



May Calendar

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Croton Point Ave. Traffic Enhancements Funded

The Village is the recipient of a \$1,199,745 grant from the federal Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) which is administered by the NYS Dept. of Transportation. The grant application was prepared by the Village's traffic consultant, RBA Group. RBA performed numerous site visits, met with Village staff and officials, conducted a public input workshop, and utilized the extensive work of the Village's Bicycle Pedestrian Committee in preparing the application. 80% of the total project costs approved under the grant are covered.

The project includes the area between the station entrance at Veterans Plaza and Croton Point Ave. to the intersection of S. Riverside Ave. with Benedict Blvd. When completed, the project will improve vehicular traffic flow to and from the station at peak commuting periods. It will also provide a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists.

RBA's traffic study determined that the station accommodates 3,400 passengers per day which generates around 5,600 entering and exiting vehicles per week-day - most of which arrive/depart during the peak commuter hours. This concentrated and directional flow of traffic results in extreme congestion and poor vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle operations during the peak periods. Particular areas of concern are both the southbound and northbound ramps, to and from Route 9, which have no traffic control mechanisms and which frequently have ramp queues that extend back into Route 9 travel lanes.

Among the major proposed improvements to be funded by the grant are an actuated-coordinated traffic signal system. Three new traffic lights will be installed: one at the station entrance

and two at the Route 9 ramps, to be synchronized with existing traffic signals along this route.



Area to be widened for a shared Bike/Ped use.

The lights will be timed to optimize the traffic flow between the residential area of the

Village and the station.

Other improvements will include a shared bicycle/pedestrian path from the Route 9 ramps extending along both sides of Croton Point Ave. and a section of S. Riverside. The north bound entrance and exits ramps for Route 9 will be reconfigured to narrow the crossing distance for pedestrians and cyclists. The southbound exit ramp will be widened to formalize a second lane from



Northbound Route 9 ramp to be reconfigured.

which vehicles can make a right turn to the station entrance. Relocation of the south-

bound bus stop is planned. Lighting improvements under the Route 9 overpass will aid in the safety of this area. Restriping of the lane widths, high-visibility crosswalks and new signage will also be part of this project. A new asphalt overlay of the roadways in the project area is also planned. NYSDOT will be holding a project implementation plan in the near future for recipients.

Seniors Officers Installed

The Croton Senior Citizens Club, with a membership of over 160, installed its new officers at an Installation ceremony on April 16 at the Hollowbrook Country Club. The officers for the coming year are Connie Corry, President, Dorothy Arensburg, Vice President, John Giglio, Treasurer, Lou Balazs, Ass't. Treasurer, and Jean Kraemer, Secretary.

Summer meetings of the Senior Club at the pavilion at Senasqua, will begin on Friday, May 29, weather permitting.

The Capital Budget

The Village's Capital budget, is based on a 5-year plan which anticipates major future expenditures that are proposed to be funded outside of the operating budget. Most items in the Capital budget are funded through bonding. Debt service (interest payments) for these bonds become part of future operating budgets. While the Village Board has been reviewing the operating budget, they have also been deciding what major expenditures need to be undertaken in the next fiscal year and what projects may be expected to occur in the next five years.

The Capital budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 includes projects and expenditures across many different departments. Some items such as general road repairs, the sidewalk improvement plan and curb replacement recur on a yearly basis in the plan. \$300,000 is included for that work in this year's budget. Among other proposed capital expenditures are the repair of the Silver Lake Dam at an estimated cost of \$150,000. Improvements along the section of Elliott Way between Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club, including replacement of culverts and widening, is expected to cost \$300,000. A new sanitation truck will also be acquired at \$180,000. The Water Fund will incur expenditures for the connection of the new Well #5 at \$375,000. This will add needed additional water to Croton's water system and allow the other wells to be taken out of service for repair and maintenance.

RiverWalk - Official Opening

The official opening of the County's RiverWalk at Croton Landing Park will occur on Wed., May 13 at 11 AM. Ceremonies will include the ribbon cutting by County Executive Andy Spano. RiverWalk is part of the County's plan to extend a walking trail along the Hudson River from its southern border with New York City to its northern boundary at Putnam County. The County contributed \$1,750 million for the segment at Croton Landing

Riverfront Walking

Walking along the Hudson River waterfront is one of the pleasures of living in Croton. The new expansion of Croton Landing Park includes a 1/2 mile extension of paved walk at the north end of the park. It is possible to walk from that northerly point all the way to Croton Point Park to the south. At the point where the Half Moon Bay condominium development is situated, the walkway splits into two pathways. To the left is a Bicycle/Pedestrian path and to the right is a pedestrian-only walkway.

Croton residents and their guests may walk on the path on the river side of the development due to a conservation easement negotiated in 1991. The Village recently installed new signage at both the north and south ends of this promenade indicating that it is open to Croton residents and their guests. You may be asked to show an ID but you are not required to first stop at the security booth to present it. The hours are 5:30 AM to 9 PM (May 1 to Oct. 31) and 6 AM to 6 PM (Nov. 1 to April 30).

No dogs, bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading, swimming, fishing or alcohol are allowed.

Village Trails maps are available at the Municipal Building or on the Village's website.



**Walkway on Hudson River,
south of Elliott Way**

Farmers Market Update

Starting Wed., June 10, Croton's Farmers Market will set up each week at the former skatepark at Municipal Place and S. Riverside. It will be open 2-7 PM through November. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 3 PM on opening day.

