

I am writing to express my opposition to renewing the street vendor policy in the upper village. I am not a resident or business owner in the upper village but I drive through there several times every day. The intersection of Old Post and Grand Street is very busy on weekends, and on a good day the existing parking in and adjacent to the intersection make it difficult for pedestrians crossing the intersection to be seen by motor vehicle operators. This situation is exacerbated when there are street vendors operating at or near the intersection. These vendors increase the number of pedestrians in and around the intersection and the activity of the vendors themselves peddling their wares is also very distracting to drivers. This activity makes it more difficult and stressful for motor vehicle operators to navigate the intersection safely. As a result traffic through the area also slows down significantly.

Similarly on weekends there are many pedestrians crossing Old Post Rd between Maple and Grand Streets to patronize the various businesses there, and cars popping in and out of parking spaces, the village lot, and the Asbury lot. It can be dangerous for pedestrians, and drivers need to be slow and cautious. Adding street vendors to this corridor will make it much less safe.

Street vendors operating in on-street parking spaces also reduce the number of spaces in the upper village for patrons of upper village businesses, like me. This makes parking more difficult and inconvenient. Sometimes I can't find a spot or I have to park farther away. This inconvenience can be the difference between my patronizing an upper village business, or not.

In general the conditions generated by street vendors make me want to avoid the upper village, and make me less likely to patronize the brick and mortar businesses in the upper village. I love our small businesses in the upper village and want to support them. Street vendors make it more difficult for me to do so. It would be better to set up these street vendors in Vassalo Park, or in any of the upper village parking lots, or in the privately owned driveways or parking areas. But putting them on the sidewalk or in on-street parking spaces in the upper village is a nuisance and negatively impacts public safety.

Sincerely,

Edward Rosensteel

6 Joseph Wallace Drive

Croton on Hudson

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this regarding the increased number of permits on Sundays.

As a small business owner since 2008, I am for any program that will support small businesses being seen, heard, or highlighted to generate revenue. I am in a unique field that promotes and represents small businesses and non-for-profits while simultaneously sharing information with the community. The one conversation that has been consistent through my many years of working with small business owners, is this need for increased exposure and support through foot traffic and events from their communities. They need help to survive and unfortunately so many do not. This is a familiar mantra from all the small business owners in all the townships I work with. This is not unique to ours. I support anything that will help generate income while keeping with the integrity of living in a small town. From what I have seen, the new proposal for Sunday is something that encourages this. I understand this allows businesses that are located outside the upper village to also participate, along with artists and non for profits, all while giving back to the Croton Caring committee. The possibilities are limitless. This sounds like a win for our community. Like so many others I am a current resident, who was raised here, left, only to return to raise their own family. My decades as a resident have given me the opportunity to experience business growth and loss through changing times, (I think I am still grieving the loss of Elliots and the bowling alley). We are at another one of those crossroads due to the pandemic, where some small business owners might not make it. In times like these, it is more important than ever to try everything we can do to send the message to our business owners and residents that we will try anything we can to help.

I look forward to learning more and seeing this come to fruition. Nobody has a crystal ball, and we don't know the outcome, but I think we owe it to this village to try. Doing nothing should not be an option because we need each other and when our businesses do well, we all do well, and right now they need all the support they can get.

Thank you for your time.

All the best,

Laurie Weisz

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Croton Board of Trustees
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RE: Grub on Grand – Request to Extend Program

Dear Croton Board of Trustees,

I write on behalf of Croton Caring in support of the CBC request to the Village to increase the Grub on Grand Sunday permits from two to eight to allow more businesses to participate, and attract more interest from Croton residents and families from surrounding communities.

As we know firsthand, the impacts of Covid-19 remain. Our businesses, many of which have continued to support Croton Caring's efforts to address food and financial insecurity, continue to face challenges. As the restrictions against gathering recede, allowing friends and neighbors to gather safely at events like Grub on Grand are integral to the well-being of our community—keeping it strong, active and economically vibrant. Allowing more businesses to gather for Grub on Grand will provide a venue to allow the community to give back to our local businesses.

Croton Caring has built and benefited from long standing partnerships with institutions and businesses throughout the Village. These efforts have enabled us to serve or neighbors in need. Unfortunately, many of our businesses are suffering and are in need of help. We believe expanded Grub on Grand events will allow the Croton community to come together and emerge from this pandemic healthier. We hope you will support his request.¹

Thank you,

Nancy Squire
Croton Caring President

Molly Lemeris
Croton Caring Board Member

¹ Croton Caring did not request, and takes no position regarding, the proposed component of this program that would result in a donation to Croton Caring. Croton Caring supports this request irrespective of whether that component is included in the program.

