



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

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VILLAGE TALKS TRASH WITH GARBAGE CARTER

It's no secret that village garbage collection has become a real problem. After months of suffering through excuse after excuse from our carter, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees decided that the time had come to say...ENOUGH! During its July 8th meeting the board unanimously agreed on a firm course of action to correct our deteriorating garbage situation. Their action included assessing our errant carter \$36,500. in liquidated damages for missed pickups, reinstating a 4-day per week village collection schedule, and pressing for a meeting with our carter's upper management to put things back on a more positive track. That meeting took place on July 18th and we are happy to report that good progress was made.

Acknowledging our joint problem, Waste Management, our current carter, has already begun to take aggressive remedial action to make things right. First and foremost among the plans being put into place, are corrective measures designed to deal with improving basic service. Beginning August 5th our village collection will once again include Ramapo Section pickup every Monday and Thursday, Haverstraw Section pickup every Tuesday and Friday, and Paper/Recyclable pickup continuing

on the first through the fourth Wednesday for the entire village. Pickups will take place not before 7am and be completed no later than 6pm with Village Hall follow up at 2pm each collection day to correct any reported problems. In addition, to their scheduled 2pm Village Hall daily follow up, Waste Management will provide our office staff with a direct cell phone connection to their field supervisors in order to deal with any special problems as they occur.

Part of the reason for our existing problems, is our carter's breakdown of execution at the field level. To help in that area, Waste Management has committed to adding two new crews for village pickups, expanding the use of small trucks for longer driveways, and enhancing their direct supervision and middle management to watch over Pomona operations.

Bulk trash is another problem area addressed during our meeting. Not only has Waste Management agreed to make a special effort to more closely monitor the quality of their bulk collection activities and speed up special item pickups, they have also agreed to extend their existing one day a week bulk trash collection so that it is available with each regular garbage pickup. Beginning August 5th regular curbside

bulk trash pickup will take place every Monday and Thursday in the Ramapo Section and every Tuesday and Friday in Haverstraw, and as a good will gesture, Waste Management has agreed to add a special leaf pickup day to their regular schedule at the end of October. As part of their planned effort to improve service, instant credit card processing will be available for special items, and red tag notices will be put in place to notify residents when inappropriate bulk items are mistakenly put out for pickup.

Although everyone attending the July 18th meeting was extremely impressed by Waste Management's sincere effort to make things right in Pomona, we fully intend to watch the situation very closely. It is also important for each resident to promptly report any garbage problem to Village Hall so that we know the problem exists, and can get it resolved as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, it will continue to be necessary for each of us to show patience while these corrective measure are being put into place, once that is done, hopefully, this unfortunate situation will be over, and village garbage collection will return to normal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW GARBAGE SCHEDULE STARTING ON AUGUST 5TH				1	2	3
4	5  NEW GARBAGE SCHEDULE STARTS Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	6	7	8  8.00 Village Hall Planning Board Regular meeting Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2.00 pm Village Hall Pomona Clean-up Squad	Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	Recycling - commingled 	Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	Recycling - paper 	Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	
25	26  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	27	28  8.00 Village Hall ZBA Scheduled Meeting Recycling - commingled 	29	30	31
	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw	Garbage and bulk trash - Ramapo	Garbage and bulk trash - Haverstraw		

Cultural Center Agenda

The Cultural Center is closed for the month of August re-opening in early September with an Autumn exhibition

A Memorial to September 11th

the Grand Opening is set for September 14th and the exhibit will include photography and sculpture related to September 11th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GARBAGE PICKUP IN THE VILLAGE

Please have all garbage, recyclables and bulk trash out by 6:45 a.m. on pickup day

Under the new schedule starting August 5th, Garbage is picked up in the Ramapo section on Mondays and Thursdays, and in the Haverstraw section on Tuesdays and Fridays
Bulk trash will now be picked up with your regular garbage on each of your regular days (if you have questions about bulk trash - call Village Hall at 354-0545)

Recyclables are picked up on Wednesdays for all of the Village

Papers on the first and third Wednesday
Containers on the second and fourth Wednesday

If there is a fifth Wednesday in the month, there is NO pickup on that day

Papers includes newspaper, white envelopes, office paper (white and colored ledger), brown grocery bags, notebook paper, construction paper, soft covered workbooks, telephone and paperback books, magazines and catalogs, junk mail (envelopes and coupons), computer printout and fax paper, corrugated containers, cereal boxes.

