

# The Village Green

*Newsletter of the Village of Pomona*

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*WINTER NEWSLETTER 2011*

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Village Residents,

I sincerely hope that you all had a very enjoyable holiday season, and I wish all of you a very happy, safe, healthy and prosperous new year. The winter so far seems to be punishing us, but for what I cannot fathom. Like most municipalities, our snow removal budget will be stretched if the winter continues to be so intense, but I must mention that our two towns' highway departments have done an exemplary job of snow removal during the storms that have occurred so far. Tony Sharon (Ramapo Highway Superintendent) and Frank Brooks (Haverstraw Highway Superintendent) and their staff are to be congratulated for their professionalism during the storms that have hit us so far this winter. Pomona is a challenge for these departments during the winter because the climate up "on the mountain" is so different from the lower lying sections south of Route 202. Sometimes it can be raining on Pomona Road and snowing on Overlook Road. Tony and Frank take these differences in their stride and keep our village roads safe for all residents.

Everything in the village seems to be relatively quiet and under control, although the two projects in the unincorporated sections of Ramapo that border us, the Patrick Farm development project and the Ball Park on Pomona Road, have met with large scale opposition from a majority of village residents. The village has voiced opposition to the planning process for the ball park, and we commend and fully support Preserve Ramapo's actions against the project. The village has fought the Patrick Farm down-zoning and over development in the courts and other forums for many years. Even though this property is not located within the village, its development as a large scale housing project will have a significant environmental impact on our residents, and we want to ensure that the planning process is conducted appropriately. The village will continue to seek the assistance of the courts to ensure our residents' rights to a mitigation of the impact on them from this project.

Regrettably, this will be my last message to you as mayor. With a heavy heart I have reluctantly decided that my name will not be on the ballot in the village election which will take place on March 15th. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your mayor these last four years, but my attention to the village has come at the expense of my attention to my business, at a time where the economy and general business climate has been very challenging. When I realized that I was enjoying opening, and responding to, my village email before looking at my business email accounts, I saw that I needed to pay closer attention to my company, and the employees whose families rely on our viability to put food on their table.

As I said, I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in village government these last fifteen years, first as a member of the planning board, later as trustee, deputy mayor and finally these last four years as your mayor. Looking back, most of the goals that I set as a mayoral candidate have been met. I will leave office with a village that is no longer divided, a village with greatly improved communication and openness, a village on a sound financial footing, made possible after some hard choices and constant belt tightening, a village with an excellent legal team to protect our zoning, and a village with services that have only been improved over the last four years.

None of this could have been accomplished without the backing, help and support of all the members of the village board, village staff and contractors, and most importantly the many volunteers that work largely behind the scenes, but are vital to running our little, but very important, village. I think the most gratifying part of being your mayor has been to enjoy the participation of residents who have volunteered over and over again for various projects. You know who you are, I know who you are, and I thank all of you for your work and dedication to our village.

*Nick Sanderson*

THE POMONA CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS...

Winter 2011 ~ Art Exhibition

::Attitude, Value, Individuality::

February 6 – March 20, 2011

The Pomona Cultural Center presents the Winter 2011 Art Exhibit to celebrate Black History Month and Valentine's Day. Exhibiting artists include: Andrew Mollica – Painting; Bob Cox – Stone Carving; and Randolph SanMillan – Wood Carving.

The Pomona Cultural Center is located in the historic stone Pig Knoll Schoolhouse at 584 Route 306, Pomona (just north of Pomona Rd.) The Center represents a diverse selection of fine artists and performers at its events. Renowned for its seasonal fine art exhibitions and multi-cultural events, the Center brings an eclectic experience to the local and surrounding communities. If you have never been there, join us this time—you'll be pleasantly surprised!

Opening Reception:
Saturday, February 12, 2011
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

The live performance will feature flamenco dance, music, and soul searing songs. These dazzling rhythms will take us into the heart of flamenco and enhance the love and spirit of Valentine's Day. Flamenco artists include Amilia Hernandez, dancer, Dominico Caro, singer, Ian Banks, guitarist.

Gallery Hours:
Friday - Sunday: 2:00P.M. - 6:00 P.M.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Village Elections Coming Up!

Village elections will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 12 noon to 9:00p.m. at Pomona Village Hall. Even though you have voted in the general election at the Firemen's Training Center in Pomona and Summit Park School for school board elections, you vote at Pomona Village Hall for village elections.

