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## 2017/2018 Budget

The 2017/2018 Budget was adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 17. The increase in property taxes is set at 0.75% or an additional \$1.913/\$1,000 of assessed valuation. The total budget appropriation is \$19,026,760.46 with \$11,474,942.57 to be raised through property taxes, an increase of \$161,083.23 over the prior year. The budget is compliant with the NYS Tax Levy Cap. The approved budgets include the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Debt Service. A Capital Fund budget will be approved in the coming months.



## Elliott Way Improvements

Long-awaited improvements along Elliott Way are finally underway. A new pedestrian walkway between Senasqua Park and the Yacht Club, cantilevered over the river edge, will be created. Repaving and slight widening of the road will also be done. The work is expected to take 4 to 6 months. Designs for this stretch of Elliott Way were begun during the prior Democratic administration in response to receiving comments and requests from its many pedestrian users that, due to the popularity of Croton Landing Park, the road's narrowness was a safety issue. Implementation was slowed due to delays in getting permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and NYS DEC, both of which have permitting power over actions along the Hudson River. Once the permits were received, the initial bids came in much higher than expected. The initial bids included work to be done in Senasqua Park and also installation of a water main underneath the road segment. Subsequent revised bid documents removed the work in Senasqua Park (now to be performed in-house) and have the water main work done separately. The contract was awarded in late March to Con Tech Construction Technology of Yorktown Heights for \$1,589,777.50. Work by Con Tech will begin in May following the completion of the new water main by Heitkamp, the Village's water contractor. During most of the construction, the road will remain open; often on a one-way basis. Consider using the Pedestrian bridge over Route 9 from North Riverside as an alternative way to reach Croton Landing Park.

## Dates to Remember

### Village Board Meetings

5/1 & 5/15 - 8 pm

### Public Hearings

5/1 - Amending Alarm Law - 8 pm

### Work Sessions

5/10 & 5/22 - 7:30 pm

### May Events:

- 5/7 - Community Blood Drive 9 - 3, CHHS
- 5/14 - Mothers Day
- 5/27 - Kite Day at Croton Landing Park, 1 - 3 pm
- 5/29 - **Memorial Day.** Village offices closed
- 5/29 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Corners, 11 am

### Upcoming Events:

- 6/4 - Summerfest
- 6/10 - Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Parade

## **Did You Know?**

Kite Day is Sunday, May 27 at Croton Landing Park from 1-3 pm. Bring your own kite. Refreshments will be served at this free family event. Registration is required by May 25 in the Recreation Office.



## Senasqua Park Changes

In the coming months, Senasqua Park will have new playground equipment installed and also new fencing separating it from the boat launch and mooring area.

The \$27,685 cost of the new playground equipment, installed by Playground Medic of Hawthorne, NY, will be paid for from the Village's Recreation Trust Fund. Money in this fund comes from a recreation fee imposed on new subdivisions which do not provide a recreation component.



Wooden fencing to be replaced with 5' black chain link fencing.

Additionally, at the recommendation of the Recreation Dept, a 5-foot chain link fence will be installed to separate Senasqua Park from the boat and dock area. The fencing will help prevent small children from roaming into the boat area and also will provide better security for the boats.

Precision Built Fences of Peekskill will install the fence at \$10,795 which will come from the same Recreation Trust fund described above.

The fence will have two gates: to enter Senasqua for access to the park and the bathrooms and, also, a gate at the vehicular entrance. Both gates will have combination locks for which people with boat mooring permits will receive the combination.



## Summerfest is Coming!

The annual Summer kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 from 12:30 to 6 pm in the Upper Village.



A parade will begin at 1 pm at Five Corners and march to the Dummy Light in the Upper Village.

The streets will be lined by vendors, bands will be playing at two

locations, delicious food will be available, and games and kids' activities will abound. Many of our local community groups, including Croton Dems, will be manning tables along the street to provide information on their activities to make Croton a vibrant village. Most importantly, it is a great opportunity to join other residents in enjoying an annual tradition in the Village.

The Recreation Dept. office in the Municipal Building will also be open from 1:30 to 3:30 pm during the event to issue Village Photo IDs.

## Hydrilla Update

The Village's Water Control Commission (WCC) continues to process the NYSDEC application for a Wetlands and Watercourses special permit to treat Hydrilla in the Croton River. Hydrilla was first found in NYS in 2008 and an infestation of it exists in the New Croton Reservoir and the upper Croton River. Both of these areas are complex to treat because they involve drinking water sources.

The DEC proposal for the Croton River is being evaluated by the Village's consultant, Russel Urban-Meade of Chazen Company. A televised community meeting was held in mid-April to gather community comments and answer questions. It can be viewed from the Village's website.

The proposed treatment is to inject the herbicide, fluridone, into the Croton River over a two month period at a rate of 2-4 ppb (parts per billion). Testing protocols will be developed and implemented.

The NYSDEC is the Lead Agency for this action under SEQRA and the Village is an Involved Agency since the WCC must decide on a permit. The Village's Waterfront Advisory Committee must also make a determination as to whether this proposal is consistent with the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).

As the application moves forward, the NYSDEC has indicated they will hold a public meeting in the Village on the hydrilla treatment on May 24.



## Electric Vehicle Show

Croton's Sustainability Committee and Teatown Reservation are holding an EV (Electric Vehicle) Show on Sunday, May 21 from 2-3:30 pm at Teatown. The event is free.

If you are considering an EV in your future, this is the event to attend. It is not a sales show but rather a chance to talk with local EV owners of several brands and hear Seth Weintraub, editor of Electrck.com. Go to [info@sustain-croton.org](mailto:info@sustain-croton.org) for more information on this event.



The Board of Trustees' official statement on the Village's policy on immigration status is available from the home page of the Village website.

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