



## October Meeting Calendar

- 1 & 15** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 3** Cons. Adv. Council
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 9** Rec. Advisory Comm.
- 10** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 16** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 22** BOT Work Session
- 30** Fire Council
- 31** Trails Comm.

Please call the Village office at 271-4848 or check the Village website at [www.crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov) for times/locations of individual meetings.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Sign-up for Village emails by going to [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov) and click "Subscribe to News"

*Stay connected!*

## Halloween Happenings in the Village

Kids throughout the Village can look ahead to another exciting Halloween with these events organized by the Recreation Department:

The annual Halloween Window Painting Contest is being coordinated with participating stores throughout the Village. Painting will take place on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The rain date is October 21.

Registration forms may be picked up at a participating store. The form should be returned to the Recreation Office no later than October 12. Windows will be assigned by the Recreation Dept. Space is limited so enter soon!

Goblins, creatures and spirits will be meeting at the Municipal Building at noon on Saturday, October 27, to

march to Vassallo Park in the annual Goblin Walk. This fun family event is open to young and old. Some tricks and treats will be waiting for everyone at the Park. In case of rain, the Goblin Walk will be relocated to an indoor site.

For information on these events, please contact the Rec. Dept. at 271-3006.



## New Village Website Set to Launch

Village staff have been hard at work over the summer months migrating data and content to the new Village website. The new website is set to launch on Monday, October 15, with new functionalities and will make interacting with Village government easier overall.

On October 15, Village residents are encouraged to visit the new website and especially sign up for the new email lists that will be available. All current subscribers will be migrated over to the news & announcements e-mail list.

However, there will also be options to sign up for department-specific announcements (such as from DPW), as well as receiving agendas from specific boards

and commissions (such as the planning and zoning boards). Finally, there will be an option to sign up for urgent alerts, which will be used solely for emergency communications.

With these new options, residents can choose the amount of communications they wish to receive from the Village.

If you have any questions regarding the new website, please do not hesitate to contact the Manager's office at 271-4848.

## **Fire Department Holds Annual Inspection**

On September 16, the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department held their annual inspection at Harmon Firehouse. During the ceremony, the department announced the top 12 responders for the 2017 calendar year:

1. John Munson, 204 Calls
2. Frank Pusatere, 192 Calls
3. Harold Lockwood, 171 Calls
4. Chris Colombo, 169 Calls
5. Phil Dinkler, 156 Calls
6. Bill Gallagher & Chris Pesavento, 153 Calls
8. Jake Dominello, 143 Calls
9. Rocco Cusano, 133 Calls
10. Tex Dinkler, 130 Calls
11. Chris Colombo Jr., 129 Calls
12. Jim Ferguson, 123 Calls

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to serving the Village!

## **Summer Recreation by the Numbers**

The Village's many parks were very busy this summer. Even with the rainy weather, Croton's Recreation and Parks Department reported another outstanding summer at all its facilities. Swimming at Silver Lake on the Croton River was very popular, as always. Over the summer season, attendance figures were over 4900!

Wednesday night attendance at movies ranged from 30 to 90 people, while attendance at the Family Entertainment series on Thursday nights was between 25 to 80 people. The Friday night concerts at Senasqua Park had huge attendances, with a range of 200 to 500 people attending the concerts each week. All of the three sessions of the Village-run camps were well attended, with an average of 98 kids per session.

## **38th Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger - October 21**

The 38th Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger is scheduled for Sunday, October 21. The Run Against Hunger includes three events—a 5K run/walk at 9 a.m., a 10K run at 10 a.m. and the 1 mile Fun Run at 11 a.m.

Online registration for the race can be done by visiting [www.runagainsthunger.com](http://www.runagainsthunger.com). There is also in-person registration on October 20 at Asbury Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Race Day registration at the high school from 8 to 11 a.m.

Organizers ask that on race day, participants and watchers bring canned or non-perishable items for the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry.

Proceeds from this event benefit many organizations including, locally, the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry and the Croton Caring Committee.

## **Leaf Vacuuming Set to Begin**

The Dept. of Public Works will begin vacuuming leaves in November. The weekly street schedule for vacuuming will be posted on the Village website each week in November.

