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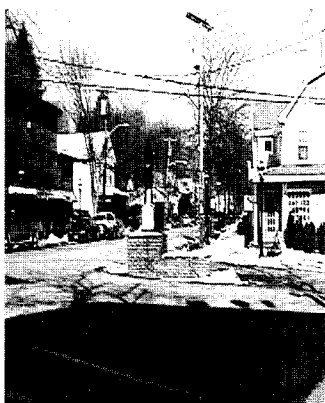
March Calendar

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New Comprehensive Plan Adopted



Upper Village Commercial District

After four years of meetings, interviews, surveys and public input sessions by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a new Comprehensive Plan on January 21.

The Plan provides a framework for future land-use and policy decisions by the Board. Comprehensive Plans are adopted under the guidelines of NYS Law which further mandates that

a municipality's Zoning Laws be consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Plan.

Croton's new Comprehensive Plan provides recommendations to guide future Board decisions in the following areas:

- Commercial Districts & Gateway Areas
- Natural Resources & Open Space/Parks
- Transportation
- Residential Neighborhoods
- Community Facilities & Services

The overall intent of the Plan is to preserve and improve upon Croton's special character and qualities. It's recommendations focus on these objectives by proposing ways to preserve Croton's traditional qualities, strengthening its existing assets and protecting its resources.

Since 1999, a five-member committee has been working

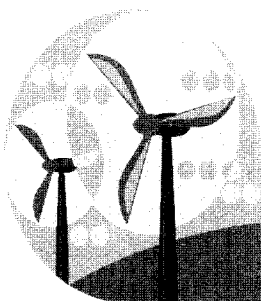
with the firm of Buckhurst, Fish and Jacquemart in developing the Plan. The Committee members are Kurt Carlson, Justin Casson, Paul Doyle, Ann Gallelli and Roger Soly-mosy.

Now that Croton has a Plan, the next step in the process is to begin reviewing the existing Zoning Law to ensure its consistency with the Plan's guidelines.



Croton's Senasqua Park

Croton—An Energy \$mart Community



Croton has accepted an invitation to become an Energy \$mart Community, part of a regional organization. At the same time, the Board voted to sign an agreement with Community Energy, Inc. to obtain 25% of our power from wind turbine energy.

Croton will be able to receive one-on-one assistance in matching our energy needs with financial resources and technical assistance, among other benefits.

Croton now becomes one of the early leaders in working toward significant energy savings that aim to save money, improve business prospects, increase employment and provide a healthier living and working environment.

By becoming an Energy \$mart Community,

Croton Awarded Three Infrastructure Improvement Grants

Village Manager Richard Herbek has recently announced that three of four grants the Village applied for have been awarded to Croton. The grants are awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which is administered by Westchester County. Croton resident, Josh Moreinis, is Croton's representative to the County CDBG Committee. Manager Herbek sits on the Board.

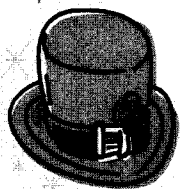
The three grants are for infrastructure improvements in the Village and will be awarded over a three-year period if the Village accepts them.

For 2003, \$105,971 was awarded for Maple Street sidewalk improvements in the area where Maple Street and Grand Street intersect.

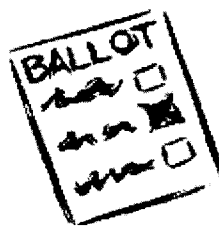
\$75,000 was awarded for 2004 for Brook Street Drainage improvements and \$40,000 was awarded for 2005 for Wayne Street improvements which would include new sidewalks and pavement widening.

The projects that were applied for are of importance to the Village in maintaining its steady program of improvements. These amounts do not cover the full cost of implementing these projects and will require matching money to go forward if approved by the Board of Trustees.

St. Patrick's Day Party for Seniors



Croton Seniors will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage luncheon at the Ossining Elks Club. There is a minimal charge for attending the affair. For further information call Marie Weigman, Senior Coordinator at 271- 5804 on Mon/Wed/Fri.



Village Elections March 18th

This year's Village Election is for three seats on the Board of Trustees—Mayor, and two Trustees. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 18th in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. Polls will be open from 6am to 9 pm. Results will be televised live on Channel 78 when they are finalized—approximately 9:30 pm.

Mayor Robert Elliott and Trustees Georgianna Grant and Leo Wiegman, running on the Democratic and Budget Watch lines, are being challenged by Dr. Gregory Schmidt for Mayor and Don Daubney and Tom Brennan for Trustee on the Republican and Open Government lines.

