



**July Calendar**

- 4 Independence Day**
- 11** Village Board Mtg.
- 12 & 26** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 6** Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 12 Rec. Advisory Comm.**
- 13** Zoning Bd. of Appeals
- 20** Visual Environ. Bd.
- 27** Trails Committee

**August Calendar**

- 3** Cons. Advisory Comm.
- 8** Village Board Mtg.
- 9 & 23** Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 17** Visual Environ. Board
- 31** Trails Committee

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**How Croton Has Grown**

The 2010 Census provides us with some interesting growth numbers on the Village of Croton. In the years since 1940, the population of Croton has ebbed and risen. Looking at the numbers in the ten-year intervals dictated by the US Census, the Village population has slightly more than doubled over 60 years from 3843 in 1940 to 8070 in 2010. However, population growth has not occurred in every decade.

The biggest increase was actually in the decade between 1930 to 1940, with a 57% increase. The following decade saw a 26% increase to 4837 followed by the last very large increase between 1950 to 1960 of 41% to 6812.

Although the Village's population increased by another 10% to 7523 in 1970, the following decade ending in 1980 was marked by an 8% decrease - back down to 6889. It is interesting to note that during this same decade, the Village's 1977 Master Plan projected a population of 15,000 by the year 2000!

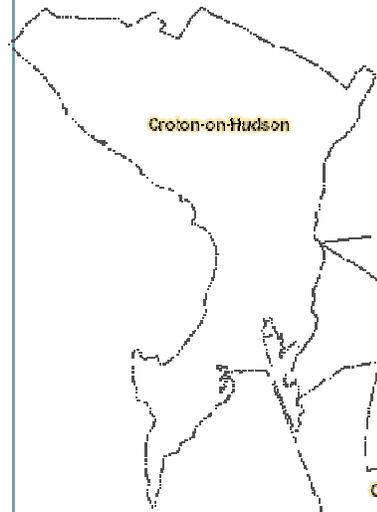
Between 1980 and 1990, the population slowly increased again by 2% to 7018. Eight per cent growth in the next decade brought it to 7606 with the 2010 census showing an additional 6% increase to 8020.

During the same period, the Town of Cortlandt, outside the villages of Buchanan and Croton, grew from 5573 in 1940 to its current 31,292. The biggest growth spurt came in the 1950's with a 134% increase to 17,505 for the decade, followed by a 41% increase in the next decade to 24,760.

A comparison with other similarly-sized villages in the County shows varying patterns. Briarcliff Manor, currently at 7867, had a small population in 1940 (1830). Like Croton, it also grew at a rapid rate in the following three decades including a

105% increase between 1950 and 1960 ending with a population of 6521 by 1970. The growth over the next forty years was more modest.

Hastings-on-Hudson (7849 in 2010) had a population of 7047 in 1940.



While it also experienced substantial growth in the 50's and 60's, reaching a pinnacle of 9479, it has since steadily declined to

close to its population in 1940. During this same period of 1940 to 2010, Westchester County grew from 573,558 to 949,113.

As an overall percentage of population increase over the period from 1940 to 2010 - seventy years, Croton increased 52.4% while Briarcliff Manor increased 76.74%. Hastings-on-Hudson, on the other hand, experienced only 10.22% growth at the end of the same period.

Westchester County, as a whole, experienced a 39.56% increase over the same years. One of the largest rates of growth in the County was the Town of Cortlandt at 82.19%.

The Westchester County Planning Dept. works closely with the US Census Bureau and is the source of the information used here. More information is available at (<http://planning.westchestergov.com/census-and-statistics>). The County will be adding more information and analysis as more of the 2010 census data is released by the Census Bureau during this year.



## SUMMER MOVIE, CONCERT & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

### MOVIES

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

**July 6 YOGI BEAR**

Everyone's favorite pic-a-nic basket bear, Yogi, and sidekick, Boo Boo, team up with Ranger Smith to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing.

**July 13 SHREK FOREVER AFTER**

Shrek must undo Rumpelstiltskin's mischief in the hopes of saving his friends, restoring his world and reclaiming his family.

**July 20 MEGAMIND**

Megamind creates a new foe, Titen, who, instead of using his power for good, sets out to destroy the world, positioning Megamind to save the day for the first time in his life.

**July 27 NANNY McPHEE RETURNS**

Relying on everything from a flying motorcycle and a statue that comes to life, to a tree-climbing piglet and a baby elephant who turns up in the oddest places, Nanny McPhee uses her magic to teach new lessons.

