

## October Calendar

- 2 Cons. Adv. Council
- 7 & 21 Village Bd. Mtg.
- 8 Rec. Adv. Comm.
- 10 Croton River Task Force
- 15 & 29 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 15 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 16 Div. & Inc. Comm.
- 17 & 28 BOT Work Session
- 23 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
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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



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*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 19th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The rain date is October 20th.

Registration forms may be picked up at a participating store. The form should be returned to the Recreation Office no later than October 11th. 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 26th, 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.

Grades 2-4 are invited to join the Rec. Dept. to make a haunted house on October 25th! In this class you will make and design your own edible Haunted house! All supplies will be included so come and join the fun! A fun treat just in time for Halloween!

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

## Update on Zoning Study Timeline

The Village has received the final report from BFJ Planning on the North Riverside/Municipal Place Gateway Area Zoning Study, and this report is available on the Village's website. The Board of Trustees reviewed the final report at their work session on September 9th and the video from this work session is also available to watch on the Village's website. The Village Board has agreed to move forward with the recommendations presented in the report, namely to rezone certain sections of North Riverside Avenue, lower Brook Street and the Municipal Place Gateway.

The next step in the process, at the October 7th Village Board meeting, is for the Village to declare itself Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and refer the draft law to the Village Planning Board, Waterfront Advisory Committee, and the Westchester County Planning Department for their comments. On October 7th, the Village also intends to schedule the first public hearing on this matter for October 21st. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing will remain open for at least one additional meeting.

As a reminder, residents are welcome to send their comments to the Board of Trustees via email, as well as speaking at the public comment section of any board meeting.

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

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze returns to Van Cortlandt Manor through November 30th. Residents can expect increased traffic on South Riverside Avenue and Croton Point Avenue on the evenings which the Blaze is open.

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.

For more information on the Blaze, please visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).



## **Fire Department Holds Annual Inspection**

On September 15th, the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department held their annual inspection at Harmon Firehouse. During the ceremony, the department announced the top responders for 2018:

1. Frank Pusatere, 250 Calls
2. Benjamin Farber, 249 Calls
3. Jake Dominello, 235 Calls
4. Tex Dinkler, 183 Calls
5. Chris Columbo, 179 Calls
6. Rocco Cusano, 176 Calls
7. Christopher Rinaldi, 174 Calls
8. Harold Lockwood, 170 Calls
9. William Gallagher, 162 Calls
10. Andrew Grant, 140 Calls

These statistics do not include the department chiefs (Chris Columbo, John Munson & Phil Dinkler), who each also responded to over 200 calls.

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

## **Village Promotes Two Police Officers**

Over the summer, the Village Board approved the promotion of two police officers to the rank of Police Sergeant.

Sergeant Anthony T. Tramaglini (bottom left) was promoted on July 22nd. He joined the force in December 2009 and is a native of the Village. He is the son of retired Chief of Police Anthony L. Tramaglini.

Sergeant Corey Velardo (top left) was promoted on August 12th. He joined the Croton PD in October 2008 as a transfer from the NYPD. Sgt. Velardo is also a native of the Village.

The Village congratulates both new sergeants and wishes them well in their new positions!

**Reminder! Village offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th, in observance of Columbus Day.**

### **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.

### **39th Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger**

The 39th Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger is scheduled for October 20th. The Run Against Hunger includes three events—a 5K run/walk at 8:30 a.m., a 10K run at 10 a.m. and the 1 mile Fun Run at 11:45 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 19th at Asbury Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Race Day registration at the high school starting at 7:30 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.

### **Reminder: Idling Fine Now In Effect**

As of September 29th, the Village's \$35 fine for anyone found to be idling a vehicle in excess of three minutes has gone into effect. Westchester County adopted an anti-idling law in 2009 which restricts the time, place and manner in which vehicles are allowed to idle.

The idling law applies to any vehicle found to be parked, standing or stopped, as these words are defined in the Vehicle & Traffic Law of New York State. Emergency vehicles are exempt from the provisions of the idling law.



### **Fire Fair Coming Up**

The 38th Annual Fire Fair hosted by the Croton-on-Hudson Volunteer Fire Dept. will be held on Sunday, October 6th, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Harmon Firehouse, coinciding with the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week. The theme of this year's fair is "Planning and Practicing Your Escape" in the event of a fire at your home.

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. A Fire Safety Magic Show and free safety material will all be part of the fair.

Free hot dogs and drinks, courtesy of ShopRite will be available. There will be educational material for adults and safety equipment for sale at wholesale cost.



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### Leave the Leaves Campaign

The Conservation Advisory Council invites residents and landscapers to Vassallo Park on Saturday, October 26th, at 12:30 p.m. for a demonstration about how to treat leaves in your yard so they can provide nutrients to your lawn, flower beds --- and trees.

Avoid blowing valuable top soil (along with dog feces) into the air you breathe. Reduce your carbon footprint. Homeowners and landscapers can see how leaves can be mulched, chopped, composted and more. Come with your questions. You can also visit [www.leaveleavesalone.org](http://www.leaveleavesalone.org) to learn more about this program.

**Reminder! Utility bills are due  
Tuesday, October 15th!**

### Follow the Village on Instagram!

The Village now has a presence on Instagram! Follow us to see pictures of various Village events, projects and more! Search for our username - @villageofcroton!

