

# The Village Green

*Newsletter of the Village of Pomona*

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*SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011*

## Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors and Residents,

I'm sure most can recall the following verses from our youth: "Rain, rain, go away, come again another day," "When it rains, it pours"! and to use a little poetic license, "the winter of our discontent is over." Of course, the last named item has little to do with the weather; however, it seemed somewhat apropos.

In the hope for better weather ahead, several events are planned: our annual children's fishing contest - a catch and release event - is always a hit with the kids (come rain or shine, the fish don't mind), a series of flamenco dance workshops (cante and toque provided), the great Pomona Music Festival, and Pomona Movie Nights. Of course, our Yoga and Tai-Chi classes continue. For the cost conscious among us, these events are free of charge to Village residents, and as an FYI, the events are nominal in terms of cost to the Village, in large part due to the participation of your fellow resident volunteers (Thank You!). For information on upcoming events, please refer to the Calendar of Events in this newsletter, or go on-line to the Village website for late-breaking updates. (<http://www.pomonavillage.com>). While you're at the Village website, please send along your email information so that we can keep you informed on Village happenings. It's easy, there's no cost, and in the end, it saves the Village money, which in turn saves us all money.

Other events under consideration: Return of the 'Mobile Passport Renewal Night' and a Defensive Driver Course. Additionally, we are considering having occasional extended hours for residents who are unable to come into Village Hall to conduct/discuss business. We will keep you informed. If there is an event that you would like to suggest, or if you have a question, please call or send us an email. Additionally, if you enjoyed one or all of these events, please consider helping out by volunteering a few moments of your time! Volunteers are always welcome!

Here's some information on Village business, cost containment, and other happenings:

Garbage Contract – The single largest recurring operating expense in our Village is our existing 3-year garbage contract. With the contract set to expire August 31, the board received bids this past March from carters with annual breakdowns over a five-year period. After careful analysis, the board voted to award a two-

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year contract to our current carters. The good news: there is no 'learning curve' and more importantly, the new contract has a net savings of over \$3K per month over the 2-year contract. A substantial savings in these budget conscious times!

Snow Plow Contract(s) - As the Village falls within two towns, the services for road repair and snow removal are contracted and handled by the respective Highway Departments. In Ramapo, we have a fixed price contract. In Haverstraw, we're not as fortunate; these costs are based on time and materials. While service levels in both are comparable and adequate, we are not insulated against Mother Nature regarding costs. This year, our Haverstraw costs ballooned \$50K past the budgeted amount. While we continue to negotiate a reasonable contract, we are meeting some resistance with the town, but are seeking a mutually agreed upon contract that is palatable for all parties. In the near term, we are attempting to remediate our costs. For example, the Village sought relief and fortunately, the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA), identified the winter storm in December 2010 as a major weather event. This declaration resulted in the Village becoming eligible for reimbursement for over \$12,500 in cost related expenses for this event. Additionally, the Village sought and was relieved from paying \$10K in repairs for a town truck damaged during this storm. Overall, we have reduced the costs of this one event by over \$23K dollars, and we continue to explore other cost-containment avenues.

Speeding – Numerous residents have called and complained, not only to Village officials, but the town police departments. Please, observe all posted speed signs within the Village. If you don't see a sign, the maximum Village Speed Limit is 30mph, unless otherwise noted. If you see a school bus with flashing redlights, do not pass. If you need further incentive, over 120 tickets were issued in just under one month's time. So please, slow down.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED:**

In closing, I would be remiss if congratulations and thanks were not offered to three individuals.

First, congratulations to Trustee Leon Harris. Elected this past March, Trustee Harris is no stranger to community service, having been instrumental in the formation of the Pomona Civic Association and holding the position of Village of Pomona Planning Board Chairperson, amongst other accomplishments. Good Luck and Welcome!

Second, congratulations to Trustee Rita Louie. Re-elected this past March, [now] Deputy Mayor Louie continues to serve and represent the Village both at the Village and County levels. Trustee Louie has been a force behind the Pomona Music Festival, first begun in 2008. We look forward to your continued

service and enthusiasm!

And last, but certainly not least, to Nick Sanderson. For over 15-years, Nick has served this Village with distinction, as a Planning Board Member, Trustee, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor. His leadership and service have positioned Our Village on a sound footing for the future! Many Thanks and Congratulations!

Looking forward to serving our Village as your Mayor as well as seeing you at one of our events or at Coffee with the Mayor.

Best regards,

*Brett L. Yagel*

Mayor

**THE POMONA CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS...**

Summer 2011 ~ Art Exhibition

*“Between Now & Then”*

June 11 – July 31, 2011

The Pomona Cultural Center announces The Summer 2011 Art Exhibit “Between Now & Then,” a selection of multimedia art by a group of emerging and young-generation artists from Pomona and the surrounding area, depicting and exploring their creativity and artistic visions through all different styles, material and medium creating a complete interactive experience for the viewer. Artwork includes painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Participating artists include Elana Kamen, David Master, Michael Tanney, Carol McIlmurray, Ebony Dallas, Hillary Beson, Karolina Pietruch and Peter Petkanic. The live music performance will feature a trio of Lynn Stein (vocals), Jon Burr (bass), and John Hart (guitar).

