



November Meeting Calendar

3rd & 15th	Board of Trustees Meeting
3rd	Conservation Advisory Council Meeting
9th	Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
9th & 26th	Planning Board Meeting
10th	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
17th	Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting
22nd	Board of Trustees Work Session
30th	Fire Council Meeting

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for the most updated information, including meeting location.

Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?



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

Stay connected!



Village Begins Early Budget Process



Even as the mid-term budget review process for fiscal year 2021/2022 is underway, the Village Treasurer and Village Manager have already begun work on the budget for fiscal year 2022/2023. The outcome of their work will be presented by the Village Manager in late March in the form of their budget recommendations.

There are many considerations that the Village Treasurer, Daniel Tucker, has in mind as he shapes this upcoming budget. One of the greatest economical obstacles the Village has faced within the last couple of years is the lack of train station parking. While recovering, the train station parking revenue is still low compared to pre-pandemic levels. This loss in revenue has cost the Village between \$1.5 million and \$2 million annually when compared to the pre-pandemic revenue. With this in mind, the Village has been involved in several projects with the intention of compensating for this loss.



The Village is currently expecting to close on a sale of the “Katz Property” in 2022, earning \$2,000,000 for the Village. Simultaneously, the Village is planning to refinance outstanding debt. The current estimate is to save over \$1,100,000 over the next 22 years; an average of \$50,000 per year. Finally, the Village will continue to minimize the issuance of new debt and continue to lower overall debt outstanding.

“Through conservative budgeting and careful management, the Village plans to mitigate cost increases while still providing vital services to the public.”
Village Treasurer Daniel Tucker

The mid-year budget review being prepared by the Treasurer, showing current revenues and expenses as compared with what was budgeted for the current year, is another tool that will be used in identifying ways to mitigate the train station deficit.



The Police Department Values Your Input



The second annual community-wide survey for the Police Department will be available from November 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021. A postcard with information, a link, and a QR code for the survey will be delivered to all Village residents and businesses in early November. Postcards will also be available at various local businesses, and non-profits. The link and QR code for the survey can also be found on the Village website and Facebook page.



The survey is an outgrowth of the NY State mandated Police Reform Task Force, and the work continues through the Village's Police Advisory Committee.

Your opinion is important and will assist the Police Department in best serving you.



Winter Parking and Seasonal Permits



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 Department of Public Works (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 may also obtain a Seasonal Parking permit at the Village Office to allow on-street parking during snow events. Apply online now by visiting the Village's website, clicking Online Forms and then "Seasonal Parking Permit Application". The permit fee ranges from being free to costing \$100, based on the number of permits needed. Residents with these permits must still remove their vehicles from the streets no later than 12 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 AM and 5 PM. 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.



Leave Leaves Alone!

The Village endorses the benefits of mulching leaves in place as an alternative to raking and vacuuming them.

The annual ritual of raking, blowing, piling, and possibly bagging, costs hours of time and money each fall. It also robs the yards of one of nature's greatest resources: rich, natural compost. The practice of leaf blowing causes serious diesel and particulate matter pollution, especially with the 2-stroke backpack leaf blowers so commonly used in suburban backyards.



Leaves that are mulched in place provide a good source of lawn nutrition and composted leaves provide nutritious organic matter for next year's garden.

More information on this approach to Fall leaves is available at <https://www.leaveleavesalone.org/>



A newly purchased ambulance for Croton's EMS

L-R: EMS Lt. David Kreilsheimer, EMS Capt. Ken Gilleo, Village Manager Bryan Healy, Pete Caliendo from VCI Emergency Apparatus.

Leaf Vacuuming Information & Schedule

This is a reminder that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun its leaf vacuuming schedule. A detailed schedule will be sent out each week on the Village e-news list.

For more information, call the DPW at 914.271.3775, or visit Village Website.

Reminder:
Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 7th.
Remember to set back your
clocks!





Employee Spotlight: Alix Berniker



Next time you visit the Village Office, be sure to say hello to Alix Berniker. Berniker is the newest employee in the main Village Office Room 24, working as an Intermediate Clerk in the Treasurer's Office.

Berniker holds both a Bachelor of Art in Psychology from Mercy College, and a Bachelor of Art in Health and Nutrition from Brooklyn College. Before coming to Croton, Berniker worked as a contractor where she worked as a contact between project managers and homeowners, and assisted in developing bids.



**"I try to help anywhere, and everywhere I can."
Alix Berniker**

Berniker's employment started in the latter half of August, and since then has been working closely with the Finance and Management Departments to ensure the smooth delivery of Village processes. Her responsibilities include confirming fiscal records are accurate, processing invoices, filing invoices, and assisting with the issuance of parking permits.

