



# *The Croton-on-Hudson* **Village Newsletter**

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## **High Street and Brook Street Drainage Improvements**

Two drainage improvement projects in the Village are moving towards implementation. In a village-authorized study of drainage for the entire village completed in 2003, 13 sub-drainage areas were identified by the engineering firm of Dvirka & Bartilucci (D&B). Three were identified as priority sub-drainage areas—the High St. system, the Brook St. system and the Grand St./Harrison Ave. system.

In March, 2004, the Village Board engaged D&B to provide services for engineering, permitting, and bidding for the rebuilding of the outlet structure at Kaplan's Pond—a key piece in the Brook St. drainage improvement plan. After receiving bids for the project, in April 2005, the Village Board authorized the awarding of the construction contract for the work to Carino Management, Inc. of New Rochelle for the amount of \$194,790.00. Croton has also received

ment of the old outlet structure, currently in disrepair, and the construction of a new emergency spillway that will function if the primary outlet becomes clogged. A new drain pipe and valve will also allow the pond to be lowered for maintenance and inspection as needed. The old stone walls downstream of the outlet structure are to remain and will be repaired. The new concrete form liner on the new structure will match the existing stone walls as closely as possible. Work is expected to start soon.

Work on the High Street sub-drainage area is proposed to be done as part of a 3-lot subdivision proposal at Old Post Rd. North and Prospect Place. The undeveloped 2-acre site is the location of the major channel for drainage in this subsystem. After almost 3 years of working with the applicant and D&B, the Planning Board recently granted preliminary subdivision approval for the site. Along with 3 residential lots, the developer is required to construct a detention pond that meets the requirements specified by D&B for handling the effects of major storms. An emergency spillway will also be constructed as a safety factor in addition to the pond's outlet structure. The Village shared the \$7,000 cost of D&B's work with the developer. The Village will construct the drainage improvements down-channel from the site. The Village will monitor and maintain the detention basin via an access easement to be granted. Final subdivision approval must be granted before work can be undertaken on the construction of the detention pond.



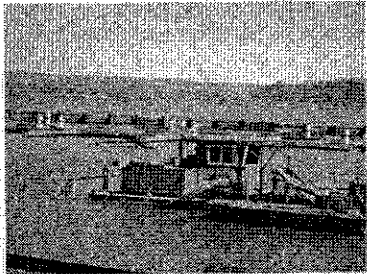
**Old outlet structure at Kaplan's Pond**

\$75,000 in funding from a Community Block Development (CDBG) grant administered through Westchester County to assist with this project.

The project will result in the replace-

## Dredging and Croton Landing Field Progress

The Yacht Club basin dredging and the development of the multi-use field at Croton Landing, two related projects, are proceeding as shown in the pictures below.



The dredge boat is shown sucking sediment from the bottom of the basin. It flows from the Yacht Club to the proposed field location at Croton Landing through several hundred yards of flexible pipe as shown in the second picture.



A bermed area at the future field site (picture 3) has been created to contain the dredge material for "dewatering" - the process by which water evaporates from the dredge material. When dry, this material will become the base of the new multi-use field and covered with topsoil.



The Village recently received a \$150,000 grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund to help pay the costs of the field and bathroom. The design work is expected to be completed and the project put to bid by late summer or early Fall 2005 so that it will be usable by Spring 2006.

## Senasqua Boat Basin

The Senasqua boat basin, located next to Senasqua Park, will open on May 7th. Water moorings for boats, land storage and spots on the sunfish rack are available for a fee to residents and non-residents. It is also possible to obtain ramp passes and jet ski passes. A ramp pass entitles a boater to ramp their boat on a daily basis. Boat Basin application forms are available in the Recreation Office during office hours. Senior discounts are given with proof of age and residency.



## Croton Seniors News

Officers of the Croton Senior Club will be installed at the annual Installation luncheon on May 10th at the Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant in Peekskill.

The Senior Club has several trips planned for the coming months including a 3-day Niagara Falls trip in May, a day at Mohonk Mountain House in June, the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat ride in July, and a trip to Saratoga in August. Check with Senior Director Yvonne Beldotti on M/W/F at 271-5804 for information and reservations. You must be a member to join the fun. Annual resident/non-resident dues are \$6/\$12.



Two new activities have been added beginning in May. Line & Partner Dancing on eight Tuesdays starting May 3rd and Chair Yoga beginning Monday, May 9th. There are fees for both programs. Check with Yvonne for availability.

## Household Clean-up Days

County-sponsored Household Chemical Clean-up Days are scheduled for Fri. May 6 (1-3pm) and Sat. May 7th (9am-3pm) at FDR State Park in Yorktown and on Fri., June 10 (1-3pm) and Sat. June 11 (9am-3pm) at Westchester Community College in Valhalla.

Acceptable items include tv's and monitors, up to 10 car tires, flammable liquids, pesticides,



insecticides and herbicides, fluorescent lights and mercury. Paint, smoke and fire detectors, explosives, medical waste, vehicle batteries and motor oil are not accepted. Mercury-free oral thermometers will be given in-trade for your old mercury thermometer. For information call the Household Chemical Info Line at 914-813-5425 or visit [www.westchestercountygov.com](http://www.westchestercountygov.com).

