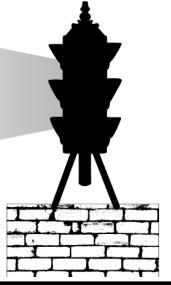




# 125TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION Croton-on-Hudson Newsletter



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## Village Marks 125th Anniversary of Incorporation

This February marks the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, which took place on February 12, 1898. The Manual of Westchester County, published the same year, noted that a special election was held “on the question of incorporation” and “the electors of that locality . . . cast seventy-four (74) votes in favor of the proposition and twenty-one (21) votes against.” Croton’s population at the time of incorporation was 1,244 people. Today, it is more than 8,000.

The Village’s 125th Anniversary Committee will hold a celebratory ‘Quasiquicentennial’ birthday event for the Village on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 PM in the Croton-Harmon High School auditorium. The pro-

gram, *Happy Birthday, Croton*, will include music, theatrical performances, a large slice of the fascinating history of the Village, and the introduction to some of the many notable people who have called Croton home over the years. The festivities will end with a reception and cake for all at Croton’s 125th birthday party. This program is free to attend, but you must obtain a ticket in advance of the performance. These may be obtained at no charge on EventBrite. This will be the first of several 125th Anniversary Events that will be held throughout the year. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements from the 125th Anniversary Committee!



## EagleFest Returns to Croton Point Park

Teatown’s 19th Annual Hudson River EagleFest returns to Croton Point Park on Saturday February 4 for an all-day celebration. The program includes live bird shows spotlighting birds of prey, bird walks, heated tents filled with educational displays, children’s activities, food trucks, and more. Snow date is Sunday, February 5. For more information, visit the Teatown website or email [eaglefest@teatown.org](mailto:eaglefest@teatown.org).

## Food Scrap Pilot Takes Off

The Village has officially launched its pilot Food Scrap Recycling Program to provide residents the opportunity to reduce waste by composting unused food scraps. 37 households are currently enrolled in the six-month program, which is supported by a grant secured by Croton's Sustainability Committee. Food scraps are collected weekly and taken to the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) facility in Cortlandt Manor, where they are turned into compost, diverting organic waste from the waste-stream.



*Facility Manager Marcus DaSilva, left, and Sustainability Committee Chair Lindsay Audin at the Village's New Food Scrap Recycling Facility.*

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## Construction Breaks Ground at 41-51 Maple Street

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Construction has begun on a new housing project at the 2.4-acre parcel located at 41-51 Maple Street, known locally as the Katz Property. The site will be home to two new buildings that will contain a total of 11 one-bedroom apartments, 11 two-bedroom apartments, and 11 three-bedroom apartments. All rental apartments will be affordable to individuals and families with a range of incomes from 30% to 80% of area median income (AMI) for Westchester County. The project represents a major milestone for affordable housing in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, which has not seen a comparable project since 2009.

The project has been awarded \$3 million in funding through New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The project is required to meet green building standards set by the New York State Climate Leader-

ship and Community Protection Act, as well as the standards set forth in the NYStretch Energy Code, which was adopted by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees in June of 2022. More information about the project is available on the Village website under 'Projects and Initiatives—Archive'.



*An architectural rendering of the 41-51 Maple Street project from Regan Development Corporation.*

## Exemplary Crotonite Presented with Key to the Village



*Melanie Dodson, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson and longtime volunteer and officer for the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry, was recently presented a Key to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for exemplary community service.*

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## Reminder: County Sales Tax On Home Energy Costs Suspended

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Westchester County Executive George Latimer is reminding residents to check their heating bill to ensure County sales tax collection on home energy costs from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 has been suspended from your bill. The sales tax suspension covers home heating oil, propane, natural gas, electric, coal and wood for residential heating purposes and covers homeowners as well as rental units.



The Lorraine Hansberry Coalition and The Coalition for Understanding Racism Through Education (CURE) will kick off the **Five Towns: One Book** programming series on February 11 at 2:00 PM at the Croton Free Library. Join them for a discussion with Radical Vision author Dr. Soyica Diggs Colbert as they explore the life and work of Lorraine Hansberry.

## Grievance Day Information

Village property owners are entitled to file a grievance if they believe the assessed value of their property is excessive. Grievance Day for the tentative assessment roll will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023. Due to a lack of quorum, it will have been adjourned from the previous day. Applications for a tax adjustment must be completed and filed with the Village Assessor, Roger Miller, prior to 4 pm on February 21st. If your property is found to be incorrectly assessed, an adjustment will be made. To help you understand whether you should file a tax grievance to reduce your residential property assessment, perform the following calculation: Divide your property's current assessed valuation by the 2023 Residential Assessment Ratio (RAR) which is .0287. The result will provide the estimated market value of the property. For example, if your property is assessed at \$15,000, the 2023 RAR will yield a market value of \$522,648. This calculation may help you decide whether to file a grievance to try to lower the assessment. Commercial properties follow a different procedure. Information is available on the Village website under Assessor, in the Village's Engineering office, or you may call 914-271-4783.

## Save the Date!



# 2023 Summer Job Opportunities



## **Day Camp/Tiny Tots Camp Counselors, Art Specialist, Sports Specialist**

If you are enthusiastic, dependable and enjoy working with children, you are the candidate we are looking for! Summer Camp 2023 Dates: Mon-Fri, June 26 to August 4 Times: Day Camp 8:30-2:30 Tiny Tots 8:45-12:30. Applicants must be 16 years old as of July 1.

### **Gate Attendants**

For Silver Lake and Senasqua Park. Park Season is June through Labor Day, open 7 days a week Orientation: date TBA in late May. Applicants must be 16 years old as of July 1.

### **Silver Lake Lifeguard**

Applicants must have valid certification for Waterfront / Lifeguard / First Aid & CPR for Professional Rescuer. Please include a copy of certifications with your application. Mandatory Orientation on June 5. Silver Lake swim season; late June through Labor Day, open 7 days a week Applicants must be 15 years old as of July 1.

*Applications are available on the Village Website. Working papers are required for those under 18 years of age (issued by school guidance). Questions? Please contact Croton Recreation at 914-271-3006 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM*

Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of **Presidents Day**. The garbage schedule is as follows:

- If you are normally scheduled for pickup on Monday, your garbage will be picked up Tuesday, February 21st
- If you are normally scheduled for pickup on Tuesday, your garbage will be picked up Wednesday, February 22nd

## **February Statutory Board Meetings**

Planning Board: Tuesday, February 7, 8:00 PM and Tuesday, February 21, 8:00 PM.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 PM

Board of Trustees: Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM

Recordings of the statutory board meetings (Board of Trustees, Planning & Zoning) are available under the Village's live stream channel.