



The Village Green

Newsletter of the Village of Pomona

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Village Board joins effort to stop down-zoning in Ramapo section

The Village Board, in their regular November meeting, passed a resolution encouraging Pomona to join with the villages of Chestnut Ridge, New Hempstead and Wesley Hills in a cooperative effort to prevent the proposed down-zoning of the Patrick Farms property in Ramapo at the junction of routes 202 and 306.

This property is immediately adjacent to Pomona, and the Ramapo master plan as submitted to the public would allow many more housing units on the property than the current zoning, which permits only about 100 single family homes. It is felt that the Ramapo plan, which could allow multi-family units, would forever change the rural nature of the area, and would cause significant traffic, noise and pollution problems together with a further drain on natural resources such as the water supply.

An informational rally sponsored by the four villages is set for **December 12th** at Pomona Middle School at 8.00 pm. It is strongly suggested that all village residents attend to learn more about this.

Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

Its time to discuss our Pomona fauna. Not the Mastadons which the Museum of Natural History claims lived in our area when I was a boy, but the furry and feathered guys who are around today. Everyone in the village knows about the raccoons, deer, and skunks which work very hard to make their presence known, but there are also coyotes, red fox, copperheads, rattlesnakes, and beaver which make their regular homes within our village boundaries. Couple that with the black bears which occasionally pass through our backyards, the blue heron who regularly sups at Fairty Pond, and the increasing population of Pomona wild turkeys, and we have the makings of a fine little zoo right here at the base of old Cheesecote Mountain. Not only that, if you carefully look up in the trees and into the sky, you are sometimes rewarded by seeing a big old hoot owl, a red tail hawk, one of several varieties of vulture, or maybe a bald eagle or two.

Enough about the wild things, now lets talk about Fido, Puss N' Boots, and the other two and four-legged friends with whom we share our lives. First of all, if you are planning to bring a venomous snake or wild animal into your home, don't, it's against the law. You also can't have an unneutered rooster on your property, but you can have up to four chickens or ducks as long as they are kept in an enclosed area at least 75 feet from your property line. Horses, cattle, goats, or sheep are OK as long as you have a minimum two acre lot area, and one additional acre for each animal above one. As for cats and dogs, you can have up to a total of 5 excluding those under one year of age. We also have some very specific rules relating to Pit Bulls and other potentially dangerous animals which include fairly substantial penalties if they are not adhered to. In addition, please keep in mind that your dog must be licensed, cannot run loose, and, if your dog happens to put on his leash and decides to take you for a walk, a word of caution, Pomona has a "Pooper Scooper Law".

If you would like to know more of the specifics in our local laws concerning animals, check out Chapters 40 and 130-16 in our Village Code which can be found on our Village Website at www.pomonavillage.com.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 Music for Children Workshop 1-3pm Cultural Center	2 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	3 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	4 Recycling - paper 	5 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	6 9.30am Yoga class at the Cultural Center Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	7
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22 2.00 pm Village Hall Stream Tean (weather permitting)	23  7.30pm Village Hall Village Board Regular Meeting Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	24 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	25 Christmas Day Village Hall Closed No recycling pickup	26 Bulk Trash/Garbage Ramapo	27 Bulk Trash/Garbage Haverstraw	28
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**Please note that there will be no additional leaf pickups in the Village this year
PLEASE do not put leaves on the streets**

Cultural Center Agenda

New Exhibition - HOLIDAY 2002 - an exhibition of Ceramics and Painting

November 16th 2002 - January 5th 2003

Please visit the gallery to see these wonderful exhibits by artists

Judy & Shelly Bieber and Man Sheng

Cultural Center Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Halloween

Parade and Party 2002

On Saturday October 26th, the village Recreation Committee (Linda Simmons, Chair) proved what an exceptional team they are. The 2nd annual Halloween Parade and Party went off with a resounding success. The early morning rains gave way to almost ideal weather for the parade, which started on Quaker Rd at



George Sikorski's 1939 antique fire truck leads the parade, in honor of the victims of September 11th



New York State Horse Council Drill Team added to the splendor of the parade

12.30pm. Images of the parade (posted on the village website at pomonavillage.com) show how much fun everyone had, especially at the party which this year took place both in a tent and inside Village Hall.

THANK YOU, LINDA, AND ALL OF YOUR TERRIFIC VOLUNTEERS

You all made a very special day for the children who participated, as well as their parents ...

The following article was contributed by Lindsay, age 12, of Pomona. If any other youngster would like to write an article on a wild animal that is indigenous to the Hudson Valley area, please submit it to:
The Editor, Village Green, Village of Pomona, 100 Ladentown Road, Pomona, NY 10970.
(Yes, you have to first look up the word "indigenous")

As some of you might know, we've had some coyotes roaming around the Pomona area. So I thought I would educate you about coyotes so you don't have to be frightened if you encounter one.

Coyotes have been found throughout North America and other places too. They live in a variety of states including New York. However, they have adapted to the changes caused by

people building houses in new places. They have been steadily making their range of places to live much greater.

The coyote is a member of the dog family. They are about the size of a medium-sized collie dog, although the tail is rounder and bushier. All

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coyotes have very good hearing and sense of smell.

As for communication, coyotes do four things. They howl to say: "I am here in the area, and females are welcome to be with me. Please answer me, so we don't get scared of each other." The second thing they can do is yelp when they play. Also, they often bark as if to say "I am protecting my dinner so don't even try to come near me." The last thing coyotes do to communicate is huff. That means they are calling their pups back to the den without making a lot of noise.

Coyotes are nice to look at sometimes, but there are also coyote cautions. If you come across a coyote remember these things:

★ As people extend the places where they live, so do coyotes. Coyotes usually go out of their



way to avoid humans, but are discovering that humans are a good way to get food, because some humans will feed them. But that is not smart!

- ★ If coyotes come in contact with people a lot, they will get used to them. This isn't good because then they won't be afraid and might come up to humans. So just try to stay away from them.
- ★ Coyotes will depend on humans for food if humans start feeding them.
- ★ Coyotes are smart and learn quickly. They can be dangerous. So close your garbage can lids tightly so they can't get into them and make a mess.
- ★ Coyotes do eat cats and small dogs if they are desperate, so keep an eye on your pets.

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