



## November Calendar

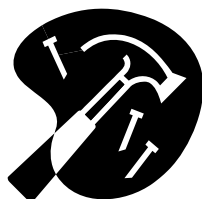
- 5 & 19** Village Board Mtg.
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- 7** Cons. Advisory Council
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## **Building Permits - What You Should Know**

Many property owners want to make changes in their homes or businesses at some point. Others want to build something entirely new. To do these things, a Building Permit is required. All Building Permits are issued by the Village Engineer.



The purpose of requiring a building permit is to ensure that construction is done in a safe way, conforms to NYS building

code and other codes that ensure health and safety, and follows local laws.

Some construction projects require a site plan approval from the Planning Board or a zoning variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in advance of the Building Permit being issued.

Section 89-9 of Croton's code specifies that the "erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, removal, improvements, demolition, conversion or change in the nature of the occupancy of any building or structure" requires a Building Permit. The code also specifies that "permits are not required for ordinary repairs which are not structural in nature."

Applications for Building Permits may be obtained in the Village Engineer's office or downloaded from the Village's website. When submitting an application, you will be asked to submit a plot plan or survey of your lot with the location of all buildings - both existing and proposed. Additionally, you will need to describe the nature of the work materials and equipment to be used and installed. Depending on the proposed plan, other permits such as a blasting permit or excavation permit, may be required. Finally, you must provide details for any structural, mechanical, elec-

trical or plumbing installation. Contractors are familiar with these requirements and can provide the needed information. Some plans also need to be signed by a NYS licensed architect or engineer. An estimate of the cost of the proposed construction must be made. It is on this estimate that the Building Permit fee is based.



Following the issuance of a Building Permit, you can expect some or all of the following inspections to be made during construction depending on what is being built: a footings inspection, a foundation inspection before backfill, rough framing and sheathing, insulation, rough plumbing, electrical (not done by Village) and a final inspection before the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). The process ends with the CO.

Once a permit is issued, work must begin in 6 months and be completed within 2 years of the permit date. Extensions may be granted only by the Village Board on a recommendation from the Village Engineer.

## **Middle Class STAR**

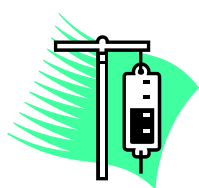
NYS is offering new property tax relief in the form of a 2007 Middle Class STAR Rebate Program check. This year's rebate check is based not only on your property tax burden, but also on your ability to pay, factoring in your income level.

The tax department has mailed out letters to owners who are eligible for the Basic STAR exemption telling them of the need to apply and provide income information to receive this year's Middle Class STAR rebate.

## **Community Blood Drive Coming**

The next semi-annual community blood drive will be held on Sun., Dec. 2, from 9-3 at Croton-Harmon High School. About 400 pints of blood are used daily in the 40 hospitals served by the Hudson Valley Blood Services!

Giving blood takes no more than an hour of your time.



Donors must be at least 16 but not yet 76 and at least 110 pounds. All are medically screened at the site. Appointments are necessary to properly prepare for the number of donors. Please call the following for an appointment or information:

JoAnn Fannon, 271-5529; Carol Shanesy, 271-7645; Rosalind Morrissey, 271-8449.

## **Middle Class STAR cont'd.**

Letters with information and paper applications were sent out in October to Basic STAR eligible residents in this area. You must apply no later than November 30, 2007. Senior citizens who are property owners and receive an Enhanced STAR exemption on their 2007-2008 tax bill will receive a rebate check automatically. For seniors with



Enhanced STAR, no application is required.

This rebate check is in addition to any relief you may already receive as a reduction of your school tax bill under the basic STAR program.

You can apply online by going to the website: [www.nystax.gov/star/2007](http://www.nystax.gov/star/2007) or by filling out the paper application you received in the mail. Your application must provide the names, social security numbers and 2005 income tax information for all resident property owners and their spouses.

Rebate amounts are determined based on a combination of factors, including the income bracket for your property, the tax rate for the school district where the property is located, and the city, village or town where the property is located.

For those in the Croton-Harmon school district whose combined incomes for all resident property owners and their spouses is less than \$120,000, the rebate will be \$1,344.38. For those in the Hendrick Hudson school district, the rebate will be \$1,059.96.

The deadline to apply for your Middle Class STAR rebate is November 30, 2007. Don't miss this tax relief opportunity if you are eligible.

## **Meet Joe, Andy and Greg**

If you are a regular patron of Croton's parking lot, you may have seen Joe Anfiteatro, Andy Myers and



**Joe Anfiteatro, Andy Myers and Greg Delaney (l to r)**

Greg Delaney (pictured at left) as they provide enforcement in the lot. Coverage is provided in 3 overlapped shifts, 7 days a week.

While on duty they not only check for valid and current permits but also act as a

valuable resource. They report that they are frequently asked for directions and other information from people using the lot. Wearing uniforms makes them easily identifiable and also a reassuring presence. As part of their daily routine, they issue tickets when necessary. Photos of ticketed vehicles in their spaces are taken for verification purposes as well. Andy has been at the lot for 3 years, with Joe and Greg there one year and 8 months respectively.

## **Leaf Vacuuming Schedule**

The DPW began vacuuming up your loose leaves in late Oct.. Leaves should be raked to the curb but NOT into the street. Vacuuming will continue through November and December. The weekly schedule of streets will be posted on the Village website each week.



Beginning Dec. 3rd, the DPW will begin the final loose-leaf cleanup going street to street. Once your street is cleaned of loose leaves after Dec. 3rd, it will not be vacuumed again. Loose leaves must be bagged after that. Bagged leaves will be picked up during the months

of Nov., Dec., and, if necessary, Jan. as follows:

### **North of Maple Street (Route 129):**

Nov. 7 (Wed.), Nov. 23 (Fri.), Dec. 5, (Wed.), Dec. 19 (Wed.), Jan. 3, 2008 (Thur.)

