

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

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November **Calendar**

- 4 & 18 Village Board
- 5 Election Day
- 6 Conservation Advisory Council
- 12 & 26 Planning Bd.
- 13 Zoning Board
- 20 Water Control Commission

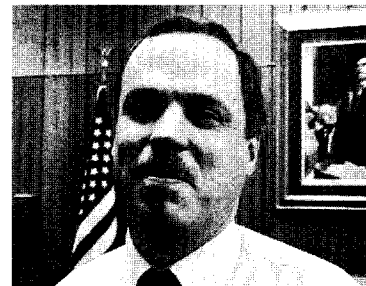
Croton Welcomes a New Village Engineer

Croton welcomed its new Village Engineer on September 23rd. Dan O'Connor, a Professional Engineer, comes to the Village with a broad engineering background. Dan spent the last 17 years with the Dutchess County Health Department where he assisted and advised many municipalities on issues concerning water and wastewater treatment plants, landfills, environmental contamination, State Environmental Quality Review procedures, and other environmentally-related issues.

Prior to his employment with Dutchess County, Dan was employed as an engineering consultant where he provided engineering services to the Town of Carmel.

On a personal note, Dan resides in Peekskill with his wife, son and daughter. He has contributed his time and expertise to Habitat for Humanity and in assisting in the construction of homes for the needy.

Since joining the Village staff, he has been busy acquainting himself with all the activities that take place out of the Engineer's office



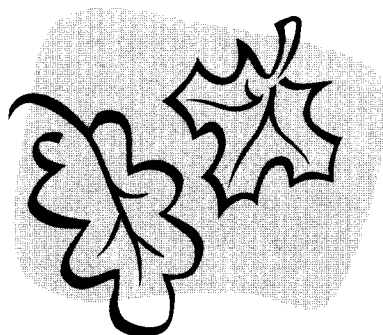
Dan O'Connor, Croton's new Engineer

as well as projects that are currently underway or being planned by the Village. The staff in his office includes the Village Assessor, Building Inspectors, Code Enforcement Officer and two Secretaries.

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Fall Leaf Collection is Starting Soon



The Dept. of Public Works will start picking up leaves with vacuum trucks at the end of October for composting. Leaves should not be raked into the street but only to the curb. Raking

leaves into the street is a traffic safety hazard as well as a violation of the law. Pick up will continue during November and December and January, if necessary.

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Croton's Auxiliary Police



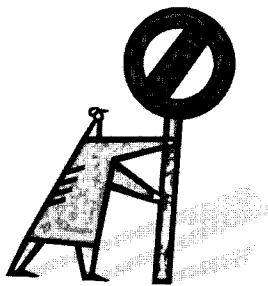
Croton's Auxiliary Police is a volunteer organization that assists the Croton Police Department with additional patrols and traffic control during special events and disasters. The Auxiliaries have assisted the Police during parades, Summerfest, and during hurricanes. The Auxiliary officers receive training, complete uniforms, but do not carry firearms.

This important part of the Croton Police Department is currently recruiting persons 19 years of age or older who would like the satisfaction of serving their community in the law enforcement field. Anyone wishing to volunteer may stop at Police Headquarters in the Municipal Building for additional information. You may also call Police Auxiliary Lieutenant Phil Dreedland a 271-3918.

Millennium Pipeline Update

"... the significant public interest in the appeal."

From Dept. of Commerce memo citing reason for holding a public hearing in Westchester on the proposed pipeline.



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The battle to derail the Millennium Pipeline from crossing Haverstraw Bay and running through Croton on its way to Mt. Vernon is continuing.

