

# *The Croton-on-Hudson* Village Newsletter

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## January Calendar

- 6 & 21** Village Board Mtg.
- 7 & 28** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 8** Conservation Advisory Council
- 8** Zoning Board
- 15** Water Control Commission
- 20** M.L. King Holiday

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## Millennium Pipeline Hearing

On November 13th, the Mayor and Trustees appeared at the Dept. of Commerce hearing on the proposed Millennium Pipeline. The Village has been engaged for a long time in opposing the proposed route of the pipeline which would potentially affect several homeowners, the Arboretum and, most importantly, the well fields from which our water supply emanates. The issues of the hearing centered on those identified by our Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) which were supported by NYS. Although Millennium received certification from FERC, it was conditioned upon approval by the NYS Coastal Zone Mgmt. program of which our LWRP is an approved program. To date, Croton has expended \$540,000 on opposing the Pipeline's proposed route.

Briarcliff Manor and the Town of Cortlandt have also financially supported the opposition effort.

Mayor Elliott addressed the Commissioners on the subjects of its environmental impact, lack of need and viable alternatives. Trustee McCarthy spoke on the failure to address the need to blast in Haverstraw Bay. Trustee Grant addressed the fact that Croton's findings of the pipeline's inconsistency with our LWRP are based on principles which the Dept. of Commerce promulgated and endorsed when they approved our plan in 1992. Trustee Schmidt spoke on the proposal's impact on the Arboretum, and Trustee Wiegman addressed the danger to Croton's wellfields if the pipeline is built as proposed. In addition, Charles Kane spoke on behalf of the Water Ctl. Commission about the ecological impacts on Haverstraw Bay. Fran



Mayor Elliott at the Dept. of Commerce hearing on the Millennium Pipeline.

Allen, Chair of the WAC, spoke on its effect on the Croton River and Gorge. She also summarized the overall opposition to the proposed pipeline.

The comment period has been extended to mid-January, after

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Great day at Winterfest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks & Recreation Dept.

## Catskill Puppet Theater Show

"The Lion's Whiskers", a musical adaptation of an Ethiopian folktale, is being presented for family enjoyment on Monday, December 30th. The performance is free to all. It begins at 1:00 PM at Croton High School. The Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the

event. All the puppets are built by the co-founders of the Catskill Puppet Theater, Carol and John Potocnik. The story is about a woman who marries a man with a son, how she finds courage and learns the secret to gaining the love of her new family.



## Stormwater Phase II Regulations

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has promulgated the Storm Water Phase II regulation as the next step in their effort to preserve, protect and improve the nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff under the Clean Water Act. The Phase II regulations apply to municipalities of Croton's size with small municipal storm sewer systems.

By March 10, 2003, Croton is required to submit to the the NYSDEC a Notice of Intent and a Plan for achieving the six minimum control measures called for by the EPA. Dvirka & Bartilucci, Consulting Engineers, have been hired to help develop the plan. The implementation of the six elements must include measurable goals. As these rules will affect residents in many ways, the Village will keep you aware of their

implementation when they are approved by the DEC..

The Storm Water Phase II regulations address the *quality* of the water discharged into receiving waterbodies and *not* the *quantity* of runoff due to a major rain weather event.

The six minimum control measures are:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation/Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge and Detection
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

The program rules, when implemented, are expected to result in significant reduction of pollutants discharged into receiving waterbodies, in our case the Hudson and Croton Rivers.



## License Your Dog

*"We really want to reunite injured or lost dogs to their owners so it is important to get a dog license."*

*Randy O'Halloran,  
Animal Control Officer*

Recently a dog was hit by a car in the Village. The dog was taken, as required, to a shelter for treatment. Unfortunately the dog had no license through which to identify the owner and some time passed before they were reunited. Randy O'Halloran, Croton's part-time Animal Control Officer, does not like to see this happen. He reminds every dog owner in Cro-

ton that NYS Law requires every dog to be licensed annually.

Licenses may be obtained at the Village Office in the Municipal Building upon presenting a current rabies certificate. Dogs should be licensed at the age of 4 months. The fee is \$7.50 if they are spayed/neutered and \$15.50 if not. Part of the fee (\$3.) is used by the NYS to offset spay/

neutering clinics.

Service dogs, such as those trained to help disabled persons, detection dogs used by Police and Therapy dogs are exempt from the fee if documentation is provided by the appropriate organization.

