



*Happy New Year*

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# Newsletter

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## Village Welcomes New Trustee Nora Moriarty Nicholson



***Nora Moriarty Nicholson being sworn in at the December 19th Village Board Meeting.***

At the December 19th Village Board Meeting, Village Manager Bryan Healy, acting as Deputy Village Clerk, swore in Nora Moriarty Nicholson as the newest member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Nicholson will be filling the unexpired term of Trustee Alejandro Rosales, who resigned in November from the Village Board of Trustees. Trustee Nicholson says she is delighted and honored to serve in the community where she grew up and is now raising her family. Trustee Nicholson graduated from Croton-Harmon High School in 1993. After earning a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Albany in 1997, she began a professional career in marketing, finance, and nonprofit management.

In May 2020, Trustee Nicholson received a Masters in Public Administration from San Francisco State University. In 2021, she returned to Croton-on-Hudson with her husband and two daughters. "I love Croton and am invested and committed to supporting it as a wonderful place for people to live and work," she wrote. "I want to actively listen and consider the different points of view of constituents in order to make the best decisions that will serve the community well in the next 125 years. I believe that my professional experience and ability to listen to people along with my deep ties to this community will make me a valuable member of the Village Board."

## **NYSDEC Briefs Village on Hydrilla Treatment Success**

At the December 19th Board Meeting, NYSDEC gave a presentation on the successful treatment of the invasive aquatic weed *Hydrilla verticillate* in the Croton River. Croton Hydrilla Control Project Manager Nicole White gave an in-depth overview of the project, which began in 2017, as well as the DEC's future plans to monitor, protect, and preserve important ecosystems in the Croton River. The entire presentation and the accompanying PowerPoint are available on the Village website under *Ongoing Projects, Initiatives, & Proposed Infrastructure Improvements*.



*The Croton Senior Club held its annual Holiday Party on December 2nd at the Harmon Firehouse. The party featured a luncheon, dancing, and even a visit from Santa. Pictured from left: Party Planning Committee Members Eileen O'Leary, Rose Kollar, Judy Vlad-Drozd, and Linda Potthast.*

## **Croton Police Participate in "Operation Blue Santa, Good Night Lights"**

Sergeant Leonard and Police Officer Pece of the **Croton-on-Hudson Police Department** joined over 300 first responders from 150 departments across Westchester County on Tuesday, December 20th to participate in this year's **"Operation Blue Santa, Good Night Lights"**. Police, Fire, and EMS Departments from across Westchester County came together in a parade of decorated emergency vehicles to surprise and delight children, families, and caregivers at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and Westchester Medical Center.

Many departments, including the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department, outfitted their vehicles with special holiday lights and decorations. The parade took officers throughout the campus and ended in front of the Children's Hospital, where the vehicles lined up so that the children could see their lights and hear the sirens from their windows. Officers and patients had glow sticks to wave at each other and spread the holiday cheer. It was a special moment for the children, their families, and the first responders in attendance.



### **Christmas Tree Pickup**



Christmas trees, untrimmed and unbagged, will be picked up by the Village's Department of Public Works when placed curbside during the month of January. Please make sure that your tree is free of all trimmings, tinsel, and wires before pickup.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **125th Anniversary Kickoff Event!**



*The Croton 125th Anniversary Committee will be hosting a kickoff event to celebrate the 125th birthday of Croton-on-Hudson on Friday, February 10th from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Croton-Harmon High School. The event will feature performances, music, history, and refreshments. Check the Committee Webpage for updates.*

## 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 914-271-4783. If the situation occurs outside of office hours, contact the Police Dept. at 914-271-5177. 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.



## Fire/EMS Election Results



The Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Department held their annual election on Thursday, December 8th. The election results are as follows:

- \* Chief of Department: John Munson
- \* 1st Asst. Chief: Josh Karpoff
- \* 2nd Asst. Chief: Chris Colombo

The Croton Emergency Medical Services also elected their slate of officers for the upcoming year. The following officers were elected:

- \* Phil Dinkler as Captain
- \* Kimberly Russell as First Lieutenant
- \* Tiffany Gilleo as Second Lieutenant

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

## Heating Safety: Be Warm and Safe This Winter!

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February**? With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can stay safe and warm this winter:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ♦ Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

*Source: NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION*



# VILLAGE CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 NEW YEAR'S DAY (OBSERVED)	03	04	05 POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00PM	06	07
08	09 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7:00PM	10 RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00PM	11 CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM  ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING 8:00PM	12 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00PM	13	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	17 PLANNING BOARD MEETING 8:00PM	18 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30PM	19 POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00PM	20	21
22	23 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7:00PM	24	25	26 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00PM	27	28
29	30 BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION 7:00PM	31	01	02	03	04

## UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS



### Lincoln Depot Museum Trip (Adult 60+ Winter Trip)

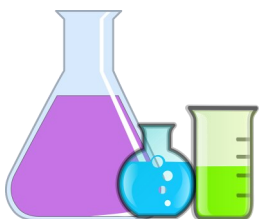
Wednesday, January 25th, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

Join Croton Recreation for a private tour of the Lincoln Depot Museum, which was created from the 3,000 square foot rail depot where President-elect Abraham Lincoln stopped to greet New Yorkers in 1861 during his inaugural train ride. After the tour, the group will go to Taormino Trattoria for lunch. Call 914-271-5804 or visit [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/seniors](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/seniors) to register.

### Winter Sowing Gardening Workshop

Saturday, February 4th, 10:00 AM-Noon (register by January 27)

Learn how to grow beautiful flowers or fresh vegetables without needing indoor space or specialty lights. Winter sowing is an easy method of starting seeds using recycled containers, potting soil and duct tape. Start seeds for a container or for a whole vegetable garden! Register online or call 914-271-3006 for more info.



### Youth Winter Break Program—Chemical Wizardry

Wednesday, February 22nd, 9:30 AM—2:30 PM

Learn about atoms, bonding and the periodic table in this hands-on introduction to chemistry and physics. Have fun making flubber, super Hi-Bounce balls, glowing goo and much more! Take home projects you created, a recipe booklet, and a mini-chemistry kit. Come join the science fun!