



THE VILLAGE GREEN

Village of Pomona
Summer Newsletter
2010

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Mayor's corner ...

As I sit down to write for the Summer newsletter, I feel I should begin by providing an update on the various lawsuits facing the village. Most times when I sit down with groups of residents, the first question is about the status of our legal battles.

At the time of writing this, we are still awaiting a decision on our motion to dismiss the Tartikov lawsuit against the village. We had oral arguments on our motion last May, and have yet to hear from the judge, although a decision is expected soon. The village won a long-standing legal battle last month, when a jury returned a unanimous verdict for the village in the lawsuit started a number of years ago by Summit at Pomona and its principal, Samuel Schecter. Summit had sued the village claiming that somehow we had impeded his development on the mountain and prevented him from building homes there. For years we have been vigorously defending the village, the costs of which have been covered by insurance. In spite of many attempts to settle the case by negotiation, it was not to be, and a two week long jury trial ended with the decision in favor of the village. The downzoning of Patrick Farm continues unabated, with plans to build nearly five hundred homes on the property being approved by the town of Ramapo. This has led to the village filing a lawsuit charging that the town improperly changed the zoning and the town's master plan without heeding objections from the village and the county planning department, all apparently for the benefit of a developer, and in detriment to the village. In addition to the village's action, two other lawsuits have been filed against the town by residents who live nearby. If any resident has any questions about these or any other matter, please contact me, either through village hall or directly, or by all means come to my monthly informal "coffee with mayor" - dates and times are always posted on the village website.

But enough about lawsuits. There are plenty of other things going on in the village. We are looking forward to the annual Lou Cohn Fish-In for children in the village, which will be held at Fairty Pond on June 27th, as well as the fourth annual Music

Festival and Craft Fair which will held at village hall on July 11th. These summer happenings are always popular, and I want to sincerely thank all of the volunteers who's efforts make these events run so smoothly and make it possible for the village to host them at minimum cost to the village.

Many of you will have noticed the construction of a sign at Village Hall. This is an Eagle Scout project by local resident Justin Gedeon, who has designed, fund-raised, purchased materials and constructed this project for the village. Well done, Justin, you have done a great job, and we are all looking forward to a formal dedication and recognition of the project.

I cannot close this without some reference to the budget recently passed by the village board, and the taxes that have been levied as a result. The budget passed with a 1.6% tax increase, kept low by fiscal responsibility and conservatism. Some residents, however, have seen an increase in their village taxes greater than the 1.6% increase in total levy. This is the result of having ceased to be our own assessing unit, instead using the two towns' assessments. Some residents will have seen increased taxes, and other residents will have seen decreased taxes as the assessments in some cases were different from last year's village assessment. Next year, these changes will not be apparent.

Nick Sanderson

Congratulations to the latest
Pomona Planning Board member
Joan Toth and
Zoning Board member (alternate)
Allan Dubow.
We appreciate your service to the village!



**The Pomona Cultural Center
Presents...
Summer 2010 Art Exhibition
VISION & CREATION**

Please join us at our opening reception which kicks off the next exhibition of art at the Pomona Cultural Center. If you have never been there, you will be pleasantly surprised. A true gem in our charming village, the building itself, which is a former one-room schoolhouse of historic significance, is worth the visit alone.

The opening reception for this exhibition will be Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., but the exhibition will be on display from June 12 through July 24. The live performance will feature The Jeremy Wall Trio performing original jazz compositions. If you cannot be at the reception, the exhibition will be on display from June 12th through 24th.

Summer 2010 Art Exhibit, VISION & CREATION— a selection of multi-media art by a group of emerging woman artists from

Pomona and the surrounding area, depicting their love, beauty and artistic visions through all different styles, material and medium. Creations of artwork include painting, photography, quilt, sculpture, stained glass and glassworks-pixels.

Artists included; Irit Aran, Dorice Arden Madronero, Orren Harmon Dubow, Alice Hughey, Sharman Kamen, Leslie Kenney, Esti Kiss, Blanca Soto, Labelle Prussin, Marcia Nacht, Lisa Wheeler, and Carol Wall.

The Pomona Cultural Center is located in the historic stone Pig Knoll Schoolhouse at 584 Route 306, Pomona, N.Y. (Just north of Pomona Rd.) Gallery hours are Friday ñ Sunday, from 2:00 -6:00 P.M.

RECREATION

The Lou Cohn Memorial Fish-in (The Great Pomona Fish-in)

June 27, 2010 (Sunday)

1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The fish are biting!