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From: **Catherine Arkin** <catherine@uppervillageblooms.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 6:05 PM

Subject: Upper Village Sundays

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

I would be happy to see more foot traffic in the Upper Village, particularly on Sunday mornings! It would be a great boost to the community, and I would consider adjusting my store hours to open earlier as well. Furthermore, I do support additional vending. It would be very good for foot traffic, business and making Croton a nicer place to live. Our village is built upon a strong sense of community, and this would be a wonderful infusion of much-needed energy.

Catherine Arkin, owner

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From: **Gregory Dalietos** <gregorydalietos@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 6:18 PM

Subject: Piato Greek Kitchen

To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Good Evening,

Just wanted to send a quick email in support of the Sunday vending on Grand St. I feel that this would benefit local businesses in many ways. It would bring more people to this wonderful town that I've been blessed to be part of for the last 2 and a half years. It has been a challenging time in my industry for many reasons. High costs, labor shortages, and folks just afraid to come out. Having another avenue to showcase our business along with other businesses would be greatly welcomed. It has been a troubling trend but hopefully we are on the back end of it. Something like this would energize people's spirits and also lift ours a bit if it successful. Hopefully it gets passed.

Best Regards,

Greg Dalietos

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From: **Angelo Lamberti** <angelolamberti22@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 7:02 PM
Subject: Vending On Sundays
To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

On behalf of 105 Twenty Bar and Grill, we are in support of additional vending on Sundays in the Upper Village in Croton. More foot traffic to the upper village of Croton will help local businesses. In the past we have done grub on grand, and it has served us well, along with the people of Croton. We are in full support.

Thank you,
Angelo Lamberti
105 Twenty Bar & Grill
Manager

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From: **Kristen Abbatiello** <kristenadreyer@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 8:15 PM
Subject: Upper Village Vending
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Greetings,
I am the founder and owner of Cloth and Curate, a stylist/retail business here in Croton on a Hudson. My business and I are in support of the additional vending that will potentially transpire in the Upper Village. Small businesses need support and exposure, the community needs camaraderie. This would be a great value to town of Croton on Hudson.

Best,
Kristen Abbatiello
Cloth and Curate
Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Fratellis Croton** <fratelliscroton@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 5:38 PM
Subject:
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

As the owners of Fratellis Trattoria in Croton's Upper Village, we are in full support of additional street vending (eight permits). It will be a boost for our business as well as everyone else's. We all need the support.

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From: **Laurie Weisz** <laurie@suburbanguides.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 10:48 AM

Subject: Sundays in the village

To: Crotonbusiness@gmail.com <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

I've also attached my letter as a pdf above. If this is too much information the last sentence summarizes it all.

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All the best,

Laurie Weisz

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From: **susan o'keefe** <bakedbysusan@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 2:36 PM
Subject: Upper Village on Sunday
To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

We are writing in support of the Sunday "Grub on Grand" vending in the Upper Village of Croton. The pandemic has been catastrophic for all of the local businesses and any opportunity to increase sales would be so helpful to all of the establishments in the Upper Village. We would like the opportunity to participate in a few Sundays per year as well since we are no longer in the Upper Village. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!
Susan and Chris O'Keefe

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From: **Ellen Brecher** <crotonrunningcompany@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 11:19 AM
Subject: Sunday Funday
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

I was excited to hear the CBC is proposing some more fun on Sundays during the warmer months.
I'd love the foot traffic this weekly event would potentially bring.

Ellen Brecher, Owner
Croton Running Company

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From: **Enrique Estrada** <enrique@lcatrinaw.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 8:32 AM
Subject: Outdoor vending
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

My name is Enrique Estrada and I'm the chef/owner of La Catrina of Westchester located in 171 Grand Street Croton on Hudson 10520

The purpose of this email to show my support for the outdoor vending to bring more people to the Upper Village in this town

Please let me know if you need anything else from me

Regards

Chef/Owner

La Catarina of Westchester

Enrique Estrada

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From: **Rachel Kaplan** <boardsbyrachelny@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 5:05 PM
Subject: Letter of Support from boards by rachel
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

To the Board of Trustees,

My name is Rachel Kaplan. As a Croton resident and owner of boardsbyrachel, I am writing to express my support for the proposed "Sunday Funday in Croton."

