

THE VILLAGE OF

WEST HAVERSTRAW

Summer 2009

Mayor Ramundo Urges Village Residents to Go Green to Save Green

Day Camp
Registration is
underway. Forms
are available on our
website or at Village
Hall.

QUALITY OF LIFE

You may have noticed changes lately in West Haverstraw. There are new sidewalks on Railroad Avenue, new businesses are opening their doors, and new lights at Peck's Pond have increased the operating hours in the park. These improvements are part of an overall effort to enhance the quality of life in the Village.

RECYCLING = \$AVING\$

The Village has mandatory recycling laws in place, but our compliance rate is low. We currently recycle approximately 30 tons a month, or less than 10% of our total waste. The federal government encourages municipalities to achieve recycling rates of 35%. If we reach that benchmark, the Village could save **\$185,000** per year!

WEDNESDAY IS RECYCLING DAY

Blue and green recycling bins are available free of charge from our DPW garage. Please place your items curbside after 6 p.m. on Tuesday and remove your empty bins promptly after pickup on Wednesday. Additional information about recycling is available by calling the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority at 845-753-2200 or by visiting www.rocklandrecycles.com.



GREEN BIN IS FOR MIXED CONTAINERS:

Plastic drink bottles and plastic food containers (#1-#7), aluminum cans, aluminum foil, disposable aluminum products, metal cans, green, clear and brown glass (bottles and jars only).

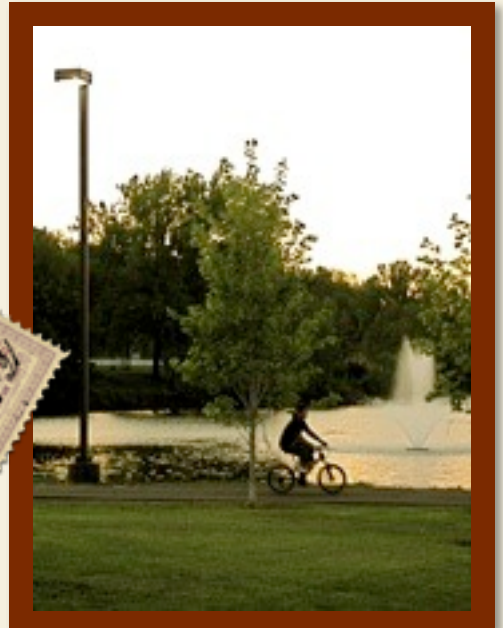
BLUE BIN IS FOR MIXED PAPER:

Unacceptable items include paper soiled with grease or paint, paper cups, tissues/napkins, plastic bags, styrofoam, pots, pans, and cookware, ceramic or glass plates and cups.

Newspapers and inserts, junk mail and envelopes, corrugated cardboard, smooth cardboard, computer, fax and copy paper (all colors), glossy magazines, catalogs, telephone and paperback books, brown grocery bags.



The Village's Park at Peck's Pond features a lighted walking path, ballfields, a roller rink and playground.



BY THE NUMBERS

Properties in the Village must have their premises identified properly. Failure to comply is a violation of our fire and property maintenance code and could impede emergency service response. Address numbers must be placed on the property (not on a mailbox) and be plainly visible from the street. They should contrast with their background and be a minimum of 4 inches high. Additional information can be obtained from the Village Building Department.

LIGHTS! ACTION!

Recently installed lights around the walking path at Peck's Pond have expanded the operating hours of the park. Walkers complained that they had to suspend their exercise during the winter months because of the lack of daylight and families were heading to darkened parking lots at the completion of games. The lights, financed by NYS grant funds, provide much needed illumination until 11 p.m., increasing the safety of our residents while improving our facilities.

DPW NEWS

Important information about the Village's Public Works services is available on our website. Included are contact numbers and sanitation schedules as well as seasonal reminders about leaf pickup and winter snow removal. The Department respectfully requests that homeowners comply with the Village Code that requires lids on cans. Uncovered, overflowing cans are unsightly, attract rodents, and burden our employees when they become loaded with rainwater!

RAILROAD AVENUE UPDATE

The Village has successfully obtained \$325,000 in federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant program to replace sections of sidewalks along Railroad Avenue. Work was completed on the western section and will begin shortly on the area between Route 9W and Blauvelt Avenue. The corridor, which functions as a virtual Main Street for the Village, is home to several new businesses and rehabilitated homes, greatly improving the appearance of the area.

Bulk Pickup for residential homeowners is Thursday ONLY. Do not place items out until Wednesday evening. Additional information about acceptable and unacceptable bulk is available on the Village website. Thank you!