



The Village Green

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Village Board ponders local law changes

Several local laws have come up for review by the Board of Trustees as a result of either being out-dated or insufficient for current purposes.

One of these is the local law pertaining to the limitation on removal of trees from homeowner's property. This is discussed in the accompanying article on page 4, one which homeowners planning substantial landscaping should read.

Other laws that have come up for review concern licensing of snow-plow operators and landscapers, our over-night parking regulations, our satellite antenna law, and the section of our noise abatement law that refers to construction noise on weekends. If you are interested in any of these potential changes, you should monitor the agendas posted on the website and come to the Village Board meetings where the changes are discussed. There is always a public hearing prior to any new law or changes to existing law, which gives you a chance to make your opinion heard by the whole board. In fact, the public hearing for the proposed changes to over-night parking regulations has already been set for the June regular meeting. Monitor the website for a posting of the revised law.

In other work, the Board continues with the planning and execution of work on the Village Hall property, installing handicapped access at Secor Park, and signage at the village parks. These projects are all funded by grants received by the village.

Message from Mayor Herbert Marshall ...

I believe that a solid level of public awareness in local government is important to the wellbeing of a community. So I have decided to take a little time and bring everyone up to speed about how things work in Pomona.

First, like most of the villages in New York State, Pomona has no professional administrator or manager. As a result, all the work of government falls on our part time elected and appointed officials and our hardworking office staff. Village operations currently include three 5-member village governing boards: the Board of Trustees, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals; our own Village Engineer, Building Inspector, Attorney, Code Enforcement Officer, Planner, Assessor, and Auditor; and a three person office staff. We also utilize the services of a number of additional professionals on a consulting basis, and contract with the towns for road maintenance, animal control, and police.

Our Board of Trustees is made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and three Trustees. Each is elected to a 4-year term, and has the overall responsibility for the fiscal and general management of the village. It also functions as the legislative branch of village government. Each member of the Board of Trustees has a specific segment of village life which he or she oversees. As Mayor, I serve as the general manager for all governmental functions. Nick Sanderson, our Deputy Mayor, looks after our Newsletter, Website, and Village Technology, and is involved with Office Operations and Grant Acquisition. Alma Roman works with the Cultural Center, our recreation/community involvement/clean-up committees and chairs our village Board of Ethics. Ian Banks directs his emphasis toward our parks and landscaping, public works, and village maintenance. Finally Alan Lamer, our newest trustee, acts as our board liaison to the Planning Board, ZBA, and various school committees, and serves as our legal oversight member. The Village Board has two regularly scheduled meetings each month.

All the Planning and Zoning Board members are appointed by the Board of Trustees to staggered 5-year terms, however both boards are

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Cultural Center Agenda

The Summer Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture features work by
Charles Meyers - Marcia Nacht - Chris Randolph
 The exhibition runs through July 27th.

Also, mark your calendars for July 31st - the Cultural Center is hosting the
Rockland County Jazz and Blues Society
 for an evening concert from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

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

POCUS is looking for a few good men and women! -

If you would like to spend one hour a month volunteering in your community, the POCUS (Pomona Clean-Up Squad) Committee is looking for more volunteers to pick up litter on the side of the roadways in the village.

POCUS meets one Sunday a month at 2:00 p.m. in the Village Hall parking lot. Chairperson Constantine Gletsos has a stock of garbage bags and work gloves for anyone who needs them.

If you want to join in, please just come, or call Constantine at 354-0738. There is a link to his e-mail on the village website too at www.pomonavillage.com. The schedule for clean-up for 2003 is as follows: June 22, July 20, August 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

The Rockland County Health Department, in its efforts to track and combat West Nile Virus, is asking any resident who finds a dead bird to call 845-364-2584 to report it. Trained Health Dept. staff members are attempting to collect all dead birds for West Nile Virus testing. More info is available on West Nile Virus by visiting www.rocklandgov.com/health or by calling the County Resident Automated Info Line at 364-8990.

The Rockland County Health Department also has information on Lyme Disease. Even though you can be bitten by a deer tick at any time of the year, different stages of ticks are more active in different seasons.

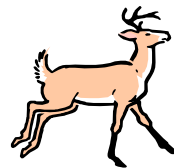
May - September: watch for immature ticks—the size and color of a poppy seed. One stage of immature ticks, called nymphs, cause about 90% of all Lyme disease cases.

For Tick Identification: Call the Horticulture Diagnostic Lab at Cornell Cooperative Extension 845-429-7085. They are located off of Exit 14 of the Palisades Parkway northbound.

Important note regarding garbage pick-up



If you live in the Haverstraw section of the village, your garbage is normally picked up on Tuesday and Friday. Since July 4th falls on a Friday this year, the garbage collection will take place on Saturday, July 5th.



Gardening with Deer

Another workshop is planned for July 9th. If you are interested, please call Leslie at 354-0545 or email her leslie.sanderson@pomonavillage.com

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chartered to function outside of the influence of either the Mayor or Trustees. By design, I do not attend Planning or Zoning Board meetings in order to maintain the function set forth in that charter. It is the Planning Board's responsibility to deal with all aspects of village development and construction. Planning Board members also serve as members of the Board of Architectural Review. In contrast, the ZBA has the much more limited role of

only handling zoning appeals which involve code variances or the interpretation of specific village code provisions. Both the Zoning and Planning Board are scheduled to meet once a month, but that schedule is greatly affected by actual hearing applications.

Village government is set up to function under the home rule guidelines set forth in New York State Village Law. Within those guidelines we freely adopt our own laws and operate in the manner best suited to the needs of our community and residents.

Although we work closely with our towns and county, we are an independent municipal unit answerable only to the state and our own residents. But don't get the wrong idea, in spite of our independent status, we still operate under an extremely rigid set of checks and balances imposed and monitored by the state.

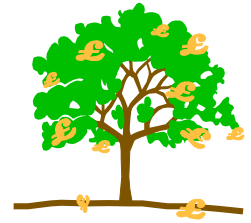
There's a lot more to cover, but unfortunately I've run out of room. More on this subject later. Have a good summer.

Tree Preservation in the Village

Several measures have been taken by the village boards over the years to preserve the rural nature of the village by regulating the removal of trees within the village. Chapter 118 of the village code regulates the sub-division of land, and it contains measures to prevent the wholesale stripping of trees from properties being developed. In addition to carefully restricting the number of trees that can be removed, the Planning Board, during its review of a sub-division, may also require shade trees to be planted.

Chapter 130 of the code regulates Zoning. This chapter includes regulations concerning what can and cannot be built within the village, and also includes restrictions on the removal of trees. Every application for a building permit for construction of a new home or an addition to an existing home requires the plan to identify which

trees will be removed from the property, and the code enforcement officer may visit the site to mark trees that may be removed.



A section of the code that many residents are not aware of is the provision that homeowners may not cut down more than 4 trees per year that have a circumference of more than 15" measured 4ft above the ground without first getting a building permit to *Clear, Fill or Grade* (see Chapter 130-18 (H) in the code for this regulation). Any residents that are planning major landscaping projects should carefully review this section of the code. If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 354-0545 to discuss this with the Village Building Inspector.

The entire village code is posted on the village website at www.pomonavillage.com.

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