There are many reasons why I love living here, and the 'small town feel' Croton has is right at the top of that list. Croton residents and Croton-based businesses have been instrumental in the success of boardsbyrachel.

Granting additional permits so more local vendors can sell their goods in the Upper Village on Sundays is a win-win. The additional foot traffic in town would:

- bring more shoppers into the unique brick-and-mortar shops that make Croton a special place;
- allow businesses like mine to have another outlet to sell our products locally; and
- increase the aggregate dollars that are spent in town relative to other towns in the surrounding area.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Rachel Kaplan

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From: **Tessa Tokke** <info@crotoncorners.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 10:29 PM

Subject: Re: Support for Sunday vending

To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Hello,

My name is Tessa, one of the owners at Croton Corners. I want to put on record my support of having Sunday vendors in the Upper Village, in order to create more foot traffic that would hopefully benefit the local businesses.

Thank you,

Tessa Tokke

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From: **Alana Jessie** <ajessie@dgainsurance.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 8:33 AM

Subject: In Support of Sunday Funday in Croton

To: crotonbusiness@gmail.com <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Dear Village of Croton:

As a business owner for going on 19 years in the village, I am writing in support of the proposed Sunday Funday in Croton. "Sunday Funday" will support existing business, encourage new business, and helps keep jobs in the village. I am confident that Sunday Funday as a community addition would encourage patrons outside of the village and offer a needed boost our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alana M. Jessie

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From: **Nancy Kennedy** <nkennedy4@me.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 9:29 AM

Subject: I support vendor permits

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Nancy Kennedy

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From: **Mayra Viznay** <mayra_viznay@icloud.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 10:11 AM

Subject: Support Croton

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Hi my name is Mayra Caguano

I support all vending on Sunday in the upper village this will make our community stronger and helps keeps The door open for our Small Business

Thank you!!

The Tapsmith <crotontapsmith@gmail.com>
to Crotonbusiness ▾

Fri, Feb 11, 12:15 PM (4 days ago) ☆ ↩ ⋮

Dear Board of Trustees, Mayor and Village Manager,

We are in support of an increased number of permits & expanded timing for Sundays in the Upper Village.

Over the past 2 years we've seen how "Grub on Grand," along with our friends at 105 Twenty, has positively impacted the village. Increased foot traffic, sense of community and overall vibrance is palpable. It's also helped us survive the pandemic.

We see people from all over the village, we see people after church, we see interested home buyers and visitors to the area. We see smiling children, happy parents and new neighbors.

People regularly ask if we could somehow expand what is happening to include clothing, farm stands and other retail or restaurants. When we divulge the limited amount of permitting, the response is always a wish for "someone to address that" with the village. This goes for a list of other retailers too. They want to participate in something that is easy to do and something that will increase their bottom line and help backfill the losses incurred over the past 24 months.

We involve others in everything we do, this is about community. We hope for your positive, forward thinking support.

Best regards,
Tracy Shea
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From: **Nella's Nutri-Bar** <contact@nellasnutribar.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:49 PM
Subject: Sunday Funday
To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Hi Toni,

Below is my letter to the Board of Trustees supporting the Sunday Funday proposal.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Kristi

Dear Village of Croton Trustees,

My name is Kristi Godek and I am a 21 year resident of Croton as well as the owner of Nella's Nutri-Bar. We have some fantastic stores, restaurants, and bars in Croton that we need to support. I think the proposition from the CBC for Sunday Funday is a great way to support our small businesses in the upper village. It's also an opportunity to show off our community and all that we have to offer, potentially helping all of our businesses.

Best,
Kristi

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From: **Samantha Benjamin** <samantha@thedessertist.com>
Date: Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 9:20 AM
Subject: Vendor Sundays
To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Hello,

As a local business we would love to have the opportunity to share our product with the community in a fun, weekend experience. We have recently moved our business to a 100% wholesale operation, and a Sunday vending opportunity would be a fun way to re-engage with the community and share our products.

As a community I think we all miss the fun, outdoor opportunities we used to have available to us. Vendor Sundays would be such a great time for the community to not only enjoy the delicious local food in the area, but also be part of a community gathering that is safe and Covid friendly. Not to mention, a huge support and help to the local businesses trying to stay afloat during the times.

I hope that the council will consider making this possible for business and attendees for the upcoming spring.

