

October Meeting Calendar

4th & 18th	Board of Trustees Meeting
6th	Conservation Advisory Council
12th	Recreation Advisory Committee
12th & 26th	Planning Board Meeting
13th	Zoning Board of Appeals
20th	Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting
25th	Board of Trustees Work Session
26th	Fire Council Meeting

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for the most updated information, including meeting location.

New Police Chief Appointed



The Village Board has permanently appointed John Nikitopoulos as Chief of Police. Chief Nikitopoulos succeeded Chief Russell Harper, who served in his role since 2018, and retired in August of last year.

Chief Nikitopolous, a lifelong Village resident, began his career with the Croton Police Department 35 years ago. As the longest tenured officer on the force, he has witnessed the shifts in direction the department has had over the years. The chief's current goal is to focus on police reform by molding the department to be "transparent, accountable and community oriented." His hope is that the Croton Police force continues to have the trust of the community it serves. Eventually he hopes for the department to become an accredited agency, a process intended to hold the department to the highest standards in law enforcement. This effort has included various community outreach events, such as August's "Cop with a Cone" event, September's "Child Seat Event" and October's "Fall Festival Police Committee Booth." Another priority for him and the department is to restart the Youth Cadet program, which was suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Part of his tenure has also involved renovating the Police Headquarters, something he has been working closely with the Department of Public Works to accomplish. This has included relocating the detective division to the former historical society offices to comply with the state's "Raise the Age" mandate, and the demolition and reconstruction of the Police Department staircase, improve accessibility to headquarters.

When not at the office, Nikitopoulos spends his leisure time with his family living here in Croton. His hobbies include SCUBA diving, kayaking and working on cars.

Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

 [villageofcroton](#)

 [@CrotonGov](#)

 [@VillageCroton](#)

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

Stay connected!

Halloween Happenings in the Village!

Kids throughout the Village can look forward to another exciting Halloween with these events organized by the Recreation Department:

1. Halloween Window Painting: Get into the spirit of the season by decorating a Halloween themed window. The annual Halloween Window Painting is being coordinated with participating stores throughout the Village on Saturday, October 23rd at from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rain date: October 24th). Space is limited: find the registration form on the Village website under recreation.

2. Goblin Walk: We are calling all goblins, creatures and spirits to join us for our annual Goblin Walk! This year, the parade be on Saturday, October 30th at 12 PM, first meeting at the Municipal Building and will march to Vassallo Park.



Young and old alike are invited. Tricks and treats will be waiting for everyone at the park. Please, no dogs in the parade. Face masks required.

Leaf Vacuuming Information & Schedule

The Department of Public Works will begin its leaf vacuuming schedule for Fall of 2021 during the beginning of November! A detailed schedule will be sent out each week on the Village e-news list.

The general schedule is as follows:

- Weeks 1 & 5: Harmon (south of Cleveland Dr.)
- Weeks 2 & 6: All areas north of Maple Street and west of Old Post Road South.
- Weeks 3 & 7: All areas south of Maple Street and north of Cleveland Drive.
- Weeks 4 & 8: Maple Street and areas north of Maple Street and east of Old Post Road South.

All leaves should be placed loosely at curbside! No twigs, branches, or other yard waste should be mixed in with the loose leaves.

For more information, call:
914.271.3775.



41st Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger

The 41st Annual Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger will be a hybrid event this year. Walk when and where you want between October 9th and October 16th, or Run/Walk at Croton Harmon High School on Race Day, October 17th!

The first 300 registered entrants in the 10K Race and 5K Race & Walk will receive a free T-Shirt!

Online registration for the various events can be done by visiting www.runagainsthunger.com. There is also in-person registration on October 16th at Asbury Methodist Church from 10 AM to 3 PM, and on Race Day registration at the high school starting at 7:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Organizers ask that on race day, participants and watchers bring canned or non-perishable items for the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry.

Proceeds from this event benefit many organizations including, locally, the Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry and the Croton Caring Committee.



The Seniors Club Returns to the Municipal Building



The Seniors Club is returning to the Municipal Building starting Friday, October 8th.

Join the Croton Seniors Club for weekly meetings each Friday at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. The club is open to Croton Village & school district residents ages 60 and up. The Croton Seniors Club enjoys social activities and guest speakers each week.

