



July Calendar

- 2 & 16** Village Board Mtg.
- 4** **July 4th Holiday**
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** Cons. Advisory Council
- 11** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 18** Water Control Comm.
- 18** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 18** Trails Committee

August Calendar

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Croton Receives Regional Commuter Choice Recognition

A program sponsored by the NY Metropolitan Transportation Council, in col-



Janine King and Abe Zambrano accepting award for Croton

laboration with the Metropolitan Mobility Network, promotes commuter benefit programs to employers in the metropolitan area. The premise of the program is that when employers encourage alternatives, employee satisfaction increases, businesses gain a valuable recruiting tool and everyone benefits from reduced traffic congestion and improved air quality. The award recipients are categorized by the size of their organization. The 2007 winners, as a group, eliminated 60,000-plus car trips and more than a million vehicle miles traveled on regional roadways every week. Croton received an honorable mention award for their program to offer reduced commuter parking permit fees for owners of hybrid cars.

Hybrid Parking Permits Owners of a hybrid or electric car can receive a 50% reduction on the cost of a railroad station parking permit. To receive the reduction, the title and car registration must be presented at the Village office. A reduced, hybrid-car permit does not require the permit holder to park the hybrid car at the station if other cars are also owned. Croton is reimbursed for the difference in the permit rate by the NYSDOT through a program facilitated by MetroPool, Inc. which also runs the NuRide program in which Croton participates.

The NuRide program is an incentive-based ride-sharing network which is free

to participating employers, organizations, riders and drivers. Participants can plan trips online and get rewarded for riding together. It is available to any area resident who travels regularly or irregularly, whether a car owner or not, who has registered from a participating organization at www.nuride.com. Croton is registered as a participating organization so any Village employee can take advantage of the service. Participants can offer rides or seek rides to and from work, airports or anywhere. Participants earn NuRide miles or reward points with every shared ride.

Reward miles can be redeemed with participating reward companies. The list is available at the NuRide website. Information brochures are available in the Village office.

Conservation Areas

The Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new Conservation Area designation in May. This designation is to be applied to tracts of land to ensure the protection of their natural features, cultural heritage and wildlife by establishing policies that limit or prevent detrimental activity in the sensitive area.

The first parcel to receive this Conservation Area designation is the Village-owned property known as Mayo's Landing. Acquired by the Village in 1945, the parcel provided access to the Croton River for fishing and boating. Recent overuse of the area has resulted in damage to vegetative ground cover and storm water runoff caused erosion on the slope.

To protect the Mayo's Landing area, the Village Board has determined that a Village Parks ID or a valid NYS fishing license is required for access. Signs indicating the new regulations have been installed at the Mayo's Landing site.

**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.

June 27 HOODWINKED (PG)

Animals of the woods investigate a "domestic disturbance" at Granny's house. Animated version of the children's classic picks up where Little Red Riding Hood left off.

July 11 MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G)

Nature documentary follows the annual journey of emperor penguins to their breeding ground in Antarctica. The focus is on one pair as they face birth, death, dating, and predators in their fight for survival.

July 18 MADAGASCAR (PG)

A lion, zebra, giraffe and a hippo live in Central Park's zoo and are best friends living a blissful life in captivity. When one turns up missing, the others search for him ending up on a ship to Madagascar. A computer-animated comedy.

July 25 SHARK TALE (PG)

A little fish named Oscar ends up at the scene of a crime when the son of a shark mob boss is killed. Oscar claims to be a "shark slayer" but, when challenged, his little white lie lands him in hot water. With the help of Lenny, the shark boss' son, they make sure their futures aren't all washed up.

Aug. 1 THE GOONIES (PG)

The Goonies are a group of seven young friends from a small North western town who find themselves on a thrilling underground adventure filled with humor and heart-pounding peril as they seek the secrets behind the treasure of the notorious pirate, One-Eyed Willie.

CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park. The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

June 29 STREETS OF THE BRONX

Go back in time with Westchester's #1 group. Butch Barbella's band features the outstanding vocals of "Yo Vinny". Butch was music director and composer for the movie "A Bronx Tale" and was formerly with Dion, The Earls, and The Duprees

Rain location: CHHS Auditorium

July 6 DOC ROCK Doc Roc has been rocking together for over eleven years. Join them for a rejuvenating dose of classic rock.**July 13 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 20 NICOLE HART & the NEW RHYTHM GROOVE

NRG is the natural evolution in the Blues/R&B genre, aggressively combining a seductive funky feel with the soulful nuances of The Blues.

July 27 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. 3 BLUE WATER**

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

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

*** All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 5th event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park. In case of rain, performances will be at C.E.T. Elementary School, except July 5th at PVC School.

July 5 DAVE FRY An energetic, award-winning kids musician who combines rock n' roll fold music with lots of audience participation. Dave is a pro at creating a great atmosphere of singing and dancing, surprises and silliness.**July 12 MARK RUST** Mark performs "Our Families Came to Sing", a humorous and touching look at our upbringings and family life. This is an upbeat performance that is sure to captivate the entire family.**July 19 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 26 MAGIC OF NEECH** Neech performs captivating magic effects, comedy, and surprise, highlighted with a thrilling escape act. This former house magician for FAO Schwartz will entertain and delight any audience.**Aug. 2 ANDREW ROBLIN** Andrew Roblin's music is a fresh musical style, a fusion of folk music and bluegrass he calls the Manitoba Sound. He guarantees to have children through seniors grunting, yodeling and strutting.

