



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

June 2003

Village Board makes appointments and passes budget

The Village Board has been busy since the election results were certified. The newly constituted board's first action was to hold the annual re-organization meeting on April 7th. During this meeting, Trustee Nick Sanderson was appointed Deputy Mayor, and the various positions and consultants to the village were appointed. A new name in village government, village resident Jay Helfgott, was appointed Code Enforcement Officer, and he has already become a common sight around the village as he patrols to make sure our village codes are being observed. Please see the minutes of the April 7th meeting for a complete list of appointments. The minutes are posted on the village website at www.pomonavillage.com

On April 14th the board conducted a public hearing on the 2003-2004 village budget. Several members of the public attended, and Mayor Marshall went through the budget line-by-line providing explanations where questions were asked. After all of the questions had been answered, the Village Board adopted the budget unanimously. The budget, which provides for no increase in village taxes, remains on the village website for review.

Also at the April 14th meeting, the

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Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

At around 3:30 pm on Friday April 25th, the 2003 Village of Pomona election was finally declared over. After 5½ weeks of contention, the County Board of Elections notified our Village Clerk that the court had ruled against a petition challenging the results of the March 18th election, and officially declared Nick Sanderson, Alan Lamer, and myself the winners. But Nick, Alan, and I did not win this election alone. It was those of you who spoke with your neighbors and together supported us with your votes and your well-wishes who won this election, not us, and we thank each one of you for your effort.

Unhappily this year's vitriolic election rhetoric created doubt where none existed, promoted divisiveness where there was no division, and generally threw dirt on the good name of our lovely little village and those who serve it. It is now time to put the all of the nastiness to rest. Pomona is a great place to live, we are all one single community, and all of us in village government try very hard to do what is right. However you voted in this election, this is your home town and we are the ones chosen to do the job of managing it for you. It is time for our village to become whole again, and we must all join hands to accomplish it. Find out what's going on in the village. Ask questions if something is not clear. And please give us the benefit of the doubt. We may not be perfect, but each of us is very serious about the work that we do. Make suggestions. Attend meetings. They may be boring, but trust me, you'll get used to it. Many of our procedures are dictated to us by law. We may not like them, but we have to live with them, and many of the questions about what we do have roots in the self-sustaining bureaucracy we are forced to endure.

On a final note. If you haven't yet taken a look at our village website, www.pomonavillage.com, you ought to give it a try. Not only does it have an excellent local weather page, it highlights what's really happening in the village, along with our board meeting dates and agendas, links to many important related websites, copies of village board minutes and past newsletters, and even a copy of our recently adopted village budget.

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board unanimously approved the appointment of Nik Winter to Chair of the Planning Board, a position vacated by outgoing chairman, Alan Lamer, who was elected Trustee. The board is confident that Nik, who has been a member of the Planning Board for five years, will carry out her new duties with diligence and professionalism.

In other planning board business, at the May 12th Village Board meeting the Village Board appointed Dan Kolak to the planning board. Dan had

demonstrated his commitment to the village by running for Trustee in the last election, and he is very excited to serve the village in his new capacity as Planning Board member.

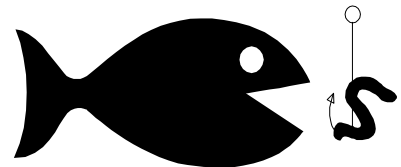
Soon spring will turn into summer, and we are looking forward to the Fishing Derby at Secor Park on Sunday, June 29th. Our Recreation Committee has a great day planned (see page 3), and the board looks forward to seeing as many village residents and children as can make it.

Great Pomona Fish-In

Sunday, June 29, 2003

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Rain Date: July 6, 2003)



Even if your children have never fished before, bring them to the third GREAT POMONA FISH-IN on June 29th at Fairty Pond in Secor Park, an event organized by your Recreation Committee. Professional Angler, Lou Cohn, will oversee the event as in years past. He's bringing the bait, the expertise and more patience than you can imagine. He always brings great surprise giveaways, too.

The tournament may be entered by children up to age 16 years. There will be trophies awarded. EVERYONE WILL BE A WINNER—Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

Please bring your child's own fishing pole. A small folding chair is advised for those observing the festivities. The pond has been stocked with hungry bass, perch, sunfish and some catfish. (This is a Catch and Release Event).

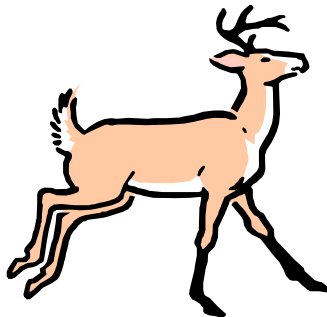
There will be soft drinks, snacks and refreshments for everyone. Please call Village Hall at 354-0545 if you plan to attend or for additional information.

Directions to the Pond (from Village Hall): Left onto Ladentown Road (formerly Old Route 202). Take second right onto Call Hollow Road. Go up hill, take first right onto Secor Court. Come down hill. Fairty Pond is on the right.

On May 4, village residents were treated to a workshop at the Pomona Cultural Center.

"Gardening with Deer" was presented by Rebecca Green, horticulturist and owner of My Deer Garden, Inc., specialists in deer resistant gardens.

Rebecca led the discussion group to teach frustrated gardeners how to maintain gardens in this area, an area that we all know is heavily populated by hungry deer. The thrust of Rebecca's organization is that rather than try to get rid of deer, (almost impossible since the population has tripled in the last few years), we must get along with them by planting shrubs, flowers and bulbs that are considered deer resistant, i.e., that they refuse to eat.



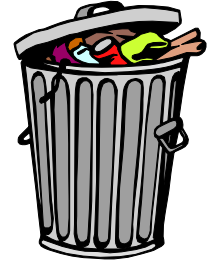
According to Rebecca, deer will even eat poisonous plants if they are starving, so the gardener must come up with a 'back yard battle plan' that will incorporate deer resistant plants into their gardens.

Until the next workshop, try this tip:

Deer don't like herbs. Try planting something in the mint family (lavender works) around larger shrubs that you are trying to protect.

The Village of Pomona will be happy to run a follow-up workshop if we know there is interest. If you would like to attend a two-hour workshop on a Sunday afternoon, please call 354-0545 and ask for Leslie or e-mail leslie@the-sandersons.com.

Garbage Questions Abound



When should I put my garbage, bulk, and recyclables out?

The garbage carter asks that we put it all out by 6:15 a.m. Therefore it is recommended that you put it out the night before.

Do I have to put my garbage at the curb?

No, the service provided for village residents includes picking up the garbage at the front of the house. However, bulk trash and recyclables must be placed at the curb.

Is there recycling pick-up every Wednesday?

There is recycling pick-up for papers the first and third Wednesday of every month and bottles/cans, etc. the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Occasionally there is a fifth Wednesday of the month and that is the only time there is no pick-up. For a list of what is considered a "recyclable," please call us at 354-0545.

Do the garbage carters pick up all types of bulk trash?

There are some items that the carters cannot pick up. If you are in doubt, please call us at 354-0545.

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