



October Calendar

- 1 & 15** Village Board Mtg.
- 8** **Columbus Day**
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 3** Cons. Advisory Council
- 9** Recreation Adv. Comm.
- 10** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 17** Water Control Comm.
- 17** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 24** Trails Committee

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Seniors Celebrate 50 Years!

Croton's Senior Club is celebrating their 50th anniversary this Fall. The inaugural meeting of the club was held in December 1957 at which ten women and two men attended. The meeting was held in the parish hall of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and also attended by then-Mayor Fred Dorner, George Wilcox, President of the Ossining club and Andrew Sargis of the Ossining Recreation Dept. Mr. Sargis is credited with starting the movement of Senior citizen clubs. Senior Clubs are now a common resource in municipalities both nationwide and internationally.

Croton's club has grown considerably from its early membership numbers. It now includes almost 160 dues-paying members. It meets weekly on Fridays in the Community Room at the Municipal Building from 11:30 to 1pm except for the summer months when it meets at the Senasqua pavilion.

Over the years since its inception, the expansion of the club's membership and its activities has resulted in the addition of a Senior Coordinator to the Village staff in the Recreation Department. First held by Carole Poster, Yvonne Beldotti has been Croton's Senior coordinator since May 2004.

A program that began with weekly get togethers for coffee and conversation, has grown to a program that includes classes, trips, movies, book discussion groups, special holiday luncheons, an annual Holiday party, shopping transportation to local stores and Jefferson Valley Mall, blood pressure screenings and more.

To mark the occasion of their 50th anniversary, the Croton Seniors will be celebrating at a luncheon on October 25th at Nicole's in Highland Falls. For that occasion a booklet is being com-

piled with interesting pieces of information about individuals and events that have occurred over the 50 years. Additionally, many of the current Seniors have participated in a recorded reminiscence of how they remember Croton and the changes they have observed.

Croton Seniors' current officers are shown below at their end-of-summer picnic at Senasqua Park on September 7th.

Pictured left to right are John Giglio, Treasurer, Jean Kraemer, Secretary, Peggy Cunningham, Vice President, Ray DiCioccio, President and Lou Balazs, Ass't. Treasurer.

The success of the Croton Seniors is presenting its own challenges. As its popularity and membership grow, attendance at the weekly Friday meetings increases steadily and space is becoming increasingly tight. Options and alternatives are being looked at by the Club.



Teen/Game Room Opens

The Open House for the newly renovated Teen/Game Room was held on September 17th.

The room is currently open on Monday evenings from 7 to 10 pm for high school age youth for drop-in visits. Billiards, foosball, video games,



27th Run Against Hunger

The annual Run Against Hunger held in Croton will occur on Sunday, October 21. There will be both a 1-mile Fun Run at 12 noon and a 10k race at 12:30 pm. This 27th year of the run in Croton will feature two special guests, New York City Marathon Champions Tegla Loroupe and Paul Tergat.



The Harry Chapin Memorial Run benefits World Hunger Relief including the Tegla Loroupe Peace Academy, World Hunger Year, the Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank and the Croton Caring Committee.

Registration can be done online at: runagainsthunger.com.

In conjunction with the run, on Sat., Oct. 20 at 7pm, the Joey Valentinetti Memorial Concert will be held at Asbury Methodist Church. Proceeds will benefit the Run Against Hunger. For tickets and information go to swgillis@optonline.net or call 845-494-1041.

Hudson National Settlement

At its meeting on Sept. 4th, the Board of Trustees approved an amended special permit for Hudson National Golf Course finalizing a legal settlement between the golf course and the Village.

In June 2006, an Order & Judgment from the NYS Supreme Court awarded the golf club \$606,000 as part of its tax certiorari case against the Village. The amount was to be payable to the club by the end of 2007. Separate judgments were made against the school district and the Town of Cortlandt.

The Village and Hudson National have worked in the interim to reach an agreement that would reduce the amount owed by the Village. In the amended special permit recently approved, changes were made to the original provisions pertaining to the vegetation plan. These changes allow for thinning and cutting in areas where the vegetation was over planted or was over abundant to the detriment of the course and also discontinues further mandated plantings.

The legal settlement reduces the Village's obligation to \$240,000 payable within one year of the settlement agreement.

Teen/Game Room cont'd.

television and more will be on hand. The Middle School Youth Program will use the room at their Friday night sessions run by Gary and Doreen Pettit.

Batten Road Drainage Project

Residents of Batten Rd. recently met with Dan O'Connor, the Village Board and Bob Hainey of Dvirka & Bartilucci to review the scope of the proposed Batten Rd. drainage improvements. The area to be improved is one of 13 drainage areas in the Village and encompasses, in total, some 250 acres which are broken down into sub-drainage areas.

Drainage problems on Batten Rd. have caused severe flooding on many lots along the road over the years. The existing drainage in that area consists of a series of culverts. The project, which will be put out to bid this month, will include the installation of a new 20-inch pipe and 8 new catch basins to capture the flow. All of the flow will be directed to a new outfall structure which will direct the flow along an existing stone structure towards the Croton River. The design is intended to handle up to a 10-year storm which is 5 inches of rain in a 24 hour period.

The project will address drainage on Batten Road itself and on Village right-of-ways. When complete it should result in substantial improvement for the adjacent property owners.

WCAMPWA Person of the Year

Recently retired DPW Superintendent Ken Kraft will be honored this month as the 'Man of the Year' by the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators.

Ken is being honored in recognition for his service as WCAMPWA's past President and for his many years of active involvement. The recognition will take place at a dinner/dance at the Westchester Manor in Hastings on October 12.