What's Happening?



The answer to that question can probably be found on the kiosk located in the Croton Commons shopping area. It was erected in the Fall as a joint project of the Croton Free Library, the Village of Croton, the Croton School District and the Croton Lions and Rotary Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. Each of the four sides is dedicated to news and events for a different group: Library news, Village government events, Croton Schools news, and not-for-profit Community Organizations happenings. The Library, which initiated the project, accepts flyers for the community organization side. The space for the kiosk was provided by West-ex Associates, owners of Croton Commons.

Spotlight on Martin Gariepy

If it's broke, it's likely that Marty Gariepy will be fixing it. As Lead Maintenance Mechanic for the Village, Marty is responsible for the purchasing, maintenance, repair and surplussing of all Village vehicles. This includes, cars, pickups, large dumps, garbage trucks and other machinery such as road builders, lawnmowers and chain saws. He and his two assistants have also been known to repair typewriters, office chairs, parking meters,

and file cabinets among other items. Marty and his men also maintain the ambulances and the Fire Chiefs' vehicles. This job also includes all the paperwork involved in purchasing vehicles and their replacement parts, registrations, and advertising, selling and delivery of surplussed vehicles.

Marty has held this position since 1995. He started his work for the Village in March 1988 as an Ass't. Auto Mechanic. Since then he has attended numerous

schools on auto repair, diesel engine repair and on computer command and control repairs. After moving to Croton when he was 3, Marty has spent almost all of his life in Croton and graduated from the Croton schools. He recently bought a house in Fishkill, where he and his wife reside. In his spare time, Marty likes to spend time in his wood shop doing renovations on his home, making furniture and gifts and he is also a motorcycle enthusiast.



"What I really like about my job is that every day is a challenge. There is always something different to do"

Martin 'Marty' Gariepy

Croton Housing Network Lottery Results

Seniors selected for Discovery Cove Units

Four units at the new Discovery Cove development at Half Moon Bay were awarded to four Seniors with Croton connections at a lottery held by the Croton Housing Network (CHN) on January 25 at the Municipal Building. The one bedroom units were required as part of site plan approval. The developer, Spectrum-Skanska, has sold the 4 units to the Croton Housing Network, who, in turn, will rent the units to the lottery winners.

Nance Shatzkin, President of the CHN, said the 50 inquiries made about the apartments resulted in

fifteen applicants who qualified to be in the lottery.

Two of the new tenants are long-time Croton residents— James Edgar and Julie LeFebvre; two are mothers of Croton residents— Margaret Roles (mother of Michelle Harris) and Raziya Priznkyakova (mother of Anna Lubensky). Those who didn't get selected will be eligible for openings in the future at this and other CHN locations of which there are 24.

The recipients are expected to move into the apartments in April.

As snow continues to fall in Croton, remember to keep your sidewalks cleared and don't park your cars on the streets when 2" of snow falls..

We're on the Web. Visit us at [Http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/](http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/)

Got a Question?

My child is an avid skateboard fan. When will the Village's Skateboard Park reopen and what do I need to tell my child about using it?

According to Susan Menz, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, the Skateboard Park will reopen in mid-March or as soon thereafter as weather permits. Children must have a permit to use the facility or pay a fee when entering. Call the Recreation Office at 271-3006 for information about getting a permit. Appropriate safety equipment, including helmets, must always be worn at the site. There will always be an attendant at the facility when it is open to check permits, check for equipment, and supervise behavior at the site.

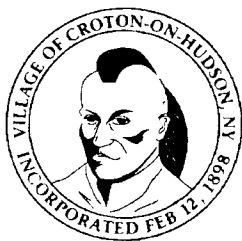
One of the concerns that has arisen based on the period it was open in 2002, is that children going to the park do not always observe simple safety rules. One of the reasons the facility was built was to create a safe place to skateboard and in-line skate—off the streets and steps of our Village.



To make access to the Skatepark safe, new sidewalks were built, crosswalks were created, and traffic regulations were changed in the area. Unfortunately, many children have been seen ignoring traffic signals, avoiding the crosswalks, skating down the steps to the park and not wearing their safety gear on the way to the Park. This extremely dangerous behavior could result in someone being injured. The attendants at the Skatepark cannot monitor what goes on outside the site and still do their job properly. The Parks Department emphasizes that it is very important for every parent to discuss the proper measures for crossing streets and getting to the Skatepark. By doing that, the Village will achieve its goal of providing a safe place for skateboarding to occur.



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