



# The Village Green

*Newsletter of the Village of Pomona*

*May 2002*

## **Village Board Holds Reorganization Meeting**

The Village Board met April 1<sup>st</sup> in its annual re-organization meeting. This year “reorganization” is a misnomer since the Board re-appointed all of its previously appointed personnel, including Village Clerk and Treasurer Sue Glantz, Deputy Village Clerk Carol La Chiana, Village Attorney Reuben Ortenberg, Village Engineer Joe Corless, Building Inspector Mike Zrelak, Village Historian Ellie Litman, and Cultural Center Director Tjok Gde Arsa Artha. Other resolutions included reappointing the Village Auditor, Tax Assessor, Accountants and Insurance Agent.

Your Trustees were also given specific areas of responsibility. Deputy Mayor Al Appel is also the Village Code Enforcement Officer, and takes responsibility for grants and the Cultural Center. Ian Banks was assigned village maintenance, parks and public works. Alma Roman is the liaison to the Planning and Zoning Boards, and is responsible for village beautification and recreation. Nick Sanderson was assigned the newsletter, website and public relations, and is also responsible for office operations and technology.

## *Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...*

Legislative Redistricting. It is mandated by law that legislative districts be adjusted every ten years to conform with new census data when it becomes available. According to that mandate, several months ago the county legislature announced their proposed changes, and ever since that time it seems to have become a favorite discussion topic in our local newspapers. Responding to this perceived outcry, the embattled legislature quickly changed its plan and then changed it again. In spite of these stellar efforts, the plan's most verbal opponents still seem to be unhappy.

So what about Pomona? I don't want to upset anyone, but our village has split representation. That's right, under the new plan we will have to suffer the indignity of having the representation for our village split between Ilan Schoenberger and Sal Corallo. Am I upset? Absolutely not. Both are excellent legislators, who diligently serve the citizens of Rockland County, and I am proud to help keep them in office with my vote.

I think it is important to point out that my supporting statement for Ilan and Sal said that “both are excellent legislators, who diligently serve the citizens of Rockland County,” not that “both are excellent legislators, who diligently serve the citizens of Pomona.” I chose not to single out their obvious service to our residents, because that would have emphasized an important oversight which I see in much of the recent rhetoric on the subject. For the most part, the legislature deals with problems on a countywide not local level. It is good that we have the opportunity to support Mr. Schoenberger and Mr. Corallo, but, at the same time, it is unfortunate that we are unable to support other excellent legislators like Roman Rodriguez, Bill Darden, Harriet Cornell, and Ellen Jaffe because the way in which they deal with the issues are just as important to our village. From Pomona, any point in Rockland County can be reached within 20-minutes. This is not New York City, it's Rockland County, and, although we have some ethnically exclusive pockets, we are a culturally diverse, integrated community. This is 2002, and it's about time we started looking at the manner in which each member of the legislature do their job, not how they spell their name, part their hair, or flavor their family tree.

It is unfortunate that we cannot eliminate all districts, and choose our legislators on a full countywide basis, because then we would really have “one person one vote,” and, after all, isn't that what democracy is all about.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">May 2002</h1>						
			<b>1</b>  Recycling - paper 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center  Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7.30 Village Hall Village Board Workshop 	<b>7</b>  Garbage - All Village	<b>8</b>  Recycling - commingled 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center  Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Mother's Day	<b>13</b> 7.30 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting 	<b>14</b>  Garbage - All Village	<b>15</b>  Recycling - paper 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center  Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 2.00 pm Village Hall Pomona Clean-up Squad	<b>20</b> 7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting 	<b>21</b>  Garbage - All Village	<b>22</b> 8.00 Village Hall ZBA Scheduled Meeting 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center  Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	<b>25</b> Cultural Center Stained Glass workshop begins 3-6 pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Village Hall Closed Memorial Day 	<b>28</b>  Garbage - All Village	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center  Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	

## Cultural Center Agenda

The new spring exhibition, which opened on April 13, 2002, features painting and glass work. Emil Rocco, Francis Fiore, Barbara Galazzo, Andrew Mollica and Andrew Sovia are the featured artists. The show will be on view through May 26.

Cultural Center hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm

If anyone would like to volunteer to help out in the Cultural Center, please call Gde at the center (362-0862)

Check the website at [www.pomonavillage.com](http://www.pomonavillage.com) for latest info on workshops

The secret service has **POTUS** and **FLOTUS** (see below)

but did you know that the Village of Pomona has a **POCUS** ??

