

March Meeting Calendar

| | |
|------------|--|
| 2nd | Conservation Advisory Council Meeting |
| 7th & 21st | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| 8th | Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting |
| 8th & 22nd | Planning Board Meeting |
| 9th | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting |
| 14th | Board of Trustees Work Session |
| 16th | Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting |
| 29th | Fire Council Meeting |

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for the most updated information, including meeting location.

Village Prepares 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

As required by state law, the Village Manager must file the tentative budget in the office of the Village Clerk on or before March 20th. Once the tentative budget is filed, the Board of Trustees will begin holding 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 7 PM. These dates and times 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.



2022 Budget Meeting Calendar

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| March 28 | Public Hearing on Budget | April 11 | Recreation, Administration & Fees |
| March 31 | DPW, Water & Sewer | April 18 | Budget Recap |
| April 5 | Police, Fire & EMS | April 21 | Capital Review |
| April 25 | Budget Adoption | | |

Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?



villageofcroton



@CrotonGov



@VillageCroton

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

Stay connected!

Tax Lien Sale this Month

As many residents may be aware, the Village held a Tax Lien Sale in 2021 for the first time in over 25 years. The Village has begun advertising outstanding taxes in preparation for the Tax Lien Sale scheduled for March 17th at 11 AM. This process is an enforcement mechanism the Village has for collecting unpaid taxes.

If you have any questions, contact the Village Treasurer's Office at 914-862-1419.

Croton Police Advisory Committee Meeting

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson Police Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Village Board of Trustees and the Police Department, will host a town hall for the community on March 15th at 7 PM.

The town hall is an opportunity for residents to learn about the results of the 2021 Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement, a report from the Police Advisory Committee on their 2021 accomplishments, as well as a presentation from the police department about traffic stop data, youth initiatives, and the new 911 mental health diversion program.

Questions and input from residents will be welcomed at the end of the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Georgian Grant Meeting Room of the Municipal building. Residents are invited to attend in person, or you can view the town hall meeting on cable channel 78, as well as on the Village's website. Residents may email questions or comments to tmorzello@crotononhudson-ny.gov to be reviewed at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and archived on the Village website to view following the meeting.

The Croton Police Advisory Committee was formed as part of the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, in response to Executive Order 203 issued by the Governor of New York State. It is made up of volunteer community members who work in collaboration with the Village Board of Trustees and the Police Department to foster communication between the residents and the Police Department and to implement the Police Reform Plan developed by the Police Reform Task Force. The Village's Reform Plan was adopted following extensive community involvement and input in March of 2021.

Veterans Banner Program

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson will again be sponsoring a veterans banner program in 2022. 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 15th, 2022.

If you have any questions, regarding this program, please contact Thomas Morzello at Tmorzello@crotononhudson-ny.gov or call 914-271-4848.



Utility Bills to be Mailed Soon

Utility bills will be generated on March 15th and payment will be due by April 15th. If you do not receive your bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 914-862-1419 to request a copy.

Bills may be paid using one of the methods below:

- Online by going to the village website and clicking "Online Payments" under the Citizen Action Center.
- Mailing them to Utility Billing, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 (must be postmarked by April 15th).
- Using the secure drop-box outside the Municipal Building (no stamp required).
- In-person at the Municipal Building, Room 24, during business hours.

If you are enrolled to receive your bill electronically, but it does not arrive, **please check the spam folder in your inbox.** You may call 914-862-1419 with any questions.

If you would like to sign up for paperless billing for future bills, you can do so by going to: <https://croton.seamlessdocs.com/f/billemailform/>.

If you have any questions regarding the bills or payment, please call the Treasurer's Office at 914-862-1419.

Snowplow Naming Contest Results

Last month the Village sought out “creative, witty and fun” names for the three biggest snowplows in its fleet from resident children. Thus the Snowplow Naming Contest for Children was devised. The contest was open to children who have residency in Croton-on-Hudson and involves suggesting a name for the snowplow, accompanied by a brief description supporting their suggestion.

