June 2020 Number 222

June Meeting Calendar

- 1 & 15 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 8 BOT Work Session
- 9 & 23 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10 Zoning Bd. Mtg.

<u>Due to COVID-19 precautions</u>, all in-person advisory board and committee meetings have been postponed.

Please check the Village website and agenda emails for details on joining meetings via Zoom. Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.





Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,NY

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudsonny.gov.

Stay connected!

Village Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been evolving as the curve has been flattened in New York State.

The Municipal Building remains closed to the public. All essential services provided by the Village are continuing to operate, including emergency services, water distribution and sanitation. All building and other engineering permits continue to be processed. The statutory boards of the Village are continuing to meet via Zoom videoconferencing.

Unfortunately, due to the continuing effects of the pandemic, the decision has been made to cancel summer day camps for the season. The Recreation Department is working on a plan to open Silver Lake Beach to Croton residents only by June 26th. Summer permits will not be sold; instead, residents will sign up online for a particular time slot. The Recreation Department will also be working on virtual programs, as well as socially-distant sports programs, to hold during the summer. Please check the Village website and social media for updates on both of these issues.

All residents are strongly encouraged to visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov for updates, as well as follow us on social media.

June Elections Information

Residents will be receiving information on two separate elections being held during the month of June. On June 9th, school districts will be holding their annual election for adopting a school budget and filling school board trustee seats. Information on these elections can be found by visiting your school district's website.

On June 23rd, New York State will be holding its primary election. All registered voters in a party holding a primary should have received an absentee ballot application. These applications can be returned via email, fax or regular mail. For those not wishing to vote via absentee ballot, voting will also be taking place at your usual polling place.

For more information, or to obtain an absentee ballot application, please visit the Westchester County Board of Elections website at https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/. You may also call them directly at 914-995-5285.



Mid-Hudson Region Moves to Phase I

As of May 26th, the Mid-Hudson Region has moved to Phase I of the reopening process. Industries which are now allowed to operate include:

- Construction
- · Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail (Limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

For more specific information on the industries allowed to reopen, please visit forward.ny.gov.

Reminder! Village tax bills are due July 1st. Bills may be mailed or paid online.

CAC Hosts Leaf Blower Discussion Forum

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) will be hosting a virtual public comment forum on the issue of leaf blowers on Wednesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Under the current Village code, leaf blowers are permitted during certain hours. The CAC will be seeking resident input as to whether or not these restrictions are satisfactory or should be changed in some way. Information will also be provided about gas-powered leaf blowers and their effects on the environment.

All those who wish to publicly comment or watch the forum will need to first register by going to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/CACRegister20. Once registered, you will receive the forum link.

Public comments will also be accepted via email to managersoffice@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

The discussion forum will be recorded and available to watch on-demand on the Village's website and cable access channel 78 following the forum.

Update on State of Emergency

A State of Emergency remains in effect for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. The State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following facilities have been closed under emergency order:

- Croton Landing Field
- Dog Park at Black Rock Park
- Dobbs Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Duck Pond Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Firefighters Memorial Field
- Harrison Street Park Playground
- Manes Field
- Senasqua Park & Playground
- Silver Lake Beach
- Sunset Park Playground

Additionally, the use of leaf blowers of any kind has been prohibited on weekdays until further notice.

Finally, parking has been prohibited along Route 129 from Dailey Drive eastward to the Village boundary line.

Updates will be provided via CodeRed, the Village website and social media.



Antibody Testing Now Available for General Public

Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth) has expanded its antibody testing program to the general public. It is currently available by appointment at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Members of the public interested in COVID-19 antibody testing can call 914-326-2060, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., for screening and to make an appointment. After testing samples are secured, they are brought to Westchester Medical Center's Valhalla laboratories for evaluation. In most cases, results will be shared with each tested individual within 48 hours.

It should be noted that an antibody test does not take the place of testing for active infection. WMCHealth operates coronavirus infection testing sites on or near each hospital campus across our network. Testing for infection is available by appointment and community members experiencing symptoms can visit WMCHealth.org/Testing to find the nearest testing site.

June Recreation Update

The Recreation Department has set up three separate yoga classes to be held via Zoom. Classes will be offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, beginning the week of June 1.

The Current Events Discussion Group will also start meeting again via Zoom beginning June 4. This is a free program and limited to 30 participants.

To register for these programs, please visit the Village website and click "Recreation & Parks" under Departments.

Continue to check the Village website and sign up for emails from the Recreation Department to stay updated on new programs and information throughout the summer!

Support Croton Businesses

The Croton Business Council has put together a list of restaurants and bars that are offering takeout and delivery services during this emergency situation.

You can view the listing by going to the following website: https://croton.suburbanguides.com/croton-business-council-virtual-drink-dine-day/. Residents are encouraged to support all our local businesses during these trying times.

New Schedule for Channel 78

Village meetings and other programs are available to watch on the Village's cable access channel, Channel 78:

- Board of Trustees Meetings: Wednesdays & Fridays at 8 PM
- Board of Trustees Work Sessions: Sundays & Thursdays at 6 PM
- <u>Planning Board Meetings:</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2 PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: Mondays & Wednesdays at 2 PM

Meetings are also available on-demand on the Village's website under the "Live Stream" tab.

Senior exercise classes are also shown Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 10 AM. Check the schedule on the channel for other special programming.

Annual Water Quality Report

This year, the Annual Water Quality Report will not be mailed out to individual homeowners and businesses.

The AWQR will be available on the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's website at the following link as of May 31, 2020: https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/water-department/news/2019-water-quality-report.

For more information, or to request a printed copy, please call the Engineering Department at 271-4783.



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Feeding Westchester Mobile Food Pantry Returning to Croton

The mobile food pantry run by Feeding Westchester will be returning to the Croton-Harmon Train Station on Thursday, June 23rd, at 3:30 PM. The Mobile Food Pantry brings fresh protein, dairy, produce, and grains directly to areas where it is needed. Those in need may visit the mobile pantry and pick up these items. For further information, please contact Feeding Westchester at 914-923-1100.



Complete the 2020 Census!

Paper census forms have arrived in the mailboxes of those who have not completed the census online.

You can visit my2020census.gov, call 844-330-2020 or return the paper census form by mail to be counted today.

Your response will impact the amount of funding received by the Village for the next 10 years.

The Village has surpassed its 2010 response rate! Thank you to everyone who has thus far completed the census! Let's keep up the good work!