



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

February 2002

New Appointments Occupy Village Board

As can be seen in the photo on page 3, the Village Board has accepted resignations from two long time village appointees. Village Building Inspector, Norm Becker, and Planning Board Chairman, Mel Cook retired to enjoy more time in their non-village pursuits. During the December 19th Village Board meeting, the Mayor proposed filling the vacancies caused by these resignations with Michael Zrelak Jr as Building Inspector, Planning Board member Alan Lamer as Chairman of the Planning Board, and Arnold Friedman as Planning Board member. All of these appointments were unanimously approved by the entire Board, and we wish all three the best of luck in their new positions.

With no scheduled public hearings to hold, the Board meetings in December and January have been quiet affairs with no members of the public taking part to make matters more interesting. After the new appointments were made, discussions included a review of ongoing development and building in the village, as well as mundane, but important issues such as road paving, damaged curbs and code enforcement items.

The board also reviewed the schedule for upcoming budget work, which will include department estimates and public review before the middle of April. The Village will, as we have done for many years, have its budget adopted on or before May 1st, according to state law.

Message from the Mayor ...

I am pleased to report that our County Legislature has sent a clear proactive message to Washington and the Nuclear Regulator Commission ... CLOSE INDIAN POINT. Resolutions introduced by Legislators Harriet Cornell and Ellen Jaffe highlighted the facility's vulnerability to terrorist attack, its improper location, and the nature of its aging infrastructure, and called for protective measures and the ultimate cessation of nuclear operations at Indian Point. While this action on the part of our county legislators only represents a beginning, it strongly supports similar resolutions passed by the Westchester County Legislature and our own Village Board, and echoes the official position of Assemblyman Alex Gromack, State Senator Tom Morahan, and the County Executive.

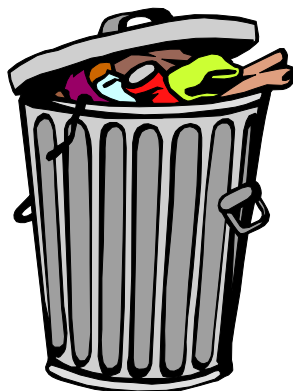
With possibility of a problem at Indian Point and the needs created by more common weather related emergencies such as hurricanes and blizzards, it is important to understand the Emergency Management System in place for our community. As mandated by NYS law, in the event of an emergency or disaster the Mayor and Board of Trustees are responsible for the protection of all persons and property within village boundaries, and are directed to coordinate with other governmental agencies to provide any action or services made necessary by the emergency. At the county level emergency management planning and services are handled by Commissioner Gordon Wren and his staff headquartered at the Pomona Fire Training Center. Complete County Emergency Preparedness details are clearly described in the county publication "Planning for Emergencies" which was mailed to each household during this past year. The information is important. Look it over. If your copy was somehow misplaced, replacement copies are available at Village Hall. You can also find Emergency Planning Information in the last few yellow pages in the Verizon Rockland County Phone Book, on the village website www.pomonavillage.com, or on the county website at www.co.rockland.ny.us. The County also operates radio station WRCR 1640AM, which broadcasts vital information throughout the county in times of emergency. Most radio stations in our area are also part of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

At the village level we maintain an Emergency Oversight Committee (EOC) made up of our elected officials and other active residents living in each section of the village who act as lookouts during times of emergency, reporting problems to a coordination center set up to maintain contact with the police, O&R, the county EMS, and other emergency management facilities. Our Pomona EOC was first tested during Hurricane Floyd, and subsequently during the Millennium Scare. You may not have been aware of its existence, but it was there, and the system worked. Our EOC remains in place and prepared to act when the need arises.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 2.00 pm Village Hall Clean-up Squad	11 Garbage - Ramapo	12 Garbage - Haverstraw	13 7.30 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting Recycling - commingled containers 	14 Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo	15 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage - Haverstraw	16
17	18 Village Hall closed Presidents Day Garbage - Ramapo	19  6.00pm Village Hall Grievance Day and Village Board Workshop Garbage - Haverstraw	20  8.00 pm Village Hall ZBA meeting (scheduled) Recycling - paper 	21 Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo	22 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage - Haverstraw	23
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Important Notice Concerning Changes in Garbage Pick-up schedule in the Village

Effective March 4th, **ALL** Village garbage will be picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays, and **ALL** Village bulk trash will be picked up on Fridays (recycling will remain unchanged and be picked up on Wednesdays).



This means a change for the Ramapo section of the Village who will no longer be picked up Mondays and Thursdays. (The Haverstraw section is not affected by these changes)

Also, **ALL** garbage and recycling **MUST** be put out by 6.00am.

If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 354-0545.

Cultural Center Agenda



"Animals Gather at the Last Clean Watering Hole." by Mark Weiss

NEW EXHIBITION - GRAND OPENING REFLECTIONS THROUGH TIME an exhibition of Painting and Sculpture

Saturday February 9th
Reception from 6.00 to 8.30 pm

Join us for the opening, meet the artists
and enjoy the art, music, & dance performances



"Vinca Goddess" by Leigh Merinoff

Music in the gallery will be performed by *Barbara Benery*, solo violin
Balinese dance performances by *Candra Saptanyana* performing the *Welcome Dance*
and her son *Putu Krishna Saptanyana* performing the *Baris Dance*
Culinary fare by Frances Arsa Artha

Visit the Pomona website at www.pomonavillage.com for more information and images

The Cultural Center needs musicians, artists and dancers who live in the village and are interested in exhibiting and/or teaching workshops. We are especially interested in finding anyone who dabbles in glass sculpture for the Spring Exhibition. Also, the Cultural Center seeks volunteers-at-large. Please call Gde at the Cultural Center (362-0682) if you are interested.



Some of the Village gang got together on December 28th to wish village Building Inspector **Norm Becker** and Planning Board Chairman **Mel Cook** the very best in their retirements after years of valuable and much appreciated service to the Village

From left, incoming planning board chairman Alan Lamer, Deputy Village Clerk Carol La Chiana, Village Clerk Sue Glantz, Deputy Mayor Al Appel, Mel Cook, Mayor Herb Marshall, Norm Becker, incoming Building Inspector Mike Zrelak, and Trustees Ian Banks and Nick Sanderson

S.T.A.R. deadline looms

March 1st is the year 2002 registration deadline for residents who want to receive school tax reductions under the S.T.A.R. (School Tax Assessment Relief) program. You MUST have your applications filed with the Town Assessor before March 1st. You do NOT have to register every year, but new residents and those who have not yet registered should take advantage of this beneficial program.

Basic STAR applies to all primary residential homeowners, and Enhanced STAR applies to those over the age of 65 and earning less than \$60,000.

We urge you to call the Assessors office in your town (Haverstraw 429-2200, or Ramapo 357-5100) for further information, and to request the forms.

Assemblyman Gromack helps Village

In a letter received by this editor last month, Assemblyman Alex Gromack advised the Village Green that as a result of reading the Mayor's message concerning the Urban Forest Products situation around Quaker Rd, he met with local residents and subsequently scheduled a meeting with local representatives including the Regional Director of the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation to help resolve this unfortunate situation. We applaud his efforts on our behalf, and hope that he can help keep the pressure on these people to stop the stink from this facility.

As Assemblyman Gromack pointed out in his letter, "Our homes should be a sanctuary, ... and should not be a source of discomfort."

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