

November **Meeting Calendar**

- 4 & 16** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Adv. Council
- 9** BOT Work Session
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 18** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 19** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 28** Fire Council

All meetings are being held via Zoom (except Fire Council). Please check the Village website or call 271-4848 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 Village of Croton-on-Hudson Government

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

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

Stay connected!

Police Reform Collaborative Work Underway

The Village, along with members of the Croton Police Department, community members and representatives from the Croton-Harmon Union-Free School District, the District Attorney's office, the Public Defender's office, have begun working on the governor's initiative for police reform and reimagining.

A number of public forums have been held already to hear from members of the Black community, senior community, civic organizations and interfaith community. Videos of these forums are available on the website below.

Additional forums are scheduled for the month of November for the Spanish community, youth community and a final forum for the entire community. For specific information on dates and times, please visit the website below or call the Village Manager's office at 271-4848.

The Village's police reform webpage can be found at <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/ongoing-projects-initiatives-proposed-infrastructure-improvements/pages/police-reform-accordance> and can provide much information about this process.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Village Manager's office at 271-4848 or managersoffice@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Croton Point Avenue Project Nearing Completion

The Croton Point Avenue project is approaching its final phase. The top layer of asphalt was installed overnight on October 21st into the morning of October 22nd. Night paving was performed in order to minimize traffic impacts, and reduce disruption to local businesses. The roadway line striping will be performed during the week of November 2nd (weather permitting).

The next major benchmark is the installation of the proposed traffic signal poles. The schedule for this work depends on the material delivery from the vendor.

Also a New York State DOT audit was performed on October 23rd. The intention of this audit was to verify that the project's paperwork and regulations are properly filed and observed. The auditors were pleased with the progress and did not find any violations.

The construction administration of this project has been handled entirely by Village staff, and is a savings to the overall project budget. The project is currently on schedule and within budget.

Update from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee

The Croton-on-Hudson Diversity and Inclusion Committee invites you to participate in several upcoming programs and opportunities, including:

- Join our online discussion group covering the topics systemic racism, bias, prejudice, self-reflection, and more. Session 3 is November 10 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing the documentary 13th. Discussion materials can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3kBTBJ6>
- Read a book. The Committee has partnered with the Croton Free Library to recommend a selection of books related to Disability Employment Awareness Month. See book list here: <https://bit.ly/3iVLI0B>
- Join the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. We'd love to have you on board! The Committee aims to create a spirit of diversity and inclusion for all that live, work in, and visit the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. If interested, email: coh.di.committee@gmail.com.

Utilize Online Bill Pay

Did you know that you can pay your quarterly utility bills and annual tax bills online?

By going to the Village's website and selecting "Online Payments" under the Citizen Action Center, you are able to look up your bill and make a payment via Discover, MasterCard or ACH (checking account). For village taxes, you can also pay using Visa.

If you are paying with a credit card, please note that there is a convenience fee charged by the company; there is no fee to pay via ACH. ACH payments should be made at least four days in advance of the due date to ensure all information submitted is correct and payment is received.

If you have any questions regarding paying your bill online, please contact the Village Treasurer's office at 862-1419.

Leaf Vacuuming Has Begun

The Dept. of Public Works has begun its leaf vacuuming schedule for the fall as of October 28. A detailed schedule will be sent out each week on the Village e-news list (sign up on the village website!).

The general schedule is as follows:

- Weeks 1 & 5: Harmon (south of Cleveland Dr.)
- Weeks 2 & 6: All areas north of Maple Street and west of Old Post Road South.
- Weeks 3 & 7: All areas south of Maple Street and north of Cleveland Drive.
- Weeks 4 & 8: Maple Street and areas north of Maple Street and east of Old Post Road South.



Reminders! Village offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. Village offices will also be closed Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Winter Snow Removal and Parking

As the winter season approaches, it is important for residents to be familiar with Village regulations and protocols regarding snow. While on-street parking is still permitted during the winter, residents must remove vehicles from streets if two or more inches of snow has accumulated to allow the DPW to clear the streets. Plowing will continue until the snow has stopped and streets have been cleared.

