



July

Calendar

- 4** **Independence Day**
- 10 & 24** Village Board Mtg.
- 11 & 25** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 5** Cons. Advisory Council
- 12** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 19** Water Control Comm.
- 19** Visual Environ. Bd.

August

Calendar

- 14** Village Board Mtg.
- 8 & 22** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 2** Cons. Advisory Council
- 16** Water Control Comm.
- 16** Visual Environ. Bd.

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Railroad Tie Removal

With an unusually large group of cooperating partners, Croton may soon achieve the removal of an estimated 1000 to 2000 railroad ties from Croton Bay. In a project that started up to six years ago using \$50,000 from a Clean Water Clean Air Bond grant, the Village examined two aspects of removal. A study by Hudsonia looked at the potential effects of the tie removal on the habitats and environment and found no negative impacts. Another Long Island company tested a "low-tech" method of tie removal using flat-bottomed boats to loosen the ties from the bottom and transport them. About 200 ties were removed as part of that study. Other methods, including having them pulled out by helicopters with hooks, proved impractical. The US Military Academy at West Point Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering organized a cadet project which further studied the project and developed a report on the tie removal.

To actually accomplish the project, the Village applied for implementation support from the U.S. Dept of Defense under its Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT). Under IRT, a NYS National Guard or Army Reserve unit will be assigned to undertake the project as part of their annual training program. This could possibly be scheduled for next year in the summer of 2007.

In the meantime, the Village will be preparing and securing the necessary NYS-DEC permits. The Village Manager has also secured the agreement of Metro North to pay up to \$20,000 for the disposal of the railroad ties that are removed at an appropriate site.

Vincent Tamagna, a Putnam Legislator who was appointed as "Hudson River Navigator" by Governor Pataki, has also been involved in facilitating this effort.

Recycling Success

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson achieved a remarkable 72% recycling rate according to the recently released Westchester County 2005 Annual Report. The County, as a whole, had a 41% recycling rate.



Croton was exceeded only by the Town of New Castle at 79% and the Town of Bedford at 73%.

The Village generated a total of 17,879 tons of solid waste with 12,936 tons being recycled. 4,943 tons was disposed of as solid waste.

Next year's numbers for Croton should be even better due to the implementation this spring of the Yard Waste program by the Dept. of Public Works. This program will result in substantial additional tonnage being removed from the waste stream collection.

Municipal recyclables are taken to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by the County. MRF processed 68,000 tons of recyclables in 2005. The sale of the recyclables, from which the MRF receives 80%, was \$4,969,781 which significantly offset the County's 2004 MRF expenditures of \$3,526,879.

On average, the County pays \$21.37 to manage a ton of recycled material. If the same ton of recyclables was managed as garbage, the cost would be \$81.22, clearly showing both the environmental and economic benefits of recycling to Westchester County.

The Refuse Disposal District Advisory Board of 14 volunteers and 4 ex-officio members advises the Solid Waste Division during the year. Village Manager Richard Herbek serves on this board.



SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY

MOVIES

Movies are on Wednesdays at Senasqua Park beginning at dusk. In case of rain, they will be shown the next evening.

July 5 DR. SEUSS' THE CAT IN THE HAT (PG)

Adaptation of the beloved Dr. Seuss classic where the mischievous cat takes charge of two bored siblings.

July 12 THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)

Wallace invents a humane pest-control outfit called "Anti-Pesto" to protect gardens. With his trusted dog, Gromit, they hunt down a veggie invader feasting on the town's vegetable plots before the annual Giant Vegetable Competition..

July 19 SHREK 2 (PG)

Shrek and Fiona meet her parents after their honeymoon. They must deal with hysterical parents, a VERY disappointed Prince Charming and a determined ogre-slayer.

July 26 LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (PG)

Dastardly Count Olaf knows the Baudelaire children are to receive a huge inheritance and wants the money for himself. The children figure out his intentions in this devilishly fun adventure.

Aug. 2 HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (PG)

An escaped prisoner named Sirius Black seems to pose a threat to Harry, but is he really a foe or a friend? The answer provides a shocking revelation about what happened 12 years ago when Harry got his famous scar!

ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park. Rain date is Saturday night.

June 30 THE SAINTS

"The Saints" are a band known for their rhythm & blues sounds, tight harmonies and jazzy horn arrangements.

July 7 SECOND WIND

Classic rock, R&B, and "unplugged" acoustic.

July 14 BLUE WATER

Local band plays acoustic and electric Rock & Roll with a harmony twist.

July 21 DOC ROC

Rocking together for over 10 years. Join them for a rejuvenating dose of classic rock.

July 28 SUNDOWN BAND

Unique renditions of Southern Rock classics from bands such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Allman Brothers, Outlaws, and more.

Aug. 4 UNCHAINED

Enjoy a wide variety of classic and contemporary Rock and Roll favorites.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

*** All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the August 2 event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park. In case of rain, performances will be at C.E.T. Elementary School.

July 6 THE GRAND FALLOONS a wildly exuberant 1920's Vaudeville is written and performed by veterans of NYC's Big Apple Circus—live music, juggling, virtuoso concertina, mediocre saxophone and really cool bubble magic...and gum!

July 13 THE YO-YO MAN Watch as Ken Sprano combines three art forms to create a unique entertainment experience. Imagine origami, magic and outrageous yo-yo tricks that will fascinate and delight crowds of all ages.