For additional information, contact club president Janet Meyer at 914.488.5849.



Reminder! Utility bills are due on October 15th!



Stormwater 101 from Croton's Department of Public Works

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melted snow that cannot be absorbed by the soil. As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a stormwater system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking.

As stormwater makes its way to the nearest body of water, it can pick up and carry pollutants, such as pesticides, fertilizers, oil and soap, which can harm water when present in sufficient quantities.

Here in Croton, stormwater can often make its way into the Duck Pond, Croton River and Hudson River. Here are some tips to help keep our bodies of water in Croton clean!

- Maintain your cars so they do not leak oil or other fluids.
- Wash your cars on a grassy area if possible so dirt and soap do not flow down the driveway and into the nearest storm drain.
- Do not over fertilize your grass and never apply fertilizers or pesticides before a heavy rain.
- Mulch leaves and grass clippings and place leaves in the yard, not in the street.
- Pick-up after your pet! Dispose of pet waste in the garbage.



For information visit Westchester County's website on stormwater:
<https://planning.westchestergov.com/environment/stormwater-management>

Early Voting

The early voting schedule this year will be as follows:

- Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 2021 from noon until 5 PM
- Sunday, Oct. 24th, 2021 from noon until 5 PM
- Monday, Oct. 25th, 2021 from 8 AM until 4 PM
- Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 2021 from noon until 8 PM
- Wednesday, Oct. 27th, 2021 from 8 AM until 4 PM
- Thursday, Oct. 28th, 2021 from noon until 8 PM
- Friday, Oct. 29th, 2021 from 8 AM until 4 PM
- Saturday, Oct. 30th, 2021 from noon until 5 PM
- Sunday, Oct. 31st, 2021 from noon until 5 PM

Polling Locations near you

- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
- Peekskill Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

Dates and locations are subject to change.

To find your local polling location, and the latest information, visit the Westchester County website at:
citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/find-polling-place

Croton Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 2nd Vassallo Park

The logo for the Croton Fall Festival. The word 'Croton' is in a large, bold, black font, with a jack-o'-lantern face integrated into the letter 'o'. Below it, 'Fall Festival' is written in a large, bold, red font. To the right of the text is a stylized tree with autumn-colored leaves (orange, yellow, red) and a squirrel sitting on a branch. Below the main text, 'Sat., Oct. 2nd Vassallo Park' is written in a smaller, black font on a light-colored banner.

Saturday, October 2nd, from 12 PM to 6 PM is the Croton Fall Festival!

There is expected to be a wide variety of vendors each offering something unique; everyone attending will be able to find something to enjoy. There will be a live musical performance by the I45s band, balloon animals, pumpkin painting, drinks, food, home crafts and much more.

Please join us for what is shaping up to be a wonderful fall afternoon in the park!

Parking will be available at the Municipal Building, on Grand Street, and on Maple Street.



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Croton Recreation Programs for October

ADULT ACTIVITIES:

Creative iPhone Photography – Thursday, October 7th – 12:30 PM—2:30 PM

Open Gym Basketball – Wednesdays – 8 Sessions - Beginning October 6th - 8:00 PM—9:30PM

Defensive Driving – Saturday, October 16th – 9:00AM—3:00PM

Tai Chi – Thursdays- 4 Sessions – Beginning November 4th – 7:30 PM —8:30 PM

SENIOR / ADULTS 60+ ACTIVITIES:

Chair Yoga with Sarah – Mondays - Beginning October 4th - 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

Painting with Acrylics – Tuesdays- 5 sessions- Beginning October 5th -
12:30 PM —2:30 PM

Demystifying Medicare – Free - Pre-registration is required
Tuesday, October 5th - 6:30 PM —9:30 PM or
Sunday, November 14th - 1:00—4:00PM

These programs, and more, can be found in the Fall 2021 Brochure which lists all recreation programs for youth, adults and seniors. The brochure is available on the Village website and in the Recreation Office. You can also call the Recreation Department at 271-3006 for more information. Online registration is available for most programs. Find it on the Village website under “Online Forms”.

Sign up now, as space is limited!



**Village Offices will be closed on
Monday, October 11th in observance
of Columbus Day**