Randy would like to see all lost or injured dogs returned to their owners. Getting your dog licensed ensures that this will happen.

### Reminder

Village Offices will be closed Wed., Jan 1st (New Years Day) & Mon. Jan. 20th (M. L. King Day)

## Spotlight on Louise Campagna

Chances are you have talked to Louise Campagna on the phone. Almost everyone has called the Public Works Department to find out about a schedule for pick ups, how to get rid of something or to report something that needs fixing. Louise is the person who handles all these calls, and that is only a small part of her job. She is the first line of information for the Public Works Dept. Whether you want to report something or just ask a question, it is Louise who provides the

answers to most residents when it comes to streets, sanitation, metals, recycling, leaves, snow and animal control. Beyond her telephone presence, Louise manages all the radio communication with the trucks on the road, alerting them and sometimes, the police, to situations needing attention. She also performs all the paper work for the Dept., including purchase orders for vendors, preparing invoices and reports, spread sheets, accounting, checking on deliveries, payroll and maintaining

schedules. Louise says she finds Croton residents are congenial and easy to deal with.

This year is Louise's 20 year anniversary with the Village. After moving here in 1980 to join her family, she has become one of Croton's most avid enthusiasts. In her free time she pursues her passions of dancing, listening to music, visiting friends and family and vacationing on Fire Island.



*Louise finds Croton residents are "appreciative of the Public Works Dept." and she is "very proud to be part of this Village."*

## Gateway Overlay Zoning District

The Comprehensive Plan Committee, in the proposed Plan for Croton, has recommended the establishment of three Gateway Overlay Zones at the commercial entrances of the Village. These are Harmon/South Riverside, the Municipal Place shopping area and the Route 9A (Albany Post Rd.) entrance at the north end of the Village.

The proposed Gateway Overlay Zoning Law will be the subject of a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6th at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

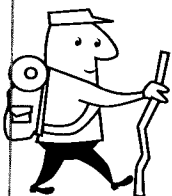
The purpose of the proposed law is to create a sense

of arrival and connection to the Village, and to establish an image and initial impression of the community. To that end, regulations governing site plans in these areas would be subject to restrictions of use, size and design that may not exist in the underlying zoning for these areas.

### The Proposed Gateway Overlay Zoning Law

- Copies were mailed to every household in the community
- Extra copies are available in the Village Office

## Village to receive Clean Water/Clean Air Grant Money

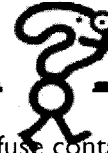


Gov. Pataki has awarded Westchester County \$250,000 under the Clean Water/Clean Air Act. The money is earmarked for Trail improvements

at Croton Landing. It will be used to extend the existing handicapped accessible trail from its northern terminus to Oscawana.

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 regulations apply to pets in Croton?

Pet owners in Croton have many responsibilities. As indicated in the article on Page 2, all dogs are required to be licensed. In addition, there are several other regulations that apply to dog owners as well as other pets.

Domestic pets (except pigs) are allowed in Croton but no more than 3 dogs over 6 months old and not more than 25 fowl may reside at any one location. No animals, except dogs and cats, may be penned or housed within 50 feet of any lot line.

Dogs are not allowed to roam at large, unleashed, on other than the owner's property unless permission has been given. Dogs walked on a leash may be curbed in the part of the street lying between the two curb lines. All feces must be removed by the dog's walker and deposited in an airtight con-

tainer and placed in a refuse container, never in sewers or storm drains. (This does not apply to licensed guide dogs in use by a blind person.) Dogs are not permitted to chase, harass or cause intimidation, nor to habitually chase, run alongside, or bark at cars or bicycles.

Dogs are not permitted, with or without leashes in any public park, playground or school property.

The Village's Noise ordinance also prohibits the keeping of any animal, fowl or bird causing disturbance of nearby residents through frequent and long-continued noise.

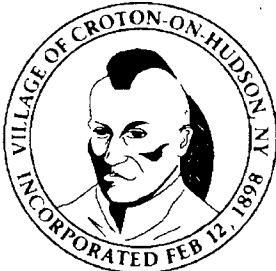
Dogs found to be in violation of these rules may be seized and impounded at a shelter. The owner will be issued a violation. In order to clear the violation, the owner must show proof of licensing, pay the violation fee and pay for impoundment costs.



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which, it is expected that it will be several months before a decision is reached on upholding the finding of inconsistency made by Croton and the NYS Dept. of State.

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