



**October**  
**Calendar**

- 3 & 16** Village Board Mtg.
- 9** **Columbus Day**
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Advisory Council
- 11** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 18** Water Control Comm.
- 18** Visual Environ. Bd.

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## Focus on Wayne Street

Wayne Street, in the Harmon area of the Village, is going to see some major improvements in the next year. The street, which is a deadend to the south, and intersects with Clinton Street at its north end, will see its water mains replaced as well as improvements to its sidewalks and curbing.



South on Wayne St.

As an extension to the Harmon water main improvement work done this year (see accompanying story on this page), the Village extended the new water main from the east side of Benedict Blvd. to the west side, across South Riverside Ave. This new water main will be extended to Benedict's intersection with Wayne St. Connecting with this, a new 10-inch diameter water main will be laid along the entire length of Wayne St. At its north end, at Clinton St., the new water main will continue east back to South Riverside where it will "tie-in" to an existing water main. This water main improvement is part of an overall Village strategy to create "loops" in the water system allowing certain areas to be shut off for repairs without the loss of water service to residents.

The Village has engaged Kellard Engineering & Consulting, P.C. to perform the design, plans and specifications for bidding purposes at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

The Wayne Street sidewalk improvements will include new curbing, trees, driveway repairs as well as new sidewalks along the length of Wayne Street and also on Clinton St.

The program was reviewed at a meeting with the affected residents in the spring of this year where their input was received. The program, known as the Wayne Street Sidewalk Improvement

Project, is being funded through a grant from Westchester County for an Urban County Community Development project in the amount of \$96,828.



North on Wayne St

In addition to being a residential area, the Harmon Engine fire station also borders Wayne St. and is the location of an entrance to public parking behind stores on South Riverside.

This improvement project will complete improvements in this area of the Village started almost a decade ago and they are in keeping with the Village's goal of improving pedestrian traffic. This has included the creation of the public, off-street parking both behind the South Riverside stores as well as at the west end of Benedict Blvd.

## Harmon Water Main Update

One of the largest projects undertaken by the Village, conceived and designed in 2003, is nearing completion. The Harmon Water Main Replacement project replaced existing iron and galvanized water mains with new ductile-iron mains. The new water lines were installed first along both Benedict Blvd. and Oneida Ave. between Cleveland and South Riverside. After that, new mains were installed on the cross-streets of Young, Hastings, Penfield and Whelan and also on Devon Ave. and Crest St. The project was extended to include the installation of a new line across South Riverside to eventually tie in with an upcoming Wayne St. water line improvement.

As soon as this new main receives approval from the County Health Dept.,

## Harmon Water Cont'd.

work on installing the service lines from this main line will proceed. Road resurfacing will follow the installation of all the water lines and will be completed this fall.



Soon to be repaved.

Temporary pavement repair in the project area has been made and final pavement overlay and curbing repairs on the island on Benedict Blvd. will be done.

All residents in Harmon, with the exception of a few businesses on S. Riverside Ave. are now getting their water supply from the new ductile-iron water mains and new copper services to their curb. Many residents also took the opportunity to replace their old galvanized services in concert with this project.

## Household Chemical Clean-up Days

Westchester County is conducting Household Chemical Clean-up days on October 27th (Fri. 1 to 3pm) and 28th (Sat., 9am to 3pm) at FDR State Park in Yorktown.

This is part of the County's ReduceReuseRecycle program. Only residential chemicals will be accepted. Materials from businesses, institutions and schools will not be accepted.

All chemicals must be in original or labeled containers. Place all chemicals in a sturdy box and in the trunk of your car. Be sure to close all bags and bottles tightly. No paint will be accepted.

You can receive a free mercury-free oral thermometer if you trade in an old mercury-filled thermometer. For further info, call the County's Household Chemical Info line at 914-813-5425 or visit [Westchestergov.com](http://Westchestergov.com).

## Run Against Hunger

The 26th Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger will be held on Sun., Oct. 15th. The event is for the Benefit of World Hunger Relief. The Village supports this annual event by providing help from the Police, Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Depts. Registration for both the Fun Run event and the 10K race can be made by mail or online at [runagainsthunger.com](http://runagainsthunger.com). Call 271-5309 for more information. Pre-registration for the Fun Run is \$9/adult and \$7/child; on race day \$12/\$10 respectively.

On Race Day, donations of canned or non-perishable items for the food bank are requested.

## Nextel Special Permit

The Board of Trustees has approved a Special Permit for Nextel to install a wireless facility at the Municipal Building. It will consist of panels on the chimneys which will be hand-painted to resemble their current brick construction. Co-location by other carriers is also possible at this site.



The Village Police, Fire, and DPW departments initiated the proposal due to their need for unbroken communications, especially during emergencies. Currently the Village has many areas

where cellular communications are spotty or non-existent. This installation is a step towards improving the gaps in coverage.

A separate application by Nextel for a cellular tower to be located at a site near the railroad station is also under consideration by the Board.

## Daffodil Planting



The Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) will have its 5th annual planting of daffodils on Sat. October 14th from 9 to 12 noon on the hillside on Old Post Rd. South across from the high school.

This annual event is in remembrance of 9/11. Another 500 bulbs will be planted this year bringing the total planted to date to 2500! All are invited to help in the planting activity that day.