The Pomona Cultural Center is located in the historic stone Pig Knoll Schoolhouse at 584 Route 306, Pomona (just north of Pomona Rd.)

*Opening Reception:*

Saturday, June 11, 2011 | 6p.m.– 9p.m.

**MORE NEWS FROM THE POMONA CULTURAL CENTER:**

**Summer Flamenco Workshop**

Taught by Amilia Hernandez | Pomona Cultural Center

Sunday June 19-Sunday July 31 | 3pm-5pm | (6 consecutive Sundays)

The workshop has a total of 6 classes in which we will learn a full and simple choreography based on a 4 beat rhythm pattern called in Spanish "tangos." To read more about the Flamenco class description, please visit [www.pomonavillage.com](http://www.pomonavillage.com). Amilia Hernandez graduated from the National School of Ballet in Paris in 1999, and worked as a professional contemporary dancer in different companies in France and China before dedicating herself totally to Flamenco 6 years ago. She lived and studied in Madrid and Sevilla with the greatest Flamenco masters, Yolanda Heredia, Ursula

Lopez and Alicia Marquez. After touring and performing in France and Taiwan, she moved to New York where she has been teaching and performing Flamenco for 4 years. Flamenco art transformed her artistic life, bringing a sense of intensity and accomplishment that she hopes to transmit to her students.

To register, call the Center at 845-362-8062 or the Village Hall at 354-0545, or email at [gde@pomonavillage.com](mailto:gde@pomonavillage.com) or contact the teacher at [amiliasheti@yahoo.fr](mailto:amiliasheti@yahoo.fr) if you have any questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\* July 10th | 1pm | Rockland Fire Training Center  
Free rabies shots for cats, dogs and ferrets. By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated. SHOTS ARE FREE! For more information, call 845-364-2656.

\* June 6th | 7am-9pm | Vote  
Finkelstein Library Budget Vote - at the library.

*A Special Congratulations...*

Congratulations to our newly elected Mayor, Brett Yagel, newly appointed Deputy Mayor, Rita Louie, and newly elected Trustee, Leon Harris who joins incumbent trustees Ian Banks and Alma Roman. Good Luck!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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# JUNE 2011

Please visit <a href="http://pomonavillage.com">pomonavillage.com</a> for updated information on all village events and programs		1		2		3		4	
Sign up with your emails to receive latest info from us.		Recycling-paper 		Bulk Trash/Garbage all village		Cultural Center open 2-6pm			
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## From The Recreation Department:

### The Lou Cohn Memorial Fish-in

(The Great Pomona Fishing Derby for children)

Saturday, June 11, 2011 | 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

### The Fish are Biting!

Held at Fairty Pond on Secor Court - Fishing contest for children up to 13 years. Trophies will be awarded in several categories. Bring your own fishing pole, we supply the bait, refreshments and our resident angler to help the young fishermen. This is a catch-and-release event. For directions to the pond, check out our website at [www.pomonavillage.com](http://www.pomonavillage.com).



### Music Festival

This year's Pomona Music Festival will be held on the grounds of Pomona Village Hall on

Saturday July 9th | 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Special Children's Event:** To kick off our Pomona Music Festival, we are opening the day with a special children's interactive, 45-minute concert at 1:00 p.m. on the lawn of the village hall. Join Mr. Burr under the tent - don't be late!

## Garbage and Hazardous Waste:

### **Got Garbage?**

Please remember garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursday but bulk trash is only picked up on Thursday. All garbage and bulk should be out by 6:30 a.m. because your pickup time cannot be guaranteed from week to week.

### **Recycling Reminders**

Many residents seem to forget whether it's paper pickup day or bottles/cans/foil pickup day. An easy way to remember is that paper is ALWAYS the first and third Wednesday of the month, and bottles/cans/foil is ALWAYS the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Whenever there is a fifth Wednesday during the month, there is no pickup on that day. This happens 3 more times in 2011 (June, August and November).

### **Hazardous Waste**

There are many things that cannot be thrown into the regular garbage and are considered hazardous waste. Fortunately, here in Rockland, we have a place to dispose of these items. Paints, electronics, mercury thermometers, computers (all electronics), left-over medications, gasoline, antifreeze, old telephones and new type florescent bulbs are just a few of the things— for a complete list, see [www.rocklandrecycles.com](http://www.rocklandrecycles.com). The

location is Firemen's Memorial Drive just outside of the Village of Pomona. There are hundreds of additional items that they will take. During the week, you can drop off your items from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and alternate Saturdays and Sundays: June 12, July 9, August 14, Sept. 17, October 16, November 12 and December 4, 2011. (For a complete list of what is acceptable, call village hall at 354-0545 and ask for the green brochure 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility.

And speaking of garbage - join the Recreation Committee on the third Sunday of every month for our POCUS group (Pomona Cleanup Squad). We meet at Village Hall at 10 a.m. and pick up trash on the side of the road to make our village a better, cleaner place!

### **Village Updates - Please Sign up!**

Receive up-to-date village information as it becomes available. Submit your email address on our website (upper right corner where it says Contact). Your email address will NOT be given out or used for any other purpose. Please spread the word to neighbors. Note: Please include your home address because these notifications are only for Village residents.

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