Best,
Samantha
THE DESSERTIST
Owner

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From: **Renee Ivanoff** <rcipottery@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 10:48 AM
Subject: Upper Village Sundays
To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

I am writing in support of the efforts and plans to allow artists to have vending space in our village on Sundays. This is a wonderful idea to increase foot traffic in our village.

During 2020, I was lucky enough to have a shop in the upper village. So many people were so thrilled to be able to come out and support local artisans and makers. The shop was filled with all hand made items from female artists. The only thing that could have been a large benefit to the shop would have been more foot traffic.

I do believe that more foot traffic will benefit each and every business in our village, from retail to restaurants.

I am in support of this effort!

Best,
Renee Curci

rcipottery@gmail.com

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From: **Aaron von Freter** <vonfreter@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Re: Support for local businesses

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

This includes my support for increasing permits in Upper village.

Aaron

Mobile: (917) 717-4564

Insta: www.instagram.com/rockswell_

Email: vonfreter@yahoo.com

Web: www.rockswell.net

On Feb 12, 2022, at 10:09 AM, Aaron von Freter <vonfreter@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi,

With massive companies like Amazon and other online retailers taking away business from local companies I think it's important to voice my support for local Croton businesses.

Please help them to ensure our community thrives and bounces back after a tough couple years.

Best,
Aaron

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Web: www.rockswell.net

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From: **Adam Decker** <adam@hvbetakitchen.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 11:57 AM

Subject: Re: Sunday Funday Support Letter

To: <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Cc: Johnathan Zamora <johnathan@hvbetakitchen.com>, Suzanne Decker <suzanne@hvbetakitchen.com>

Hi Toni,

Here is our letter in support of Sunday Funday.

Adam

Adam Decker
Hudson Valley Beta Kitchen
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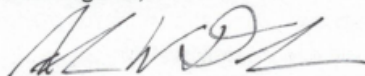
February 12, 2022

Dear Mayor Pugh and the Board of Trustees,

We are writing in support of the CBC's proposed "Sunday Funday" initiative to allow more permitted vending on Grand Street. As the CBC proposal stated, this is a critical time for the viability of local businesses. Reimagining the Dummy Light area of Grand Street as a pedestrian marketplace while safely keeping the street open for vehicles is a great way to bring in more visitor traffic and has the potential to make the Upper Village a destination for visitors from throughout Westchester. We hope the Village Board will agree to the CBC's Sunday Funday proposal and increase the number of permits.

As a Grand Street business, having a chance to take part in a marketplace like this would outweigh any problems caused by lost parking. We have several local Croton businesses working out of our kitchen that would love to participate in an outdoor market and think this could be a great opportunity for them to show their wares. We look forward to applying for a permit from the Village and working with the Village, the CBC and the Village Board long-term on a successful reimagining of the Upper Village as a commercial destination.

Best regards,



Adam Decker
Hudson Valley Beta Kitchen

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From: <tuttle1@optonline.net>

Date: Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 3:47 PM

Subject: Sunday Funday additional vendor permits

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Walk the streets of the village on a Sunday, what do you see? Closed businesses, no foot traffic, nothing happening, town is dead. Why do I find myself leaving my village to go to Peekskill, where Division Street is closed off to traffic; restaurants, bars and business with tables set out in the streets, live music playing, stores setting up on the sidewalk selling their goods to a bustling crowd of residents and visitors alike? Why can't Croton follow this model? Why can't our officials talk to the Peekskill BID and see how they do it, what works what doesn't? CBC is attempting to do just this, to breath life into the upper village on Sundays, by creating Sunday Funday. This event increases foot traffic of vistors and residents alike and most importantly gives our local business a little business a much needed boost. I am a life long resident, small business owner, former chef and restarant owner I know that this type of event and make or break your business. CBC continues to make an effort to quite frankly make our village a little more fun, what's wrong with that. CBC has stepped in and is making a real effort to help local businesses in village by organizing and picking up the "additional" costs the village occurs because of these events. Why is the village charging our businesses for events that benifit both the shop owners and the residents of Croton who are attempting to make our village a destination for visitors and potentially new homeowners? The least the village could do is issues the few additional permits that CBC has requested to increase participation in Sunday Funday. With a new administration it is my hope that the Village will see these efforts not as more work and expense but as real effort to breath some new life into our beautiful village. I urge mayor, trustees and village manager to support the CBC's efforts.

