



Newsletter

September Calendar

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- 10** Zoning Bd. Of Appeals
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Toughman Event Returns

The 7th annual Toughman Half Triathlon competition is returning to Croton Point Park on the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7.



The adult Half Triathlon events on Sunday includes a 1.2 mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. All events on both days begin and end at the headquarters in Croton Point Park. The adult bike ride and running events take participants out of the park and into areas of Croton and neighboring communities.

Traffic Impacts. Travel to/from the Village, and within the Village, will be affected during the Sunday event. Residents are asked to adjust their travel times accordingly.

For the 3rd year in a row, the NYSDOT has granted permission for the closing of southbound lanes on Route 9 for all vehicular traffic to accommodate the 56-mile bicycle portion of the event. From 5:30 am to 1 pm the southbound closure will extend from Annsville Circle in Peekskill to North State Rd., in Briarcliff Manor. All southbound traffic entrance lanes in this area will be closed along this route and traffic will be diverted. People traveling from the north into Croton on Route 9A will encounter a "hard detour" onto Furnace Dock Road leading them east to the Taconic. Those wishing to continue into the Village can make a right turn from Furnace Dock Rd. onto Scenic Drive to reconnect with Albany Post Road into the Village. People in the Village wishing to go to Ossining or points south of the Village will need to use the Taconic Parkway or Quaker Bridge Road.

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Committee to be Formed on 1300 Albany Post Road

The Village Board has issued a Request for Qualifications for volunteers to serve on an Ad hoc Committee on 1300 Albany Post Road uses.

In July 2014, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson was notified that it is the beneficiary of property at 1300 Albany Post Road, formerly the residence of the late Mrs. Laurel Gouveia. The property is approximately 15 acres of both woods and open lawn area with a small pond. A glass windowed house of approximately 2000 square feet of living space is also included.

The Board is assembling an Ad Hoc committee to provide a report with information on appropriate potential uses for the property, which may include both revenue and non-revenue producing uses. It is anticipated the Committee would meet for a period of four to six months to prepare and deliver its findings to the Village.

To that end, the Board is requesting that interested persons may submit a letter to the Village including name, contact information and relevant experience or expertise in assessing the potential uses of the property.

Relevant areas might include, but are not limited to, the following: small event planning, corporate event planning, outdoor entertainment (art and music), outdoor education, recreation programming, senior activities, property management, landscape maintenance and related topics.

More information may be found at the Village website. On the Home Page look at News and Notices in the center.

Information should be submitted no later than September 15, 2014 to: Janine King, Assistant Village Manager, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 or to jking@crotononhudson-ny.gov.

BCC 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

A dedication ceremony of the completed Buchanan, Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson 9/11 Remembrance Memorial at Croton Landing will be held on Thursday, September 11th.



The Memorial, *Reaching Through the Shadow*, was completed in June with the installation of a bronze figure of a woman.

On September 11th, (rain or shine), people are asked to assemble at 4:30 pm at the Croton Landing parking lot. Led by a piper and a color guard, a procession will proceed to the memorial site for a 5 pm ceremony. A shuttle van will be available for those who need assistance.

The BCC Task Force, a volunteer committee created in 2010, oversaw the creation of the Memorial from inception to construction. The group was made up of many people from many professions. In addition, there was a liaison group of 9/11 family members who were also part of the Task Force.

With salvaged steel from the North Tower of the World Trade Center, the Memorial is a sundial. The design was by Architect James Rhodes and the sculpture by Lauren Davis, both Croton residents. Bronze medallions set in stone record the actual times when the key events of that day occurred.

Save on Energy Costs with Energize Croton

Is your home ready for another winter season? Are the high costs of heating and electricity a burdensome drain on your finances?



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Consider contacting Energize Croton, a non-profit and Village-supported program that helps Croton residents receive free or reduced-cost home energy assessments by specially certified contractors.

Energize Croton directs homeowners through every step of the assessment process and places them on the path towards more efficient, comfortable homes.

Call the Energize Croton office at 914-302-7300 or visit Croton.Energizeny.org for more information or to sign up.

Fall Arts Festival

Croton Council on the Arts (CCoA) will hold a Fall Arts Festival on Sun., Sept. 14 (rain date Sept. 21) at Senasqua Park from noon to 5 pm.

This event is a free event for all Westchester artists to show and sell their work to friends and neighbors in Westchester. It is also free to people wishing to view the art. Residents and non-residents are invited to exhibit their art at the festival.



Many art forms are welcome including paintings, sketches, photographs, sculptures, crafts and mixed media. Artists are responsible for bringing whatever is needed to display and protect their work. Art work can be displayed on easels, tables and hung with S-hooks on the chain link fences surrounding the park. Setup is from 10 am to noon.

Email fallarts@jimchristensenphotography.com for more information or to sign up to exhibit or call 914-623-8114.

Enjoy the opportunity to view a range of local art work as well as the opportunity to purchase pieces directly from the artists. Music will be provided by the Jason Casterlin Band.

Old Post Road North Drainage

The completion of a drainage basin on Old Post Rd. North is one of the last steps in improving the High Street Drainage basin.



The High Street basin was one of thirteen such basins identified in a Village-wide drainage study performed by Dvirka & Bartilucci Consulting Engineers (D&B) in 2003. Since then work has

been undertaken on many of the basins including the four given the highest priority - Brook St., High St., Grand St. and Batten Road basins.

The basin pictured above received a \$200,000 Water Quality Improvement grant from NYS. A new detention pond on the uphill side of Old Post Rd. North near Mt. Green Road was created. As a by-product of the project, a sidewalk extension was added to Old Post Rd. North from Mt. Green Road to Prospect Street.

