

### June Calendar

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- 14 & 28** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 1** Cons. Advisory Council
- 14** Recreation Adv. Comm.
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### Summerfest is Here!

The 24th Annual Village Summerfest is set for Sunday, June 5th from 1 pm to 6 pm. The upper village area will be the focus of activities. Beginning with a parade at 1 pm, there will be lots of good food, live music and many vendors. The day's events are co-sponsored by the Village Recreation & Parks Dept., and the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Croton subcommittee.



The parade kicks off at Veterans Corners at 1 pm and proceeds along Old Post Road South to Grand Street. Leading the parade will be the Hendrick Hudson High School Marching Band.

This year the Grand Marshalls are the men and women of the Armed Services. Marchers will also include members of community youth groups such as scouts and sports teams, village staff and elected officials. The event continues through 6 pm with live music throughout the afternoon at



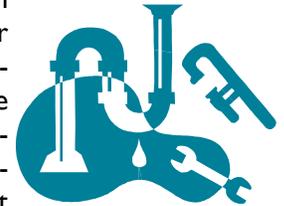
two locations. The Air Castle will be back and this year there will also be a Cheerleader Dunk Tank, Little League radar gun to test your throwing speed, sand art, and a demonstration and exhibits by the Croton Council of Arts. Many community organizations such as service organizations, Croton Seniors, Croton Caring Committee, Croton Housing Network and various issue-focused groups will provide information on their activities.

Be sure to put it on your calendar.

### Water Distribution Projects

The Village is undertaking the development of a digital computer model for the Village's water supply system. This is an important step in the Village's long-range plans for improvements for supplying water to residents.

The computer model will incorporate the wells, transmission mains, distribution mains, booster pumps, storage tanks, control valves and other water system components. Once the model is developed and calibrated, it will assist with planning distribution system improvements including water main replacements, extensions and loops.



The model will facilitate testing of multiple distribution system scenarios for optimizing hydraulic and water quality improvements in the Village water system. Performing this testing is important for the planning of future water-related capital projects and to determine where future capital improvements are most needed to address hydraulically inefficient and low flow (dead end) sections of the distribution system.

Development of this distribution model was approved as part of the Water Fund capital Budget for FY 2011/2012 and will cost approximately \$100,000.

Two additional Water Fund capital projects are slated for this year. The initial engineering and design services for proposed infrastructure improvements at Wolf Rd. and Cook Lane and the Truesdale dR. areas of the Village is estimated at \$50,000. Testing of the new well and the conceptual design of a new treatment facility at the well fields is being undertaken by Chazen Companies. \$100,000 was approved for this work.

## Text- A-Tip

The Police Dept. tip line is now going to cell phone. This means that tips may be texted to the number as well as verbally called in. The number is 271-0706. The phone is not manned all the time so, to report a crime, dial 911 or 271-5177.

**911 calls.** If you make a 911 call from a landline phone, the call will be taken by the Croton Police Dept. However, if you make a 911 call from your cell phone, the call may not be picked up locally but rather by a more distant cellular tower and police station. It is then relayed to the Croton Police Dept. This can cause a short time delay in the response. It also makes it most important to include all relevant information in your call, especially your location. To avoid this delay when making an emergency call from a cell phone, it is best to call Croton Police directly at 271-5177.



## Silver Lake in the Summer

Silver Lake will be open beginning Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 7pm through June 19. Beginning Friday, June 24, it will be open daily from 11am to 7:30pm.

Season permits are available for residents and school district residents. A Village photo ID is required as well. Everyone 4 years and older must have a permit. Permit fees for a resident Family/Adult/Child are \$130/\$65/\$35 respectively. Fees for school district residents are \$180/\$90/\$50. It is anticipated that the park will be open for swimming until Sept. 5th depending on the availability of lifeguards. Daily fees are also on an Adult/Child basis at \$5/\$3 for residents and \$8/\$5 for school district residents.

American Red Cross **Swimming Lessons** will be offered at Silver Lake taught by a certified Water Safety Instructor and assisted by certified lifeguards.

Lessons are 4 days, Mon.-Thurs. during the weeks of June 27-June 30, July 11-July 21, and July 25-Aug.4 for a total of 8 weeks. There are three levels of instruction depending upon the child's competency at swimming. Each lesson is 30 minutes. The sign-up deadline is one week prior to the start date of each class. Fees are \$70/\$85 (res./nonres.) Admission for one parent is included in the fee.



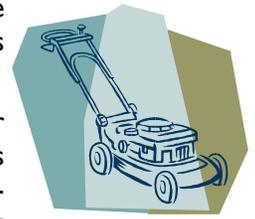
## Noise Laws

Be a good neighbor. During the summer months, when windows are open and people spend more time enjoying the outdoors, noise can be more annoying than at other times of the year.

The Village's Noise Law, Chapter 160 of the Village Code prohibits the operation of power lawn mowers, rakers, leaf blowers or other motor-driven lawn or garden equipment during certain hours. This equipment cannot be operated between 8 pm to 8 am from Sunday through Friday, from 8 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday, and from 8 pm Saturday to 10 am Sunday.

There are also specific decibel level limits for speakers and amplifiers from 10 pm to 8 am on weekdays and from 11 pm Saturday to 10 am on Sunday.

Construction work cannot begin before 8 am from Mon.—Sat. and 10 am on Sundays.



## Croton FYI

The Village of Croton was incorporated as a village in 1898. In 1932, two separate communities, Mt. Airy and Harmon, were incorporated into the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, making up the current area of the Village.

## Renew Annual Parking Permits

Annual parking permits for those who park long-term in Village-managed parking lots expired May 31 and must be renewed. The fee is \$25. Free parking permits for business owners and employees to park along South Riverside must also be renewed.