In December 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a certificate to enable the project to move ahead. However, this was conditioned on a Determination of Consistency by the NYS Coastal Zone Management Program, which they did not receive. When the NYS Secretary of State made a negative determination, the Columbia Gas Co. appealed this decision to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce who has the authority to override this decision. At the request of both Croton

and Briarcliff Manor, the Secretary of Commerce granted a request for a local public hearing before a decision is made. It will be held on Wednesday, November 13th at the Tarrytown Hilton at 10 am. Sessions will go through the day and evening. Organizations will be allowed 5 minutes with pre-registration required, starting at 9 am. The issues involved in this review mainly involve the effects of the pipeline crossing the ecologically-sensitive Haverstraw Bay and the area of Croton's well fields. Development of this successful argument was largely due to the work of members of Croton's Waterfront Advisory Commission, chaired by resident Fran Allen.

In another development, on September 18th, FERC reissued its original approval or certification for the pipeline after an appeal of it's December 2001 ruling by local governments in Westchester and many groups which are actively opposing it. This was not unexpected according to Croton's counsel, Neil Levy, of Kirkland and Ellis in Washington, D.C.

Visit the Village's Website for a complete list of agendas, minutes, upcoming events and notices.

[Http://village.croton-on-hudson.ny.us/](http://village.croton-on-hudson.ny.us/)



Leaf Collection Cont'd.

Beginning the week of December 2, the DPW will begin the final vacuum leaf pick up. Once your street has been cleared of leaves after December 2, the DPW will not vacuum your street again. Leftover leaves must be bagged to be picked up.

Bagged leaves will also be picked up on alternate weeks in November and December on either a Monday or Wednesday. (See schedule below). Bags must be biodegradable paper only -- no plastic bags will be picked up. Bagged leaves will not be picked up at the same time as your garbage is picked up. Leaves that are put in trash cans or boxes will not be picked up by the DPW.



Schedule for Bagged-Leaf Pick Up

North of Maple Street (Route 129):

Week of: November 3rd & 17th

December 1st & 15th

January 5th & 19th (if necessary)

South of Maple Street (Route 129):

Week of: November 10th & 24th

December 8th & 15th

Dec 29th & Jan. 12th (if necessary)

No bagged leaf pick up the week of December 22 to 28, 2002.

HELP WANTED !!

**Croton Police
Dept.**

DISPATCHER

Part time

19 Hrs./Week

\$12./hour

PARKING

ENFORCEMENT

Part time

19 Hrs./Week

\$12./hour

Call 271- 5177

Comprehensive Plan News

On September 30th, the Village's Comprehensive Plan Committee held a Public Hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Based on the input received, the Committee made several revisions and additions. On October 21st, the Village Board of Trustees received the official transmittal of the proposed Plan. The next step is

for the Trustees to hold an additional Public Hearing to consider further input from Croton's residents.

The effort to develop a new Plan to update the 1977 Master Plan has been underway since late 1999. Since then, substantial public input has been received through input workshops, a Resident Survey, interviews, and the recent Pub-

lic Hearing. The survey received a 26% response which is very high, according to planner Paul Buckhurst, of Buckhurst, Fish, & Jacquemart, who has been working with the Committee throughout the process.

Copies of the proposed plan are available on the Village website, in the Village Office and at the Library.

Got a Question?



In coming issues of the Village Newsletter, we will attempt to answer questions you may have, as space permits. Please write your questions and send them to us at:

Newsletter Questions
Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building
One Van Wyck Street
Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520

This month's question addresses the question of how to arrange for the replacement of burned out street lights.

Here's another Tip!

A telephone line for residents to anonymously report suspicious activities is installed in the Police Dept. The number is 271-0706.

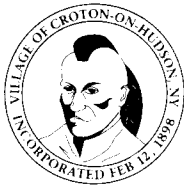
If you observe a non-functioning street light, you need only call the Department of Public Works at 271-3775 with the following information: the street name, the utility pole number and the street address of the nearest house.

If the light you call about is not replaced immediately, please don't think your information has been ignored. The DPW keeps a list of reported non-functioning lights, and on a periodic basis, sends a cherry picker truck out to replace these lights. This usually occurs at least once every two weeks.



The Village of Croton was co-winner, along with the Village of Buchanan, of the Silver Plaque, the second place honor in the Historic River Towns of Westchester Flower Village Competition. The contest, sponsored by Ginsburg Development Corp., encourages beautification efforts.

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