

January Meeting Calendar

4th & 18th	Board of Trustees Meeting
5th	Conservation Advisory Council Meeting
10th	Board of Trustees Work Session
11th	Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
11th & 25th	Planning Board Meeting
19th	Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting
25th	Fire Council Meeting

Please note, many Village meetings are to be held over Zoom this month.

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for the most updated information, including meeting location.

New Parking Permit System for Hastings Avenue and Young Avenue

On December 20th, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed Local Law No. 15 of 2021, which enacted a parking permit system along certain areas of Hastings Avenue and Young Avenue. This decision was made in response to feedback from residents who were unable to park near their homes, as visitors of the Croton-Harmon train station would often park along these streets.

The affected streets are as follows:

- Hastings Avenue, between Benedict Boulevard & Devon Avenue.
- Young Avenue, between Oneida Avenue & Benedict Boulevard.

Under this law, no person shall be permitted to park a vehicle Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, excluding holidays, for more than two hours unless the vehicle displays a valid parking permit as issued by the Village.

Two free permits will be issued to families of these streets upon request, with additional permits costing \$10 each. Permits are to be affixed to the vehicle's rear bumper.

For more information contact parking@crotononhudson-ny.gov or you may call the office at 914-271-4781. Permit applications will be available on the Village's website under online forms.

Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?



[villageofcroton](https://www.instagram.com/villageofcroton)



[@CrotonGov](https://www.facebook.com/CrotonGov)



[@VillageCroton](https://twitter.com/VillageCroton)

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

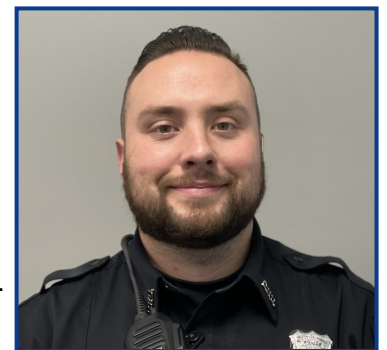
Stay connected!

Meet Croton's Newest Police Officer

On September 20th 2021, the Village Board approved the appointment of Tyler Pece as the Village's newest Police Officer. Officer Pece filled a vacant position and began service the following month in October.

Officer Pece comes to Croton-on-Hudson from New Paltz where he had served as both an officer for the town since 2016, and as an officer for SUNY New Paltz since 2017. Pece finds Croton to be very reminiscent of his time in New Paltz because both are "tight-knight and accepting communities," going on to state that he feels "right at home," here in Croton-on-Hudson.

Pece is a resident of New Paltz, where he lives with his fiancé. In his leisure time Pece loves to watch sports and is an avid fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. He is the oldest of five siblings and family is very important to him. He is also an enjoyer of different varieties of foods; he likes to cook and to try out new restaurants whenever he can.



January's Village Budget Process

Following the quarterly update in December, the Village now continues its budgeting process by reviewing the capital budget requests established by each department head. The Village Manager and Village Treasurer anticipate meeting with each department head to discuss and tweak each department's budget proposal.

The culmination of these requests will be compared to the projected non-tax revenues, which results in the calculation of the Tax Levy. Simultaneously, Treasurer Tucker remains acutely aware of the State's Tax Cap, which limits the increase of the Tax Levy from year-to-year to 2% unless the Board of Trustees passes a local law with the intention to exceed this limit. However, the Village has not exceeded the State Tax Cap in over five years.

This budget process is crafted in tandem with the Village's 8-Year Capital Plan. The Capital Plan mainly accounts for larger purchases; including infrastructural improvements and the purchase of heavy equipment such as construction vehicles. Annually, the Village revisits the plan to stay on course, as well as to make adjustments as time moves on. The Capital Plan considers various funding sources such as grants, the issuance of debt, and contributions from the General Fund.



This process will prepare the Village for the next step of the budget process in February, where each of the proposals are made concrete and culminated into the beginning of what will become the budget in June.

Public Hearing to Regulate Leaf Blowers

On December 20th, 2021, the Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 14 of 2021 to amend Chapter 160 of the Village Code, Noise, to establish regulations on gas-powered leaf blowers for January 18th, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

This public hearing will determine whether or not regulations should be imposed to limit the times of the year that gas-powered leaf blowers can be utilized in certain areas of the Village.

Interested members of the public are invited to join the public hearing to voice any comments or questions they may have. Meeting location to be determined.

Westchester County Free PCR Tests

Westchester County is offering free PCR COVID-19 testing at the Westchester County Center. This testing is appointment only – walk-ins will not be accepted. Appointments will only be available three days in advance of the test date. For example, appointments for January 3rd would not be available to schedule until December 31st.

