

Sept. Meeting Calendar

- 8 & 21** Village Bd. Mtg.
- 8 & 22** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 9** Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 16** 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.



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!

RFP for Sale of Katz Property is Readied

The Village has been working with its consultant, Kevin Dwarka, LLC, and the Croton Municipal Place Advisory Task Force, consisting of Croton residents, on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of the Village-owned Katz Property, located at 41-51 Maple Street.

The Village took ownership of the property in 2008. After a year-long planning process, zoning amendments for the Municipal Place Gateway Overlay district were adopted in March of this year. The Village intends to market this property for either a mixed or all-residential use. The Village Board has also required that a minimum of 20% of residential units be affordable and established a maximum of 33 residential units. The Village's definition of an affordable unit can be found in the Zoning Chapter of the Village Code, Chapter 230, under Section 48.

Additional information on this project can be found under the Project/Initiatives button on the Village website.

Chief of Police Retires; New Chief Appointed

On August 3, 2020, the Village Board of Trustees accepted Chief Russel H. Harper's resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 29, 2020. Chief Harper, who has served in the position since January 2018, retired after serving the Village as a police officer for almost 40 years.

Chief Harper was hired by the Village on October 10, 1980, and served as a patrol officer until 1988, when he was promoted to sergeant. In 2002, he was promoted to lieutenant, and served in that position until being appointed chief.

On August 28, 2020, the Village held a ceremonial walkout for the chief, which was attended by members of his family, Village employees, members of area police departments and Village residents. You can watch the walkout on the Village Facebook page or cable channel 78.

The Village Board has appointed Lt. John Nikitopoulos to the position of chief of police, effective August 29, 2020. A future newsletter article will focus on Chief Nikitopoulos.



Chief Russel H. Harper

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.

BCC September 11th Ceremony

This year's annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, September 11, at 3:30 PM.

The ceremony is jointly held by the Town of Cortlandt, and Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson.

The ceremony will be live streamed on the Village's Facebook page, and can also be viewed on the Village's cable-access channel 78.

Village Ballfields Reopen

Ballfields in the Village have reopened for residents and approved sports leagues to begin practices and games. All sports leagues which have been approved have provided a safety plan to the Village outlining how they intend to promote social distancing and the use of masks.

The fields which are now open include: Croton Landing Park, Dobbs Park, Duck Pond Park, Firefighters Field and Manes Field.

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.

Chance of Transmission	Asymptomatic COVID-19 Carrier	Uninfected Person
VERY HIGH		
HIGH		
MEDIUM		
LOW		
VERY LOW		
VIRTUALLY NONE		

Courtesy of the University of Kansas Health System

Reminder! Village offices will be closed Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor 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



Reduced Fees for Vendors

At the August 17th, 2020, Village Board meeting, a resolution was adopted which provided for the reduction of certain vendor fees in an effort to create more outdoor dining opportunities for Village residents.

The fees, which were both reduced to \$30, include the street vendor license and the food vendor in the park permit. The reduced fees are in effect until October 31, 2020.

Any business or vendor which is interested in obtaining a license or permit is asked to contact Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk, at 271-2013 or pdisanto@crotononhudson-ny.gov to complete the application and provide the necessary insurance/health department forms.

Update on Black Rock Dog Park

Over the summer, the Village has been studying the Black Rock Dog Park and its impact on the Quaker Bridge Road neighborhood. A survey of dog park permit holders was conducted, and input was solicited from residents of Quaker Bridge Road. Additionally, the Village Board has discussed the issue at board work sessions and received public comments at Village Board meetings, both written and verbal. We thank everyone who has participated in this process over the past few months.

At the August 31, 2020, work session, the Village Board has decided to implement the following hours for the Black Rock Dog Park: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Monday. The proposal to move the dog park has been shelved at this time.

These hours have been decided upon as the best compromise between dog owners looking to use the park either before or after work, as well as area residents who want to enjoy the outdoors.

The Village will continue to monitor the situation at Black Rock and make any changes deemed necessary.

Information on the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

The Village has been in touch with Historic Hudson Valley over the summer regarding the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze scheduled for the fall.

Historic Hudson Valley has assured the Village that they are taking appropriate measures to ensure that their outdoor event adheres to state guidance regarding social distancing and the use of masks.

The Blaze will be open for the Fall 2020 Season on September 18th.

For more information, you are encouraged to visit their website at:

<https://hudsonvalley.org/news/health-and-safety-at-the-great-jack-olantern-blaze/>.



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**Reminder! Utility bills will be mailed
to residents on September 15th.**

September Recreation Update

Rise and Shine Yoga at the Landing: Enjoy yoga outdoors at the beautiful Croton Landing park. Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m., beginning September 13. \$45 for Village residents and \$55 for school district residents.

BINGO Night: Friday, September 18, at Senasqua Park Pavilion from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Enjoy a night with your friends and take your chances at winning some cool prizes. A great way to kick-off the start of the school year. Space will be limited and all social distancing/mask guidance will be followed. \$15 for Village residents and \$20 for school district residents.

Please note that there will not be a traditional fall brochure this year due to the pandemic. Are you receiving email blasts sent out by the Recreation Department? Visit www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/subscribe to sign up.

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