

September Calendar

- 3 & 16** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 4** Cons. Adv. Council
- 9 & 23** BOT Work Session
- 10 & 24** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 10** Rec. Adv. Comm.
- 11** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 17** Bike/Ped Comm.
- 30** Fire Council

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



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Update on North Riverside Avenue/ Municipal Place Gateway Area Zoning Study

Work has continued over the summer months on the proposed zoning updates for the North Riverside Avenue and Municipal Place Gateway areas.

The Village Board will be holding a work session on September 9th to review the final report from BFJ Planning, the Village's zoning consultant. The report reflects the input received from two public input sessions, survey results and the zoning study working group. As part of the review of the BFJ report, the Board will be discussing the firm's recommendations regarding proposed amendments to the zoning code.

While there is no public comment period at the Board work sessions, the public will have additional opportunities to discuss the recommendations and proposed zoning amendments. Any amendments to the zoning code require the Village to follow the rules of the State Environmental

Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Village Board plans to declare itself Lead Agency under SEQRA at the September 16th Board meeting. Additionally, the Board plans to refer the proposed zoning amendments to the Village Planning Board and Waterfront Advisory Committee for their review and comment, as required by Village law. The proposal must also be referred to the Westchester County Planning Board for review and comment. Once all three agencies have returned their comments to the Village Board, a Public Hearing will be scheduled and will remain open until all interested residents have had the opportunity to comment.

All those interested in learning more about the zoning study are encouraged to visit the web page dedicated to the project at: <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/ongoing-projects-initiatives-proposed-infrastructure-improvements/pages/north-riverside>.

Croton Point Avenue Project Update

The Village has been moving forward to rebid the Croton Point Avenue project this fall. In an effort to help streamline the bid package and move the project forward, the Village has decided to undertake some items included in the previous bid. These include the lighting underneath the Route 9 overpass, electric pole relocation by Con Edison and water main improvements along Croton Point Avenue.

By doing these projects independently of the main project, it is hoped that the new bids received in the fall will be in line with funding estimates. The Village plans to rebid the project in October 2019 and award the bid by the end of the year. Work would then commence in Spring 2020.

BCC September 11th Ceremony

The annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 4:30 PM at Croton Landing. The ceremony is jointly held by the Town of Cortlandt, and Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson.

To attend the ceremony, please gather at the Croton Landing parking area at the north end of Elliott Way by 4 PM. Led by a color guard from the community, participants will walk in procession along the quarter mile pathway north to the memorial site on the Hudson River.

A van from the Village of Croton will be in the parking area to transport those who need assistance.

Village-Wide Tag Sale

The Village will be hosting its first village-wide tag sale on Saturday, September 21st! Residents are encouraged to register their home to participate in the sale.

Registration is open now and will continue through September 13th. The cost to register your home for the sale is \$10. Register online at www.crotononhudson-ny.gov or by coming to the Village offices.

The Village will advertise the sale in the local newspaper, as well as on Village media.

For more information, please contact Bryan Healy at bhealy@crotononhudson-ny.gov or 271-4848.



Village Hires Two New Police Officers

Over the summer, the Village Board approved the hiring of two new police officers to replace two officers who had retired, Sgt. Aaron Bernhardt & Sgt. David Wingfield.

Officer Nicholas DiTomaso (bottom left) was hired July 19th and is currently attending the Westchester County Police Academy. Officer DiTomaso comes to Croton from the private sector. He will be filling a newly-created position within the Croton Police Department - that of Police Officer (Spanish Speaking).

Officer John Broughal (top left) was hired August 13th and comes to the Croton PD from the SUNY-Purchase Police Department. Officer Broughal is an alumnus of Croton-Harmon High School and a former resident of the Village.

Welcome to our newest police officers and best wishes to Sgt. Bernhardt & Sgt. Wingfield in retirement!

Reminder! Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

September 2019 Recreation Update

A full schedule of events for middle school students is planned for this fall. All trips and drop-ins are on Friday evenings. There will be a drop-in on September 6th and bowling at JV Lanes on September 20th. Call 914-271-4668 to make a reservation today!

There are many youth activities available this fall! Ice Cream Bingo is set for September 27th; and Flag Football is back and will begin September 28th. New this year is Flag Football for grades 1 & 2! Afterschool Game Days will begin September 25th and September 27th for grades 1 - 4 and will be held in the CET gym. Our movie series continues with *Hotel Transylvania 3* at Vassallo Park on September 27th (rain date is September 28th).

Adult programs this September include Tai Chi and Pound! Both programs begin September 19th. Open Gym Basketball begins September 24th. New this fall is an additional Open Gym Basketball being held on Thursday evenings - it begins September 26! Many yoga classes are also being offered and will begin September 11th. Sign up today!

Fun and exciting trips and programs are being planned for the Croton Seniors! Croton Seniors are on the go, so join us for a trip to Jacob Burns for the premier of the Downton Abbey movie on September 26th! Sign up today for Watercolors, Acrylic Painting, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Current Events and many exercise programs! Book Lovers Club will be offered at the Croton Free Library. All these programs begin in September. Register today!

The Fall 2019 Brochure listing all recreation programs for youth, adults and seniors is available on the Village website and in the Recreation Office. You can also call 271-3006 for more information. Online registration is available for most programs – find it on the Village website under “Online Forms”.

Village Board Adopts Idling Fine

At the August 12th Village Board meeting, the Board adopted a \$35 fine for anyone found to be idling a vehicle in excess of three minutes. Westchester County adopted an anti-idling law in 2009 which restricts the time, place and manner in which vehicles are allowed to idle.

As such, the Village Manager has introduced an amendment to the Vehicle & Traffic section of the Village Code to prohibit idling in excess of three minutes whenever the air temperature is above 32 degrees Fahrenheit. 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.

The provisions of the law will take effect on September 29, 2019. Until that time, police officers and parking enforcement officers will be issuing warnings to vehicles found violating the idling law.





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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

In Memoriam - Joseph Sperber

Joseph Sperber, who retired as Assistant Building Inspector and Assessor in January after a 25-year career with the Village, passed away after a long illness on May 1, 2019. He will be missed by his colleagues in the Village, as well as by the many residents he helped throughout his years of service to the Village.

Westchester County Lead Safe Program

Westchester County has received a grant from the Federal Government to administer a lead abatement program in homes built before 1978. For more information, please contact the Planning Dept. at 995-4602 or Tkr3@westchestergov.com.

**Reminder! Utility bills will be mailed to
residents September 16th!**

Leave the Leaves!

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) encourages all residents to consider mulching their leaves this fall. Mulched leaves provide a good source of lawn nutrition. Composting leaves also provides nutritious organic matter for next year's garden soil. Both reduce the cost and use of purchased fertilizers.

Please visit www.leaveleavesalone.org to learn more about this program. The CAC also plans a demonstration on October 26th at 12:30 PM at Vassallo Park for homeowners and landscapers. Stay tuned for more information!