



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

December 2003

Village Board Appoints New Board Members

The October board meetings saw the Village Board continuing the process of finishing up capital and maintenance projects in the village. Drainage continues to be a problem, as it is in other municipalities, this year having been exacerbated by the large rainfall. Village Engineer, Joe Corless, reported that the drainage remediation project at Tamarack Park has been completed, and the enhanced culvert will solve a long time problem on Tamarack Lane. Several other drainage issues are still being evaluated by the building department.

Grant funding and status of various projects in the village was reviewed during the workshop and regular meetings. Projects for handicapped access to the parks, new signage for the parks and village hall, a new walkway and landscaping at village hall, and new computer equipment are all funded by grants, and are in various stages of completion. The village board continues to look for and apply for grants for capital projects whenever available from county, state and other sources.

In other business, the Mayor proposed the appointment of **Linda Simmons** to the village Zoning Board of Appeals. Her appointment was passed unanimously. Linda takes the place of Board Member Phyllis Simon who leaves after many years of dedicated service. The Board also appointed **Constantine Gletsos** to the Village Ethics Committee, taking the place of former Mayor, Joe Carbery, who has moved out of the Village. We thank Phyllis and Joe for their service.

Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

Cars, trucks, and buses present an interesting array of increasingly difficult challenges to the peace and wellbeing in our village. Too often camp buses disrupt the flow of traffic during the summer, illegally parked vehicles affect the snow removal process in winter, and self-interested construction related trucking adds a very real dimension of unnecessary sound pollution and danger to our roads throughout the year. Add a general lack of attention to local speed laws and stop signs, and we have a problem which effects every member of our community.

There are a number of measures, old and new, in place to help, but we must all work together to make things better. With the exception of Rte. 202, Pomona Rd., Call Hollow Rd., and Rte. 306, the speed limit on all local village and town roads is 30 mph, a fact largely ignored by the general population. Although I have been lobbying for more intense police monitoring to correct the situation, that is not the real answer. Only we can make things better in our community. If each of us actively works to slow down and stop at posted stop signs, we will force others to adopt a more responsible driver attitude on our roadways. We need to do something, and ask your help in making it happen. Also please remember that no parking is allowed on village roads November 15th to April 1st between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., and that any vehicle interfering with snow removal will be towed away and impounded by the police.

Now to trucks and buses. Our village code prohibits buses and other commercial vehicles exceeding 5,000 pounds from all village thoroughfares and public roads except for local deliveries. That means no camp buses on any non state or county road except for accommodating local residents. Although we have had limited cooperation in the past, we are prepared to move forward with a renewed level of enforcement to stop the abuse of our village for the expediency of local camp operations.

As far as trucks are concerned, not only does the same law also restrict their use of our roads for anything other than local deliveries, but on September 23rd of this year the Village Board passed a new local law requiring the following note on each site plan that is approved: "No trucks in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight shall be permitted to make deliveries to the site before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays nor at any time during weekends and holidays." Developers have the right to work, but this law now requires them to be good neighbors as well. Although we won't see the full effect of this new law until the spring, we feel that it is an important corrective measure which we now have in place.

Finally, during this grand time of holidays and families, I would like to wish each one of you a most enjoyable and pleasant holiday season.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2 style="text-align: center;">December 2003</h2>						
	1 Bulk trash/Garbage Ramapo	2 Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	3 Recycling - paper 	4 Bulk trash/Garbage Ramapo	5 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	6 Cultural Center Holiday Topiary Workshop 2pm - 4pm
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Cultural Center Agenda

The current exhibit
FABLES & DREAMS
 is an exhibition of Fine Art and Sculpture
 by Irene Christensen and Irene Young
 Please visit during December
 see a preview on the website www.pomonavillage.com

CURRENT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

Holiday Topiary Workshop
 Dec 6th and 7th - 2pm - 4pm

Winter Solstice Concert
 by "Short Notice"
 7pm - 9pm

The 3rd Annual Halloween Parade and Party

was held on Saturday, November 1st

The weather was warm, the costumes were scary, the parade included antique vehicles, horses, ghosts, gremlins (including the Mayor), and children of all ages.

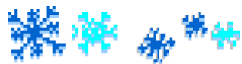
Organized by the Village Recreation Committee, Linda Simmons, Chair, everyone had a great time



Gde Arsa Arthe, carved BOMA out of a 500lb pumpkin



For many more images from this and other great events, please visit the village website at www.pomonavillage.com and follow the links on the opening page.



Winter is coming - we need to be prepared ...



- Keep abreast of winter weather conditions and developing storms. The National Weather Service issues various warnings and advisories. You can monitor these by listening to local radio (WRCR 1300) and TV (and also the village website).

Before the Season Begins

- Service your snow removal equipment, and get in supplies of rock salt to melt ice, and kitty litter for traction.
- Winterize your residence, including having your heating system and chimney checked.
- Maintain a surplus of heating fuel if you use oil or propane.
- Install and check smoke detectors in your home.
- Have adequate supplies of non-perishable food, batteries, and prescription medications for use in the event of a major storm or power failure. You should also have a battery powered radio, and a telephone that does not require external power to operate.
- Your car needs to be tuned up and properly equipped for winter conditions. A survival kit that includes a blanket, extra clothing, a small snow shovel, some tools, a flashlight, booster cables and distress flares, is strongly recommended.

If Trapped in a Car during a Storm

- Stay in the car - DO NOT leave the vehicle to search for assistance, unless assistance is visible within 100 feet.
- Avoid over-exertion - Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Shoveling snow or pushing a car can cause a heart attack.
- Display a trouble sign - hang a brightly colored cloth on the radio antenna, raise the hood and turn on flashing hazard lights. At night, use the dome light.
- Occasionally run the engine to keep warm - use the heater sparingly, and make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow.
- Do minor exercises to keep up blood circulation - clap hands, move arms and legs.
- If more than one person is in the car, take turns sleeping, and huddle together for warmth.

In general, make sure that you are dressed for winter weather. Wear loose fitting clothing in several layers. Wear a hat because half your body heat can be lost from the head. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from the extreme cold. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves. Try to stay dry.

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