

July Calendar

- 4 July 4th Holiday**
- 7 & 21** Village Board Mtg.
- 8 & 22** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 8** Cons. Advisory Council
- 9** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 16** Water Control Comm.
- 16** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 16** Trails Committee

August Calendar

- 4** Village Board Mtg.
- 12 & 26** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 12** Cons. Advisory Council
- 20** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 20** Water Control Comm.
- 20** Trails Committee

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The Village Engineering Office

Croton's Engineering Dept. is one of the busiest of our local government offices. Village Engineer, Dan O'Connor, supervises a myriad of functions that are important to the well-being of the Village. As the name suggests, the Engineering Dept. has primary responsibility for oversight of all approved commercial and residential construction. Property assessments, building and fire inspections, and code enforcement are also under the purview of the office. Additionally, Village projects such as the Sidewalk Improvement project, the Harmon Water Main Replacement project, various drainage improvement projects and the improvements at Croton Landing are supervised by the Engineering office.

Engineer O'Connor is assisted in these tasks by Ass't. Engineer Joe Hornik, Ass't. Building Inspector and Assessor Joe Sperber, Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector Pete Anfiteatro, Engineering and Planning Board Secretary Sylvia Mills, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Janice Fuentes, and part-time Office Assistant Phyllis Bradbury.

Commercial and residential construction activities, both new projects and renovations, account for a significant portion of the office work load. Each project starts with an application. In some cases a Planning Board approval or Zoning Board variance may be needed to proceed. Plans are typically submitted, reviewed by the Engineer, and revised before approval. A Building Permit is issued along with other needed permits. These permits may include those for demolition, tree removal, plumbing, street openings, water and waste water connections, signs, etc. Each of these is accompanied by plans which are reviewed for compliance with relevant codes. For FY 2007-2008, the total amount from these permits and fees was \$160,311.

During the process of construction, multiple site inspections are made to ensure that it is proceeding according to the approved plans. Ultimately a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

Often construction results in changes to a property's assessment which are made by the Assessor and add to the Village's total Assessed Valuation, an important factor in determining property taxes. Assessments may be made at several stages during a new construction project as work progresses and the value increases.

All properties in the Village are subject to compliance with the regulations specified in the Village Zoning Law and Code. The Code Enforcement Officer regularly issues warnings and Violation Notices for infractions either observed by him or reported to the office. These notices must be carefully documented, letters sent to the violator, and a case presented in Village Court if the problem is not corrected satisfactorily in the specified time period.

Major government projects undertaken by the Village typically involve the development of Requests For Proposals, development of bid specification documents, bidding, awarding contracts and monitoring the work done. The paying out of Village monies to contractors is based on performance milestones. Management of the financial details such as maintaining project accounts and requesting Purchase Orders, accounting for the payment of all fees is done by the Engineering Secretary.

Additionally the Planning and Zoning Secretaries assist a steady flow of office visitors, handle phone calls, appointments and help with basic application procedures. They also prepare all Zoning and Planning Board agendas and take minutes at those meetings.

**SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES****MOVIES**

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening. Picnicking is encouraged.

July 9 UNDERDOG (PG)

Shoeshine, a bumbling watchdog, finds he has superpowers after a lab accident. After adoption, he becomes a lovable hero and saves the citizens of Capital City from the evil Simon Barsinister.

July 16 BEE MOVIE (PG)

Barry B. Bensen, a bee who just graduated from college, is disillusioned with his only job prospect - honey. He breaks the rules and talks to a human, a florist named Vanessa, and finds that humans have been stealing honey for centuries and decides to sue them.

July 23 SHREK THE THIRD (PG)

When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he had in mind was becoming the next king, but that is what will happen if he can't find a replacement for King Harold. The best candidate, rebellious Medieval high school slacker, Artie, proves to be a challenge.

July 30 DADDY DAY CAMP (PG)

This sequel to the 2004 Daddy Day Care film has Charlie and his fellow day-care owner, Phil, wanting to take their business to the next level. They renovate a day camp in the woods with hilarious results.

Aug. 6 RV (PG)

Overworked executive, Bob McNeive, embarks on a two-week cross-country journey in an RV with his family. Through a series of misadventures, he inadvertently learns the true meaning of family.

CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park (except July 3rd). The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

July 3 (Thursday) ROXY PERRY

Known as The New York Blues Queen, Roxy Perry currently reigns as the Westchester County Arts Council's Artist of the Year. Her performances and original compositions have earned many awards.

July 11 BLUE WATER

This local Croton Band, back for another night at the park, plays acoustic and electric Rock & Roll with a harmony twist.

July 18 SUNDOWN BAND

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics from bands such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Allman Brothers, The Outlaws, Marshall Tucker and more.

July 25 SECOND WIND

Whether it's classic rock, Second Wind style R&B or "unplugged" acoustic, the Second Wind Band of local talent will make it a night to remember.

Aug. 1 SANTANA TRIBUTE BAND

Delivering Santana tunes executed to perfection, whether it's the old hits from Woodstock, or the newer material from the Supernatural era, the Santana Tribute Band creates the right combination of rocky energy, jazzy looseness and deep Latin grooves.

* Rain location is at the Croton-Harmon High School Auditorium

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

*** All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 17th event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park.

July 10 JEFFREY & THE BOSSY FROG BAND This show is guaranteed to get the audience singing, dancing, laughing, hopping and having a great time!

July 17 THE FUN AND FUNNY JUGGLING SHOW Will Shaw presents an award winning blend of physical comedy, verbal wit and amazing skills. Everyone will be treated to astounding displays of juggling, tricks, sight gags, music and more.