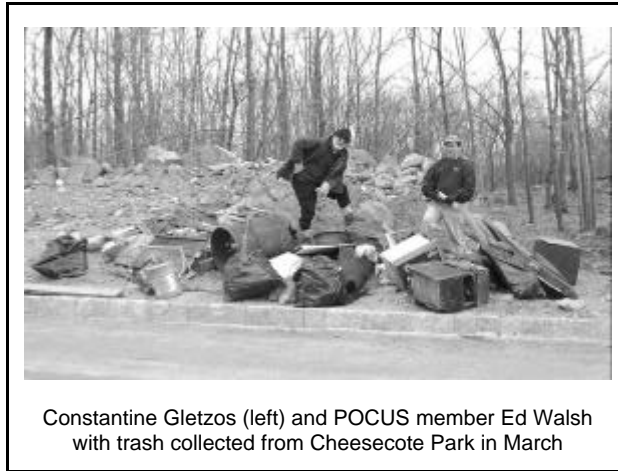
## The Village of **PO**mona **Clean-Up Squad**

Organized by village resident **Constantine Gletzos**, POCUS meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at Village Hall, usually at 2.00pm, to spend an hour or so picking up trash along village streets. POCUS has its own page on the village website at ([www.pomonavillage.com](http://www.pomonavillage.com)) where current schedules are posted. Volunteers are VERY WELCOME.

Constantine is an avid hiker, and frequently hikes in Cheesecote Park through which the Long Path hiking trail snakes, providing access to the Harriman State Park trails. During his many forays into this area, he became outraged at the trash that had been dumped in the park, and recently extended his clean-up operations enlisting help from

several environmental organizations and the Haverstraw Town Board. His volunteers, together with the Haverstraw Town Parks and Highway Departments, began the clean-up of Cheesecote Park in early March, and pulled out all types of trash including air conditioners, drums and automobile parts. They also partially blocked the park entrances to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the park. The village has a vested interest in keeping this park clean since a

negotiation with one of the developers on the mountain has resulted in direct access into the park from Cheesecote Lane off North Ridge Road in the village.



Constantine Gletzos (left) and POCUS member Ed Walsh with trash collected from Cheesecote Park in March

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## A Little Bit of History...

### Early Industries of Pomona and Rockland

W.F. Gurney resided 4 ½ miles west of Haverstraw on the road to Ramapo. Locals called the area “Gurney Corners.” The area was renamed Mont Ivy when the New Jersey Railroad came through in 1874 and built a station nearby. John Anderson operated a file factory there and sold the business to John Secor, a member of one of the old families that settled the area. Secor donated land to the Quakers who built a Quaker meeting house on Quaker Road, and also for the Ladentown Methodist Church on Old Route 202

Jacob Thiell settled in Haverstraw from Denmark in the 1700's. Seeking land on a waterway, he followed the Minisceongo Creek, purchased 3,000

acres of land and settled his family in the area that bears his name. Thiell used the water power of the Minisceongo and built a forge said to have been in operation during the Revolutionary War. In 1793 he erected a grist mill on the creek. William McGuire operated a tannery and candle factory nearby in 1793.

The Pierson brothers of Suffern founded the Ramapo Works to manufacture nails in 1796. They expanded their business in 1814 operating a cotton mill and dye works. The factory spun and dyed the yarn and exported the yarn to Russia in exchange for the iron they needed to manufacture their nails and machinery. They transported their goods by horse and wagon and needed a more efficient way to move their products.

The New York State Legislature was persuaded to resolve the transport problem by giving the Orange Turnpike Company, a private company, a charter to improve the Albany Post Road, also called the Ramapo Pass, now Route 202 or Haverstraw Road. Eventually a toll was levied. Aaron Burr, Jeremiah Pierson and John Suffern were among the first stockholders. New 202 did not exist at the time. The goods traveled Old Route 202 to the Hudson River for transport by boat to New York City.

Most of the bricks that built New York City were manufactured from clay found along the Hudson River. They were fired in the brickworks of Rockland County and shipped by boat to the city.

Contributed by Historian Ellie Litman

## HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES ACTION

Since crime is usually not a big problem in Pomona, when bits and pieces cross our borders they tend to stand out. Since the first of the year we have had three major village incidents. The first two involved drugs and felonious mischief in Burgess Meredith Park after dark. The latest and most serious incident took place on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4am when four 19 year olds drove through the Haverstraw section of the village setting one car on fire and damaging several houses with rocks

thrown from their car. Thanks to private security hired by the village to guard our parks, and excellent police work by members of the Haverstraw Police Force, arrests were made in each case, and the bad guys are off the streets.

Bravo to Chief Allison and his top notch group of officers, and many thanks to the diligent staff of Shadow Security. It's nice to know that people like you are around when we need you.

**Reminder: ALL houses in Rockland County must be identified with a minimum 4" high street number, clearly visible from the street**

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