



## October Calendar

- 6 & 20** Village Board Mtg.
- 13** **Columbus Day**
- 14 & 28** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 14** Cons. Advisory Council
- 21** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 18** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 15** Water Control Comm.
- 15** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 15** Trails Committee

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## Abe Zambrano, Village Manager

Abraham J. Zambrano, "Abe", was officially appointed by the Village Board as Croton's new Village Manager on September 2, 2008.



**Village Manager Zambrano**

Mr. Zambrano, 49, came to the Village in summer, 2004 as Village Treasurer. Since

January of 2008, he has been Acting Village Manager while retaining his Treasurer responsibilities. He is succeeding long-time Manager, Richard Herbek.

Mr. Zambrano brings over 24 years of public and private sector experience to the Manager position. Prior to coming to Croton, he was Treasurer/Deputy Administrator in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. He also held earlier positions as Deputy Treasurer in both Ossining and Briarcliff Manor. His private sector experience was in the construction industry.

As Village Treasurer, Abe was charged with preparations for the annual budget and all the day-to-day financial operations of the Village. As Manager, he will become the Chief Budgetary Officer of the Village. In addition to his Treasurer responsibilities, over the last four years, Abe has been in charge of the Village's parking lot operations at the Croton railroad station. He also introduced and facilitated the implementation of the MUNIS system. This automated system has helped streamline processes, improve cash flow and help give Dept. heads more timely budgetary information to enable better decision-making.

Mr. Zambrano received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Herbert H. Lehman College and received his

Masters of Public Administration from Pace University.

Mr. Zambrano and his wife, Pat, and their two sons, Alexander, 19, and Andrew, 21, are relocating to a new home in Cortlandt Manor this month.

The Village has begun advertising for a replacement for the Village Treasurer position and hopes to fill it as soon as possible.

## Organic Waste IMA

The Village has agreed to an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Westchester County to participate in the County's organic waste recycling program for municipalities.

The Village picks up yard waste and Fall leaves for residents and will continue to do so. Currently this material is stockpiled at the former Skatepark site at Municipal Place and S. Riverside Ave. and then loaded onto Village trucks for transport to a site in Putnam Valley where it is composted. Under the IMA the organic material will be stockpiled at the site. Periodically, and at the request of the DPW, the County will provide a trailer-type vehicle which will be loaded by the DPW and removed from the site for disposal at an organic processing facility.



The cost to the Village is \$13.49 per ton until March 2009 and then \$15 per ton until December, 2009. Thereafter, the fee will rise in accord with the Consumer Price Index. This agreement will represent a considerable cost savings to the Village through minimizing truck costs and labor costs. As well, it will free up the personnel to work on other tasks.

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## Recreation Programs

The Recreation Dept. is in full swing this autumn with a big schedule of activities for all ages. For Croton's youth, there are many sports oriented programs such as Flag Football, Baseball and Basketball courses, and dancing of all types—jazz, tap and ballet.

While many of these began in September, many adult classes are starting in October. To keep your body in shape, the Dept. is offering a Total Body Workout starting Oct. 2, which targets every body part using hand-held weights. A Gut-Buster class starting Oct. 7th will help develop a stronger mid-section while protecting your back. Defensive Driving, a 6-hour course, will give you a 10% discount on your auto collision and liability insurance for a

period of 3 years.



Seniors can join a Book & Short Story Club, beginning Oct. 6, to share energizing discussions on books and short stories. Write Away, a new program beginning Oct. 8,

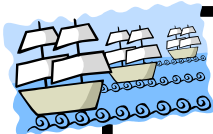
helps you tell a story in your words through writing exercises. Learn to paint in the Painting With Watercolors course, beginning Oct. 6. The course offers basic watercolor techniques and offer the opportunity to draw and paint from still life as well as photographs. Senior Exercise programs are on-going throughout the year and may be joined by registering and paying the annual fee of \$15/\$30 (res./non-res.)



Join the fun and meet new friends! Details are available at 271-3006, on the Village website and in the Dept.'s Fall Recreation Booklet that was mailed to each resident.

## IMA Cont'd.

The Village has been encouraging the separation of organic waste from the waste stream in order to reduce the tonnage of regular garbage that it delivers to the Charles Point Recovery Facility. The cost per ton for disposing of garbage is at a much higher rate than the cost per ton of disposing of the organic waste. Combined, the removal of organic waste from Croton's garbage waste stream and the lower cost per ton offered by the County for disposal of our organic waste, can result in a significant cost savings to the Village. The IMA will expire in 2013 but can be terminated by either party upon a 30-day notice.



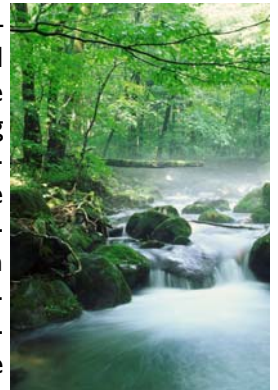
## Noise Law Amended

Croton's Noise Law was amended in September by the Board of Trustees. The hours of operation of power lawn mowers, rakers or leaf blowers or other motor-driven lawn or garden equipment is prohibited on all nights after 8 p.m.. Such equipment cannot begin operation before 8 a.m. on Monday through Friday. On Saturdays and Sundays, their use cannot begin before 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., respectively.



## Watershed Committee MOU

Croton will be joining with Westchester County and 4 additional municipalities in forming the Indian Brook—Croton Gorge Watershed Committee. By signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish this committee, Croton has agreed to take the next step towards the implementation of the Indian Brook—Croton Gorge Watershed Action Plan which it previously signed. In addition to the County, the 4 other municipalities are the Village of Ossining and the Towns of Ossining, Cortlandt and New Castle. One representative will be designated from each community.