For information, or to schedule a test, visit:
[HTTP://WWW.WESTCHESTERGOV.COM/HEALTH](http://www.westchestergov.com/health)

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Village's Department of Public Works 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.



The Croton Senior Club held its annual Holiday Party on December 3rd at the Harmon Firehouse. The party featured a scrumptious buffet, dancing, and even a visit from Santa.

(L-R) Manager Healy, Mayor Pugh, Senior Club President Janet Meyer

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, January 3rd in observance of New Year's Day



Election of Fire/EMS Officers

The Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Department held their annual election on Thursday, December 9th. For the position of Chief of Department, John Munson won an uncontested election. He will advance from his current position of First Assistant Chief. For the position of First Assistant Chief, Josh Karpoff won an uncontested election. He will advance from his current position of First Assistant Chief. Lastly, for the position of Second Assistant Chief, Chris Colombo won an uncontested election.

The Croton Emergency Medical Services also elected their slate of officers for the upcoming year. The following officers were elected: Phil Dinkler as Captain, Dave Kreilsheimer as First Lieutenant, and Kimberly Russell as Second Lieutenant.

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

Veteran Tax Exemptions Increased

New York State has increased the allowable amounts for veteran's exemptions including non-combat, combat and disabled veterans.

At the recommendation of Assessor Thomas Waitkins, the Board of Trustees agreed to increase these exemptions by adopting Local Law No. 14 of 2021 to amend Chapter 204 of the Village Code.

Additionally, the Cold War Veterans exemption, which was scheduled to sunset this year, has been extended permanently.

For more information, contact the Assessor's Office at (914) 271-4783.



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.

These reports had been paused during the pandemic, but are now being produced once more.

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

Lindsay Audin Inducted Into Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame

On December 3rd, Village resident and Croton's Sustainability Committee Chair, Lindsay Audin was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame. Now in its 39th year, the Senior Hall of Fame exists to celebrate remarkable senior citizens in Westchester County and acknowledge their contributions to others. To date, over 1,100 senior citizens have been inducted to the hall of fame.

Lindsay Audin first became Croton's Sustainability Committee Chair in 2015. In that position, he secured Croton-on-Hudson its silver CSC certification, and one of the highest CEC point scores in the State. In 2021, his efforts secured \$110,000 in State grants for projects that will cut the Village's operating costs and carbon footprint at no cost to Village taxpayers.

The Village congratulates and thanks Mr. Audin for his many years of service to the greater Croton-on-Hudson community!



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 AM to 4 PM 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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Croton Recreation Winter 2022 Programs

The following recreation programs begin in January. Register now on the Village Website.

Youth Activities:

- * Game Days at CET for Grades K-4: Mondays beginning January 10 for nine sessions.
- * Youth Basketball Clinic for Grades 1-5: Saturdays beginning January 8 for seven sessions.
- * Music & Movement with Rose for ages 0-5 (with caregiver): Mondays beginning January 10 for eight sessions.

Adult Activities:

- * Gentle Yoga: Mondays 11 AM to 12 PM beginning January 10 for ten sessions.
- * Rise & Shine Yoga: Wednesdays 9 to 10 AM beginning January 12 for ten sessions.
- * Yoga, Renew & Restore: Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 PM beginning January 11 for ten sessions.
- * Pound Fitness!: Thursdays 6:30 to 7:15 PM beginning January 20 for eight sessions.
- * Zumba: Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 PM beginning January 25 for eight sessions.
- * Indoor Soccer: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8 to 9:30 PM beginning in January for ten sessions.
- * Open Gym Basketball: Mondays 8 to 9:30 PM beginning in January for ten sessions.



Adult 60+ Activities:

- * Local Explorers: Offered in partnership with NY State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.
- * An Opera Experience by WCC Mainstream: Thursdays 10:30 AM to 12 PM beginning January 13 for four sessions.
- * Zumba Gold: Fridays 10 to 10:45 AM beginning January 7 for 12 sessions.
- * Low Impact Exercise: Wednesdays 1:30 to 2:30 PM beginning January 12 for ten sessions.
- * Chair Yoga: Mondays 11 AM to 12 PM beginning January 24 for eight sessions.
- * Art Studio: Tuesdays 1 to 3 PM beginning January 25 for eight sessions.
- * Card Cronies: Mondays 12:30 to 2:30 PM beginning January 10 for 12 sessions.



For more information visit the Village website, or call the Recreation Department at 271-3006.

**Village Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th in
observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