In total, the Village received nearly 30 suggestions, with the Recreation Advisory Committee having decided the three winners on Tuesday, February 8th. In no particular order, the winners were as follows;

The first winner was “**Small Walt**”, submitted by Gus, age 5. Gus wrote, “My name is Gus and I think a great name for a snow plow would be after my favorite book called Small Walt. Small Walt is actually a SNOW PLOW. And in the book he is driven by a person named Gus - like me! Thank you, Gus.”

The second winner was “**Snow Tiger**”, submitted by Jason, age 11. Jason wrote, “Tiger is Croton Harmon School district's mascot and year 2022 is also the year of Tiger. "Snow Tiger" is fearless and can handle any difficult snow condition!”

The third winner was “**Polly the Plow**”, submitted by Ruby, age 8. Ruby wrote, “I want to make it Polly the Plow because there should be a girl plow and I like the name.”



These three winner names will be affixed to the Department of Public Works' three largest snow plows.

This was an incredibly close vote amongst the Recreation Advisory Committee, as the Village received many wonderful and creative names. Thank you to all who have submitted entries and congratulations to our three winners!

Launch1000 to Take Applications

The Launch1000 program was established in 2020 in response to the significant economic disruption caused by COVID-19, with the goal of enabling 1,000 Westchester residents to start a business or develop an income stream for themselves and their families. The program is designed to help residents evaluate an idea, test it with potential customers, and see if it seems likely to succeed. During 2021, over 200 Launchers completed the program and most have launched their ventures.

The program will be accepting new Launch1000 participants this spring. For information, and to apply, visit, <https://westchestercatalyst.com/launch1000>



Croton's Volunteer Fire Department accepts “NYS Empire Awards” signifying the 130th anniversaries of Washington Engine Company No. 2 and the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department itself.

(L-R) 2nd Assistant Chief Chris Colombo, Chief John Munson, Senator Peter Harchham, and Mayor Brian Pugh

Reminder:
Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 13th.
Remember to set your clocks forward!





1 Van Wyck Street
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

**Published for the Residents of
the Village of Croton-on-Hudson**

Brian Pugh, Mayor

Ann Gallelli, Trustee

Sherry Horowitz, Trustee

Alejandro Rosales, Trustee

Len Simon, Trustee

Bryan T. Healy, Village Manager

Thomas C. Morzello, Newsletter Editor

March 2022 Newsletter

Croton Recreation Update

SUMMER CAMPS

2022 Summer Camp registration begins Monday, March 14th.

Special camp registration forms for both Day Camp and Tiny Tots camp are available in the Recreation Department, the Croton Free Library and online on the Village website.

Completed forms and full payment are required for registration. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

KAYAK & CANOE STORAGE

Kayak & canoe storage is available at the Echo Canoe Launch and at Croton Landing Park.

Village residents may register by lottery from March 15th through April 8th.

Afterwards, available spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The season will be from April 16th through October 30th, 7 AM – 9 PM.

2022 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employees are wanted for Day Camp, Tiny Tots Camp, Lifeguards at Silver Lake, and Senasqua Park Gate Attendants.

Applications accepted through mid-March and are available in the Croton Recreation Department and Village Website.

SPRING / SUMMER 2022 RECREATION PROGRAM BROCHURE COMING SOON

Look for a full calendar of events and programming.

The Spring and Summer Brochure will be released on April 1st.

Sign up for Recreation Department E-blasts on the Village website to receive the latest seasonal program information.

SPRING CELEBRATION AT VASSALLO PARK

There will be an Interactive Bubble Show on Friday, April 8th (rain date April 9th) at 6 PM.

Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and giveaways.

For more information on any of the above programs, contact Croton Recreation at 914-271-3006.

Looking Forward

Included here are some upcoming events in the Village:

(Please note these dates and times are tentative. Please check the Village website for the most up to date information.)

- Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony: March 29th at 1 PM located at the Harmon Firehouse
- Earth Day Celebration: April 30th from 10 AM to 3 PM located at Senasqua Park.