July 24 CIRQUE MENAGERIE Fidget and Mr. Van Loon bring you a mini circus of mad-cap proportions. Using large puppet illusions, the show features Arnie the musical Otter, Flora the dancing Flamingo, and Coco, the wonder horse. It also includes magic, music and juggling.

July 31 THE MUSIC OF DAVE FRY Dave Fry is an energetic, award-winning kids' musician who combines rock n' roll folk music with lots of audience participation. There will be plenty of surprises and silliness.

Aug. 7 DAVID LEVITAN'S MAGIC SHOW David has magical hands & superb timing. His fast-paced show features magic, juggling, fluttering birds, mind reading & tons of audience participation. Great for the whole family.



Reminder!
Village Offices will be closed
Friday, July 4th for Independence Day!



Spotlight on the Bicycle Police Patrol

On June 1st, 2008, the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department launched its Bike Patrol Unit. The unit first appeared at this year's Summerfest event and was enthusiastically greeted by the attendees.

Four officers are already trained and certified to ride, and more are expected in the future. Each has attended a one-week training class to learn the ins and outs of patrolling on a bicycle.

Croton police officers who are currently on the Bike Patrol are Sgt. Doug Oles, the coordinator, and Police Officers Cliff Gabrielson, Dave Wingfield, and John Smith. More are expected to join the patrol in the future. During the training the patrol members were taught

about riding their bicycles on different off-road and off-trail terrains as well as in different weather conditions. They also learned how to make an arrest from a bicycle when necessary. Fitness training was also included.

The Bike Patrol currently has two Fuji Police Mountain Bikes that will be used for patrols during the warmer months and at special events to bridge the gap between automobile and foot patrols.

The Bike Patrol officers also have special uniforms. A bicycle rack has been added to two police cars so that on a given period of patrol, both car and bicycle can be used.

Some areas of the Village that are difficult to patrol on foot or by car will be more

accessible with the bikes. Such areas include Croton Landing Park, the parks and trails along the Croton River, and other trails throughout the Village.

This greater accessibility to parks, trails and walkways, will give the officers the opportunity to be more proactive in monitoring the Village. Receiving positive feedback from the community already, the patrol's benefits are apparent in terms of personal contact and interaction with the Village residents and businesses. The Bike Patrol Officers are all excited by this new opportunity.



**Officers Gabrielsen and Smith
with bikes**

Croton's Trails System

Residents may have noticed new trail connection markers on some Village streets as shown in the picture below. These markers are for identifying **On-the-Road** trail segments that connect the wooded sections of trails around the Village, thereby creating a network of trails. The wooded sections of the Trail System have white rectangular trail blazes located on trees.



There are several noteworthy **wooded trail sections** as follows. Please consult a Trails map, obtainable in the Village Office for detailed directions and a complete list of trails. (1) Croton Gorge Trail and a segment to Quaker Bridge Road. From the north end of Truesdale Dr. you can walk to Black Rock Park or connect to the Croton Aqueduct Trail by going over the bridge and left up the hill. This trail takes you to the Dam in one direction or Ossining in the other. (2) North Highland Place Loop (River Landing) trails. One loop begins at the barricade on North Highland and leads to a section taking you to the Upper Village area. The other loop starts at the cul-de-sac on Birch Court, returns to N. Highland Place and leads towards the Hudson River with an on-the-road segment down Brook St. to the Rte. 9 pedestrian crossing to Croton Landing and Senasqua parks.

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Symphony Knoll Construction Underway



**Excavation and Foundation work
at Symphony Knoll**

Following a ground-breaking ceremony on May 20th, attended by County Executive Andrew Spano, the Croton Housing Network's planned eleven-unit affordable housing for Seniors, known as Symphony Knoll, is finally under construction after some four years of planning. It is anticipated that the eleven units, located off Mt. Airy Rd., will be ready for occupancy in late Spring or early summer of 2009.

Justice Court Grant

A grant application by the Village to the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program in August, 2007, has resulted in Croton's Justice Office being awarded a grant totaling \$6,440.00. The grant includes equipment valued at \$5,150.00 and a cash award of \$1,290.00.



Equipment that is covered by this grant includes a high-volume shredder, CDs, office supplies, video surveillance and alarm system equipment, intercoms, and a walk-through metal detector.

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Got a Question?



There is a lovely new bench outside the Municipal Building on Van Wyck Street? Is there a particular person or group responsible for it?



The bench shown in the picture to the left is a gift of Croton's Senior Club. It was purchased by the Club for the Village to commemorate last Falls' 50th anniversary of the Seniors Club in Croton. A plaque is

being designed which will be attached to the bench signifying this in the near future. The Club currently has a paid membership of over 170 Seniors.

The Recreation and Parks Dept. has a program whereby people or organizations interested in contributing items such as benches or special plantings can receive approval and locations for such donations. Contact the Recreation and Parks Dept. at 271-3006.

Croton Trails cont'd. (3) The Highland Trail begins in the Arboretum goes around Hudson National Golf Course, accessing Croton's highest point, and making a connection with the Brinton Brook Sanctuary trails. (4) Croton Riverfront Trails, known as 'River Walk', extend along the Hudson River waterfront. The walkway in front of the Half Moon Bay condominiums is open to Croton residents and their guests. Residents should be prepared to present identification. All cyclists and walkers can also follow the bike path along the rear of the Half Moon Bay complex. Both paths lead to Croton Point Park. At Croton Landing Park, the Village and County are currently extending the trail an additional half-mile to the north.

The Village Trails are maintained by Trails Committee volunteers. They cut brush, re-blaze trails, address erosion and fallen trees, as well as develop new trail sections. The Committee is always looking for additional volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office or Chair Jan Wines (wsm2jhw@bestweb.net). The Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Building.