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



Spotlight on Charlie O'Connor

Fifty years ago Croton had the good fortune to have Charlie O'Connor move to the village. Although he was working then to support his family, since his retirement in 1993, Charlie has been working on behalf of Village residents as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Shortly after joining the regular Fire Dept., he was asked to help with the ambulance. He has been there ever since.

After taking months of courses to be certified as an EMT, he continues training to this day. Every ambulance must have both a driver and an EMT aboard and Charlie does both.

Croton's ambulance corps provides Basic Life Support (BLS) which defines what procedures can be provided.

Charlie has increased his certification level to EMT Intermediate which allows him to work under the Advanced Life Support (ALS) provided by OVAC (Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps). OVAC operates a "fly car" to respond to these more serious emergencies.

Every Tuesday, Charlie works from 6am to 6pm with OVAC. The other 6 days he responds to Croton calls from his home. Some days he can spend 4 to 5 hours on "the rig" answering as many as 3 or 4 calls a day. Other days there might be none, but Charlie is always ready to respond. He estimates he responds to well over 350 calls a year in Croton.

Charlie and his wife, Eileen, have 5 sons and 11 grandchildren but not in Croton. They

enjoy traveling to visit them throughout the northeast, North Carolina and Illinois. They will celebrate their 57th anniversary in December.

For the past 40 years, he has been a Lay Reader at Holy Name of Mary Church. Charlie was also a scout master and coach when his sons were young.

Although he no longer plays himself, one of Charlie's favorite recreational activities is volunteering for local PGA and LPGA golf tournaments held in Westchester. He has been the Captain of the first hole Marshalls at the Barclays Classic (formerly Buick Classic) at Westchester Country Club for many years.



"I just enjoy EMT. The people who need us are always glad to see us."

Charlie O'Connor

Peggy Keesler Retires

After 33 years working for the Village of Croton, Peggy Keesler is retiring in July. Peggy has been Croton's Village Clerk since 2004, having previously served as Deputy Clerk since 1988. Peggy was first hired in 1974.

Peggy's responsibilities include contact with the press, fielding questions from the public, all Village insurance and human resources responsibilities, act a secretary to the Village manager, follow-up to Village Board meetings, and running Village elections.

Peggy grew up in Croton and now lives in Verplanck with her husband, Fred. Her plans for her retirement including photography, gardening, leisure reading, decorating and some cruises. She also looks forward to more time with her granddaughter and expected grandchild. Peggy says she is not sure of all the things she will be doing because she never had this chance before.

For many residents, Peggy is the face of the village. Peggy will be greatly missed by everyone..



Peggy Keesler

Potassium Iodide Pills

New Potassium Iodide (KI) pills are available for distribution in the Village Office. KI pills have been available to residents from the office since Spring 2004. Pills distributed at that time have now expired and should be replaced with new KI pills.

KI pills are intended for those who live in the 10-mile radius Emergency Planning Zone around the Indian Point Power plants. It is to be taken only as directed in the event of a radiological incident. The Village Office will provide further information about KI when the tablets are distributed. When picking up KI for the members of their family, residents will be asked to sign a form indicating that is the case.

The tablets are provided by Westchester County. More information can be obtained about KI from their website at www.westchestergov.com/health.

CrotonLanding/River Walk Contract Awarded

Bradhurst Site Construction Corp. has been awarded the general contract for work on both the River Walk and the Croton Landing improvements in the amount of \$2,445,885. West-Fair Electric Contractor's Inc. has received the contract for electrical work for \$179,000. Approximately \$1,900,000 will be reimbursed through several grants and county funding.

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Got a Question?



My children play on several sports teams. Sometime the fields are closed and we don't find out until we get there. Is there a way for me to find out about field closures before the games?



The Village has recently implemented an electronic Field Closing Subscriber List in response to this question.

Those people who subscribe to the Field Closure Email Notification System will get an email each afternoon (M-F) by 3:30 pm notifying them of field closures for that day.

To subscribe to this list, go to [Quick Links](#) on Croton's Home page (www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) and select [Field Closure Subscriber List](#).

On that page, select Add My Name, check the Mail List for Field Closure and provide your email address where requested. If you choose to take your name off the list, use the same procedure and select Remove My Name.

Over a year ago, there was talk of a cell tower being under consideration in Croton. What has happened to this application?

Nextel actually made two applications, one for a site in the Municipal Building and one for a site near the DPW garage. The Municipal Building application was approved and construction has started. T-Mobile also plans an application for this site.



Although the Village had signed a lease agreement with Nextel for a site south of the DPW salt shed, after some preliminary discussion, Nextel asked the Village to consider a different site to the north and closer to the DPW garage. The Village agreed and recently signed an amended agreement for that site. The application requires Special Permit approval from the Village Board and, if granted, a site plan approval by the Planning Board. Both require public hearings to be held. Nextel is expected to resume that process in the coming months.