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Contest ends at 3:30 p.m. Held at Fairty Pond on Secor Court - Fishing contest for children up to 13 years. All participants receive a free gift for participating. Trophies will be awarded in several categories. Bring your own fishing pole. We supply the bait, refreshments and a professional angler to help the young fishermen. This is a catch and release event. For directions to the pond, check out our website at www.pomonavillage.com.

Walking Club | Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m.

The group usually meets at Village Hall. Join any time; bring a friend! This is an Easy Walking Group, not strenuous, led by a senior, but open to everyone. Louise Parnell, a village resident, leads walks around the county at some beautiful trails and parks. Wear comfortable clothing and comfortable walking shoes (firm and strong). We walk for approximately 1 hour, never more than 2 hours. Some of the trails include Nyack Beach, Rockland Lake, Piermont Pier, Mt. Ivy Swamp, Willow Tree Park and more. We will repeat them as time goes on.

Yoga | Tuesdays and Fridays at the Village Hall

Our (free to village residents) Yoga class is being held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Friday mornings

from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Come to one or both. Beginners are welcome — you do not need yoga experience to take the class as classes are tailored depending on the participants. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Our instructor, Deon, is a terrific teacher with loads of experience. Join any time.

Tai Chi Chuan | Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 pm at the Village Hall

Our Tai Chi class is now under way on Tuesday nights at 8 pm. Led by Steve Hoffman, a devotee with over 12 years of experience. Join any time.

**POCUS (Pomona Litter Patrol) | Next few dates:
June 20th, July 18th, Aug. 15th, Sept. 19th.**

This group meets monthly (usually the third Sunday of every month) at both 10:00 am and 2:00 pm We meet at Village Hall and then go to various areas in the village to pick up litter. We usually stay out for about an hour or two. Supplies are provided, and it is a great volunteer activity to get involved with. Join us! (always check the website to make sure we haven't changed the date for a holiday or something). The 10:00 am group is led by Leslie Sanderson, and the 2:00 pm group is led by Constantine Gletsos.

If you have any questions about any of the above Recreation items, please call Leslie, Recreation Chairperson, at 354-0843 or email



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>July 2010</h1>						
				1 Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	2 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	3 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
4 Independence Day	5 Village Hall Closed Garbage All Village	6 Walking Club 10am Village Hall Yoga Class 7.00 pm Tai Chi 8.00 pm Village Hall	7 Recycling - paper 	 8 8.00 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	9 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	10 Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
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Quality of Life Issues in the Village

Speeding, speeding, speeding

By far the most common complaint/issue that is voiced by village residents is speeding on village streets. Not only is it extremely dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike, it is plainly illegal and will not be tolerated. Village officials are constantly in touch with our two towns' police departments to enforce our 30 mph speed limit on ALL village roads. Tickets will be issued to those who choose to disobey the law.

You should also be aware that the village has codes that regulate noise and regulate the number of trees that can be cut down on your property. We also have a leash law and a law that bans the use of ATVs on village roads. The Village of Pomona is a serene, beautiful and lovely place to live. Village residents need to work hard to keep it that way, just as your village board does. Please keep your street clean, and you are also encouraged to come to village clean up events (POCUS - third Sunday of each month, either at 10am or at 2pm, meeting at Village Hall).

MUSIC FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR

Mark your Calendars for Sunday, July 11th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Village Hall.

Musicians wanted! Show off your talents! Crafters wanted! Take a booth! Pies wanted! Bake a pie for our pie contest!

It is the fourth annual Music Festival and Craft Fair with live music all day, a fun booth for kids, great raffle prizes and other surprises. We are seeking local musicians and crafters, so if you are interested, please let us know by e-mailing festival@pomonavillage.com.

Are You the Next Pomona Idol?

Boys and Girls ages 4 - 16

If you would like to participate in our Pomona Idol Contest at our 4th Annual Music Festival and Craft Fair on July 11th, please call 845-354-0545 and request an application. You can also send an email, expressing interest, to festival@pomonavillage.com. Prizes will be given in the following age categories: 4 - 7, 8 - 12, 13 - 16

Are you on our Email listing to receive updated information regarding village news? Send your email to: info@pomonavillage.com to be included every time there is news or an update or a closing or cancellation. Your email address will not be given out or used for any other reason.

New Sign!

You may have noticed the new sign at Village Hall on the corner of Ladentown Road and Camp Hill Road. It is an announcement board where we will be able to let you know what is going on in and around the village. Local Eagle Scout Justin Gedeon raised the funds and built the sign, did the landscaping and lighting, to earn his Eagle Scout Award! Stay tuned for the dedication and watch for more information at www.pomonavillage.com.

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