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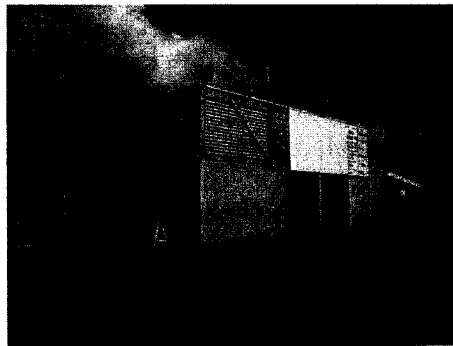
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Senasqua Park Improvements

Several improvements at Senasqua Park and nearby are underway. In mid-September, work began on a significant upgrade to the Senasqua bathhouse shown below.



Senasqua bathhouse to be renovated

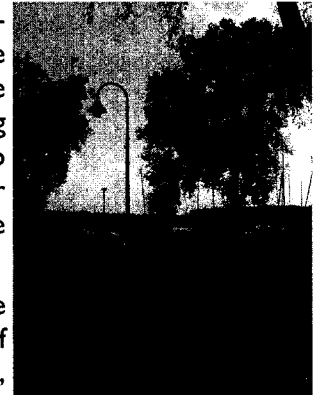
New paint and new doors will spruce up the exterior of the bathhouse and a new exterior shower will be installed. It is the interior, however, where the biggest improvements will occur. The bathrooms are to be gutted and replaced with new plumbing and new fixtures. All the fixtures will work on electronic sensors to turn the water flow on and off. The renovated bathrooms will also be handicapped accessible. New electric and water lines will be laid to the bathhouse location as well. A fresh interior painting will leave the mural inside the entrance untouched. The \$140,000 renovation is being done by Marquis Construction of Thornwood.

Outside the park, along the road, new lighting fixtures have been installed—called Sternberg luminaries. As shown in the picture above right, the attractive new lighting will help light the new parking area which is also under construction. As part of the construction of the new waterfront road to Senasqua Park, the parking area had to be reconfig-

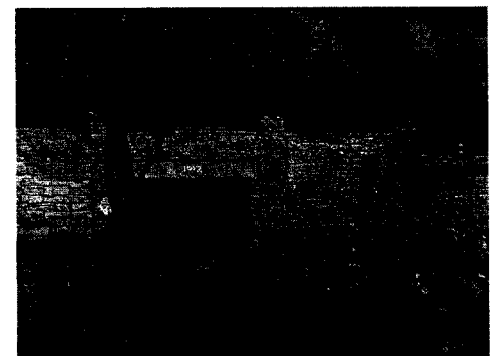
ured. A retaining wall on the east side of the road is being constructed to create a larger area available for parking.

Just to the south of Senasqua Park, the tunnel access has been

extended to provide enough width for the new two-lane road from the Half Moon Bay bridge. The new stone façade extends south to the point where it meets the natural grade of the new road and riverfront trail. Once completed the tunnel will provide bicycle and pedestrian access to Senasqua Park and to the trail going both north to Croton Landing and



New light fixtures



Senasqua Tunnel extension and façade.

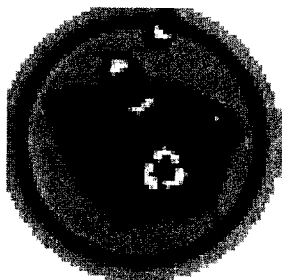
south along a new riverfront esplanade and further on to Croton Point Park.

The bathhouse and improved parking should be ready to enjoy next summer when the new road and tunnel access are also expected to be open for use.

Village Recycling News

Croton-on-Hudson has one of the best recycling rates in the County but continues to look for ways to improve it further. Your recyclables, collected weekly in red and blue bins, are taken to a transfer station in Cortlandt before being loaded onto trucks for transport to the Westchester County Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) in Yonkers. The County establishes the rules and tells us what can be recycled.

The BLUE container is for paper—newspaper, magazines, office paper, mail, phone books, corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags. Corrugated cardboard boxes must be flattened. Excess paper can be put in a brown paper bag if it won't fit in the blue container. Nothing should be placed in a plastic bag.