There will be 3 different farmers at the market including a certified organic farmer. Other vendors will have baked goods, breads, Hudson Valley wine and other specialty foods. The market, run by Community Markets, is one of twenty they operate throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

Tax & Water Bills

All Tax and Water bills **must** be remitted to: 1 Van Wyck St., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520. The Village no longer utilizes Lockbox Services.



Reminder!
Village Offices will be closed Mon., May 25
for Memorial Day



Spotlight on Eric Seymour

Eric Seymour joined Croton's Police Department in March of this year in the position of Police Officer. He comes to the Village from the City of Mount Vernon Police Dept. where he served as a Police Officer for a year and a half.

Officer Seymour was attracted to Croton's department because he was interested in police work in a smaller, more personalized environment.

As a Police Officer he spends much of his shift on patrol which helps him learn about the Village. On day shifts, he is often in the Upper Village during the school lunch period. Eric likes this opportunity to meet and talk with residents and business people. His other duties include vehicle and traffic work on Route 9 and assisting with

traffic conditions at the train station. While on patrol, Eric also responds to all calls that come in to the desk. He is interested in pursuing further training in the department and possibly being able to join some of the special teams within the Dept.

Eric grew up in the Harrison area of Westchester and graduated from Harrison High School. From there, he attended and received an Associate degree in Criminal Justice at Westchester Community College. After graduation he was hired by Mount Vernon and attended the Police Academy. During his school years, Eric played Lacrosse for Harrison but primarily devoted his spare time to working in a family restaurant run by his uncle in Scarsdale and playing golf with his father.

The family-owned restaurant continues to play a big part in Eric's life as many members of his family, including his mother, work there. His large close-knit family also enjoys big family holidays together with upwards of 30 people at dinner on special days.

Eric's father started him golfing at the age of 10. They continue to play often, mostly on public courses in the area. He shoots in the low 90's.

With his friends, Eric enjoys spending vacation time at beaches in New Jersey, Miami, the Bahamas and Cancun. He also enjoys biking on a new TREK bike.



"I like working in Croton's friendly environment.

Residents are very 'police friendly' and seem to appreciate your presence."

Eric Seymour

Census Visitors

Between now and the end of July, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood in order to conduct the 2010 Decennial Census. The Census Bureau must know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay. Census employees will wear official identification. They will also be carrying handheld computers to capture physical addresses and the GPS coordinates.

AARP Defensive Driving (Ages 50+)

A refresher course on the principles of safe driving, this course qualifies for point/insurance reductions. To be held in the Municipal Building Community Room on Wed., May 27 & June 3 from 9 AM - 1PM; register at the Recreation Office by May 21. The fee is \$12(AARP member)/\$14(non-member).

Blood Drive Reminder!

Remember the 78th Blood Drive will be held on Sun., May 3 at Croton-Harmon High school from 9 AM to 3 PM. Appointments can be made by contacting JoAnn Fannon, at 271-5529; Carol Shaneshy at 271-7645; or Rosalind Morrissey at 271-8849. Donors are urgently needed.

Parking Lot Contract Awarded

The contract to fill and re-grade sections of the parking lot at the station to mitigate flooding problems has been awarded to Sisca NorthEast for \$2,581,023. Sisca NorthEast was one of 13 contractors that bid on the project with over 40 contractors picking up the bid package for review. Sisca was the low bidder. The bids ranged as high as \$4,209,500 for the project work.



Prior to work proceeding, Sisca will meet with the Village Engineer and Manager to coordinate arrangements for the phased construction schedule including off-site parking arrangements, site access, and work to be done by the Village. Work on the project is expected to begin early this month.

Child Safety Seats

The Village has been awarded a \$1,400 grant to participate in the statewide "Child Passenger Safety" program. The program is to provide information on the proper use and installation of child safety seats. Police Officer Daria Murtagh will assist you in installing your safety seat by appointment. Please call 271-5177 for more information.

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Got a Question?



For what parks and facilities in the Village do I need a Village Identification card?

The Village manages and maintains several parks and recreational facilities including Senasqua Park, Silver



Lake Park, Croton Landing Park, Dobbs Park, Duck Pond Park, Sunset Park, Harrison Street Park, Vassallo Park, Black Rock Park, Firefighters Memorial Field, David Manes Memorial Field and Echo Canoe Launch.

Except for Croton Landing, Firefighters and Manes fields, the use of the parks is limited to residents of the Village who may be accompanied by a limited number of guests.

Use of Senasqua Park, Silver Lake Park and registration for playing golf at Hudson National Golf Course requires Croton residents and School District residents to have a photo ID issued by the Recreation Dept. The ID is valid for 3 years. This applies to all persons 4 years of age or older. The fee is residents -\$6, non-residents - \$12, seniors - free. Two proofs of current residency are required which must include a photo ID

such as a Driver's license or other photo with the street address listed, along with other proof of residence such as a recent tax or utility bill. Old Recreation Dept. Photo ID cards are not acceptable proof of current residency.

ID photos will be taken at the Recreation Dept. office in the Municipal Building on the following schedule:

Tues. & Thurs.			12:30 - 3:30 PM
<u>May</u>	Monday	4 (Seniors)	9:30 - 11:30 AM
		(Seniors)	1:00 - 3:00 PM
		(All)	6:00 - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9	9:00 - 12 noon
	Thursday	21	4:00 - 7:00 PM
	Tuesday	26	4:00 - 8:00 PM
<u>June</u>	Tuesday	9	4:00 - 8:00 PM
	Saturdays	13,27	9:00 - 12 noon
<u>July</u>	Tuesday	7	6:00 - 9:00 PM