

accept the results? Will they let out their weapons? Will they attack the police they claim to love? Will they beat 'em with flagpoles, clubs and bear spray? Will they tase 'em with their own Tasers? Will they say it was just a normal day in town? Will they blame Antifa?

Will they denounce MAGA? Will they denounce the use of force?

Will they threaten me for writing this?

There was a time when these wouldn't have been legitimate questions. That time ended January 6th. Now, we have to live with the choices we make.

Sincerely,

**David Bluestein, Handyman,  
Croton-on-Hudson**

To the editor:

After two years of Croton's Summerfest being cancelled due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, the village is happy to announce that we will continue the tradition of a village-wide festival.

Rather than wait another 10 months to get together, we will celebrate and enjoy food, drink, local organizations, vendors and each other in the Upper Village in Vassallo Park and the Merwyn Oak parking lot with an autumn event on Saturday, October 2 from 12 - 6 p.m.

Our last Summerfest in 2019, our most successful, was the first entirely organized under village auspices. Bryan Healy, our new village manager, put it all together - vendors, kids entertainment and bands. He will be putting that experience to work in making this another success.

While Summerfest included street closing on Grand and Old Post Road South, Fall Fest will allow regular commerce and traffic in the area to continue.

The village is very excited to be holding this event in support of local businesses and organizations while at the same time minimizing impacts to area residents. There will be ample space for between 30 and 40 vendors in the park and parking lot, activities for kids and bands playing music for all.

Circle the date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Ann Gallelli, Trustee,  
Village of Croton-on-Hudson**

To the editor:

Good news has been coming our way here in Croton as a result of a revitalized partnership with our federal government. We have important goals in our village and progress on them is much more attainable when the White House and Congress appreciates our priorities and helps out in meeting them.

Here are two examples of that collaborative federal/local approach working well.

In late July, Croton officially received \$413,438.99 from American Rescue Plan (ARP). We'll receive an equal amount in one year for a combined ARP funding of \$826,877.98. These flexible resources allow Croton to make spending decisions to best respond to the economic and fiscal dislocations impacting our village budget in the last two years by the pandemic. We appreciate the Biden Administration proposing ARP, fighting for villages to be included as recipients of the funds, and allocating the dollars to us

To the editor:

Most of *The Gazette's* readers are probably familiar with Gottwald Circle in Croton-on-Hudson—but they may not know how to navigate it. The circle is where Whelan Avenue, Benedict Boulevard, Cleveland Drive and Truesdale Drive form an intersection.

This intersection is unlike most other intersections in the village because it is designed as a roundabout. There are other circles in the village and the region, like the larger circle near Peekskill at Annsville Creek, where Routes 6, 9 and 202 merge, and the famous urban example, Columbus Circle in Manhattan.

The village's recently adopted Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan calls for Gottwald Circle to be reconfigured to make it safer and less confusing. But in the meantime, here are some tips:

Gottwald is currently designed to require vehicles entering the interchange to yield the right-of-way to vehicles already in the circle. There are two yield signs and one stop sign at three of the four approaches to guide approaching drivers. Although there is no sign for the southbound Cleveland Drive traffic, those drivers also need to yield to traffic in the circle. Drivers should yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and bicyclists at the circle. The rules for traffic also apply to bicyclists.

Another difference between a circle and conventional intersection is that there is no left turn at a circle. That may seem counterintuitive if, for example, you are approaching the circle from southbound Cleveland and want to get to Truesdale (e.g., to head to Silver Lake). But what you need to do is enter the circle and take the third "exit" from the circle. You pass Benedict, the other end of Cleveland, and then exit onto Truesdale. When making an exit from the circle you should signal with your right turn indicator before you are leaving the circle.

Gottwald Circle can be a challenge for pedestrians because some of the curb-to-curb distances are long. Motorists need to be aware of this when approaching the circle. If you need to cross the street at Gottwald Circle, be sure that you look for on-coming traffic so that you can safely cross. You may also consider a less direct walking route in order to find a crossing that is more pedestrian friendly.

Sincerely,

**Marc Albrecht, Member,  
Croton-on-Hudson  
Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee**

## Night sky viewing at Rockefeller Preserve

Join members of the Rockland Astronomy Club on Thursday, August 19 for a chance to view the night sky through a telescope at Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Sleepy Hollow, and maybe even catch a glimpse of one of our planetary neighbors.

This is a rare opportunity to experience the preserve after dark and learn more about the stars and the solar system.

The event, limited to 20 people, will run from 9 to 11 p.m. Attendees will meet at the Visitor's Center courtyard, then take a short walk up the Overlook Trail to the viewing location. Attendees should bring a flashlight or headlamp, and dress according to weather conditions. In case of