

May Meeting Calendar

- 4 & 18** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 11** BOT Work Session
- 12 & 26** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 13** Zoning Bd. Mtg.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, all advisory board and committee meetings have been postponed.

Please check the Village website and agenda emails for details on joining meetings via Zoom. Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

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

Stay connected!

Village Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic

Throughout the month of April, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic while all but essential staff are working remotely.

The Municipal Building remains closed to the public. All essential services provided by the Village are continuing to operate, including emergency services, water distribution and sanitation. All building and other engineering permits continue to be processed. The statutory boards of the Village are continuing to meet via Zoom videoconferencing.

Unfortunately, the Village has made the decision to cancel this year's Summerfest due to the pandemic and social distancing guidance. We certainly are looking forward to a truly great event next year! We have also made the decision to postpone all summer entertainment programs (including movie nights and concerts) through the end of July. We hope to be able to host these events in August, but will make a decision as we get closer to these events.

All residents are strongly encouraged to visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov for updates, as well as follow us on social media.

Village Adopts 2020-2021 Budget

On April 28th, the Village Board adopted the 2020-2021 Village Budget. The budget provides for a 1.98% increase in the property tax levy. Total appropriations are \$19,299,402. The property tax levy is \$11,929,350, which is \$155,222 below the allowable property tax cap levy. The adopted budget falls under the New York State Tax Cap.

Included in the adopted budget are rate increases for the water and sewer funds. The median user will see a water rate increase of \$6.27 per quarter and a sewer rate increase of \$1.34 per quarter.

This budget was the work of five weeks of discussions between the Village Board, Village Manager and Village staff. Quite a number of substantive changes to the budget were made as a result of the financial impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The operating expense budget was reduced by \$415,388 from the tentative budget, and the capital budget was reduced by \$4,701,675 from the tentative budget.

To view the budget online, please visit the Village website at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov and click "Find It Fast".

What Social Distancing Means		
JUST DON'T	CAUTION	ENJOY
Travel	Go to the grocery store only when needed	Walks and runs
Go to playdates	Pickup needed medication	Bike rides
Visit relatives	Fill up the car with gas	Calls and video chats
Play sports with friends	Takeout from restaurants	Reading
Head to a playground		TV and movies
Attend parties – even with family		At home hobbies


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Village Board Waives Fees for Utility Bills

At the April 6th Board of Trustees meeting, the Village Board voted to waive any and all penalties that would be accrued on the late payment of the utility bills dated March 15, 2020, through June 12, 2020.

This grace period shall extend to those accounts in Tiers 1 through 4 of the water rate schedule.

All utility bills should be paid via the Village's online payment portal on the Village website or sent by mail to the Municipal Building. No in-person payments are able to be accepted at this time.

If you have any questions regarding your utility bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 862-1419.

Reminder! Village Offices will be closed on May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Update on Croton Point Avenue Project

The Village's contractor has been making steady progress on the Croton Point Avenue Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project. Work began on March 30th and has continued uninterrupted except for severe weather.

The contractor began work at the intersection of South Riverside and Croton Point Avenues and has been pouring the concrete sidewalk and curb on the southern side of Croton Point Avenue that will eventually connect with Veterans Plaza.

Due to the light traffic conditions currently being experienced at the train station, the contractor has been able to work longer hours each day.

We will continue to share updates on this project as things progress. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve access to the Croton-Harmon Train Station for all.

Update on State of Emergency

A State of Emergency remains in effect for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. The State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following facilities have been closed under emergency order:

- Croton Landing Field
- Dog Park at Black Rock Park
- Dobbs Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Duck Pond Park Playground, Basketball Court & Ballfield
- Firefighters Memorial Field
- Harrison Street Park Playground
- Manes Field
- Senasqua Park
- Senasqua Park Playground
- Sunset Park Playground

Additionally, the use of leaf blowers of any kind has been prohibited until further notice.

Updates will be provided via CodeRed, the Village website and social media.

Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

DO:



- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use if under two years old
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other PPE intended for healthcare workers



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Croton Caring Committee Supporting the Community

As many of you may be aware, a few days ago, in response to the impact of COVID-19 on many of Croton's seniors and others in our community, the outpouring of volunteer support, and the Croton Caring Committee's mission to help the homebound and those in need of assistance, a pilot program was launched to connect volunteers with those in the community who need assistance with grocery shopping or other light errands during this time. Volunteers as well as those in need of assistance can contact the CCC by visiting www.crotoncaring.org or e-mailing crotoncaring@gmail.com. If one of these preferred methods is not available, you can call 914-271-4979.

Many in the community have wondered how they can help those in need:

- **Donate Non-Perishable Food and Gift Cards to Local Stores** - Help those in need with their immediate food and other needs. Nothing will be wasted and any surplus will be shared with other local Croton organizations serving those in need. These items can be dropped off in the two bins on the porch at 11 Eklof Court or mailed to Croton Caring Committee, PO Box 221, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.
- **Donate Your Free Ham at ShopRite** - You can do so at checkout by informing the cashier that you are donating the hams to the Croton Caring Committee.
- **Donate Money** - Many have asked how they can donate to help those in need. You can donate online using Paypal (a PayPal account is not required to give online) or via mail by sending your donation to Croton Caring Committee, P.O. Box 221, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make a difference to those in need during this difficult time!

Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry

The Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry will remain open for those in need during this time of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Location: Holy Name of Mary Church parking lot adjacent to Vassallo Park. The entrance to the parking lot is off of Old Post Road South.

Hours: The pantry is open each Saturday from 10 AM until noon and volunteers are distributing food out of doors in pre-packed bags and boxes for the safety of all. Please remember to practice social distancing when arriving at the pantry.

For now, the pantry is not able to accept individual food donations. The Westchester County food bank, Feeding Westchester, is being used to supply food that is safely sourced and packed.

For more information or the latest updates, please consult the food pantry website: www.foodpantryincroton.org

Support Croton Businesses

The Croton Business Council has put together a list of restaurants and bars that are offering takeout and delivery services during this emergency situation. You can view the listing by going to the following website: <https://croton.suburbanguides.com/croton-business-council-virtual-drink-dine-day/>. Residents are encouraged to support all our local businesses during these trying times.

Annual Water Quality Report

This year, the Annual Water Quality Report will not be mailed out to individual homeowners and businesses.

The AWQR will be available on the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's website at the following link: <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/water-department/news/2019-water-quality-report>.

For more information, please call the Engineering Department at 271-4783.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Complete the 2020 Census!

Paper census forms have arrived in the mailboxes of those who have not completed the census online. You can visit my2020census.gov, call 844-330-2020 or return the paper census form by mail to be counted today. Your response will impact the amount of funding received by the Village for the next 10 years. The Village is only a few percentage points away from our total 2010 response rate! Let's keep up the good work!



Recreation Dept. Hosts Online Programs

Over the past few weeks, the Recreation Department has hosted an online Easter egg coloring contest, as well as a sidewalk chalk art show! The next activity coming from the Recreation Dept. will be a Lego building contest. If you have an idea for an online program, please email Recreation Supervisor Mark Duncan at mduncan@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Be sure to sign up for Recreation emails at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/subscribe to receive word of these online activities while you are home. We are also posting the information on our social media.

You can check out the pictures from the Easter egg contest and sidewalk chalk art show by visiting our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/CrotonGov.