The Village encourages all residents without off-street parking to park in municipal lots during a storm. This includes the Asbury Methodist Church, behind the Holy Name of Mary Church, the west end of Benedict Blvd., and the Municipal Building. Residents without off-street parking, and who meet established criteria, may obtain a Seasonal Parking permit to allow on-street parking during snow events. The permit fee ranges from \$25 to \$100 per permit based on the number of permits needed and the parking availability at the applicant's residence. To apply online for this permit, please visit the Village's website, click Online Forms and then "Seasonal Parking Permit Application". Residents with these permits must still remove their vehicles from the streets no later than twelve hours after the snow has stopped falling. This policy also applies to all vehicles in Village-controlled lots. Additionally, parking restrictions will be in effect on: the north side of Grand St. between Old Post Rd. North and Riverside Ave., both sides of Benedict Blvd. and Maple St., east side of Riverside Ave. between Brook St. and High St., east side of Old Post Rd. South between Maple St. and Cleveland Dr.

Residents are obligated to clear their own sidewalks within 12 hours after snowfall ends, and commercial establishments are required to keep their adjacent sidewalks clear between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Homeowners are also encouraged to be especially mindful if your sidewalk is used by children walking to and from school. Please keep in mind that it is a violation of Village Code and a safety hazard to shovel, blow or plow snow into the street.

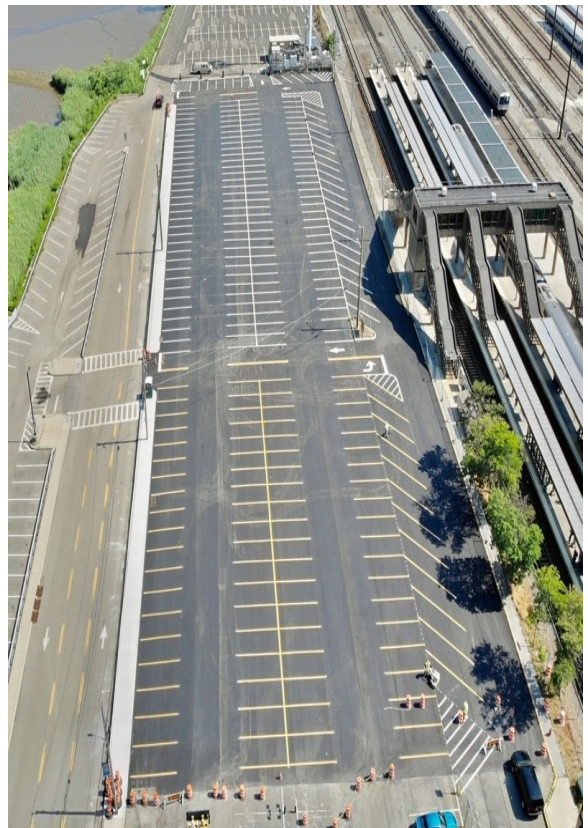
Train Station Parking Lot Renovation Project Completed

The renovation of the train station parking lot was completed in July of 2020. This project involved the extension of the parking lot into the area formerly occupied by the old DPW facility.

Instead of advertising this project for public bid, Village staff took on the task of managing the project in-house. The Village was responsible for inspection and completion of all portions of construction. A sub-contractor assisted with a small portion of the work, but the majority was completed by DPW employees.

The design engineer's estimate to complete construction had been \$1,127,400, and the proposal for construction administration and inspection was nearly \$25,000. Actual construction costs totaled approximately \$532,000, a savings of \$595,425. This was largely due to the use of DPW labor, and the ability to purchase materials at cost. Contractor overhead and profit were not involved, and prevailing wages were also not a factor.

The work to complete the project was completed concurrently with typical DPW tasks; Village services were not sacrificed for construction. The savings to the Village is a direct result of the staff's experience, knowledge, and willingness to complete this project in-house.





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Croton Free Library Open by Appointment

The Croton Free Library has expanded its services to include browsing by appointment. Time slots of 30 minutes duration may be reserved to browse. Please note, our curbside services will continue as they are and all holds pick-ups will continue to be curbside and not in the Library. To make an appointment, please call the library at 271-6612. For more information, please visit crotonfreelibrary.org.

November Recreation Update

Exciting programs from Croton Recreation! Sign up today for Science in a Box! We are offering 5 science kits! Choose from Chemical Wizardry, Junior Physicians, STEM Challenges, Super Science Make and Take and Mini Bots!

Gentle Yoga via Zoom is being offered. Show off your artistic skills by participating in our Decorate a Turkey Contest! Guess how many Treats are in our Pumpkin Jar and win the contents!

Join Croton's Village Historian Marc Cheshire for his presentation "The Mystery of Money Island" via Zoom! Seniors are also invited to play Senior Bingo via Zoom!

To sign up for any of the above programs, please visit the Village website. Call the Recreation Department at 271-3006 with any questions.