

## March Meeting Calendar

- 2 & 16** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Adv. Council
- 9** BOT Work Session
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 11** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 17** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 23** BOT Work Session
- 25** BOT Work Session
- 30** BOT Work Session
- 31** Fire Council

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



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Sign up for Village emails by going to [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov).

*Stay connected!*

## Village Prepares 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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 equipment & infrastructure improvements), the Debt Fund (which pays the interest and premium on village bonds) & the Water and Sewer Funds (which 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 23 - DPW, Water and Sewer  
 March 25 - Police, Fire, EMS  
 March 30 - Recreation  
 April 1 - Capital  
 April 6\* - Public Hearing  
 April 13 - Administration & Fees  
 April 15 - Recap of Budget  
 April 20 - Recap of Budget  
 April 27\* - 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.

## Croton Point Avenue Project to Begin

On February 18th, the Village Board of Trustees awarded the bid for the Croton Point Avenue Traffic, Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement Project to Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. of Mount Vernon, New York.

The project is slated to begin work in April 2020, with a completion date of December 1, 2020. Commuters and others who use Croton Point Avenue should anticipate delays during the construction project. More information will be shared as the project begins.

For detailed information about the project, including the winning bid and plan details, please visit the Village project webpage at: <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/ongoing-projects-initiatives-proposed-infrastructure-improvements/pages/croton-point-avenue-traffic>.



If you have any questions regarding this project, you are encouraged to reach out to the Village Manager's Office at 271-4848.

## **Reminder: Sign Up for Paperless Billing**

The Village Treasurer's Office reminds all residents that paperless billing is available for both the quarterly utility bills and the annual village property tax bills.

The Village is happy to offer this service to residents as it has been a frequent request over the years. Residents can opt in to receive utility bills via email and tax bills via email. It is important to note that residents will no longer receive bills via US Mail if they sign up for paperless billing.

Residents can sign up by going to [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov), clicking "Online Forms" and then clicking "Utility/Tax Bill Email Form" under the Village Treasurer section.

As a reminder, bills can also be paid online at the above link. If you have any questions, please call the office at 862-1419.

## **2020 Veterans Banner Program**

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will be sponsoring a veterans banner program in 2020. Designed to honor village residents who have served in the armed forces, the banners will serve as a reminder throughout the year of their courage and sacrifice for all residents of our village, state and country.

Banners will be hung on the various street poles throughout the Village from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. The cost of a banner is \$200. Once the banner is removed, it will be given to the family which purchased the banner as a keepsake.

To order a banner, please visit <https://croton.seamlessdocs.com/f/VeteranBanner> to complete the form and upload a photo. All orders should be submitted no later than April 30, 2020. If you have any questions, regarding this program, please contact Bryan Healy at [bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov](mailto:bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov) or 271-4848.

## **New York State Plastic Bag Ban**

The New York State plastic bag ban goes into effect on March 1, 2020. The legislation bans the provision of single-use, plastic carryout bags at any point of sale. Under the new law, garment bags, trash bags and any bags used to wrap or contain certain foods, such as fruits and sliced meats are exempt from the ban. New York joins California and Hawaii as the only states where single-use plastic bags are banned.

Here are some simple suggestions on how each of us can cut back our use of all plastics, not just bags:

1. Stop using plastic straws, even in restaurants. If a straw is a must, purchase a reusable stainless steel or glass straw.
2. Use reusable bags for all of your shopping: food, clothes, etc. (canvas is Eco friendly and lasts years).
3. Choose paper boxes or glass containers over plastic ones. Often, products like laundry detergent come in cardboard which is more easily recycled than plastic.
4. Reuse containers for storing leftovers.
5. Use a reusable bottle or mug for your beverages, even when ordering from a to-go shop.
6. Bring your own container for take-out or for your restaurant doggie bag.
7. Pack your lunch in reusable containers and bags.
8. Use a razor with replaceable blades instead of a disposable razor.
9. Don't throw away those plastic bread bags—reuse them!

For more information on the upcoming plastic bag ban, residents should visit the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html>.

