

October Meeting Calendar

5 & 19 Village Bd. Mtg.
13 & 27 Planning Bd. Mtg.
14 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
26 BOT Work Session

Due to COVID-19 precautions, all in-person advisory board and committee meetings have been postponed.

Please check the Village website and agenda emails for details on joining meetings via Zoom. Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on Facebook.

Police Reform Planning Process in Croton-on-Hudson

On June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 203 – New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. The order requires each Municipality to review the practices of its police department and develop a plan for improvement of such practices and promote community engagement. The order specifically requires an inclusive, open and transparent process. As part of the process for developing our plan, the Village will be seeking input from its constituents in a variety of ways:

Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement - All residents and business owners are invited to complete a survey on the Croton Police Department. Please submit your survey response by 4 p.m. on October 19th.

Community Meetings – The Village is scheduling meetings with the various groups of stakeholders. A general community-wide virtual meeting will be held on November 19th.

Advisory Task Force - If you are interested in being a part of a task force that will help to create a plan to improve the relationship with the Croton Police Department and the Croton community, please submit an application by 4 p.m. on October 31st.

Please visit the Village's police reform webpage at <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/ongoing-projects-initiatives-proposed-infrastructure-improvements/pages/police-reform-accordance> to take the survey and apply to be on the task force.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Village Manager's office at 271-4848 or managersoffice@crotononhudson-ny.gov.



Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for Village of Croton-on-Hudson Government

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to crotononhudson-ny.gov.

Stay connected!

Street Paving Schedule for Fall 2020

As part of the Village roadway maintenance program, the Village Board has approved funding to resurface a portion of its existing infrastructure. This year, the Village intends to resurface the following roadways. Notifications to residents living in the immediate area will be sent prior to the start of work. All resurfacing is scheduled to be completed before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Roadway	From	To
Observatory Dr.	Sunset Dr.	Dead End
Riverview Trail	Sunset Trail	Mount Airy Rd.
Park Trail	Riverview Trail	Dead End
Glengary Rd.	Mount Airy Rd.	Hessian Hills Rd.

2020 Election Information

As the 2020 election approaches, below are some helpful deadlines on registering to vote and applying for an absentee ballot:

- October 9: Deadline to register to vote.
- October 27: Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail, email or fax.
- November 2: Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in person.
- November 3: Deadline to have absentee ballot postmarked or dropped off at polling place.

Visit the NYS Board of Elections website at elections.ny.gov for more information.

Early voting will take place between October 24 and November 1 at designated locations. The closest locations to Croton are the Joseph Caputo Community Center in Ossining and the Peekskill Nutrition Center in Peekskill. For more information on early voting, please visit citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/.

Update on State of Emergency

A State of Emergency remains in effect for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. The State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the COVID-19 outbreak.

All Village parks and facilities have reopened with the below exceptions:

The Dobbs Park basketball courts and Duck Pond Park basketball courts have been reopened for socially-distant activities such as hopscotch and jump rope. Rims and nets will be re-installed at the basketball courts once New York State permits the resumption of high-risk sports.

The Municipal Building remains closed to the public at this time. A plan to reopen will be announced once the installation of protective barriers are completed throughout the building.

Updates will be provided via CodeRed, the Village website and social media.

Update from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee

The Croton-on-Hudson Diversity and Inclusion Committee invites you to participate in several upcoming programs and opportunities, including:

Join our online discussion group. Covering the topics of systemic racism, bias, prejudice, self-reflection, and more. Session 1 is October 6 at 7 p.m. and Session 2 is October 13 at 7 p.m. Discussion materials can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3kBTBj6>

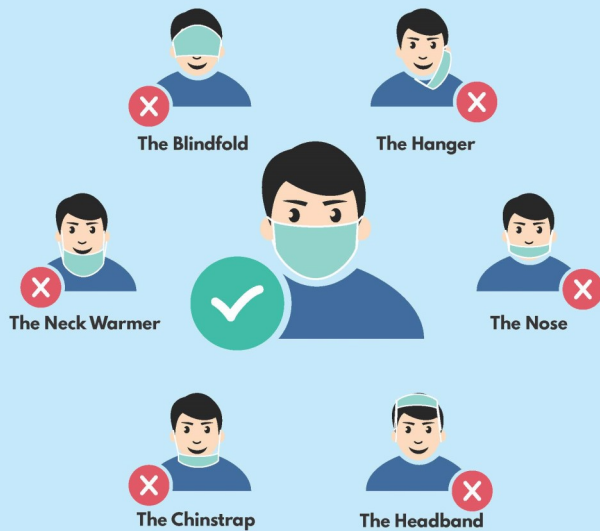
Read a book. The Committee has partnered with the Croton Free Library to recommend a selection of books related to Hispanic Heritage Month, which spans Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. See book list here: <https://bit.ly/3iVLI0B>