**Aug. 3 TRON LEGACY**

A remake of this classic, a father and son embark on a trip across a visually stunning digital universe.

### CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays in Senasqua Park. The rain date is Saturday night, unless otherwise indicated.

**July 1 NEW YORK UPROAR 7 PM**

New York Uproar play and perform rock, R & B and soul classics with a unique style and flair. A must see!

**July 15 SUNDOWN BAND 7 PM**

Sundown performs unique renditions of Southern Rock classics.

**July 22 BLUE WATER 7 PM**

Blue Water plays acoustic and electric rock & roll with a harmony twist.

**July 29 AUTO PILOT 7 PM**

Auto Pilot's experience playing Blues and classic rock has produced a new and dynamic sound of this music genre!

**Aug. 5 \*BARGAIN - THE WHO TRIBUTE\* 8 PM**

This tribute band is as close as it gets to seeing The Who in concert - right here in Croton!

**Aug. 12 DIRTY STAY OUT 7PM**

Enjoy the many musical styles of Dirty Stay Out. This rock and dance band will leave you wanting more!

### FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

\*\*\* All performances will be at Senasqua Park at 7PM except the July 28 event which will be at 10AM in Vassallo Park.

**July 7 THE NED GELFARS SHOW** Audiences of all ages will be treated to astounding displays of juggling, tricks, audience participation and much more.

**July 14 DRUMMING ABOUT YOU** Get hands-on with a beautiful array of drums and percussion trinkets as Bob Bloom launches the most inviting songs!

**July 21 THE GREAT AMERICAN VAUDEVILLE** This show includes live music, comic juggling, classic slap stick, and much more. It is sure to entertain you!

**July 28 THE JOE BARNEY SHOW (Vassallo Park)** Enjoy the comic magic of Joe Barney! His show is full of audience participation and his side-splitting antics are sure to keep you laughing.

**Aug. 11 THE MAGIC TRUNK** World renowned ventriloquist Sylvia Fletcher will dazzle you with her amazing talent, charismatic singing and unforgettable characters!



**Reminder!**  
**Village Offices will be closed**  
**Monday, July 4th for Independence Day!**



## **Croton Board Agendas**

NovusAGENDA, a software package offered in conjunction with General Code, has been implemented recently for the preparation of Village Board agendas. The software addresses two key goals of the board: making the Village Board's business agendas more transparent to residents and reducing the staff costs in time and effort to create the agendas.

What might seem to be a relatively simple task, creating an agenda, is actually quite time-consuming especially when it involves making the details available online.

Over the past three years, the Board has improved its agenda process in stages. Gone are the paper-based agendas where each member would receive a large package of printed materials which were assembled, copied and delivered by employees. In moving toward the current NovusAGENDA program, the Board started receiving its agenda via email with attachments for all the items. The overall agenda was also made available for residents on the Village website but backup documentation was not available for general viewing. Under the new system, the staff posts all agenda items and their backup information on the NovusAGENDA website. The link for this site is found under Minutes & Agendas from the Village's Home page. Once there, residents can now view all the backup for the agenda items. There is also a new

## **Water Quality - 2010 Report**

The Village's Annual Water Quality Report is now available at the Village website and has been mailed to all residents. It reports on water testing performed in 2010 for the Village's water wells and distribution system. The report contains extensive details on the results for over 17 substances that were detected out of over 140 substances that were sampled.



The main water source is the Village's well system located in the Croton River valley, downstream from the New Croton Dam. Water is pumped directly from the wellfield into the distribution system, which consists of a network of water mains, 4 storage tanks (reservoirs), control valves, booster pump stations, hydrants, and other water-related infrastructure. The water system supplies approximately 7,700 people, primarily residences but also businesses and industries, through approximately 2,500 service connections. Total storage capacity is 2.3 million gallons. During 2010, the total amount of water withdrawn from the aquifer was approximately 371 million gallons with an average daily volume of about 1 million gallons.

## **Concert Night Vendors**

At the Friday night concerts at Senasqua Park, three vendors applied for permits to sell their food items. La Monica Salumeria, Blue Pig and Baked By Susan will all offer selected items from 5 pm to 10 pm during the Friday concerts. The permits, which were approved by the Village Board, cost \$350 each for the full season of concert nights. Additionally, the Blue Pig will sell its ice cream items at Croton Landing two days each week during the summer. The days will vary at the discretion of the owner as long as the Village is notified in advance.