Berniker currently resides in Montrose with her husband, son and dog. Outside of the office, she enjoys spending free time with family, as well as jogging, and hiking. She is an avid runner who regularly participates in marathons.

Slow Down Croton Meme Competition

The Croton-on-Hudson Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee invites all residents to a competition to make the entire village laugh by creating memes that remind everyone to drive carefully and respect one another, regardless of how we are getting around. Prizes will be awarded to winning memes!

For more information, visit the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Section of the Village Website, or email slowdowncroton@gmail.com



DPW Employees Back Under One Roof

Since the onset of the COVID-19 virus, the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees have reported to various locations throughout the village in an attempt to stay safe and healthy.

As of October 18th, 2021 all DPW employees are finally reporting back to DPW headquarters. We thank them all for their efforts and cooperation during this very challenging time.

Croton Yacht Club Veterans Day Luncheon

On Thursday, November 11th, 2021, at 12:00 PM, the members of the Croton Yacht Club will celebrate Veterans Day at their 6 Elliott Way clubhouse.

The event will begin with a brief ceremony, followed by a luncheon that is free of charge for all village veterans and spouses, surviving spouses of veterans, active military and spouses. To offset the luncheon expenses, it is suggested that all non-military attendees make donations. Net proceeds realized from the luncheon will be donated to Croton Harmon VFW Post 5197.

For questions, or to RSVP, contact Dennis Kooney, at dennis@kooney.net or by phone at 914.271.6384.

Veterans Day Ceremony

All residents are invited to join American Legion Fox-Eklof Post 505 in honoring Croton's veterans on Thursday, November 11th. The ceremony will be held at 11 AM at the Croton Veterans' Monument at Veterans Corners (intersection of Cleveland Dr. and Old Post Rd. S.).

In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the gymnasium at Holy Name of Mary Church.

**Village Offices will be closed on
Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day**





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Recreation Programs for November



CANOE / KAYAK STORAGE – WINTER

Location: Echo Boat Launch (at the Croton train station)

Fee: \$200.00 Village Residents \$250.00 Non Residents

Winter kayak storage available at Echo Canoe launch from November 1 – March 21

TAI CHI - ADULT

Dates: Thursdays, beginning November 4 (No class November 25) | 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Municipal Building, Community Room

Fee: \$55.00 Village / \$65 School District / Non-Res for 4 sessions

Tai Chi is a low impact workout designed to increase your mental and physical energy.

DEMYSTIFYING MEDICARE

Discover how to navigate our complicated healthcare system for older adults.

Date: Sunday, November 14 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Municipal Building, Community Room

Fee: FREE, pre-registration is requested

THE CROTON SENIOR CLUB IS BACK!

Fridays 11:00 AM in the Community Room at The Municipal Building.

The Croton Senior Club enjoys weekly meetings, social activities & guest speakers

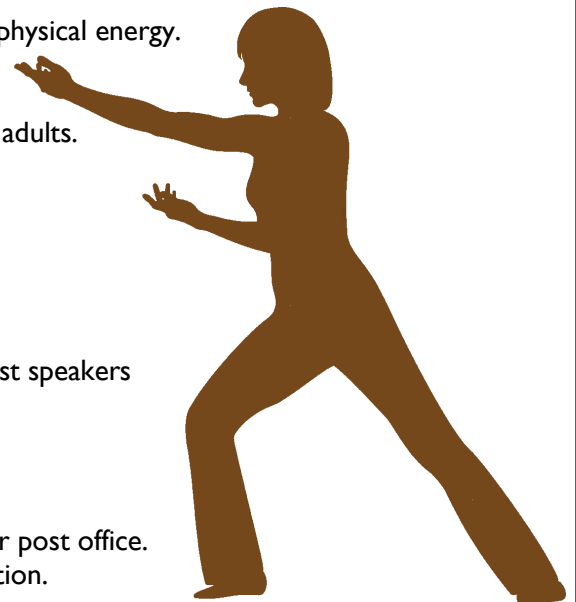
Open to Croton Village & School District Residents 60+

Contact: Senior Club President – Janet Meyer at 488-5849

LOCAL SHOPPING -MONDAYS

The senior shopping bus takes village residents to ShopRite, the bank or post office.

Pre-registration is required, please call 271-3006 for additional information.



For up-to-date information and news on all recreation events and programming, Sign up for recreation e-blasts on the homepage of the Croton Village website. Stay Connected! For questions, call recreation at 271.3006.



**Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25th,
and Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving**