

PRESS RELEASE

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September 2, 2014

Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, September 11th at 5 p.m.
For Tri-Municipal 9/11 Memorial at Croton Landing
(Dedication Ceremony Program agenda available upon request.)

The municipalities of the Town of Cortlandt and the Villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson, in conjunction with the Task Force for the Buchanan**Cortlandt**Croton-on-Hudson (BCC) 9/11 Remembrance Memorial, will hold a dedication ceremony at 5 p.m. on September 11, 2014 at Croton Landing in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

The Memorial -- *Reaching Through The Shadow* -- is now complete and will be formally transferred from the BCC 9/11 Task Force to the three municipalities. The planning, creating and building of the Memorial began in 2009. Through the hard work and perseverance of the local all-volunteer Task Force, this unique Memorial will stand for many future generations as a symbol of remembrance and hope.

Major components of the Memorial consist of a functioning sundial with nine, artistically-created bronze medallions serving as the hour markers (from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) which also depict the searing events of that day. The World Trade Center steel beam from the North Tower performs as the gnomon of the sundial, which is registered with the North American Sundial Society (NASS).

On July 10th, a bronze life-size statue of a woman was installed under the steel beam. The woman is reaching, but not quite touching, the steel beam. She is "*Reaching Through The Shadow*" (the title of the Memorial) and she symbolizes hope and strength. She is meant to represent all of us who have experienced loss, but continue to have hope for the future. A Remembrance Garden, which is a place for reflection and renewal, has been planted adjacent to the Memorial.

A bronze plaque mounted on a boulder at the site is inscribed as follows:

Dedicated to all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; to the first and second responders; to the members of the military who answered the call of duty; and to those listed below from our community:

William F. Abrahamson
FF George C. Cain
PO Stephen P. Driscoll
James A Oakley

Gregory E. Rodriguez
Thomas E. Sinton III
Randall L. Sprance
Joseph J. Zuccala

Participants will gather in the Croton Landing parking area at the north end of Elliott Way of the Croton RiverWalk at 4:30 p.m. for the ceremony at 5 pm. Led by a color guard from the community, they will walk in procession along the quarter-of-a-mile pathway north to the site on the Hudson River. A van from the Village of Croton will be in the parking area to transport those who need assistance.