The RED bin is for commingled containers including metal food and beverage containers, empty aerosol cans, clean aluminum & foil trays, clear, green or brown glass jars or bottles, and plastics with the numbers 1 or 2 in the triangular recycling symbol on their bottom. All containers

should be rinsed out prior to recycling. All other plastics go in the garbage including plastic toys, laundry baskets, crates, utensils, pails, plastic bags and any plastic bottle without a 1 or 2 code.

Plastic bags are not recyclable in Westchester County even if they are labeled as such. They can go in the garbage or back to the supermarket.

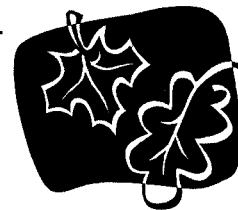
Westchester County has provided the DPW with OOPS stickers. You may find an OOPS sticker placed on your recyclables if you are doing something that is not in compliance with the County rules for recyclables. The DPW wants to collect all possible recyclables and needs your help in doing it right.

If you live in a multi-family building and are not recycling or not recycling properly, please call the DPW at 271-3775 between 7am and 3:30 pm to discuss ways to set up a better recycling program for your building.

If you need a recycling bin, you can get one at the Municipal Garage by the railroad station, free of charge.

Leaf Pickup Schedule

This fall the Village will be providing both loose leaf pickup and bagged leaf collection. It is strongly urged that leaves be bagged in paper biodegradable bags (see page 4 for information on free bags).



The following schedule applies to **bagged leaf collection**. The bags will be picked up on alternate weeks during the months of November, December and January (if necessary). **Leaves may be packed in biodegradable paper bags only. Leaves in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.** Leaves in trash cans and boxes will also not be collected and they will not be picked up with the garbage. Collection will be on Monday or Wednesday according to the schedule below.

Bagged Leaf Pickup

North of Maple St. (Route 129)

Week of October 31

November 14th & 28th

December 12th

January 2nd (if necessary)

South of Maple St. (Route 129)

Week of November 7th & 21st

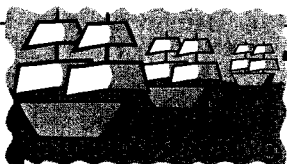
December 5th & 19th

January 12th (if necessary)

No Bagged Leaf Pick-up December 26 to 31.

Loose Leaf Pick-up

Loose leaves will be picked up with vacuum trucks beginning the end of October. Leaves should be raked to the curb but not into the street, which is a violation of the law and a safety hazard. Beginning on November 29, the DPW will begin the final loose leaf cleanup going street by street. Once your street has been cleared of leaves after November 29, the DPW will not vacuum leaves on your street again and left over leaves must be bagged.



Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11th
for Columbus Day.

Spotlight on Abe Zambrano

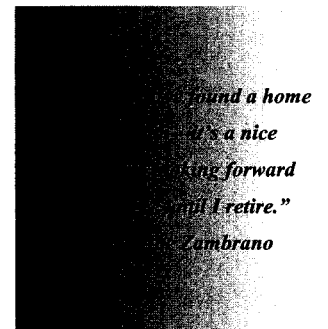
Croton's new Treasurer, Abe Zambrano, brings over 20 years of public and private sector experience to the Village. Most recently Abe was Treasurer/Deputy Administrator in Sleepy Hollow after being Deputy Treasurer in both Ossining and Briarcliff Manor. Prior to that he used his skills in the construction industry. He is currently President of the Westchester County Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association. Abe feels this mix in his background is very beneficial to the Village as it gives him insight into private-sector contracts and how to streamline procedures to maximize revenues. His objective is to maintain the

profit-making ideal through maximizing revenues even as government-mandated procedures take extra time and add to costs. "There are many laws to follow" which make it difficult to achieve this ideal. Abe also plans on introducing some internal changes with the support of his staff. Chief among these is upgrading the computer system with a new system called MUNIS. This will streamline the way things are processed, improve the cash flow and give Dept. heads more budgetary information to enable better decision-making at the Dept. level.