The function of the committee will be to advance actions that would implement recommendations of the Watershed Action Plan. The goal is to have all the signatories agree to common actions to facilitate the protection of the watershed. It may include education, work plans, local laws for environmental protection, identifying funding, and convening annual forums of the state of the water quality and ecological conditions in the watershed.

## Annual Daffodil Planting

The Croton Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) will be holding its annual daffodil planting on Sat. Oct. 11 from 9–1. This year's location on Benedict Blvd. will have 911 daffodils planted. Please join in the planting by meeting at S. Riverside and Benedict Blvd. at 9 a.m.



Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed

Monday, October 13 for Columbus Day!



Columbus

## Spotlight on Joyce Finnerty

Village Historian, Joyce Finnerty, has been working to preserve Croton's history for many years. Prior to being appointed Village Historian in 1999, Joyce served as Assistant Historian to Jane Northshield since 1992, after working as a volunteer with the Historical Society. The position of Village Historian is a NYS-defined position. Although Historians are locally appointed, they must adhere to the standards set by NYS for organizing and preserving local history.

Over many years, the Village has acquired a great deal of information about its history including written accounts, letters, pictures, news articles, maps and numerous artifacts. Storing and organizing the material is a huge

task for the Society's many volunteers. Since 1999, under Joyce's leadership, and the advice of a professional archivist, the Society has preserved its possessions in acid-free archival boxes and created a catalogue of files indicating what is in each box. Additionally, Joyce realized the need for creating a computer data base record of all this information - a task the Society members are continuing to work on.

An accomplished artist, Joyce has sold paintings throughout the US, Canada and Europe. She has donated several paintings that are on display in the Municipal Building. Joyce attended the Parson's School after high school but soon married her husband, Finn, and

started a family. They now have three grandchildren. Joyce studied art under some very talented people, including Andrew Lattimore and Stephen Douglas, and still takes classes. Currently she is working in a new technique of watercolor on canvas. Joyce's interest in Croton history no doubt stems from growing up in Croton with a father who was born at the Dam and a grandfather who worked there. She feels Croton is lucky that so many of the Historic Society's volunteers actually grew up here in the Village and applauds them for being a very dedicated group. She and Finn enjoy the winter in Sebastian, Florida.



*"Croton residents are the true owners of its history. Everyone should consider donating any memorabilia or artifacts they have to the Village's collection."*

*Joyce Finnerty*

### Snyder Wins Bronzes

Sue Snyder, Croton's Superintendent of Recreation & Parks, won the Bronze medal in two events at the 2008 USA Track and Field National Masters Championships in Spokane, WA



this past August. Sue, (at left in picture), won the Bronzes in both the 800 meter and the 1500 meter events. The Masters Championships event is for competitors over 30 years of age. Sue has

been running since high school and competed for West Virginia University. She runs 4 to 5 times a week and also cross trains and lifts. At the Boston Indoor Nationals in March, she finished 4th in the 800 meter race.



### Water Bill Penalty Reminder!

Unpaid semi-annual water bills sent out in mid-June will incur an additional \$100 penalty if not paid by October 15th. This charge is in addition to the monthly penalty of 1% and a \$5 delinquency notice charge. The next semi-annual water bills will be sent out on Dec. 15th.

### License Plate Reader In Use

The Police Dept. received a grant from NYS Division of Criminal Services for License Plate Reader equipment. The reader has been installed on one of Dept.'s patrol cars and is now in use. The equipment consists of two cameras linked to a laptop computer and a high-speed reader that can read and process 20 frames/second. The data is crosschecked to a database through the NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

The license data can be checked for information on stolen vehicles, wanted persons, stolen license plates, Orders of Protection, immigration violations, convicted sexual offenders, Amber Alert notifications and Police Hot Line Alerts.

The equipment will add to the Officer's effectiveness while on routine patrol, and add another measure of safety for the community.

### Household Clean-up Days

County Household Clean-up Days, including both e-waste and shredder services will be held at Croton Point Park on Fri., Oct. 24, 1-3 and Sat., Oct. 25, 9-3. You may bring air conditioners and empty BBQ propane tanks and, for the 1st time, washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and all kinds of batteries including vehicle and non-rechargeable batteries.

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## Got a Question?



**Our children always look forward to the activities planned around Halloween. Will there be window painting again this year?**

Yes, the Recreation Dept. Halloween events will be as fun as always beginning with the Annual Window Painting Contest on Oct. 11 (rain date Oct. 12). Co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, participating stores around the Village have flyers in their windows. Registration forms can be picked up ONLY at those stores. Completed forms should be returned to the Recreation Dept. by October 3. The time for painting the windows is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Don't miss the Goblin Walk on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. when all the goblins, creatures and spirits will meet at the Municipal Building and march to Vassallo Park. Young and old are invited and tricks and treats will be waiting at the park. This event is co-sponsored by the Croton Lions Club. In case of rain, it will be relocated to an inside location. Call 271-3006 for more information.

### Autumn Leaves

All residents are strongly encouraged to bag all their leaves in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves in an **open** garbage container will be accepted. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up. These bags will be picked up on the current Yard Waste collection schedule. If you have Monday garbage collection, your yard waste in leaf bags will be collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during the months of November and December. Those with



Tuesday garbage collection will have their leaf bags collected on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Up to 10 biodegradable paper bags may be obtained at the DPW office during the last 2 weeks of October on Mon. - Fri. from 9 to 2. Proof of residency may be required. Additional bags may be purchased at Home Depot, BJ's, and local hardware and super markets.

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 website.