## **Reminder!**

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day



## Spotlight on Peter Anfiteatro

Coming up on his first anniversary as Croton's Fire Inspector, Pete Anfiteatro is finding that he and the job are a perfect fit.

As Fire Inspector, he inspects commercial sites, multi-family residential structures and public assembly buildings such as churches, gyms and the village's own municipal building, for compliance with the fire code. This includes smoke detection devices, extinguishers, electrical connections and property maintenance issues such as storage of flammable materials. Fire inspections are not done for single or two-family residences. In addition, Pete is working with other department staff on building code oversight and enforcement. Pete has

been attending code enforcement classes over a period of several months and he will also be attending more classes offered at a NYS-sponsored building code conference.

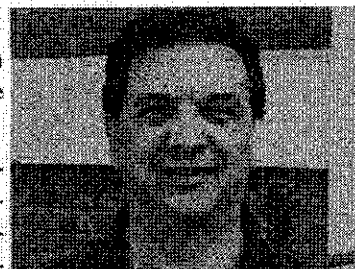
Pete's Fire Dept. experience makes him particularly well-suited for the job. He joined the Columbia Hook & Ladder Company in Sept. 1981. Since then he has served in all of the department's line offices including Engineer, 1st and 2nd Assistant Chief and 4 terms as Captain. Pete served as Croton Fire Chief from 1994 to 1996. He continues to be on the Croton Fire Dept. Fire Council, the Town Fire Advisory Board and goes to fire calls as well.

Prior to being employed by the Village as Fire Inspector,

Pete was employed in several automotive businesses in the area.

Pete is a life-long, 54-year, resident of Croton. He attended Croton schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Along with his wife, Patricia, he enjoys living in Croton.

In his free time, Pete's big passion is golf. He describes himself as an "adamant golfer" and "completely obsessive" about the game. He plays on a weekly basis at Mohansic golf course and also enjoys making frequent trips to golf courses in the Catskills for special rounds of golf.



*"I couldn't be happier here. Everybody I work with is exceptionally good."*

*Pete Anfiteatro*

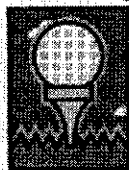
## The Capital Budget

Croton's capital budget plan anticipates large expenditures that are expected to be needed over the next 5 years. Among these items are vehicle replacements for the DPW and Police Depts., new fire trucks, large infrastructure improvements, and large scale park and building improvements. Ongoing projects are also included such as the sidewalk replacement program and street repaving. The capital plan includes an estimated cost for each expenditure and the source(s) of funding to pay for it. Some projects may be partially funded by grants. The remainder is usually paid for through the issuance of bonds.

Each year at budget time, the Village Board reviews the capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year and makes adjustments based on their current priorities. Items planned for later years may be moved up if they are deemed to have a higher priority; some may be moved back. The availability of grant money to help fund an item may also influence when it is scheduled to be done. This year funding from federal, state and county sources is expected to provide about \$950,000 for various projects and items in the budget. Approximately \$900,000 will be raised through bonds.

## Metro Enviro Update

The NYS Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments on June 8th on the appeal by Metro Enviro LLC to overturn the decision of the lower appellate court which upheld Croton's denial of Metro Enviro's permit renewal. Briefs have been filed by attorneys for both sides. The NYS Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has also filed an amicus brief in support of the Village's position. Metro Enviro's attorneys may still file a reply brief. A decision is expected to be rendered by the Appeals Court in the fall.



## Play Golf at Hudson National

Residents and school district residents can arrange to play golf at Hudson National Golf Course by paying a \$10. registration fee at the Recreation Office. A Village photo ID is required. Eligible golfers can play up to once a month for a fee of \$30/\$40. Twosomes and foursomes must be arranged from the list of other eligible golfers.

We're on  
the Web. Visit us at:  
<http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov>

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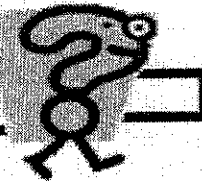
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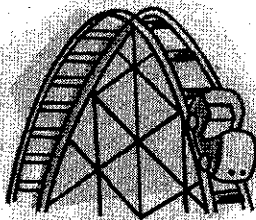
## Got a Question?



I understand that a New York State program is offering discount tickets for amusement parks in the tri-state area. How can I take advantage of this program?

You are correct about this discount program. These tickets can be purchased by you directly from Croton's Parks and Recreation Office in the Municipal Building.

The Village is cooperating with the NYS Recreation and Park Society in offering discounted admission tickets to various amusement parks in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Tickets may be purchased for individuals or groups directly from our Recreation Office. There is no minimum purchase required so take advantage



of this program if you plan a trip to one of the following amusement parks this summer.

<u>Amusement Park</u>	<u>Gates\$</u>	<u>Rec. Dept.\$</u>
Great Escape/Splashwater, Lake George, N.Y.	35.99	24.60
Mountain Creek Waterpark, Vernon, N.J.	27.99	19.00
Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.	45.99	28.50
Dorney Park, Allentown, PA	36.95	27.00
Sesame Place, Langhorne, PA	39.95	33.30
Hershey Park, Hershey, PA	39.95	30.95