



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

May 2004

Village Board passes 2004 budget - no tax increase

It is never a pleasant experience getting a tax bill in the mail, but this June, like the last thirteen Junes, Village of Pomona residents will get a pleasant surprise when they open their tax bills. The 2004-2005 budget requires no tax increase. The board was able to hold down cost increases to a minimum, and balance them with revenue increases resulting from a slightly larger tax base, a restructuring of fees related to building and development in the village, and higher grant revenue which has funded all capital improvement projects for 2004. The Board unanimously adopted the budget on April 12th after a Public Hearing, thus meeting the deadline imposed by New York State law.

The same meeting saw the official village reorganization resolutions and appointments for the year 2004-5. There were no changes to village personnel or consultants proposed in the meeting, and the resolutions all passed unanimously. A complete listing of village personnel is posted on the village website.

Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

I know April is best known for budding trees, spring rains, and golden daffodils. However in village government it is also the time of budgets and reorganization, and you should know about both. So here goes.

Budgets. The budget process under which all New York villages must function is very closely controlled through a series of very specific requirements mandated by State Village Law. Since our fiscal year begins on June 1st, we are required to begin the budget process by February 8th, hold a public hearing on our tentative budget before April 20th, and adopt our final budget no later than May 1st. In our village, the public hearing on our 2004-2005 Village Budget took place on April 12th as part of our scheduled Village Board meeting with the Final Budget being adopted at that very same meeting. What did it contain? For the 13th straight year ... **NO TAX INCREASE.** That's right, through careful management of our revenues and a fiscally responsible approach toward expenditures, we have once again been able to hold the line on taxes. Our Cultural Center and recreation programs will continue to flourish, our parks and streets will continue to be well maintained, our village services will remain constant, and your 2004 village tax bill will be exactly the same as last year. This year's budget also includes several key Village Hall enhancements, some interesting beautification projects, and the establishment of an Emergency Center to centralize communications and provide emergency services when hurricanes, snow storms, or other major problems disrupt life in our village. And in case I didn't mention it ... **NO TAX INCREASE.**

Now Reorganization. Each year, usually as part of the first Village Board meeting in April, most villages in New York perform an annual ritual called Reorganization. It is a time when village officials are appointed or reappointed, official newspapers and depositories are set, an annual meeting schedule is approved, and in our case, Village Board Oversight Areas are established. This year all official appointments remained constant and the following Individual Oversight Areas set.

Deputy Mayor Nick Sanderson: Office Operations and Technology, Grant Acquisition, and Public Relations.

Trustee Ian Banks: Buildings and Public Works, Village Maintenance, and Parks Management.

Trustee Alma Sanders Roman: Village Beautification, the Recreation and Ethics Committees, Cultural Center, and Environmental Concerns.

Trustee Alan Lamer: Planning and Zoning Boards, School Liaison Committee, and Legislative Review

If you would like to see how village funds are managed and spent please take a look at our budget posted on the village website: www.pomonavillage.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">May 2004</h1>						
						1 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
2 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	3 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	4 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	5 Personal Identity Theft Information meeting Village Hall 7.30pm Recycling - paper 	6 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	7 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	8 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
9 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	10  7.30 Village Hall Village Board Workshop Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	11 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	12 Recycling - bottles/cans 	13  8.00 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	14 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	15 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
16 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm LAST DAY OF SPRING EXHIBIT 2.00 pm Village Hall Clean-up Squad	17 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	18 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	19 Recycling - paper 	20 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	21 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	22
23	24  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	25 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	26  8.00 pm Village Hall ZBA meeting (scheduled) Recycling - bottles/cans 	27 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	28 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	29
30	31 Memorial Day Village Hall Closed					

PERSONAL IDENTITY THEFT

A community workshop sponsored by the village will be held on

Wednesday May 5th, 7.30 pm at Village Hall

Meet with representatives of the State Attorney General's Office and the Haverstraw Police Department to learn more about and discuss this alarming problem.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Village of Pomona 2004/2005 tax bills will be mailed out June 1, 2004.

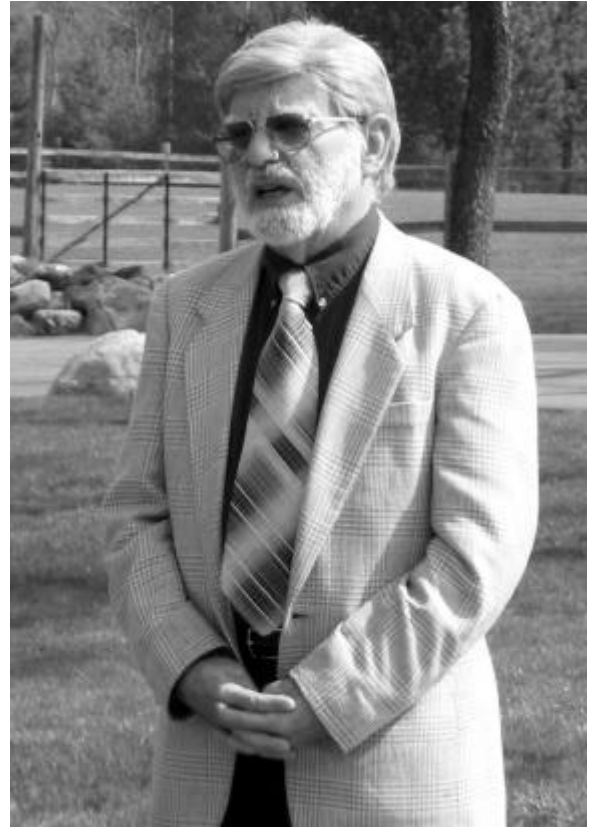
If you are paying your own taxes and have not received your tax bills by the end of the first week of June, please notify the village clerk at 354-0545 immediately.

Outstanding Environmental Volunteer Award

On Earth Day 2004 (April 22nd), Dr. Constantine Gletsos, Village of Pomona resident, and dedicated village volunteer, was justly honored by Rockland County Executive, C. Scott Vanderhoef during a ceremony at Kennedy Dells Park in New City.

We know Constantine as the tireless organizer of volunteers, founder and Chairman of POCUS (Pomona Cleanup Squad) and organizer of the "Stream Team" which marked 526 storm drains along 15 miles of roads in the village with warnings about the dangers of illegal dumping and the importance of protecting the county's water supply.

A Cornelian Cherry tree was planted at the park in his honor, and his name was added to a plaque featuring previous award recipients which is displayed in the County Executive's office in New City.



Constantine receiving his award April 22 2004



From left, Helen Gletsos, Herb Marshall, Scott Vanderhoef and Constantine Gletsos



Mayor Marshall offers a few words in honor of Constantine

Handicapped Access to Secor Park

The village recently completed construction of handicapped access to Secor Park and its delightful "fishing hole" Fairty Pond. The project included a new entrance on Secor Court, regrading and widening the walkway and new signage.

This enhancement will permit wheelchair access to the park, and allow all of our residents the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the park, including the chance of landing a couple of the large-mouthed bass lurking in the pond.



The Fish-In is now being planned for June.
Watch for announcements of date and time for this popular event.

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