## New Police Boat

In response to concerns this summer about the misuse of the Croton River through excessive and unregulated use by people on both of its banks, the Village purchased the police boat pictured with a \$20,000 donation from the Town of Cortlandt. The Croton Police Dept. has been performing regular patrols of the River with the boat and conditions have improved as a result.



There are as many as nine municipalities or government agencies that control parts of the Croton River banks between the Dam and the River's mouth at the Hudson. Efforts are underway to develop common regulations as well as sharing the monitoring costs.



### Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th  
for Columbus Day



## Spotlight on John Spatta

John Spatta joined Croton's Water Dept. in February, 2001 and now has a Water Maintenance Grade 2 position. As one of four people in the Water Dept., John's job requires him to perform a variety of water-related work including repairing main breaks, installing service lines, flushing and replacing fire hydrants, and installing and reading water meters. John also is knowledgeable in, and operates, the specialized equipment that detects leaks or the location of service connections. Additionally, he and the other three men in the department provide 24/7 coverage for the Village's water supply wells. Weeknights, he and the others rotate being on-call from 3:30pm to 7 am the following morning and they also rotate weekend on-

call coverage for the wells from Friday at 3:30pm through Monday at 7 am. John is also a Shop Steward for the Teamsters local in Croton.

John received his license after attending required classes given by the County Health Dept. and continues to take classes to keep his license current.

One of the big changes he has seen since he started is the positive effects of the new meter reading system. Instead of spending a good part of the department's man hours going from house to house to read meters, the new system, which allows meters to be read remotely by driving down the streets, has opened up more time for the Dept. to perform direct water-related duties. Prior

to joining the Water Dept., John worked for ADT Security installing alarm systems.

John moved to Croton with his family from Yonkers in 1984 and graduated in 1998 from Croton-Harmon High School where he attended the BOCES program in automotive studies. He also worked in the summers for the Village.

In his spare time, John is a member of the Washington Engine Company. As a fan of the Giants, John enjoys attending their home games where he and his brother-in-law have season tickets. He also attends many Mets games and enjoys an annual vacation at the Jersey shore.



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*John Spatta*



### Parking Lot Notifications

Flooding of certain sections of the railroad station parking lot is a potential problem whenever certain weather and tidal conditions occur. Sections G and/or H are prone to flooding when tidal surges occur at high tide and under certain lunar conditions. This can happen on otherwise beautiful days as occurred on Sept. 11 and 12. The Village subscribes to a weather service that predicts these conditions on a very site-specific basis. In order to prevent cars from being caught in potentially high water conditions, vulnerable sections are closed when conditions predict such an event.

To help parking customers know of these events and closings of sections of the lot, the Village has developed an email alert plan. By subscribing to this alert system, you will receive timely information on when closings will occur, the sections to be closed and what alternate parking arrangements are available.

To subscribe, go the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov). Click on Village Parking on the left side, then click on [Subscribe to Parking Permits/Parking Lot Updates](#). Provide the needed information to add your name to the notification list.



### Halloween Events!

The Recreation Dept., with the Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the annual Window Painting contest. Registration forms are available only at participating stores - look for a flyer in store windows. Return the completed form to the Recreation Dept. no later than October 13. Space is limited. The painting will take place on Sat., Oct. 21 from 9-3. (rain date-Oct. 22).

The annual Goblin Walk, co-sponsored by the Recreation Dept. and the Croton Lions Club, will be held on Sat., Oct. 28 at 2 pm. All goblins, creatures and spirits will meet at the Municipal Building and march to Vassallo Park at 2 pm. Young and old are invited and tricks and treats will be waiting at the park. In case of rain, the event will be relocated to an indoor site. Call the Recreation Dept. for information at 271-3006.



### Community Center Survey

The November Newsletter will contain a survey developed by the Community Center Committee seeking your input the Village's needs. It will be an insert in the newsletter which you are urged to fill out and return. Please watch for it.

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## Got a Question?



### What shall I do with the leaves that I have raked in my yard?



The DPW will vacuum up your **loose leaves** beginning at the end of October. Leaves should be raked to the curb but not into the street. Vacuuming will continue through November and December. The weekly schedule will be posted on the Village website each week ([crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov)).

Beginning Nov. 27th, the DPW will begin the final loose leaf cleanup going street to street. Once your street is cleaned of loose leaves after Nov. 27, it will not be vacuumed again. Any loose leaves must be bagged after that.

**Bagged leaves** will be picked up on alternate weeks during the months of Nov., Dec., and, if necessary, Jan. on the schedule that follows. **Leaves must be packed into biodegradable bags only. Leaves in plastic bags, trash cans and boxes will not be**

**picked up.** Leaves will not be picked up with the garbage.

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

Weeks of: Oct. 30  
Nov. 13, Nov. 27  
Dec. 11, Dec. 25  
Jan. 8

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

Weeks of: Nov. 6 and Nov. 20  
Dec. 4 and Dec. 18  
Jan. 1 and Jan. 15

Up to 10 biodegradable leaf bags may be picked up at the DPW garage on Mon.-Fri. from 9-2. Proof of residency may be required. Additional bags may be purchased at Home Depot, BJ's, hardware stores and super markets.