Containers includes glass bottles (green, clear, brown), aluminum cans, tin and bi-metallic containers, plastic containers, milk cartons, juice boxes, aluminum foil and pie plates, bleached white frozen refrigerated food containers.

Please rinse containers

For household hazardous waste and electronics collection, please call the hotline at 364-2444 (Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority) for dates on which they are open to the public.

We have updated and reprinted these articles to assist our residents

GARBAGE AND TRASH PICK-UP INFO

The calendar in this newsletter is set up to remind residents of the days their garbage and recycling is picked up. In all cases, Garbage Cans, Recycling Bins, and Bulk Trash Items must be in place for pick up no later than 6:45am on the day of their scheduled pick up, or they will not be taken.

Containers for regular garbage pick-up should be placed at the side or rear of your residence, with recycling containers and bulk trash items placed at the front curb. Some residents choose to place their garbage cans at the front curb. In order to avoid confusing the garbage collectors, it is important to ensure that your containers are placed at the same location each time you put them out for collection. Please keep in mind that if you have followed the proper procedure and your garbage or trash has somehow been missed or improperly handled, it is very important that the Village Office (354-0545) be notified as soon as possible so that the situation can be corrected.

The tables to the right show acceptable and unacceptable items for bulk trash, as well as standard charges from Waste Management for large items. This year, for the first time, the Village will pick up bagged leaves on October 30th.

Please contact Waste Management directly at 469-8376 ext. 337 for removal of the standard charge items, or for a quote on any items not listed.

Also, please visit the village website www.pomonavillage.com for complete information including disposal of hazardous materials at the county facilities

Acceptable

Wood, bundled, tied, 5ft max lengths
 Twigs, bundled, tied, max 5ft lengths
 Paint cans, empty
 Swing sets, 5ft bundles
 Metal cabinets
 Furniture (max 3 pieces per week)
 Area carpets, max size 8' x 10'
 Push mowers (gas tank removed)
 Barbeques, tanks removed, max 60 lbs

Unacceptable

Trash from commercial home improvement
 Trash from commercial landscaping
 Wood with nails
 Leaves
 Paint cans with paint in them
 Tires
 Batteries
 Any item weighing more than 60 lbs
 Any item longer than 5ft

Standard Charges from Waste Management

White goods / appliances (no freon) \$25
 Boiler - \$65
 Hot water heater - \$30
 Microwave larger than 12"x15" - \$25

Pool liners - \$50
 Riding mowers, gas tank removed - \$100
 Console TV - \$30
 Carpets, per room, no pads - \$30

CREATIVE MEMORIES 'SCRAPPING WORKSHOP'

Come and Organize your personal Photographs While Meeting Others!

The next workshop to be offered by the Village of Pomona Cultural Center will be a hands-on workshop for seniors, mothers and daughters, or anyone over 12 years of age creating personalized photo albums with pictures you have at home and want to organize.

All classes will be scheduled separately depending on interest.

Moms - get to know other moms in your community while enjoying the fun and relaxation of scrapping photos.

Seniors - meet neighbors in the community while scrapping photographs together. Mothers

and daughters - find a new bonding taking place through the stories in photo scrapping.

It's going to be fun and meaningful, and you get a chance to take your photos that are stuffed in a shoe box or drawer and bring life back to those wonderful moments.

The workshop will be free, and certain cropping tools and materials will be provided. However other materials are suggested and will be available for purchase (e.g. albums and pens)

For further information, and to let us know when you are available, please call the instructor, Rhonda, at 354-1779 or 354-9442

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