## **Summer Basketball Camps**

Three Co-Rec Basketball Camp sessions for youth in grades 3 to 8 will be held in July from July 5-8, July 18-22 and July 25-29 directed by Bill Thom, CHHS Boys Varsity Coach. The camp day is from 9 am to 2:30 pm. These are instructional/game programs to teach and enhance skills. Campers will be divided by grade and skill level for competition. The camp focuses on the development of each child's fundamental basketball skills. Each week has skill contests and awards. Everyone takes home a t-shirt and basketball. Prices range from \$140/\$175 to \$168/\$210 depending the week selected and resident or non-resident status.

"Girls Only" Basketball Camp will be offered Aug. 1 - Aug. 5 directed by Ben Martucci, CHHS Girls Varsity Coach. Girls in grades 3 to 8 will learn from the current CH Girl's Varsity coach and current team members. Individual skill development will be incorporated with game play, contests, and individual and team competition. Everyone receives a t-shirt. The price is \$75/\$90 (res/nonres). Camp is from 9 am to 12 noon.



Both basketball camps will be held at the CHHS Gym.



## **Water Bill Reminder!**

The Village's semi-annual water bills, mailed to customers on June 15, are payable no later than July 15. Penalties accrue with late payments at 5% for the first month and 1% for each additional month. For more information or questions, please call 271-4781.

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### **US Sports Institute Camps**

The US Sports Institute provides summer day camps in communities across the US. In Croton, this summer, the Institute will be offering one week camps for Beginners Golf, Sports Squirts and Multi-Sports. Flyers describing the specific activities of each camp and registration forms are available in the Village Recreation Office or at [www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com). Checks should be made payable to "US Sports Institute".

Beginners Golf will be held from Aug 1 - Aug. 5 at Manes Field. Classes are designed for 3 age groups: 4-5 years, 5-7 years, 8-11 years and range from 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours.

Sports Squirts will be held at Manes Field from Aug. 8 - Aug 12. Ages 3-4 have one hour lessons and ages 4-5 have 1 1/2 hour lessons.

Multi Sports camp will be held at the Duck Pond Park from Aug. 22 - Aug. 26 for age groups 5-13 years and 6-13 years. The camp lessons are either 3 or 3 1/2 hours.



### **Duck Pond Update**

Early July is the projected timeframe for the installation of a new aeration system in the Duck Pond. A study of the pond last year, performed under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Duck Pond Gorge Neighbors committee, found that the pond suffered from high phosphorous levels and poor circulation of water. The surface



**Duck Pond Before Aeration System Installed**

"fountain" aerators used in the past could not circulate cool water from the bottom to the top and were subject to mechanical failure.

The new "Clean Flo" aeration system will send compressed air to multiple diffuser locations in the bottom of the pond, thereby circulating the cooler water to the top and infusing it with oxygen. The system is being leased from Aquatic Restorations LLC who will install and maintain it.

## Got a Question?



**I know that dogs are allowed in Croton Landing Park but what are the rules about walking dogs in other Village Parks and the streets?**



Dogs are allowed in Croton Landing Park when it is open but only on a maximum 6 foot leash and only on the paved Riverwalk Trail within the park. Elsewhere in the Village, dogs are not permitted in any parks or play areas.

With a permit from the Village, dogs may run unleashed at the Dog Park in Black Rock Park. Leashed dogs may also be walked on Village Streets.

Village law requires that dog feces be removed by the owner from any place where a dog is permitted to be walked or run. Such feces must be picked up and removed in an air tight bag and disposed of in a refuse container. It is the owner's responsibility to bring a bag with them while walking their dog at ALL locations in the Village.

### **New Coalition Coordinator**

The Croton Community Coalition Against Alcohol and Drug Use has hired a new coordinator to guide its activities. The Coalition's first Coordinator, Ginny Loughlin, decided to leave the job in May. Wayne Francis has been selected to replace Ms. Loughlin in the part-time position.

The Coordinator position helps the coalition volunteers to coordinate community-wide activities to strengthen efforts to prevent and reduce youth alcohol and drug use. The funding for the coalition is from a \$125,000 federal grant, renewable for 5 years and matched with local in-kind contributions of time and materials. The Croton Coalition is currently going into its third year. The Village of Croton is the administrator of the program's funding.

Mr. Francis has been the lead coordinator for a substance abuse prevention program in the City of White Plains. As Croton's Coalition Coordinator, Mr. Francis will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the program goals, objectives and activities, coordinate training for Coalition members, collaborate with community stakeholders, and raise awareness about drug-free initiatives.

