

March Meeting Calendar

- 1 & 15** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 3** Cons. Adv. Council
- 8 & 22** BOT Work Session
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 9** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 10** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 17** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 23** Fire Council
- 29** BOT Public Hearing
on Budget

All meetings are being held via Zoom. Please check the Village website or call 271-4848 for details on joining meetings via Zoom.

Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.



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Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Stay connected!

Village Prepares 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

As required by state law, the Village Manager must file the tentative budget in the office of the Village Clerk on March 20. 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 bonds) & the Water and Sewer Funds (which fund those systems).

Below is the present calendar of dates for budget sessions. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted and will be held via Zoom. 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 29* - Public Hearing
- April 1* - DPW, Water and Sewer
- April 8 - Police, Fire, EMS
- April 12 - Recreation, Administration & Fees
- April 15 - Capital
- April 19** - Recap of Budget
- April 26 - Budget Adoption

*Begins at 4 p.m.

**Begins at 5 p.m.

Board Approves Sale of Katz Property

The Village Board of Trustees has approved the sale of the Village-owned parcel at 41-51 Maple Street (known as the Katz Property) to the Regan Development Corporation of Ardsley, New York.

At their February 17 board meeting, the Board directed the Village Attorney to develop the legal terms and contract to complete the sale.

The developer has submitted a special permit application for the construction of two residential buildings with 33 units. The application will now be sent to the Village Planning Board, as required by law. To view the application and other materials, please visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov.



Concept Plan for 41-51 Maple Street

Veterans Banner Program **Returns for 2021**

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will again be sponsoring a veterans banner program in 2021. Designed to honor Village residents who served in the armed forces, the banners serve as a reminder throughout the year of their courage and sacrifice for all Croton residents.

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 by April 15, 2021.

If you have any questions, regarding this program, please contact Bryan Healy at bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov or 271-4848.



Croton Business Council Presents **"What's for Dinner?" Wednesdays**

During COVID-19, many retailers are suffering from reduced patronage and sales. The Croton Business Council has partnered with participating hospitality retailers in the Village for "What's For Dinner?" Wednesdays in an effort to encourage residents to shop and eat local.

Retailers offer to-go specials (in-dining and delivery not available) at a discount of 10-30% off menu prices. Dinner specials will be listed on the CBC Croton Business Council Facebook page, as well as the Croton Community pages each week. In-dining and delivery not available for featured specials.



New COVID Dashboard Available

Westchester County has released a new COVID-19 dashboard which provides residents with up-to-date numbers of active cases, new cases and cumulative cases in every municipality in Westchester County.

Also available on the dashboard is information on finding a testing site, as well as information on the number of residents vaccinated thus far.

Access the dashboard at the following link:
<https://t.co/Grpfh3hVFs?amp=1>.



Time to Renew Parks ID Cards

All residents who have a parks ID card which was last issued or renewed in 2018, or earlier, will need to renew for the upcoming season. ID cards are needed to use Village recreational facilities, including Silver Lake Park, Senasqua Park and Mayo's Landing.

You are able to renew your parks ID cards online by using the Village's website. Simply go to "Online Forms" under the Citizen Action Center and select the renewal option. New residents are also able to obtain ID cards online for the first time as well.

You will need to upload proof of residency when completing the form. Please contact the Recreation Department at 271-3006 with any questions.

2021 Grievance Day Summary

On February 16, the Board of Trustees met as the Board of Assessment Review to hear requests for revised property assessments. A total of 14 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).

Happy Retirement to Toni Cruz

Village residents who have called the main Village telephone number over the past few years have likely been greeted by Antonia "Toni" Cruz, a Senior Office Assistant in the Village Treasurer's Office.

Toni, who has worked for the Village since 2011, is retiring as of March 6. After starting in the Engineering Department as the Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals, she has worked since 2017 in the Village Treasurer's Office. Besides handling telephone inquiries, Toni has also been responsible for the processing of invoices, updating vendor information in the Village's systems and mailing of vendor checks.

All of us in the Municipal Building will miss Toni for her collegiality and her attention to detail. Toni, best wishes for a well-deserved retirement!



Dropbox Available at Municipal Bldg.

Residents are reminded that a secure dropbox has been installed outside the Municipal Building on Van Wyck St. for payments, permit applications and/or program registration forms. Payment should only be left in the form of a check; not cash.

Please enclose any items in a sealed envelope and indicate the person or department the item is for on the outside of the envelope. The dropbox will be checked each weekday morning for items left the previous day.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee Schedules Discussion Group

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee invites Village residents to join a conversation that will delve into systemic racism, a pervasive construct of oppression that has been so finely threaded throughout this country's cultural fabric that many question that it exists at all.

The discussion group will be held on March 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Check the Discussion page on the Diversity & Inclusion Committee website for recommended readings in advance.

RSVP for Zoom information by March 12 to COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com.



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March Recreation Update

Check out these programs planned by the Recreation Department for March:

Battle Bot/Mini Bots - Come join the fun on March 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room. Have fun building and creating using your imagination. You will construct a complex Battle-Bot robot from our huge collection! Space is limited. To register, go to the Village website and click on the Recreation and Parks page. Grades 2 – 4.

Game Days - Come play mini soccer, kickball and a few other fun games at Croton Landing on April 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Rain date is April 5. Social distancing will be practiced. Masks required. Space is limited! To register, go to the Village website and click on the Recreation and Parks page. Grades 3 – 4.

History of Croton Point - Join Village Historian Marc Cheshire as he tells the story of The History of Croton Point on March 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Municipal Building Community Room. Hear the fascinating history of Croton Point – from the time of the first Native American settlements to the Revolutionary War and present. Social distancing will be practiced. Space is limited! To register, go to the Village website and click on the Recreation and Parks page.

For all the details on these programs and more, visit the Recreation page on the Village website. 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 E-Alerts.”