Defensive Driving

A 6-hour defensive driving course is being offered for licensed drivers by the Recreation Dept. through the NYS Safety Program. Upon completion, 4 points will be taken off your driving record total and a 10% discount may be obtained on collision and liability insurance for those listed as principal operators. The classes are Wednesdays, Oct. 10 & 17 from 6pm to 9 pm at the Municipal Building. \$35/\$45 res./nonres. Signup by October 5.

Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed

Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day !



Spotlight on John Miller

In January 2007, John Miller joined the Recreation Dept. staff as a Recreation Supervisor. Since then his days have been filled with his responsibilities for overseeing the teen programs—both middle school-age and high school-age.

As part of the new program to attract high school youth, a drop-in program at the new Teen Room in the basement of the Municipal Building has been initiated. Trips are also being planned periodically during the school year.

To develop the program for high schoolers, John has reached out to the high school administration, the Student/Faculty Congress, the guidance counselors, athletic director and also Croton's Interfaith Council.

Other responsibilities John has include oversight of the summer Tiny Tots camp, the new snowboarding program, some recreation classes and the that he met his wife, Susan, who is from Series. With the latter, John attends previews/auditions organized by the Westchester Recreation and Parks Society (WRAPS) and reviews promotional materials to select the entertainers for Croton's summer series. He is also involved with preparations for some seasonal events—this year for the December holidays.

John grew up and attended schools in Cincinnati, Ohio where he also played football and basketball. From there he went to Utah where he graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Recreation Management and

Youth Leadership. He says he "likes working with people". It was at Brigham Young recreation classes and the that he met his wife, Susan, who is from Long Island. After graduation in 2004, they returned to Long Island where they currently live in Massapequa. Prior to coming to Croton, John was a Recreation Supervisor for Garden City.

Currently John is looking for an apartment in this area to relocate nearer to work. In his spare time John enjoys boating in Long Island Sound, the outdoors and camping and adult recreational softball. He and Susan also look forward to warm weather vacations in the winter.



"Croton is wonderful and I'm excited to be part of it."

John Miller

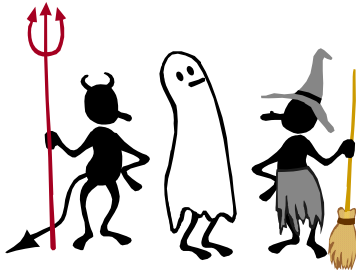
Halloween Events



Let your creative spirits rise! The annual Halloween Window Painting contest will occur on Sat. Oct. 20 from 9am to 2pm (rain date Oct. 21). Registration is required. Forms are available **ONLY AT** participating stores (look for a flyer in the window).

The event is co-sponsored by the Croton Chamber of Commerce. Return the completed form to the Recreation Dept no later than October 12. Space is limited.

Goblins, creatures and spirits will be participating in the Goblin Walk on Saturday, Oct. 27th starting from the Municipal Building going to Vassallo Park. All ages are invited to be part of the walk beginning at 2:00 pm. This event is co-sponsored by the Croton Lions club. In case of rain, the event will be relocated to an indoor site. Call 271-3006 for information.



Autumn Leaves



The Village is strongly encouraging residents to bag all their leaves in biodegradable paper bags. No plastic bags will be picked up, nor will leaves in boxes or trash cans. Up to 10 biodegradable bags may be obtained at the DPW office during the last 2 weeks of October 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.

The bagged leaf collection schedule is the same as the current Yard Waste collection. Those with Monday garbage collection will have their leaf bags collected on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays during the months of November and December. Those with Tuesday garbage collection will have leaf bags collected on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Loose leaves will be vacuumed up beginning in late October or early November. The DPW will post its weekly schedule listing the streets to be vacuumed on the Village's website: www.crotononhudson-ny.gov at that time.



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Got a Question?



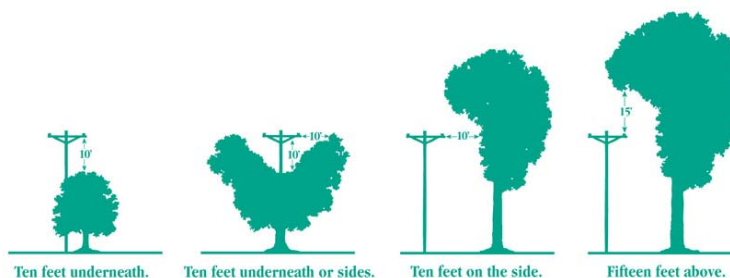
I understand that Con Edison is conducting a tree trimming program throughout Westchester. Are they going to trim in Croton and, if so, when are they coming?

Con Edison is conducting a tree trimming program along their distribution lines. Although they have yet to schedule a time for Croton they do intend to perform tree trimming in the Village.

Con Ed representatives will attend the October 15 Village Board meeting to present their trimming program and to answer questions.

According to their web site, http://www.coned.com/publicissues/treeguide_intro.asp overgrown and fallen tree limbs are the leading causes of power outages during storms. Their maintenance

program is intended to ensure safe and reliable service by trimming tree branches that may interfere with power lines.



Con Ed's professional tree-trimming experts are performing the tree trimming only along their rights-of-way.

The tree-trimming program creates minimum distances between electric lines and surrounding trees as shown on

the diagram to the left taken from their web site.

As shown on the diagram, Con Ed is seeking to establish minimum 10 foot distances between branches that are either below or next to the lines and a minimum of 15 feet for branches that extend above the lines.

At their website Con Ed also provides information about appropriate tree landscaping to save energy and to prevent interference with their distribution lines.