

The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

October 2005

VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Halloween Parade

The annual village Halloween Parade and Party is slated for Saturday, October 29th. The parade starts at the Hindu Temple on Ladentown Rd at 12 noon, and ends at village hall where there will be a party for the children (and adults!) with arts and crafts, musical entertainment, and refreshments. One of the highlights of the day will be village cultural center director Gde Arsa Artha's giant carved pumpkin, "Boma". See more details of this annual event on the back page.

Block Party Season

Several block parties have been held recently. Secor Court held its 14th consecutive annual block party last month. All the neighbors helped by providing delicious food and beverages. As usual the party was enjoyed quite late into the night.

Also recently, more than two hundred neighbors from "the mountain" neighborhood enjoyed their first block party, organized by several residents up there.

These neighborhood parties provide the opportunity for neighbors to meet and get to know each other, something that is more and more difficult with our hectic schedules. Getting to know one's

neighbors enhances our day to day lives, and also has the added advantage of providing a more secure setting with neighbors looking out for each other, something that does not always happen unless one knows the people next door.

Fairy Fountain

You residents who regularly visit Fairy Pond in Secor Park will probably have noticed the elegant fountain that now operates during daylight hours to prevent the build-up of ugly, green algae which has given the village maintenance people headaches over the years. It recirculates the pond water and throws it almost 25 ft. in the air to aerate the water, and since its installation at the beginning of the summer, our algae problem has been eliminated. We are sure the fish in the pond appreciate it almost as much as the goose who discovered it soon after it was installed and regularly takes a shower in its spray! The entrance to Secor Park is on Secor Court off Call Hollow Road. Come and enjoy the tranquility of this little gem.

Preserve Ramapo

A large number of village residents who live in the Ramapo section (roughly half of the village is in the town of Ramapo) are actively supporting the grass roots organization, Preserve Ramapo. This group is

dedicated to changing the make-up of the Ramapo town board to prevent further down zoning throughout the town, and especially at Patrick Farm, which, located at the intersection of routes 306 and 202, is immediately adjacent to the village and would have a major impact on village residents. They are against the creation of adult student housing zones in the town, one of which at Patrick Farm could see as many as 2,250 housing units in its pristine 200 acres, now zoned for single family housing on minimum one acre lots. The Preserve Ramapo group is fielding a slate of candidates in the town board election in November, and many village residents are actively supporting them. Joe Brennan is running for Supervisor, and Michel Vilson and Herman Friedman are running for town board positions. More information can be found at www.preserveramapo.org.

Minisceongo Park

This is the name that has been given to the proposed development of what we have come to call the "gravel pit", located on Route 202, opposite the two strip malls that house Pantry Deli and the Ivy Cart. The current proposal is for 269 residential units (town houses and apartments). Although it is not in the Village of Pomona, we are officially an interested agency, and watching the planning process carefully.

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Members of The Rockland Rodders, with Village resident Jeff Rosen, President (third from right)

Their group have officially adopted Pomona Road in the Adopt-a-Highway program

Thank you, Rockland Rodders, for choosing a road in Pomona. We know that you had other choices, and we sincerely appreciate it



There must be a lot of new residents who have never seen our Village Newsletter, The Village Green. We have resurrected it after an almost 12 month hiatus, and since it is such a useful tool to get information about news and events to our residents, will attempt to go back to publishing it every month.

A sincere welcome to the Village to all of our new residents. There has been a great deal of new building in the Village over the last year, and we see a lot of new faces around the Village. If you haven't already done so, please stop by Village Hall and meet Sue, Carol and Leslie, who keep the wheels of government turning. Leslie is in charge of "customer relations" and will be very happy to provide you with recycling bins, a "Welcome Package" containing useful information and coupons from local businesses, and any other information that you may need to familiarize yourselves with the area. The Village Hall telephone number is 354-0545. Also, please take a minute to visit our website at www.pomonavillage.com. It is kept up-to-date by our excellent webmaster (me) and frequently contains important information for all residents. It also contains links to other useful web places, and has contact information for all Village officials, as well as a feedback form for sending messages to the Village.



Nick Sanderson
Deputy Mayor

We also invite all of you to attend our board meetings. We normally meet for a workshop session on the second Monday of the month, and a regular meeting on the fourth Monday. There is always a period set aside for public comment towards the beginning of the regular meeting, so if you have a comment or question, you do not have to wait until the end of the meeting to speak. Our meetings are at Village Hall, and start at 7.30 pm. Meeting schedules and agendas are published on the website, and you can always call Village Hall to inquire about the schedule for the next meeting.

The Village Cultural Center, located on Rt 306 near Pomona Rd is another Village attraction that we invite you to visit. Its director, Tjok Gde Arsa Artha, organizes wonderful exhibits, usually of local art, and Village Residents are encouraged to visit. The openings of each exhibition are always well attended, and give you the chance to meet the artists and enjoy the entertainment and refreshments. Gde, himself an accomplished artist, always creates a floral arrangement for these openings, which on its own is a good reason to visit.

Again, if you have any questions or comments, please get in touch. We are a friendly village, and we sincerely want all of our residents to feel comfortable here.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Protect your loved ones by not delaying emergency response organizations from providing assistance during an emergency. Please make sure that your house is identified properly. Your house number should be placed in a position so that it is visible from the street. It should also not contrast with the background and should be at least a 4" Arabic number or alphabet letter. Numbers that are made of reflective material are particularly effective.

This action will assist emergency responders to locate your home quickly during an emergency when minutes count.

Recycling Rules

There is a new requirement from our garbage carter, Waste Management, which we would like to pass on to you.

They are no longer permitted to take recycled cans, bottles, etc. if they are in black plastic bags.

If you are going to use garbage bags, instead of bins, they must be clear bags so the guys can see inside. However, if you have not stopped into Village Hall to obtain your new set of recycling bins (the tall ones with lids), please feel free to do so.

Also, don't forget – if there is a fifth Wednesday in any given month, there is no collection that day. Otherwise, the recycling alternates between paper and cans/bottles like this:

- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month - papers (including telephone books, magazines, computer paper, etc.
- 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month - cans, bottles, tin foil, milk containers, O.J. containers, etc.
- 5th Wednesday of the month - don't put anything out!

The Village Recreation Committee Cordially Invites You To ...

***The 2005 Halloween Costume Parade and Party
Saturday, October 29th 12 Noon until 4.00pm***



Last Year's Crowd



Gde Arsa Artha will carve another
"BOMA" Giant Pumpkin

The parade will start at the Sri Ranganatha Hindu Temple on Ladentown Rd at 12.00 and will finish at Village Hall, where there will be a party featuring arts and crafts, musical and other entertainment, surprises, refreshments, and much, much more.

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