July 20 THE BANJO RASCALS Join the toe-tapping band as they highlight music from 1890's Ragtime, the Roaring 20's and classic Rock-n-Roll from the 1950's and 60's.

July 27 DAVID LEVITAN'S MAGIC SHOW David has magical hands & superb timing. His fast-paced show features magic, juggling, fluttering birds, mind reading & tons of audience participation—a treat for the whole family.

Aug. 2 JEFFREY & THE BOSSY FROG BAND Fun, funky & hip music for children of all ages. This interactive show will have everyone singing and dancing along!



Reminder!

**The Village Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th
For Independence Day**



Spotlight on Daria Murtagh

Daria Murtagh has been a Croton Police Officer for over two years. She can be regularly seen on duty on her patrol shifts around our village. When Daria is on day shifts, she is usually in one of the two cars that are always on the streets in the village, providing normal patrol duties which includes providing a presence in the Upper Village during the mid-day lunch break during the school year and answering radio calls.

Daria says she always wanted to be a police officer since she was in middle school in the Ardsley school system from which she graduated in 1996. Since she was not eligible to become a police officer in NYS until age 21, she first studied to be an emergency medical technician

at Westchester Community College. While working as an EMT in Yonkers, Daria took the Police examination in Mt. Vernon and was hired there in 2000 at the age of 21. She later took the County exam to be included on the County list of eligible police officers. Since being in the Croton Dept., Daria initiated an effort, and applied for grant funding, to become a certified child car seat technician. The grant provided funds for necessary materials and also for free car seats for people who are income-qualified to receive them. She is also certified in radar and as a field sobriety technician for DWI duties.

As a Croton Police officer, Daria works all three shifts. The pattern is usually 4 days on a shift, time off, 4 days on another shift, followed by time

off and then 4 days on the remaining shift.

As the wife of a Tarrytown police officer, Jason, and the mother of 3 year old Kaitlin and 20 month old Liam, juggling schedules is a challenging part of her life. The family also includes 2 dogs and 2 cats.

Special cooking and gardening are among the things that Daria enjoys doing in her free time. She loves the beach and looks ahead to the time when their children are grown enough to travel for vacations. Trips to the Caribbean were what she and Jason enjoyed most.



"I work with a great bunch of guys and I love the challenge of the job."

Daria Murtagh

Water Bills Due

Water bills went out on June 15th to all Croton residents on the Village's water system. Payments are due on July 15th. This is the first time that water bills have been sent to 100% of the residents at the same time. Everyone is now on the same billing cycle with June and December bills. If you have not yet received your water bill, and you use Village water, please call the Village Office at 271-4781.

There are some late payment penalties that are important to note. A water bill that is overdue (after July 15th) will incur a 5% penalty. A delinquency letter will be sent for which there is a \$5. charge. For each additional 30 days the bill remains unpaid after August 15th, or part thereof, the penalty will increase by 1% with additional delinquency letters also being sent at a \$5 charge. A water bill paid after August 15th would then have a 6% penalty and two \$5. letter charges. This will increase each month of delinquency but after 90 days there will also be a \$100. delinquent fee added to the total water bill due.

As noted in previous newsletters, it is important to have a timely official postmark on payments to

ensure you do not incur a penalty.

We're on
the Web. Visit us at:
<http://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov>

Board Meetings Videostreamed

Beginning with their meeting of June 19, the meetings of the Board of Trustees will be available on your PC using live videostreaming.

A one-year contract, at \$175 per meeting, with Michael Pollock of Mike Pollack International, Inc. of Ossining, will provide live access to meetings from a link on the Village's website. Old meetings (starting with the June 19th meeting) will be archived and also available from the Village website.

Meetings will continue to be broadcast over Cablevision's Public Access channel as well. Videostreaming provides non-Cablevision users with live access as well as "on-demand" access to the archived meetings.

To access the meetings, click on the "Watch Live" link at the lower left corner of the Village's Home page.

Village Attorney

Village Attorney Marianne Stecich has asked the Village Board not to renew her 1-year contract citing both greater than expected time demands in representing Croton and personal considerations. The Board of Trustees is currently in the process of interviewing and selecting new representation. Ms. Stecich has agreed to continue on an interim basis.

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(914) 271-4781-2

Got a Question?



What should I do if I find a stray cat or dog?

The Village has an agreement with the SPCA of Westchester Inc. to provide animal shelter on an annual basis. Such an agreement is required by law unless the village wants to operate its own animal shelter.

As a resident of the Village, you may bring a stray cat or dog to the shelter Mon. through Sat., legal holidays exempted, from 10 am to 4 pm; Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm. A stray is defined as any cat or dog, licensed or unlicensed, found running at large.

Owined animals may also be taken to the shelter on an appointment-only basis. The SPCA reserves the right to refuse to accept owned animals for the following reasons: advanced age, illness, pregnant, injured in any way, skin disorder, or history of bites or aggression. Pit bulls will not be accepted due to the difficulty in safely placing them.

Once a resident harbors a stray animal for longer than



one week, the rules for owned animals apply. A donation is requested with the turn in of any owned animal.

A Police Dept. Animal Control Officer may also take strays to the shelter.

The shelter is located at 590 North State Road, in Briarcliff Manor in the Town of Ossining.

What and Where is this?

Do you recognize the monument in this picture? It is located in Croton. Tell us where it is and what it is about if you can. If you think you know the answers, email your responses to efannon@crotononhudson-ny.gov or mail your answer to Emily Fannon, Village Office, 1 Van Wyck St., Croton. No calls please.



