



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

October 2002

September meeting sees Board review local laws

At the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on September 9th, a public hearing was held concerning a proposed change to Village law chapter 67-2. After the hearing, at which nobody from the public spoke, the Board unanimously voted to approve a change that will allow the Board to amend fees as necessary by resolution approved by majority vote. This change will allow the Board to more expeditiously bring fees charged by the Village into line with changing costs.

In other local law review, the Board agreed to set a public hearing for the next Board meeting on September 23rd, concerning a change to specifically define fines that can be levied for violations of Chapter 40 (Animals) of the Village Code.

In other action, the board unanimously ratified the renewal of the Village garbage contract, opened bids for construction of curbs that had been previously advertised, and heard a

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Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

After a few rocky months, our village garbage problems finally appear to be over. Not only has our carter's new regional management team been extremely conscientious in working to resolve its deteriorated Village of Pomona garbage situation, I am happy to report that they are a pleasure to work with. All of the details are not yet complete, but it looks like we can finally put garbage on our back burner.

To avoid any misunderstandings, I would like to go over several of the key aspects in our existing garbage program.

The schedule for Regular Village Garbage Pickup is:

Ramapo Section - Every Monday and Thursday
Haverstraw Section - Every Tuesday and Friday

By contract, regular garbage pickup has been prearranged to take place at the rear or side door of your house. The village pays for rear or side door pickup on all properties regardless of the actual placement garbage for collection. So instead of dragging your regular garbage out to the street, please keep it in an easily accessible spot next to your house and let the garbage guys do what they are being paid to do.

Cans and bags should be placed in approximately the same location for each pickup in order to avoid confusing the people doing the actual collection.

Recycling is designated for curbside pickup, not rear or side door pickup like regular garbage, and follows the same schedule in both sections of the village.

Paper, Cardboard, and Other Paper Products
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Co-mingled Glass, Plastic, and Metal Containers
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each Month

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Annual Leaf Pickup Information

In response to many requests, a Leaf Pickup has been arranged for Wednesday October 30th
(see calendar below - note that this is the only leaf pickup scheduled this year)

There are important rules to be followed

All leaves must be bagged in the brown bags that are available free from Village Hall
The bags must be placed curbside the night before October 30th
Leaves in plastic bags, loose leaves, stumps, branches or limbs will NOT be picked up

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2>October 2002</h2>						
		1 Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	2 Recycling - paper 	3 Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo	4 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage - Haverstraw	5
6	7  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Workshop Bulk trash/Garbage Ramapo	8 Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	9 Recycling - Commingled containers 	10  7.30 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo	11 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage - Haverstraw	12
13 2.00 pm Village Hall Clean-up Squad	14 Columbus Day Bulk trash/Garbage Ramapo	15 Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	16 Recycling - paper 	17 Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo	18 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk trash/Garbage - Haverstraw	19
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27 Daylight savings ends	28  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting Bulk trash/Garbage Ramapo	29 Bulk trash/Garbage Haverstraw	30  Annual Leaf Pickup	31 Bulk trash/Garbage - Ramapo		

Cultural Center Agenda

The Cultural Center Autumn Exhibition, **A Memorial to September 11th 2001**, opened with a gala reception on Saturday September 14th.

The largest crowd in the history of the Pomona Cultural Center enjoyed this wonderful event, and were treated to the dulcet tones of the Mayor singing God Bless America after reading some inspirational poetry.

Other entertainment was provided by Pomona residents Marci and Michael Ficocelli (keyboards and vocal), Putu Bagus (Balinese dance), Steve Deats (percussion), Rosemarie Raccioppi (poetry) and Jeremy Wall (keyboards).



"9/11" - Fernando Santos

Frances Arsa Artha provided catering and Gde Arsa Artha provided the floral arrangement.

The exhibition, in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11th, features the work of four photographers, Alice Hughey, Dr. Larry Model, Dr. Peter Rosenstein and Fernando Santos. Also featured is artwork from the Hudson Valley Sculptors' Society in a variety of styles, both realistic and abstract.

Thanks to all involved. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Please visit this great exhibition. It will be on display at the Cultural Center through October.

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Collectors are required to completely empty all cans and return them to their original location. If this is not done, please let Village Hall know so the situation can be corrected. Bulk trash is designated for curbside pickup, not rear or side door pickup like regular garbage, and is now available whenever regular garbage is collected. Regular garbage, bulk trash, and recyclables must be put out no later than 6:45 am.

Please remember that you are the eyes and ears of the village, and that it is important to report any problems or difficulties you encounter to Village Hall as quickly as possible. We have begun moving in the right direction, but we need your help to make sure that we don't lose that momentum.

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presentation from Cablevision concerning their cable upgrade project in our part of the county. We were advised during this presentation that the project, which is scheduled to be complete by the beginning of November (this year!), will allow village customers to finally obtain broadband connections to the internet through Cablevision's Optimum Online subsidiary. Once construction starts in the village, Cablevision's progress on this project will be posted on a special page on the village website (www.pomonavillage.com). We were advised by their construction manager that a minimum of disturbance will be strived for, and also that during the month of November, any village resident signing up for the Optimum service will be given a special deal which will include free installation and a free modem. Watch out for announcements on the village website.

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DOING SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!

PLEASE JOIN THE POMONA VILLAGE DIVISION OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY STREAM TEAM
PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT - HELP IDENTIFY STORM DRAINS WITH A SPECIAL DRAIN MARKER

Why storm drain markers?

Because we want to protect our environment and help improve water quality. Every day people pour waste such as used motor oil, hazardous chemicals, pesticides, paints and antifreeze into storm drains.

Leaves, yard waste, litter and dirt from the road are also thrown into the drains by our neighbors who do not realize they are damaging water quality.

Many people believe that the storm drain will carry the waste to a sewage treatment plant for cleanup.

Not true! In fact, every storm drain in Rockland carries rainwater into the nearest stream, lake, wetland, river or reservoir.

How are we affected?

97 percent of the Earth's available water is in the oceans and is mostly unusable except through desalinization, 2 percent is stored away in glaciers and ice caps, 1 percent remains readily accessible for all our human needs. Therefore, we must work together to keep this precious 1 percent unpolluted.

What can you do?

Join us. Please call Mr. Constantine Gletsos at 354-0738 to join this effort
He is a Pomona resident, active in protecting the environment, who has offered to assemble this committee of volunteers to help protect our environment.

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