



October Calendar

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Train Station Lot Improvement - Steps Along the Way

One of the largest infrastructure projects undertaken by the Village is moving ahead on schedule. Four months into a planned eight-month project, several important steps in the approximately \$3 million parking lot improvement project have been completed. The lot, owned by the Village, has recurring flooding problems which will be mitigated by the current improvements.

Initially, new gabion walls were installed along the perimeter of the parking lot border with the Croton River estuary. This required digging out and removal of old fill and soil containing deteriorated wood from the same place. The excavated old fill material was scraped off and stockpiled from the entire work site (mainly Sections G and H). Extensive new drainage systems were installed with features such as hoods in water quality basins and erosion controls. Once the underlying infrastructure for the parking lot was in place, gravel fill was brought in to raise the grade in the work area to an average elevation of 5 feet. Along the way, other aspects had to be dealt with such as raising the light



Detours on Veterans Plaza

During this time, about 700 cars were redirected to temporary parking along Croton Point Ave., South Riverside, Van Cortlandt Manor and Croton Point Park. The Village engaged shuttle buses to ferry commuters to and from their cars in these locations. Following the completion of the gravel layer, cars were able to park on the

sections under work while the gravel fill is given a few months to settle.

The next step was to bring the access road to the parking lot, Veterans Plaza, up to the level of the newly re-graded parking sections.

New fill of reclaimed asphalt pavement and Item 4 will raise Veterans Plaza to the level of the newly raised parking lot to the east and the existing parking to the west, creating a level surface which will prevent the road from flooding in the future.

While this is being done, cars entering and leaving the parking lot must follow some new routes through the parking lot. Currently, and until the final paving is done, one-way travel in some areas and also driving over the gravel base in re-graded sections will be required. Many handicapped parking spaces were also relocated for the duration of this improvement phase.

In the area of construction more infrastructure is also being incorporated including electrical connections to support the new parking pay stations that will be installed at the project's completion. The final phase will include the laying of new curbing and sidewalks, the final top-paving of Sections G and H followed by the final paving of Veterans Plaza, installation of the parking stations, striping of crosswalks, and the re-striping of the spaces in all the affected parking areas. It is anticipated that the top coating of pavement will begin in late October or early November. Every effort is being made to complete the paving of the entire work site before inclement weather makes it more difficult or impossible.

This project was designed by Village consultants, Dvirka & Bartilucci. The construction contractor is Sisca NE.

Weather Information Helps Village

Since 2006, the Village has subscribed to a weather service, the National Weather Station, to help in its operational decisions. Budgeted at \$5,250 annually, their alerts and advisories have been very helpful in assisting Village departments with managing the Village's infrastructure and limiting or minimizing impacts from weather events. Local forecasts are updated twice each day online but advisories and alerts are sent on an hourly basis when weather conditions, such as freezing, high winds, flooding and snow threaten daily operations. This information has been of significant help in determining when to close sections of the parking lot due to potential flooding, alerting the staff to be available for plowing and salting of roads, and scheduling or postponing operations that would be affected by storm conditions.



Deer Presentation

In 2006, Westchester County formed the White-tailed Deer and Forest Regeneration Citizens' Task Force with Mr. Bill Greenawalt, a Greenburgh attorney, as its Chair. Their report was issued in November 2008 and, among many recommendations, called for carefully monitored and regulated deer culling as a means of reducing the number and size of deer herds. At the time the Task Force was formed, the County's Parks and Planning departments were also charged with developing a deer-management program and plan of action to be used in the county parks. Two experimental culling programs are starting this fall at Muscoot Farm and Lasdon Park.

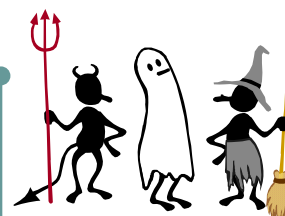
Mr. Greenawalt will make a presentation on the Task Force report and recommendations to the Village Board and public on Mon., October 5 at a televised Board meeting.

The Task Force studied current research on deer populations, including deer counts and other data, to develop a strategy that county parks staff, municipal officials and private property owners can use in the management of deer-related problems. The full text of the report can be found online at: <http://www.westchestergov.com/parks/pdfs/DeerTaskForce/DeerReport.pdf>.



Village Goblins

Goblins, creatures and spirits will be seen in the Village on Halloween, Sat., Oct. 31st. They will meet at the Municipal Building at 2pm and march to Vassallo Park where tricks and treats will be awaiting them. Young and old are invited to join in the goblin trek. It will be relocated in



case of rain.

Halloween Window Painting Contest Be sure to sign up by Oct. 16 to get a space to display your Halloween painting talents. This annual event will be held on Sat., Oct. 24 (rain date - Oct. 25) at store fronts throughout the Village. Applications are available in participating stores that have a flyer in their window. They are NOT available at the Recreation office. There are many categories in which to compete. Return the completed flyer to the Recreation Office to be assigned a space. Space is limited for this fun and creative event. For more info, call the Recreation office at 271-3006.

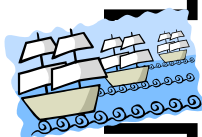
Run Against Hunger

The 29th Annual Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger will be held on Sun., Oct. 18. Last year over 900 participated in both the Fun Run (12 noon start) and the competitive 10k run (12:30 start). Registration information is online at www.runagainsthunger.com or call Jud at 271-8965.