There are three positions whose terms expire in 2011: the Mayor and two trustee seats.

Are You Registered To Vote?

To Register to Vote in New York State You Must Be:

- \* 18 years or older
\* a United States citizen
\* a resident of Rockland County for 30 days by the date of the election

You must not:

- \* be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
\* have claimed the right to vote elsewhere.

How To Register:

There are three easy ways to register to vote:

1. By Mail:



Identification Requirements: If the application is being mailed to the Board of Elections, please note that new federal laws now require that all first time New York voters who register by mail must present valid identification (as defined on the registration form) prior to voting. Therefore, in order to avoid lines at the polling place on election day, please include a copy of this identification when mailing your application.

Call Board of Elections and they will send a registration form in the mail. You can also pick one up at village hall.

2. Online:



You can fill out the registration form at Rockland County Board of Elections and tab from space to space to complete it. Then print it out, sign it, and mail it to the address below:

Rockland County Board of Elections
11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956
845-638-5172







3. In Person:



You can register at the Board of Elections office at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



# February 2011

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |   | 1<br>Yoga class 7.00 pm<br>Tai Chi class 8.00pm<br>Village Hall   | 2<br>Recycling - paper   | 3<br>Bulk trash/Garbage<br>All Village   | 4<br>Yoga class 9.00am<br>Village Hall                                   | 5  |
| 6<br>Cultural Center 2-6 pm<br>Winter Exhibition | 7<br>Garbage<br>All Village   | 8<br>Yoga class 7.00 pm<br>Tai Chi class 8.00pm<br>Village Hall   | 9<br>Recycling - bottles/cans    | 10 <br>8.00 pm Village Hall<br>Planning Board<br>Regular Meeting<br>Bulk trash/Garbage<br>All Village | 11<br>Yoga class 9.00am<br>Village Hall<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm | 12<br>Coffee with the Mayor<br>Village Hall 10.00am<br>Cultural Center 6 pm<br>Winter Exhibition<br>OPENING<br>RECEPTION |
| 13   | 14 <br>7.30pm Village Hall<br>Village Board<br>Workshop Meeting<br>Garbage<br>All Village  | 15<br>Yoga class 7.00 pm<br>Tai Chi class 8.00pm<br>Village Hall  | 16<br>Recycling - paper    | 17<br>Bulk trash/Garbage<br>All Village  | 18<br>Yoga class 9.00am<br>Village Hall<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm | 19<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm  |
| 20<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm              | 21<br>Garbage<br>All Village  | 22<br>Yoga class 7.00 pm<br>Tai Chi class 8.00pm<br>Village Hall  | 23 <br>8.00pm Village Hall<br>ZBA<br>Scheduled meeting<br>Recycling - bottles/cans  | 24<br>Bulk trash/Garbage<br>All Village  | 25<br>Yoga class 9.00am<br>Village Hall<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm | 26<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm  |
| 27<br>Cultural Center<br>Open 2-6pm              | 28 <br>7.30pm Village Hall<br>Village Board<br>Regular Meeting<br>Garbage<br>All Village | <p><b>please visit <a href="http://pomonavillage.com">pomonavillage.com</a> for updated information on all Village events and programs</b></p> <p><b>sign up with your email to receive latest info from us</b></p> |   |  |  |  |

**A REMINDER FROM VILLAGE HALL:**

PLEASE have your garbage out by 6:00 a.m. on garbage day. We cannot send the garbage company back to your home if your garbage is not out on time. Thank you for your cooperation!

*From the Recreation Department:*

**Yoga**

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. | Village Hall

*or*

Fridays at 9:00 a.m. | Village Hall

Residents of the Village of Pomona can join free yoga classes at either one of the times above or both! Classes are one hour. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Other supplies are provided. You do not need prior experience to join.

**Tai Chi**

The Tai Chi class is currently closed. However, if you are interested in joining the next sessions, please email [Lesliesan@yahoo.com](mailto:Lesliesan@yahoo.com) and express your interest.

**Letter to the Editor:**

*On behalf of village residents, I would like to thank Mayor Nick Sanderson for the last four years of dedicated service to the village, where the majority of his term was served without accepting a salary, and also for the many years serving as a trustee.*

*We would also like to thank Mayor Sanderson and the trustees for putting together the bond for the much-needed paving of village roads and the completion of the first phase.*

- Rod Merkley

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