### **South of Maple Street (Route 129):**

Nov. 14 (Wed.), Nov. 28 (Wed.), Dec. 12 (Wed.), Dec. 27 (Thur.), Jan. 9, 2008 (Wed.)



### **Reminder!**

**Village Offices will be closed**

**Mon., Nov. 12 for Veterans Day and**

**Thurs/Fri Nov. 22 & 23 for Thanksgiving!**



## Spotlight on Marco Gennarelli

In mid-September Marco Gennarelli joined Croton's staff as the Village's Superintendent of Public Works. Marco comes to the Village with over 27 years of experience in public works. In his immediate past, Marco was the Highway Superintendent for the Town of Mamaroneck for 7 years. This was preceded by 10 years as the DPW Superintendent for Hastings where he also was the Building Inspector. His earliest experience came with over 10 years with the Westchester County Dept. of Environmental Facilities. He is currently President of the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators. Marco says he feels a connection with Croton in

many ways including it being a rivertown, our size and population. He looks forward to having the broader responsibilities of the entire public works department including highways, sanitation, water and maintenance. He likes wearing "more hats".

Marco grew up in Yonkers, graduating from Saunders High School where he was an Architectural Technology student. He received an Assoc. Degree in Civil Technology from SUNY at Delhi in 1979 and joined Westchester County as an Engineering Technician.

Among the things Marco is looking forward to is getting acquainted with the individuals on the DPW staff. He will take some time this fall to familiarize himself with how things are done now but he

already has some new ideas that he will be evaluating. Looking for increased efficiencies will be a priority.

Marco lives with his wife, Gina, in the Town of Fishkill. Their son Marco, 21, and daughter, Marissa, 16, a Junior at John Jay High School, are the center of their spare time activities. Marco enjoys working around their house and playing golf when he can fit it in. He is a fan at his daughter's volleyball team events as well. In prior years, he has coached both football and baseball teams. The family loves the Jersey shore for vacations.



*"I think Croton and I are a mutual fit. I look forward to knowing the residents and making some positive contribution."*

*Marco Gennarelli*

## "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

### Puppet Show

Make time for this free production by PuppeTree, Inc. which will be performed by professional puppeteers who will operate more than 100 shadow puppets designed by Artistic Director, Ann Legunn. The story will be narrated in Washington Irving's words to present the audience with the flavor of the language in that time period as well as Irving's rich prose.



"Sleepy Hollow" is a comedy and also a dark tale of what happens when obsessive greed and fear rules someone's life as happens to the legendary "itinerant pedagogue", Ichabod Crane.

At the end of the show, the performers will remove the shadow screens and demonstrate how the shadow puppets are operated, providing a "backstage" view of the production.

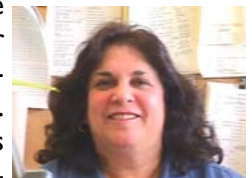
This special show, sponsored by Croton Recreation, will be held on Sat., Nov. 3 at 10:30 am at the Croton Free Library. This will be a great family event!

## Longtime Employees Recognized

Two long-time Croton employees were recently recognized at a Village Board meeting for their years of service to the Village.



Artie Neff, Parks Foreman, has completed 30 years with the Village.



Louise Campagna, secretary for DPW, has completed 25 years. Both deal regularly with Croton residents and are well known for their helpfulness. Next time you see them, say 'hello'

## Nov. 6 - Election Day

The polls will be open from 6am to 9pm on Nov. 6th. Croton residents will vote for Town of Cortlandt officials, judgeships, and County Legislator. Poll locations are:

- District 6 Washington Engine Firehouse
- Districts 7, 9, and 39 Municipal Building
- District 8 Grand St. Firehouse
- District 10 Harmon Engine Firehouse
- District 25 Our Savior Lutheran Church
- District 31 Sky View Nursing Home

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## Got a Question?



**I understand that calling 911 on my cell phone will not connect me directly with the Croton Police dispatcher. Is this correct? If I have to make an emergency call from my cell phone what should I do?**

When you call 911 on your **land line** phone, you are connected to the Croton Police dispatcher who then calls for the appropriate fire or police response. However, residents of Croton and the Croton Fire District, including those living in the Teatown and Quaker Bridge areas, who call 911 on their **cell phones** should be aware that their call goes first to the Rockland County emergency dispatching facility which sends it to the Westchester County dispatching facility, which, in turn, contacts the Croton emergency responders with the information. If you want your call to go directly to the Croton Police station and you only have a cell phone available to make the emergency call, what should you do? Police Chief Dennis Coxen suggests that you should call the local Police Dept. number at 271-5177. This will connect you directly with

911

the Croton dispatcher. Saving this number in your cell phone memory and, perhaps, on speed dial as well, is a good idea in any case.

No matter what number you call, the first and foremost thing you should say is **WHERE** you are before you say what your problem is. If the call is dropped or curtailed for any reason, at least the responders will know where to go. Chief Coxen also suggests that you make your babysitter and other caretakers aware of this and instruct them on making the appropriate call.

### Last Chemical Clean-Up Days

Croton Point Park is the site of the County's final Chemical Clean-Up Day for 2007. Properly labeled household chemicals will be accepted on Nov. 9 (Fri. 1 to 3 pm) and Nov. 10 (Sat. 9am to 3 pm) at the park.

For further information and a detailed list of what is accepted and limitations on quantities, please visit the County website at [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com) or call the Household clean-up Info line at 914-813-5425.