**Reminder! Utility bills will be sent via mail or email to all residents on March 16th!**

## **Recreation Happenings for March**

On Friday, March 27th, middle school students are invited to attend Movie Night at City Center 15: Cinema De Lux. This is part of the middle school trips/drop-in program. Call 914-271-4668 to make a reservation today!

Summer camp forms will be available beginning Wednesday, March 11th! Pick up the camp forms at the Croton Recreation Department or Croton Free Library. Register early for discounted pricing!

The Croton Seniors will be taking a trip to the JV Mall on March 12th and to The Westchester Mall on March 26th. There will also be a special presentation, Croton Water – The Story, presented by Village Historian Marc Cheshire on March 27th. Sign up online or in the recreation department office.

The Winter 2020 Brochure, listing all recreation programs for youth, adults and seniors, is available on the Village website and in the Recreation Office. You may also call 271-3006 for more information.

If you have not signed up to receive the recreation email blasts, please do so by visiting the Village website and clicking on “Subscribe to News”.

### **Village Amends Rights-of-Way Law**

On February 3rd, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2020, which amended Chapter 197 of the Village Code, Streets and Sidewalks, to prohibit signage in the Village’s rights-of-way.

As explained at the public hearing for the proposed law, this is not a change from the existing law. Rather, this new local law simplifies the language used in the code so as to fully explain what is allowed and what is not allowed in the Village’s rights-of-way.

Code Enforcement will begin removing signs from the Village’s rights-of-way in the spring. Please do your part and refrain from placing signs in these areas.

Residents should be aware that lawn signs, such as campaign signs, are still permitted on private property under Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code. This simplified text applies only to the Village’s rights-of-way.

Signage on private property, both residential and commercial, is regulated under Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code. If there is a question regarding these types of signs, you are welcome to contact the Engineering Department at 271-4783.

### **New Speed Limits on Benedict & Oneida**

The speed limits on Benedict Boulevard and Oneida Avenue have been lowered to 25 MPH following a review of the accident data and speed tables at these locations.

Chief of Police Russel Harper presented the Village Board of Trustees with the data at the February 12th board work session. These speed limits have been lowered to ensure safe passage for both vehicles and pedestrians going to the train station and to school.

The new speed limits will be going into effect on March 28th. Signs will be installed along both thoroughfares. Please do your part to obey the newly instituted speed limits.





## March 2020 Newsletter

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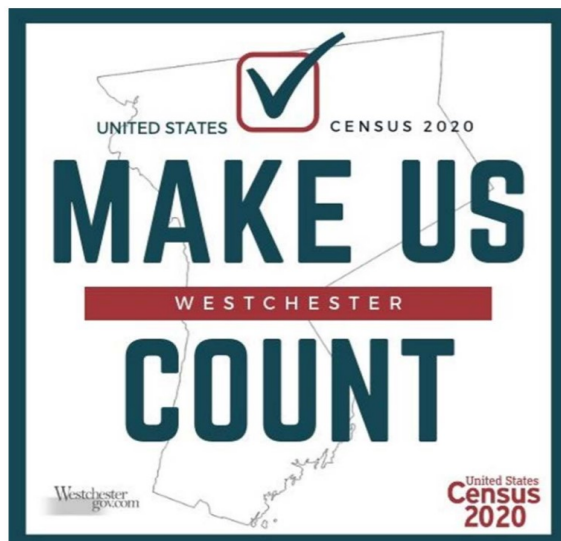
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### **Applications to Remove Lead-Based Paint Being Accepted by Westchester County**

Do you have chipped and peeling paint? Was your home built before 1978? Is your home in need of repairs? Do children under six years old or pregnant women live in the home? If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible for the Lead Safe Westchester (LSW) Program. Applicants must provide proof that they earn at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Westchester County. For more information, contact the Department of Planning at 995-4602 or via email at [tkr3@westchestergov.com](mailto:tkr3@westchestergov.com).



### **Whittaker Presentation Online**

If you were not able to attend Robert Whittaker's presentation, The Facts of Climate Change, at the Municipal Building on February 13th, the program is available to watch on the Village website.

The presentation includes an educational discussion of the essential facts which are needed to understand global warming and climate change. The program was co-sponsored by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and Croton100.