



THE VILLAGE GREEN

Village of Pomona
Fall Newsletter
2009

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Dear Residents,

As I write this, summer is very nearly over, and I sincerely hope that you all had a great summer season. As far as Leslie and I are concerned, we had a good summer, but much too short!! We did not go away, but enjoyed entertaining family and friends at home, especially our grandchildren, Nicholas and Lleyton.

I am pleased to report that the state of the Village is pretty much status quo. Most residents are anxious to know the status of the lawsuit filed against the Village by the Rabbinical College of Tartikov in federal court. We filed a motion to dismiss in 2008, and after many motions and pleadings by the parties, eventually made oral arguments in front of Judge Karas in May. We expect a ruling on our motion before the end of the year. It seems to many that the lawsuit is dragging on slowly, but we must understand that Judge Karas has more than 400 active cases on his docket. As an observer during oral arguments, I was greatly impressed with Judge Karas' grasp and intimate knowledge of the details of our case. If any resident wishes to discuss the details of the case, or any other issue facing the village, please feel free to call or email me. I always welcome interaction with our residents.

Summer is always a period when things slow down for the Village Board. However, this summer, we did not let the summer pass us by. As a result of increasing numbers of complaints, your village board passed a new local law concerning the operation of All Terrain Vehicles in the village, and we are now actively pursuing a private property management regulation that would allow the Village, after appropriate notices and hearings, to take care of unsightly and dangerous conditions on properties that have for some reason become neglected. This has always been a minor problem in the village, but has recently become more serious due to the increase in foreclosures. The new law will allow the village to remediate the problem and add the cost to the property's tax bill.

This summer also allowed so many of us to thoroughly enjoy the third annual Music Festival and Craft Fair that took place in July. This event was even better than the previous festivals, and I want to express my personal thanks to all of the volunteers who make these events possible for our village as well as to the performers who were outstanding, as usual.

Even though there are not many large projects going on in the village at the moment, you will most likely have noticed the work going on at the Parkway bridge over Rt 202, close by but outside the village. Thankfully, work has resumed as part of the stimulus package passed by Congress, and fortunately for us, this project was "shovel ready" and thus qualified for immediate funding. Work is progressing, but unfortunately does not include the new southbound entrance directly onto the parkway from Rt 202 that was hoped for by all that go that way during the morning rush hour.

So please enjoy the waning days of summer, and we all look forward to the fall season, when our village always looks so charming.

With best regards,

Nick Sanderson



**Upcoming
COFFEE WITH
THE MAYOR**

Sunday, October 11th
Saturday, November 14th
Sunday, December 13th



INFO FROM VILLAGE HALL:

1. AS ALWAYS, THERE WILL BE NO PICKUP FOR BAGGED OR LOOSE LEAVES.

Although there is no pickup for leaves, you can make special arrangements to have your leaves picked up (if they are in bio-degradable bags at your curb) for \$6 per bag. Call Donato Marangi, Inc. at (845) 222-9230 to make this arrangement. You can pick up free bio-degradable bags at Village Hall.

2. Village tax payments are still being accepted at Village Hall until October 31, 2009.

POCUS (*Litter Patrol Volunteers*)

Tentative dates for the rest of the year: October 18, November 15, December 13. We meet at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Village Hall. Come to one or both.

FYI

For info about the 2010 Census, please check out our website, www.pomonavillage.com.

Is there a new way to stop telemarketing calls?

Yes. Since Dec., 1st, the Federal Trade Commission has required all prerecorded telemarketing calls to include a "quick and easy" opt-out system to stop future calls by that company. Typically, for calls you answer, that means saying a certain word or pressing a number. Messages left on your voice mail must have a toll-free number that connects to an automated opt-out system. Any prerecorded sales or fundraising calls that do you meet these criteria are subject to fines. File complaints at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov or call 1-877-382-4357 toll-free.

REGISTERING TO VOTE:

Are you registered to vote in November's election? In both the Town of Haverstraw and Town of Ramapo, the current supervisors are running again. In the County of Rockland, the county executive and county clerk seats are also open.

VOTING RULES

To Register to Vote in New York State You Must be:

- 18 years or older,
- a United States citizen,
- a resident of Rockland County for 30 days by the date of the election,
- not in jail or on parole for a felony conviction,
- and you have not claimed the right to vote elsewhere

REGISTER BY MAIL...NOW!

REGISTER IN PERSON You can register at the Board of Elections office at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956 Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Identification Requirements: If your application is being mailed to the Board of Elections, please note that new Federal Laws now require that all first time New York voters who register by mail must present valid identification (as defined on the registration form) prior to voting. Therefore, in order to avoid lines at the polling place on election day, please include a copy of this identification when mailing your application.

CALL 845-638-5172

Call Board of Elections and they will send you a registration form in the mail.

HISTORY EXHIBIT

We are delighted to report that the History Committee will be setting up the very special exhibit that was put up for the 40th anniversary of the Village of Pomona in 2007 and shown at the Pomona Day Festival in 2008. Many people did not get to see the exhibit and have requested that it be on display again. You will be able to come and see the exhibit on a Sunday and one evening during the week. We will also have on hand some very special guests who will be reminiscing about the history of the village and answering questions that you may have. Watch for further info on the date, and keep checking the website for the announcement of the date.