Reminder!

Village Offices will be closed Monday, September 1

for observance of Labor Day !



Toughman Cont'd.

Normal traffic patterns on Route 9 will resume at 1 pm.

The 13.1 mile running portion of the Toughman event will occur mainly in the Village along Croton Point Ave., through Van Cortlandt Manor, along the streets bordering the Croton River and on Route 129 to the Croton Dam and returning on the same road. Route 129 will be closed from 9 am thru mid-afternoon except for one lane to allow residents along that section of the road to reach their homes. Other traffic will be diverted onto Batten Road to connect with Rte. 129 outside of the Village.

The ToughKids competition will take place on Sat., Sept. 6 (ages 4 to 14) while the Tough Teens event and the adult Toughman Half Triathlon are both scheduled for Sun., Sept. 7.

The Toughman event began here in 2007 and has since grown in size. Hundreds of athletes are expected along with large numbers of volunteers and spectators. A portion of every entry fee is donated to charities with multiple charities benefiting from the event. Residents are encouraged to come to the Park to observe the events and visit the many vendor tables with information, food and merchandise.

The event is being coordinated with the Westchester County Police, the Croton Police Dept., NYS Police and those of Briarcliff Manor and Peekskill.



New Croton Archeology Club!

Do you ever wonder what treasures you might uncover if you were an archeologist? What if you could work as an archeologist right here in Croton? In this program, students will explore how archeologists excavate and understand the past. Students will dig at Senasqua Park. Who knows what they will find!

The six-session club will meet at both the Municipal Building and Senasqua Park and will be led by Jennifer Argenta. The registration deadline is September 12. The fee is \$100/res. and \$120/non-res. There is also a \$15 material fee to be paid to the instructor.



River Day at the Yacht Club

The Croton Yacht Club will hold its 6th annual River Day event on Sat. Sept. 6 from 11 am to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to this free event which includes presentations, hands-on activities, viewing tanks, fossil making, fish printing and much more. Food and beverages will be available.



Water Project Update

Looking at the before and after pictures of the water pipes being relined in Phase I of the current water infrastructure improvement project, it is easy to see the positive effect of this process.



Corroded Water Line

With Phase I of the project expected to reach completion by early September on Piney Point and Franklin Aves. and Arlington Dr., and part of Cleveland Dr., the two water pipe pictures illustrate why there is a brown water problem and the why it should be improved with the newly lined pipes.

Phase 2 will begin in September with temporary water lines first being installed along the streets and then connected to individual residences as



shown in the picture to the left taken on Arlington Dr.

After Cement Lining Process



After the water lines have been relined and new water valves put in place, the pipes have to undergo a disinfectant process. Water flowing through them is then tested and results are sent to the County Board of Health which has to sign off on the water line being put into use. Once the Health Dept. signs off, individual household connections are reestablished. The temporary water lines are removed and will be moved to the Phase 2 locations for subsequent use. Phase 2 locations include Nordica Dr., Truesdale Dr., and Cedar Lane. The contractor for the relining work is Heitkamp Inc.

At the same time as this work is occurring, new water lines will be installed along Old Post Road South between Veterans Corners and Morningside Dr. This installation requires digging trenches along the entire stretch, replacing 4" lines with 8" lines to increase fire flow throughout the area, and subsequent repaving. Installing new water lines in this manner will also occur along Sunset Dr. from Old Post Road South to Lexington Dr. The contractor for the new water line installation is Bilotta Construction.

It is hoped that work on the Wolf Rd. and Cook Lane Phase will begin as soon as the NYS DOT issues a permit for directional drilling under North Riverside Ave. and directional drilling equipment can be scheduled. This work will open the now closed loop of water lines in that area to become connected with the larger system and improve the movement of water in that area.

Fall Recreation

The Recreation Department's brochure for Fall activities and programs will be available online as of September 2. Please check for it on the Village website.

One of the popular fall programs is **Flag Football**. For youths in grades 3 to 6, the program will consist of six sessions and begin on Saturday, September 20. This is a limited contact sport. Participants must wear a mouthpiece. The program will include basic instruction as well as organized games. Some Friday evening games will occur. Registration is required by Sept. 12. The fee is \$60/res. And \$75/non-res.



Why am I receiving the Newsletter in the mail?

Since June 2010, the Village Newsletter has been delivered electronically instead of through the mail. Residents received the Newsletter by signing up on the Village's User's List, by looking for it on the Village's website, or by picking up a copy at the Village Office or the Croton Library. The number receiving it electronically was about a third of the population who received it by mail.

In response to comments from residents who missed receiving it in their mail, as well as a desire to increase the information about the Village readily available to residents, during the 2014/2015 budget review, the Board decided to return to a mailed Newsletter.



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Marco Gennarelli Retires



Superintendent of the Dept of Public Works Marco Gennarelli retired at the end of July.

Mr. Gennarelli served seven years as Superintendent after coming to the Village in September 2007.

Mr. Gennarelli was previous Highway Superintendent for the Town of Mamaroneck for 7 years after being Superintendent of Public Works in the Village of Hastings for 10 years. He also served as President of the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators.

During his tenure with the Village, Marco administered the Public Works Department which includes sani-

tation and highway services and also the Water Dept. and Parks Dept.

Additionally he supervised many projects in the Village including, most recently, the bulkhead installation at the Yacht Club and the drainage improvement project on Old Post Road North.

A hearty thanks to Mr. Gennarelli for his work on behalf of Croton residents.

Dog Licenses

All dogs are required under NYS law to be licensed. Licenses may be obtained in the Village Office on weekdays. A current rabies certificate must be provided. Puppies should be licensed at the age of 4 months.