In addition to his BS in Accounting from Lehman College, Abe believes receiving

his Masters of Public Administration degree in 2002 from Pace has helped him to better analyze the impact of financial decisions on managerial decisions.

Abe lives in Pleasant Valley, NY with his wife and two teenage sons. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family camping and at the beach. He also likes to refinish antique furniture and get in an occasional round of golf. Abe is also involved with his church where he is Chairman of its finance committee and has taught catechism classes.



VIP Award Presentation

Croton-on-Hudson received the first annual Greenway Visions in Planning (VIP) Award on Thursday, Sept. 16 at a ceremony on the Hudson River waterfront adjacent to the Half Moon Bay Marina. Mayor Robert Elliott was presented the award by Charlie Murphy, Director of Local Government services on behalf of NYS Secretary of State Randy Daniels.

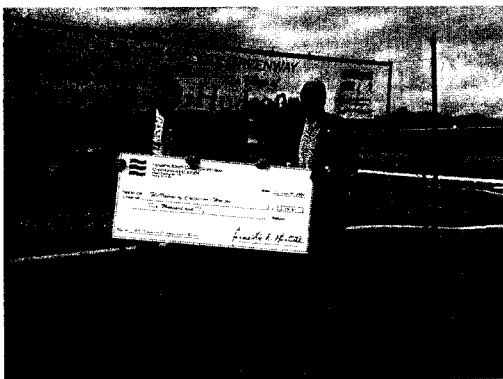
This VIP award recognizes a municipal project in a designated Greenway Community in the Hudson River Valley Greenway area that exemplifies the five Greenway criteria. These criteria include Re-

gional Planning, Economic Development, Public Access, Natural and Cultural Resource Protection and Heritage and Environ-

mental Education. Croton-on-Hudson was selected from 217 eligible communities and 18 award applicants. The Village was chosen for its outstanding work in creating public access to the Hudson River by a seven-member independent panel. In making their selection, the panel pointed to the Village's entire eight miles of waterfront being accessible to the public through long range, creative strategies that have capitalized upon outstanding public and private partnerships. The award will be featured on the Greenway website with a link to Croton's website.

Carmella Mantello, Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway made the presentation and said that "The Village's achievement of total access exemplifies the Greenway criteria in practice, exceptional land use planning and a high level of commitment to community revitalization that focuses on one of the area's most important assets, the Hudson River."

The ceremony was attended by guests from the NYS Dept. of State, Westchester County, Greenway, Metro North and the Village.



Mayor Elliott holding VIP award check with Jayne McLaughlin and Barnabas McHenry



Got a Question?



I understand that if I put my leaves in a biodegradable bag, they will be picked up on a regular schedule. How can I get these bags?

The Village has purchased paper biodegradable bags which will be available to residents at no cost. The purpose is to encourage residents to use the bags rather than piling leaves in the street. The bagged leaves will be picked up once every two weeks (see schedule on page 2). On the other hand, loose leaves piled in the street, which are picked up by vacuuming, are sometimes there for over a month or longer, depending on the weather and if winter arrives early.

The Village DPW will provide both means of leaf collection this fall, but strongly suggests that residents take advantage of the free paper biodegradable leaf bags as this will assure you of faster pickup.

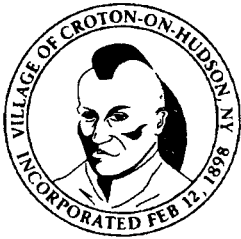


Each resident will be provided with up to 15 free leaf bags, but the Village will not be selling additional bags. If extra bags are needed they can be purchased at places like, Home Depot, BJ's, Walmart, hardware stores and supermarkets.

The paper biodegradable bags will be distributed to Croton residents only; you will be asked to provide proof of residency. They will be available at the DPW Municipal Garage next to the train station from Monday through Friday between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will also be available at the same location on Saturday, October 16, October 23 and October 30 between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

If you have further questions about the leaf program, please call the DPW at 271-3775.

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