The 3rd Annual Music Festival and Craft Fair,

held on July 11th, was a resounding success again this year. People around the county came out to enjoy The Pomona Jam Band, many musical groups, loads of raffle prizes, bouncy castle and great 'crafty' vendors. This year we added our Pomona Idol Contest for three age categories, and the children had a lot of fun entering and winning trophies. The pie-eating contest, judged by Danielle Duret (last year's winner), Leon Harris, Chairman of Pomona Village Planning Board and President of the Pomona Civic Group and Peter Obe, Pomona Village Zoning Board member, took place at 4:00 p.m. during the Festival. The winning entry, a blueberry pie, was made by Julie Ledford of Pomona. This was a contest that was easy to judge, reports Lynn Yagel who was in charge of the pie contest.

Comment from one of our raffle winners, Tom: "The last time I won anything, it was in 1982. It was a hair dryer. I was bald. So this free meal at a local restaurant prize was great...Thanks!"

Any comments about the fair?

Want to see something else at next year's fair? Leave your thoughts (*negative or positive*) at festival@pomonavillage.com.



Pomona Idol Winners at the Festival on July 11, 2009

The crowd enjoys the music at the Festival





MORE FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT...

Halloween Party - Our annual Halloween party for the children in the Village will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 1:00 to 3:00 at Village Hall. Come in your costume, play games and crafts with us, have refreshments and take home treats!

Walker's Group - Our New Walker's Group is turning out to be a big success with more and more people joining us each week! We meet every Tuesday at 9:30. Join any time! Bring a neighbor! Lots of fun and scenic trails to explore (all easy walks, usually no hills). Before you join us for the first time, just e-mail Lesliesan@yahoo.com or call 354-0843 to get the time and meet-up place for that week's walk.

Yoga Class - Join us for Yoga on Friday morning at 9 or Tuesday evening at 7, each for one hour. Free to village residents. Classes are one hour. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. You do not have to have prior yoga experience to join the class. Beginners are welcome at any time.

New - Tai Chi Class - We are considering conducting a Tai Chi Chuan introduction class to see if there is any interest in a regular weekly group session. One of our villagers, who has been practicing the form for a number of years, has volunteered to show the basics and lead a group in the principles and forms of the ancient practice. The class would be free for village residents. If interested, please email Recreation Chairperson, Leslie, at Lesliesan@yahoo.com or call her at 354-0843. We will need 6 people to run the sample class. (*Tai Chi is a slow*

form and emphasizes balance and some stretching, and is a good way to improve overall health and energy, increase circulation and stamina, and to assist in weight control. Class suitable for most levels of fitness.)

POMONA CULTURAL CENTER

The Pomona Cultural Center Presents...

Autumn 2009 – Fine Art Exhibition

Moment of Movement

September 26 – November 14, 2009

The Fall exhibition, Moment of Movement, will be on view from September 26 – November 14, 2009. ****Please note that the opening will be held on October 4th, but the exhibit will be on view from September 26th.***

The show will feature oil paintings, ink washes, digital prints and sculptures.

Artists include Pomona based sculptor Martin Glick; graphic designer, David Derr; Ukraine born painter, Igor Zaytsev; and sculptors Terry Molla and Leona Bloom, Hedy Richard, Richard Faerber and Esther Tulczynsky.

Opening Reception:

Sunday October 4, 2009, from 5 – 8 PM

Featuring a live jazz performance with Linc Milliman of Pomona and Richie Hart.

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 – Sunday
2:00 -6:00 P.M.**



Our Walker's Group enjoy beautiful scenery on one of their walks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>October 2009</h1>						
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				Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
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Cultural Center 5pm Fall Exhibition Opening Reception	Garbage All Village	Walking Club 9.30am Village Hall Yoga Class 7.00 pm Village Hall	Recycling - paper 	8.00 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
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Coffee with the Mayor 10am - 11.30am Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	Columbus Day Village Hall closed Garbage All Village	 7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Workshop Meeting Walking Club 9.30am Yoga Class 7.00pm	Recycling - bottles/cans 	Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
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Congratulations to the latest members of our Planning Board!

Jerry Fox was appointed full member of the planning board to fill the unexpired term of Ron Malone, who has moved.

Pat Miele was appointed full member of the planning board to fill the unexpired term of Linda Simmons, who has moved.

GARBAGE

Please be considerate of your neighbors. Do not put your garbage out at the end of your driveway until the evening before pickup. And then, **please remove your garbage cans promptly after the garbage has been picked up. Leaving garbage cans out is unsightly and ruins the look of our neighborhoods.**

More about garbage...

Marangi have taken over the village garbage contract. All aspects of garbage and recycling pickup remain the same. However, to make arrangements for pick-up of white goods (refrigerators, water heaters, etc.) and construction debris, etc. you must call them directly at (845) 222-9230.

Announcement - Recycling

It was observed on Wednesday, July 29th, that a number of residents forgot that when we have a **5th Wednesday** in the month, there is no recycling collection. This occurs again in September and December of 2009.

Starting again on the first Wednesday, we begin again with paper, then bottles/cans/foil, then paper, then bottles/cans/foil. So - first and third Wednesday of the month is ALWAYS paper (and flattened cardboard and junk mail), third and fourth Wednesday of the month is ALWAYS bottles/cans and tin foil.

Recycle... Recycle... Recycle and Make a Difference

We've just started a new recycling program - collecting used inkjet and laser printer cartridges and cell phones. We are helping keep the earth clean while earning new equipment and cash. You can make a difference and help us earn even more by saving your used cartridges and cell phones.

(Just put them in the box at Village Hall). People to People organization will be the recipient of any money given back to us from the recycling organization for getting these discards to them. Questions? Call Leslie at 354-0843 or email her at We will also continue to take gently used coats and books which are donated to others who need them.

FREE RABIES SHOTS

Free Rabies shots for cats, dogs and ferrets - Rockland County Fire Training Center on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated). No appointment needed. For further info, call 364-2656. Sponsored by Rockland County Dept. Of Health.

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