Only loose leaves left at curbside will be picked up. Bagged leaves will NOT be picked up. Twigs, branches and other yard debris should not be mixed in with the loose leaves. Leaf vacuuming will continue through December.

Yard waste, such as small twigs, clippings, flowers, etc. (not including loose leaves) will continue to be picked up through October on alternate Wednesdays. Yard waste should be in bio-degradable bags or in open-top garbage cans.

As always, the Village recommends that residents mulch their leaves on their property. For more information on the Love'em and Leave'em campaign, please visit the DPW webpage on the Village website.

### **Reminder!**

**Offices will be closed October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.**

## **Fire Fair Coming Up**

The 37th Annual Fire Fair hosted by the Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Dept. will be held on Sunday, October 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Harmon Firehouse, coinciding with the end of National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme for the Fair and Fire Prevention Week is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fires can happen anywhere."

- **LOOK** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

The annual Fire Fairs are always filled with activities and information. This year will be no exception. Children will be able to "earn" rides on the fire engines by practicing five simple fire safety practices. Mrs. Hazard's Kitchen, a Fire Safety Magic Show by the Magic of Christopher and free safety material will all be part of the fair.

Free hot dogs and drinks, courtesy of ShopRite will be available. Members of the Explorer Post will be serving free popcorn as well. There will be educational material for adults and safety equipment for sale at wholesale cost.



From L-to-R: Officer Leonard, Officer Fielding, Det. Smith & Officer Roper

## **Croton PD Bike Patrol**

Recently, under the leadership of Chief Russel Harper, the Croton Police Department Bike Patrol Unit has been reactivated. The Bike Patrol Unit will be used as a resource during the warmer months and at special events to bridge the gap between automobile and foot patrol. The Bike Patrol officers use special uniforms and equipment that enable them to ride in a variety of weather conditions and terrain. With greater accessibility to the parks, trails and walkways, the officers will have the opportunity to be more proactive. The bike patrol unit has been used at the Croton Summerfest and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

## **Utility Bill Payments Due October 15**

All Village residents are reminded that the quarterly utility bills are due for payment on October 15. Payment can be done online at the Village website, sent to the office via mail or in-person at the Village office. Any questions regarding your bill can be directed to the Village Treasurer's office at 862-1419.

## **The Blaze Returns to Van Cortlandt Manor**

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze returns to Van Cortlandt Manor from September 28 to November 24. Residents can expect increased traffic on South Riverside Avenue and Croton Point Avenue on the evenings which the Blaze is open. For more information on the Blaze, visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

In an effort to help the flow of traffic, no parking will be allowed on South Riverside Avenue south of Croton Point Avenue for the next two months. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Organ Donor Enrollment Day**

The Village has partnered with the Transplant Support Organization to participate in Organ Donor Enrollment Day on Wednesday, October 10.

A table will be set up at the Croton Commons shopping center from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. to register people and provide information.

Nearly 10,000 New Yorkers are currently awaiting a lifesaving transplant; please consider registering as an organ donor today!

For more information, please visit [www.transplantsupport.org](http://www.transplantsupport.org).



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### **Scarecrow Contest**

This event is sponsored by the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber. Register by October 1. Applications are available at: Berkshire Hathaway River Towns Real Estate, Village of Croton Recreation Department, or at the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce website: [www.hvgatewaychamber.com](http://www.hvgatewaychamber.com).

All scarecrows must be dropped off at River Towns on Friday, October 12, or Saturday, October 13, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Voting will take place between October 14 - 26 via text messaging. Scarecrows will be displayed on S. Riverside Ave. and the Upper Village. Winner will be announced at Vassallo Park after the Goblin Walk on October 27.

### **Upcoming Recreation Programs**

Be sure to check out the brochure for all the great programs scheduled this fall:

- Make Your Own Haunted House (Fri., Oct. 26)  
Grades 2-4, \$20/resident, \$25/non-res/SD res
- iPhone Photography (Tues., Oct. 16 & 23)  
Adults, \$20/resident, \$25/non-res/SD res
- Demystifying Medicare (Sat., Oct. 20)  
Seniors, Free (Registration required)
- Spirit of New York Fall Foliage Cruise (Tues., Oct. 23), Seniors, \$78/res, \$88/non-res/SD res

Call the Rec. Dept. at 271-3006 with any questions!