



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

October 2004

Village Code Revisions Occupy Board

While the production staff of this newsletter apparently took the summer off, the Village Board of Trustees continued their work on bringing the Village Code up-to-date, changing and removing sections that were either arbitrary, confusing, impossible to enforce, or just didn't make any sense. Village Attorney, Doris Ulman, has embarked on a complete overhaul of the code, and many of the changes made in the past few months have been the result of this review.

The July board meeting held a Public Hearing on changes to the Architectural Review section of the code. The changes proposed included removal of the subdivision date limitation and the house size trigger of review by the ARB, simplification of the procedures, and addition of a dispute process. No one from the public spoke at this hearing, and subsequently, the Board passed the local law unanimously.

The August board meeting contained two Public Hearings, both related to amendments to the code relating to trees. These changes to the code, which had been discussed by the Board over several meetings and workshops, would revise the section of the code relating to subdivisions with changes recommended by the village planner, Clark Associates, as well as revising the existing code relating to tree removal restrictions on homeowners. The public hearings were closed, and after some discussion, a decision was reserved until the next meeting in September.

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Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

With the revisiting of the autumnal equinox, the changing of the leaves, college football, the World Series, and an increasing awareness of what's happening outside our windows, it seemed like a good time for some outdoor Pomona "did-you-knows." So here goes.

DID YOU KNOW #1 - There is no overnight parking allowed in the village? That's right, No Overnight Parking. It's just too dangerous on dark streets, and creates real problems for the snow plows trying to clean up after storms. Enforcement is a serious concern, and violation could result in fines or vehicle removal by the police. Please help, don't do it, and don't let your guests do it.

DID YOU KNOW #2 - The Village has a "Pooper Scooper" law? Chapter 40-6 of our Village Code says that unless Rover can be trained to pick up after himself, you have to do it. While we're on the subject of Rover, please keep in mind that he is not allowed to run loose. It is important for both Rover himself and for village residents who might not understand the subtle difference between sweet old Rover and nasty old Fang. Although the law does not specifically include cats, just remember that our local coyote and SUV populations can be a real problem for Morris the Cat out in the wild.

DID YOU KNOW #3 - You must get a building permit before you cut down more than four trees in any one year, bring in more than 15 cubic yards of fill, or build any addition to your home or accessory structure on your property? By the way, an accessory structure is defined as a greenhouse, toolshed, garage, carport, swimming pool, tennis court, and other recreational facilities commonly associated with residential use. If you want to know more, it's in Chapter 130 of our Village Code which can be accessed on our website at www.pomonavillage.com

Okay, enough with the "did-you-knows," now it's time for you to mark your calendar. October 30th, Pomona's Annual Halloween Extravaganza. Ghosts, goblins, good things to eat, a fantastic parade, a great holiday party, and Boma, our 500 lb. carved pumpkin, which will sit in a place of honor at Village Hall. So don't forget, October 30th. It will be loads of fun and shouldn't be missed. I'll see you there.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Cultural Center Agenda



"Surprise!" by Betsy Franco Feeney
 Original cover art from "Amoeba Hop" by Christine Lavin

The Fall Exhibition - Original Cover Art created for Children's Books

featuring works by:
 Raul Colon
 Betsy Franco Feeney
 Elizabeth Sayles

Opened on Saturday September 18th - and will
 remain open through October
 Please visit and support your Cultural Center



On Sunday July 18th, in spite of the doubtful weather, some 38 children from the area participated in one of the summer's most eagerly awaited events -

the GREAT POMONA FISH-IN

This year the event was organized by the Village's new Recreation Committee Chair, Carol McFarlane, and what a wonderful job she and her committee did. As in previous years, Lou Cohn and Jeff Rosen were on hand with bait, advice and assistance, and Mayor Marshall was on hand to present the trophies ...



Some of the volunteers
l to r, Patty Griffo, Debra Pierce, Linda Simmons, Carol McFarlane. Seated, Michael Griffo, Charlotte Fagelman



Mayor Marshall and Lou Cohn presented trophies



Lou Cohn, left, weighing the catch

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Subsequently in the September meeting, the board passed the changes to the subdivision law, and decided not to change the existing zoning law. The final changes to the subdivision law will create a class of protected tree (45ins in diameter or greater) which must be preserved within subdivisions, and provides for changes that require additional tree mapping, landscaping plans and street trees for all subdivisions

and site plans. These plans will now be reviewed by the Planning Board. The Village Board is adamant that trees be preserved in the Village and have worked hard to strengthen our code in a fair and equitable way.

Changes to the Village Code were not the only matters that the board has considered recently. They approved the paving of Litman Lane and Ladentown Rd, approved the purchase of new

computers for the office to replace the old ones that have been plagued by problems, and worked on projects in the parks, village hall and the cultural center, and attended the very successful Fish-In organized by the Village Recreation Committee. We now look forward to another event planned by the Recreation Committee every year, the Halloween Parade and Party (see announcement on back page).

The Village Recreation Committee Cordially Invites You To ...

The 2004 Halloween Costume Parade and Party
Saturday, October 30th
12 Noon until 4.00pm



Last Year's Crowd



Gde Arsa Artha will carve another
"BOMA" Giant Pumpkin



The parade will start at the Hindu Temple on Ladentown Rd at 12.00 and will finish at Village Hall, where there will be a party featuring arts & crafts, story-telling, musical entertainment, a presentation by the Ramapo Marching Band, refreshments, and much, much more.

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