

March Meeting Calendar

- 4 & 18** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 6** Cons. Adv. Council
- 11** BOT Work Session
- 12 & 26** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 12** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 13** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 19** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 20** BOT Work Session
- 20** Trails Comm.
- 21** Zoning Workshop
- 25** BOT Work Session
- 26** Fire Council
- 27** BOT Work Session

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov for times/locations of individual meetings.



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Zoning Update Process to Commence

Workshop to be held March 21 at Harmon Firehouse

The Village is considering updating the zoning for the Municipal Place Gateway (the three retail areas near Maple Street and Municipal Place) and the North Riverside Avenue Corridor with a view to enhancing the vitality of the area. For the Gateway, the goal is to develop a single guiding vision for the Gateway and to encourage future development in accordance with that vision through both potential zoning revisions and creative development incentives.

As currently contemplated, implementing the Gateway vision may include a) enhancing and unifying the functionality of the existing and future

retail locations, b) circulation and parking upgrades, c) direction for the Village-owned so-called "Katz Property" across from the Post Office/CVS parking lot, and d) potential for residential units.

With respect to the North Riverside Corridor, the goals are making the corridor a) more attractive and cohesive visually, b) more accessible to pedestrians and to increase parking availability, c) more flexible by considering mixed use and/or allowing third stories and d) more commercially viable.

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Village Prepares 2019-2020 Annual Budget

Since the beginning of the year, the Village Manager and Village Treasurer have been meeting with department heads to prepare the annual village budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

As required by state law, the Village Manager must file the tentative budget in the office of the Village Clerk on March 20th. Once the tentative budget is filed, the Board of Trustees will begin holding budget work sessions to review the tentative budget and make any revisions necessary.

The Village Budget consists of the General Fund (which funds most village operations), the Capital Fund (used for capital projects such as purchasing vehicles and building improvements), the Debt Fund (which pays the interest and premium on village bonds) and the Water and Sewer Funds (used to fund those systems).

Below is the present calendar of dates for budget sessions. Please note that these dates are subject to change. For up-to-date meeting agendas, please visit the Village website and subscribe to E-Alerts to receive agendas by email:

- March 20 - DPW, Water and Sewer
- March 25 - Recreation
- March 27 - Fire/EMS
- April 1* - Public Hearing
- April 3 - Administration & Fees
- April 4 - Police
- April 8 - Capital
- April 10 - Recap of Budget
- April 15* - Budget Adoption

*Starred dates are board meetings, which begin at 8 p.m. All other dates are work sessions, which begin at 7:30 p.m.

New Police Officer Hired



On January 22, 2019, the Village Board approved the appointment of Debra Rodriguez as the Village's newest Police Officer. Officer Rodriguez filled a vacant position. Officer Rodriguez is currently attending the Police Academy, where she will receive extensive training in all aspects of Law Enforcement. Officer Rodriguez comes to the department from the private sector, where she has experience working in management, problem solving and interacting with the public. Chief Harper is confident that she will make a smooth transition to public service and become a great addition to the Croton Police Department.

Zoning Update Process to Commence

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The Village is seeking to obtain the fullest possible public input into this process and will be holding the first of several public workshops for that purpose on Thursday, March 21, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Harmon Firehouse at 30 Wayne Street. All Village residents are invited to attend.

No Stopping Zone Added on North Riverside Avenue

The Village Manager has authorized an amendment to the Vehicle & Traffic Law of the Village to create a no stopping zone along the east side of North Riverside Avenue south of its intersection with Farrington Road. This new law will go into effect on March 28, 2019. The genesis for this new traffic amendment is to help motorists with their line of sight when exiting Farrington Road. New signage will be posted during the month of March by DPW.

Reminder: Village Assessing Newsletter Delivery Options

All newsletter readers will notice that a pre-paid, pre-addressed postcard has been included as an insert. This postcard poses two questions: have you subscribed to the Village E-Alert system and would you prefer to receive the newsletter via electronic mail or US Mail?