Regards,

Dave Tuttle

Life long Croton Resident and Small Business Owner

February 16, 2022

Attention Board of Trustees,

We at The Edge VR support the local proposal for an increase of permits for outdoor vendors from two (2) to eight (8). It is our hope that by doing so we can increase foot traffic in the village. We feel it is vital that local shops and small businesses are given this opportunity to support them as they come out of trying times from the pandemic. We believe this would be beneficial for all involved bringing fun and possibly charity for a local cause (Croton Caring) on a weekly basis. If this measure is passed, it will ensure that small businesses stay afloat and maintain the relationships those businesses have made with members of the community which shape our towns character and resolve through hard times.

In summary, THE EDGE VR located at 33 N Riverside Ave, Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520 whole heartedly supports the need for an increase in outdoor vending permits. We hope the village will see it as necessary as well.

Thank you.

Adam Anfiteatro

Adam Anfiteatro
CEO & Founder
The Edge VR

We appreciate the time the village has given to our letter and hope it will contact us whenever convenient to discuss our stance in more detail if needed.

Please reach us at any of the contact options below if you would like to discuss with us.



adam.anfit@theedgeunreal.com

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From: **Staci Hall** <staciphall@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:11 PM

Subject: Re: CBC Support

To: crotonbusiness@gmail.com <crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter to show my support for the Croton Business Council (CBC) and their efforts to increase vending permits on Sundays.

As a parent in the community, I am thrilled with what Croton's small businesses have been doing to bring life back to our Upper Village. When my family first moved here in 2011, my daughters were 6 months old and 3 years old. There was very little to do and very few places to go that were child or family friendly. Most people with young children are always looking for fun, outdoor activities where they can enjoy time together on the weekends as a family. We often took advantage of all the nature Croton had to offer and then went to other towns to enjoy their restaurants or venues. Now, as my children are 11 and 14 years old and we're navigating a pandemic, we are even more eager to find outdoor venues where we can relax and be together as a family. And, I now have many options where I can bring my family and friends from other towns rather than always meeting them elsewhere.

As another small business owner, I know how important community support is in order to make it in "normal" times. I think we can all agree that the last two plus years have been anything but normal. Throughout Covid, business owners have been dealing with the greatest of uncertainty, loss of clientele, having to learn how to navigate and enforce health and safety protocols that are ever-changing, losing employees and operating with minimal staff, and paying hyperinflation rates for basic supplies that are needed to run the business. If there is anything we can do as a community to support and elevate local businesses, we should be doing it.

I understand that with new ideas and changes comes a lot of planning and management to ensure that everything goes smoothly. There may be kinks to work through and we may have to learn as we grow, but I trust in our community and in the Croton Business Council.

Please consider increasing the vendor permits so that our restaurants and businesses can continue to thrive in these challenging times. And, while doing so, provide a much needed place for our community to gather, laugh, or cry and support each other through these challenging times. And, if it's successful, maybe we've hit upon something special to keep in place for years to come. Something that can benefit both small businesses and our small village.

Sincerely,
Staci Hall

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From: **Johil Ross** <johilross@themodernloom.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 11:21 AM

Subject: Vending spots for spring

To: <Crotonbusiness@gmail.com>

Hi,

I am writing to support the vending spots for the spring.

I think this idea is extremely beneficial to Croton in many ways. We are known as an artsy town and it would be great if we could get that vibe a little more tangible.

People are looking to connect and get out of the house. There are not that many activities to do downtown besides eat and drink. So I think it would be great for families that live here and visitors of croton to be able to come down town and walk around and see the local businesses and artists here in Croton.

I am an artist in Croton. I have a textile company so I would happy to join and also have something set up for kids to do, like a little craft.

I hope this idea goes through and we can make a fun downtown here in croton. So many other towns have a happening downtown and I now that people from here go else where to find some action. So why don't we give them a reason to stay in Croton!

Thanks!

Johil Ross

301-254-7340

To the Village Manager:

I have an antiques shop/art gallery at 111 Grand Street, across from the Catholic Church, and I am open for business on Sundays. Parking before noon on Sundays is extremely tight. Afternoons are almost the only time on weekends when some parking is available for my customers. Last season two vendors set up in the middle of town, sometimes blocking parking spaces the night before, and the increase in parked cars was noticeable all the way to my shop. Please don't allow more vendors or increased hours for them. A better solution would be to have vendors set up in Vassallo Park, where they are not taking up parking spaces.

Thank you,

Amy Cotton

111 Grand Street