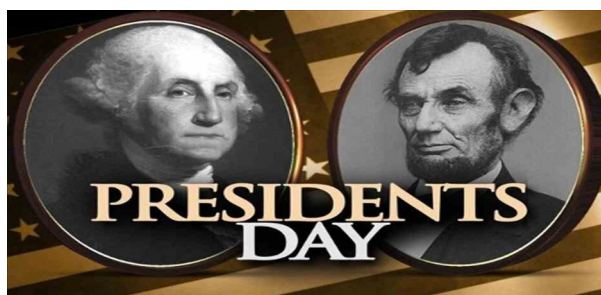
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Hudson River Eaglefest

EagleFest 2021 returns this year with a twist! There will be no traditional EagleFest at Croton Point Park this year due to COVID-19. However, events have been scheduled every day between January 30 and February 7.

Visit Teatown's website for a full schedule of events: www.teatown.org/events/eaglefest2021/.



**Reminder! Village offices will be closed
February 15 in observance of
Presidents Day.**

February Recreation Update

Check out these two great programs planned for February:

Digging for Dinosaurs! Come join the fun on February 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room as young scientists excavate and assemble skeletal replicas from simulated rock. Dig for T-Rex, Triceratops and more! Social distancing will be practiced. Space is limited. Grades 2-4.

Join Village historian Marc Cheshire as he tells the story of Croton Water on February 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room. Hear how the beautiful Croton River was dammed, diverted and sacrificed to save New York City. Social distancing will be practiced. Space is limited.

For all the details, visit the Recreation page on the Village website. 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."