Shop at a Hispanic-owned business. In collaboration with Laurie Weisz and her business suburbanguides.com, we encourage you to patronize these businesses during Hispanic Heritage Month, and beyond: <https://bit.ly/2G2VhfS>

Interested residents are invited to join the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The Committee aims to create a spirit of diversity and inclusion for all that live, work in, and visit the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. If interested, email: coh.di.committee@gmail.com.

Reminder! Village offices will be closed Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day.

Wear it **RIGHT**



Wearing a cloth face covering may help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Source: CDC



Support the Croton Historical Society

From the crash of a mysterious plane full of illegal rum in the 1920s to the raid on a bootlegging operation out near the dam in the 1930s, Croton was a hotbed of illicit activity during Prohibition. Read all about it in the new issue of *The Croton Historian*, the quarterly newsletter of the Croton Historical Society.

Upcoming issues will cover the history of bridges on the lower Croton River (there have been ten bridges between the dam and the mouth of the river), the origins of street and place names in Croton and much more.

Subscriptions are \$10 a year. Please make your check payable to Croton Historical Society and mail it to: Croton Historical Society, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Croton-on-Hudson Certified as a Silver-Level Climate Smart Community

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced on September 24th that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has been certified as a silver-level Climate Smart Community. The DEC's announcement makes Croton-on-Hudson one of only seven silver-level communities, and one of only two silver-level villages, in New York State.

In order to be certified, every community must show that it has an active climate action task force that includes municipal and citizen representatives. In Croton-on-Hudson, the Sustainability Committee has served as that task force. To reach silver-level certification, a community must earn 300 points by completing various climate actions.

"We appreciate the DEC's recognition of our Village's contribution to New York's environmental efforts. The Croton community has heeded the call to think globally and act locally when it comes to climate change. With the help of the volunteers on the Sustainability Committee, the Village has taken 43 specific steps to reduce or mitigate climate change. This includes enrolling in Sustainable Westchester's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program and creating a community solar array on the roof of our Department of Public Works. Thank you to the Sustainability Committee, the Village's professional staff, and local community advocates for making our progress possible," said Mayor Brian Pugh.

"Our new community solar array, installed on the roof of our DPW building by Ecogy Energy, serves 53 local households and prevents the emission of more than 100 metric tons of greenhouse gas – equivalent to taking 33 gas-driven cars off the road. This is just one example of what we can achieve when we work together to protect our common home and build for a sustainable future," said Lindsay Audin, Chair of the Village's Sustainability Committee.

Started in 2009, the Climate Smart Communities program provides guidance and technical support to local governments to take locally-driven climate action.



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Goblin Walk - October 31!

Calling all goblins, creatures and spirits to join us for our annual Goblin Walk! This year, the parade will be held at Croton Landing on Saturday, October 31 - Halloween!

The parade begins at 11 a.m. We will march the path along the beautiful Hudson River! Don't miss this exciting event! Please, no dogs in the parade!

Judging categories include:
Best Overall Boy and Girl Costume,
Scariest, Most Creative, and Best Family Theme.

Judging will be announced at the end of the parade.

Face masks are required!

October Recreation Update

Sign up is ongoing for Football Clinic, Nature in Your Hands After School, Tai Chi at the Landing, Pound! and Demystifying Medicare.

Decorate A Pumpkin Contest! Show off your artistic skills by using our template to decorate your own pumpkin! All submissions will be posted on our Facebook page and the drawing with the most votes in each category will win a prize! Contest entries will be accepted beginning Monday, October 5, through Wednesday, October 28. Winner will be declared on Friday, October 30, at 4 p.m. Visit the Village website for more information, registration form and template.

Halloween Window Painting! Paint a Village window for fun! Saturday, October 24, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 271-3006 the week of October 19 to get a window assignment. Space is limited.

To sign up for the above programs, please visit the Village website. Call the Recreation Department at 271-3006 with any questions.