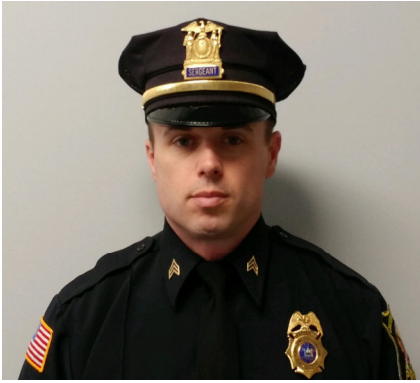
As a reminder, please do not re-submit the postcard if you have already done so. All postcard responses submitted have been recorded. The new paperless system will begin in April.

If you have not yet submitted a postcard, and would prefer to continue to receive the newsletter as a paper copy by mail, please return the postcard with the requested information listed. Additionally, if you have not signed up for the Village's E-Alert system, you can do so by visiting the Village website or by returning the postcard with your e-mail address.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

Reminder! Utility bills will be sent via mail or email to all residents on March 15.

Police Department Promotions



At the Village Board meeting on February 19th, Det. John Smith was promoted to the position of Detective Sergeant, which has been vacant for a number of years. Det. Sgt. Smith was hired by the Village on November 3, 2006, when he transferred to Croton from the Town of Goshen Police Department. On September 15, 2017, Officer Smith was appointed Detective. He has received training in investigation techniques as well as numerous other aspects of working in the Detective field of Law Enforcement. During his time working for Croton, John has gained much experience working in different County Wide Task Force Operations which will serve him well as he heads the Detective Division of the Croton Police Department.

On February 20th, Officer Thomas (TJ) Leonard was appointed to the position of Detective. Det. Leonard was hired by the Village on August 12, 2013, when he transferred from the City of Mount Vernon Police Department. Det. Leonard has much experience working with Croton's youth as a certified Youth Officer/DARE Officer. He also has experience filling in as a part-time Detective and has been receiving training with the new laws regarding "Raise the Age" in the State of New York. In addition to his new position, Det. Leonard will also continue in the position of Youth Officer/DARE Officer.



March 2019 Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department has some great programs planned for middle school kids in March!

On March 8, there is an ice skating trip to the Westchester Skating Academy in Elmsford. Sign in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the bus leaves the Municipal Building at 7 p.m. Participants will return at 10:30 p.m. The fee for this program is \$15 and includes skate rental. To make a reservation for this trip, please call 271-4668.

March 29 will be a drop-in afternoon at the Municipal Building. Come hang out afterschool or drop in before/after practices. There will be games to play, movies to watch, music to enjoy and snacks, of course! Come and go as you please. The room and concession stand will be open from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

For our older adult residents, a senior trip is planned for Thursday, March 28, to the Palisades Center Mall in West Nyack. The bus departs the Municipal Building at 10 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 for village residents and \$8 for non-residents.

A trip to the Jefferson Valley Mall is scheduled for Thursday, March 14. As always, the senior bus is available for village residents for trips to ShopRite, the bank and post office on Mondays and Wednesdays.

As a reminder, the Spring/Summer Brochure will be released at the beginning of April. To obtain a copy of the brochure, visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov. Please also sign-up to receive Village e-Alerts to receive an email when the brochure is available.

For senior program information, please call Valerie Nolan, Seniors Director, at 271-5804. For information on all other recreation programs, please call the office at 271-3006.

New Hours for County H-MRF

Beginning on January 2, 2019, Westchester County's Household Material Recovery Facility (H-MRF), located at 15 Woods Road in Valhalla, will be open five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., accepting a wide array of household wastes that are not typically collected curb side. Residents who are interested in dropping off materials should contact the Westchester County Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425 to make an appointment.

Items taken at the H-MRF include household chemicals, vehicle batteries, tires, propane tanks, electronic waste, fluorescent light bulbs and fire extinguishers.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Westchester County is once again hosting the VITA program for eligible residents. Free tax prep assistance is available to low income taxpayers making less than \$54,884 a year. Additional information will be available on the qualifications necessary to receive federal tax credits.

In our area, a center has been established at the IFCA Housing Network, 138 Spring Street, Ossining, through April 15. Call (800) 899-1479 to make an appointment.



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2019 Grievance Day Summary

On February 19, the Board of Trustees met as the Board of Assessment Review to hear requests for revised property assessments. A total of 27 requests were submitted to the Board.

A decision to grant some or all of the requests for a revised assessment, or dismiss them, is usually decided within a week or two of the Board's review. Petitioners unhappy with the decision of the Board have the option of appealing the Board's decision to the Small Claims Court of Assessment Review (SCAR).