Historical Society's New Exhibit

When Hudson passed by Croton Point 400 years ago, what was it like? Croton's Historical Society has a new exhibit on display on the first floor of the Municipal Building that will help answer that question - "400 Years of Croton Point History". The exhibit includes a newly designed and constructed diorama of the Lenni Lenape Indians, natives to the area in 1609 as a starting point. The exhibit will cover Croton Point history from that time to the present. It may be viewed whenever the building is open.

The Society has become a great source for researchers on Village-related historic subjects. Many visitors come to the Society's offices to review materials of interest. Among these are a collection of about 200 books either about Croton or written by Croton authors.



Reminder!
Village Offices will be closed
Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day!



Columbus

Spotlight on Chris Kehoe

Chris Kehoe, a resident of the Village since 1994, has been the Chairman of Croton's Planning Board since April 2006. He joined the board in 2005.

As Chair of the Planning Board, Chris leads the five-member board in making decisions on land-use in the Village. Among the most significant of these decisions are applications for subdivisions, site plans, steep slopes and wetlands permits. The Planning Board also advises on matters referred to them by the Village Board. This may include zoning changes, plan adoptions and special permit applications. As applications generally follow prescribed steps in their path to approval, it is Chris' responsibility to lead the Board in ensuring the steps

are taken in a timely fashion, the Village's zoning code is adhered to, that proper documentation exists for decisions, and minutes are approved. He also conducts all Public Hearings required by the Planning Board.

Growing up in Rome, NY, Chris attended Hamilton College where he was a Political Science major. Summer intern work in Rome's Historic Village on the Erie Canal led him to Cornell University where he got his graduate degree in Historic Preservation Planning.

Subsequently, he and his wife, Susan, moved to Marietta, GA, where he was Historic Preservation Planner for Cobb County, GA.

After three years, Chris accepted a job in the Town of

Cortlandt in 1994 as Ass't. Town Planner becoming a Senior Planner in 2000. He is now the Town's Planning Director. In that capacity his office acts as staff, providing technical advice, to the Town and Planning Boards.

Chris and Susan, their twin daughters, Meredith and Emily, 9 years, and son, CJ, 7 years, are active in Croton affairs, especially youth activities. Chris coaches the girls' soccer and softball teams as well as his son's Little League team. Avid Red Sox fans, they go every season to Fenway Park in Boston to see a game. They also enjoy yearly summer vacations at Cape Cod.



"I enjoy the opportunity to try to achieve good results for both the applicants and the Village."

Chris Kehoe

Croton Seniors

Members of Croton's Seniors Club will be celebrating the autumn with an Oktoberfest luncheon. This annual event will be held on Fri., Oct. 9 with sign up and payment made in advance.

Two AARP sponsored Defensive Driving courses are being offered to Seniors. The first is on Wednesdays, Oct. 7 & 14, from 9am to 1pm. with an Oct. 2 sign-up deadline. The second course, on Wed., Nov. 4 from 10am to 5pm, has an October 30 sign-up deadline. The cost is \$12/\$14 (AARP member/non-member).

The Fall Film and Discussion Series, beginning Oct. 1, includes three afternoons of film watching and engaging discussion led by Lorraine Ferguson. The films to be watched and discussed on Thursdays in October are "An Unremarkable Life" - Oct. 1, "Shirley Valentine" - Oct. 8, and "Chocolat" - Oct. 15. The films and discussion are in the Community Room of the Municipal Building from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Sign up is required.

Fitness for Seniors continues to be a feature of many activities this fall including Chair Yoga, Fitness for Balance and the Senior Walkers program. For more information, contact Liz Thomas, Senior Director, at 271-5804.

Daffodil Planting Time

The Croton Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) is holding its annual Daffodil planting on Saturday, October 10 from 9am to 1pm, rain or shine. This is the 8th year they have organized this event in remembrance of victims of 9/11. The location is the center median along Benedict Blvd. where the CAC began planting last year. In prior years, the daffodils were planted along Old Post Road South on the hillside by Bethel Cemetery.



The bulbs and tools will be provided as well as coffee and donuts to sustain your efforts. Please join the committee and other residents in continuing this Village tradition.

Water Bill Penalty Reminder!



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

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Got a Question?



What should I know about leaf bagging and pickup this Autumn? All residents are encouraged to bag all their leaves in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves in **open** garbage containers will be accepted but leaves in plastic bags will **not** be picked up.

These bags will be picked up on the current Yard Waste collection schedule. If you live north of Route 129, your leaf bags will be collected the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during November and December. If you live south of Route 129, your leaf bags will be picked up on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. There is no pickup on 5th Wednesdays.

Up to 10 biodegradable bags may be obtained at the DPW office during the last 2 weeks of October on Mon.- Fri. from 10 to 2. Proof of residency may be required.

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. Do not rake them into the street.

Receive Your Newsletter by Email



In its effort to reduce the costs of printing and mailing and the use of paper, the Village would like to begin sending the monthly Newsletter to residents via email. If you would like to receive your Newsletter electronically, please email

rrose@crotononhudson-ny.gov and provide your name and street address. The street address will be used to remove your name from the Village mailing list.

A starting date for electronic distribution will be announced in an upcoming Newsletter prior to it commencing.

County Clean Up Days

Drop off household waste that cannot be collected at curbside at Croton Point Park, Fri., Oct. 16 from 1 to 3pm and Sat., Oct. 17 from 9am to 3 pm. For more info go to www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call the Household Recycling Info line at 211.

