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Paperless Billing Now Available

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.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 862-1419.

January Meeting <u>Calendar</u>

- 2 Cons. Adv. Council
- **7 & 22** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 8 & 22 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 8 Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 9 Trails Comm.
- 14 BOT Work Session
- 15 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 29 Fire Council

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at www.crotononhudsonny.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 crotononhudsonny.gov and click "Subscribe to E-Alerts."

Stay connected!

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.

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 in the next three editions to elicit responses from as many residents as possible. You only need to return the postcard once, however, if applicable.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.



Identification of Premises

All buildings in the Village need to be identified with address numbers. Both Chapter 88 of the Village Code and Section 304.3, International Property Maintenance Code, which has been adopted by New York State, require that address numbers be displayed to identify buildings. This is vitally important for any required emergency response.

The address numbers shall be installed so they are plainly legible and visible from the street. The numbers can be installed on the building or at the driveway entrance. The numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers can be numerals or alphabet letters not less than 4 inches in height and with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Engineering office at 271-4783.



Election of Fire/EMS Officers

The Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Department held their annual election on Thursday, December 6th. The members of the fire department re-elected Chris Columbo as Chief of Department, elected Phil Dinkler as First Assistant Chief and elected John Munson as Second Assistant Chief.

The Croton Emergency Medical Services also elected their slate of officers for the upcoming year. The following officers were elected: Megan Hall, Captain; John Donnelly, First Lieutenant; Ken Gilleo Jr., Second Lieutenant; and Pat Smith, Third Lieutenant.

The Village extends congratulations to the officers of both organizations and thanks all our volunteers for their service!





Senasqua Park Walkway Phase 2 Complete

Last month, the Village's Department of Public Works completed work on the walkway in front of Senasqua Park. The pathway is now open to the public. The final connection to the elevated walkway will be completed in the summer of 2019.

Striping will be completed in the spring once temperatures warm. Additionally, the Conservation Advisory Council's tree committee is working with village staff to identify tree species to plant in the park to replace those removed last summer.

Reminder! Offices will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day and January 21 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Village's DPW will pick up discarded Christmas trees during the first two weeks of January. Trees should be free of all trimmings, tinsel or wires. They should not be placed in bags.

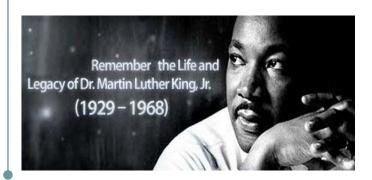
Ice Skating at Duck Pond

Weather permitting, there will be UNSUPERVISED ice skating on the Duck Pond, Bungalow Road. The Recreation Department requires 6" (six inches) of ice for skating.

A GREEN FLAG indicates the ice is safe. A RED FLAG indicates it is unsafe and skating is not permitted. Even when the ice is safe, for your own protection, never go skating by yourself.

Weather Cancellations

Recreation program cancellations due to weather can be obtained by calling the Recreation Dept. at 271-3006. If Croton-Harmon Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all recreation programs are cancelled.



Winter 2019 Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department has a number of exciting programs on tap for the winter season!

For Middle School students, there are two Friday evening activities planned. The first will be on January 11 (a Drop-In at the Rec) and the second will be on January 25 (trip to Dave and Busters at the Palisades Center Mall).

For adults, there are a number of fitness programs scheduled at the Municipal Building. These include the Art of Well Being, Pound! A Fun Workout and Yoga.

For older adults, a free class on Famous Women Artists is being offered. Additionally, the Currents Events group will be meeting once again, along with fitness classes such as Tai Chi, Fitness for Balance, Intermediate Balance and Chair Yoga. Finally, there are additional classes being offered on bridge and painting with water-colors.

Senior trips planned for January include a trip to the Westchester Mall on Thursday, January 31. A trip to the Jefferson Valley Mall is scheduled for Thursday, January 10. 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.

Quarterly Reports Available

At the request of the Board of Trustees, the Village's department heads have prepared summary reports which highlight the operations of their department for each quarter of the fiscal year.

Reports are available for the first two quarters of the year. They will continue to be produced and provided to the public each quarter via each department's page on the village website.

No Heat Complaints

Residents who live in rental units within the Village boundaries who experience no heat issues should contact the Village Code Enforcement Dept. during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 271-4783. If the situation occurs outside of office hours, contact the Police Dept. at 271-5177.

Code enforcement personnel will visit the location to measure the temperature and contact the owners as necessary.

This applies to all rentals, including two-family houses, where the owner does not live on-site.



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Snowman Contest Returns!

Have your family build a snowman anytime this winter, take a picture of the snowman and its builder and mail a 4" x 6" photo to the Croton Recreation Department by March 8th by noon. Categories are a) "Typical Snowman" and b) "Snow Sculpture" (animal, etc.).

Be sure to include name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. Prizes will be awarded for both categories. Photos will not be returned. Village & school district residents may participate.

If you have questions regarding the contest, please contact the Recreation office at 271-3006.

E-ZPass Available for Sale!

Motorists are advised that E-ZPasses are available for purchase at the Village office during normal business hours. Each tag costs \$25 and comes preloaded with \$25.

After purchasing the tag, the user will have to create an E-ZPass account to replenish the funds.

If there are any questions about the above, please contact the Village office at 271-4781.