## Tree City USA

For the 27th year, Croton has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Foundation. The program requires a municipality to have a tree ordinance, a process for tree management and a tree planting program. The Conservation Advisory Council and the Engineering and DPW departments provide the local support for the program.



## **Reminder!**

**Offices will be closed on Mon., May 30 for Memorial Day.**



## **Farmer's Market Reopens**

Community Markets will reopen the Wednesday Farmer's Market for its third season on Wednesday, June 1. The market will be open from 1:30 to 6:30 pm. Fruits, vegetables, organic produce, pasture-raised beef, baked goods, soups and quiches, barrel pickles, dairy products, homemade jellies and locally made wines will be featured throughout the season.



The location for the market is the intersection of Municipal Place and North Riverside - the former Skatepark site. Parking is available on-site and along North Riverside Ave. While the market is open, please note that no left turns into or out of the site will be permitted.

## **Recycling Reminder!**

As of June 1, Westchester County is requiring mandatory recycling of all items having triangles with numbers 1 through 7. Currently, only items with triangles containing a '1' or '2' are recyclable. This includes such items as yogurt containers, food packaging waste, and take-out food containers.



The County has retrofitted its recycling plant in Yonkers so it is now able to sort and separate all these types of materials. They are then sold which creates revenue for the county. By recycling more, less solid waste has to be transported and processed at facilities like Charles Point Recovery Facility thus saving even more tax dollars.

## **June Concert at Senasqua**

The first Friday night concert at Senasqua will occur on June 24. Starting at 7 pm, local Croton-Harmon High School bands will display their talents. The Crowley Brothers will wrap up the evening with their eclectic blend of popular hits. The rain date for the concert is Saturday night.



This season the following vendors have applied for and been granted permits to sell their food wares at the Friday night concerts: Monica's Salumeria, Baked By Susan and The

Blue Pig.

The July/August Newsletter will have a complete list of the summer lineup of concerts, movies and the Family Entertainment series.

## **Discounted Amusement Park Tickets**

The Village's Recreation & Parks Department, in cooperation with the New York State Recreation & Park Society, is offering discounted admission tickets again this year to a variety of amusement parks. Individual or group tickets may be purchased directly from the Recreation & Parks Office in the Municipal Building for parks in NY, NJ and PA. There is no minimum purchase required to take advantage of these discounts.



The following Amusement park tickets are available: Great Escape/Splashwater (Lake George, NY), Hershey Park (Hershey, PA), Mountain Creek Waterpark (Vernon, NJ), Sesame Place (Langhorne, PA - July only), Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ -Safari admission is included in this ticket). The largest discount is for tickets to Six Flags Great Adventure where the regular gate admission is \$77.02 and the discounted ticket is \$31. If these parks are in your plans, these tickets are a great buy!



## **Village Taxes Due**

For the many residents whose tax bills are not paid through an escrow account by their mortgage lender, bills are sent out on June 1 which is the first day of the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

Although the bill says it is due on the first day of June, 30 days are allowed for payment before a 5% penalty is applied.

Tax payments are payable to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. They can be made in person during regular office hours at the Village office in the Municipal Building. Be advised that when mailing tax payments near the end of the month in which they are due, make sure that the payment has a "timely postmark" on it. If a payment is received after June 30 and has no "timely postmark", it is deemed to have been made on the date it is received. NYS law provides that a municipality cannot waive penalties on real estate taxes received after the due date for any reason.

The US Postal service, Airborne Express, UPS, Fed EX or DHL are acceptable forms of "timely postmarks", postage meters (i.e. Pitney Bowes) and foreign postmarks are not accepted as "timely postmarks".

**Water Bills.** The semiannual water bills will be sent out by June 15 and are due by July 15. Penalties accrue with late payments at 5% for the first month and 1% for

## Watch Out for Scams

Scams to take your money are operating all the time and Croton residents are not immune to the problem. Croton Police want you to call them if you encounter one or even if you just think you encounter one. It is not an inconvenience and your information can be useful in alerting other Police Depts. and also in monitoring or catching the perpetrators.

Generally, most scams start with a phone call or an email. Many try to convince you that one of your family members is in trouble outside the country and needs money or that they have lost their identification and can't get home without money. They ask you to wire money to a location outside the US. Always check with a family member or a friend to see if this information is true before sending money.

Another common scam is someone coming to your door and introducing themselves as a prospective new neighbor (usually when there are For Sale signs in the neighborhood.) While the person engages you in conversation about the neighborhood and community, they are actually distracting you from a

second person entering your house from a back door and stealing jewelry or cash.

There are many forms and types of scams but they all want you to provide money. If you have any questions, the Croton police are happy to check on the legitimacy of the request before you send money. Call 271-5177 to report suspected scams.

## Seniors in Summer

Croton Seniors continue their weekly meetings on Fridays during the summer at the Pavilion in Senasqua Park. The outdoor meetings start at 11 am from May 27 through September 9, weather permitting. On bad weather days, the meetings will be in the Community Room at the Municipal Building.



Trips planned for the summer include the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on Thurs., July 7 and the Hudson Valley Renegades Baseball day game on Mon., July 18. For more information on these and to sign up, call Liz Thomas, Director of Senior Recreation at 271-5804.

## Got a Question?



**I am a newcomer to the Village and would like to know how it has changed over the years. Where can I get more information on its history?**

Croton's History museum on the first floor of the Municipal Building is a great place to start. The Historical Society, located there, has books for sale on Croton's history. Also another local group, Friends of History, also presents regular programs at the Croton Free Library. To pique your interest, here is an aerial map from 1925. There is no Route 9.



1. Shops on both sides of N. Riverside Ave.; 2. Upper Village; 3. Route 129 not in evidence; 4. Duck Pond; 5. Railroad turnaround (now HMB bridge).