

Pomona Heritage, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Pomona, California's historically significant homes and buildings and to the education and awareness of our residents about the cultural richness with which we are entrusted.

Pomona Heritage

Newsletter

August 2010

Historic District Sign Replacements Planned

by Kathleen Jones

Many of you may have noticed that the Historical District signs that were installed in 2004 have cracked and split. The signs facing north seem to be in fairly good shape, but the sun and weather have deteriorated the vinyl on all the other signs. A few of the sign posts have been damaged and will have to be replaced. The wording on the signs will remain the same and we are working to keep the script the same style.

During 2003 and 2004 Pomona Heritage was instrumental in collect-

ing donations and the City of Pomona installed the current signs. No one at the time realized that these signs would only last 6 years.

Now, six years later, Pomona Heritage with the help of Diana Smith and Dawn Van Allen have applied for a grant from the LA Conservancy to raise half the cost to replace the old signs with new cast iron signs. We should hear if Pomona Heritage will be awarded the grant sometime in late August.

Pomona Heritage has also begun to do fundraising and collect donations

to gather the other half of the money needed for the signs. Our first fundraiser will be a Bowling Party on August 29, 2010. Please see the Bowling Article below.



Pomona Heritage's 1st Annual Bowl-A-Rama!

Put out your favorite bowling shirt, give your team a name and bring the kids! Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling and help raise funds for replacing our Historic District Signs!! And all in a fully restored classic 1950s bowling alley.

\$25.00 per ticket is tax deductible and includes:

- Up to 4 guests per ticket per lane (That's 6.50 per person folks!)
- 2 Hours of Bowling AND Shoe Rental Included!!! Wow!

This great summer fundraising activity will take place on Sunday August 29th from 2:00 pm to 4: 00 pm at the Bowlum Bowling Lanes, 4666 Holt Blvd. Montclair, CA

Contact Jan Reed 909-629-4343 for tickets or email her at vp@pomonaheritage.org. You can get additional information from our web site at www.pomonaheritage.org.



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Donations and membership are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, please consult your tax advisor.

Editor's Message

Focusing On Primary Mission

by John Clifford

It's Newsletter time, and, as always, it's time to reflect on what your organization is up to. While we have plenty of information on our social side, the Annual Picnic (page 3) and our Bowl-A-Rama fundraiser (page 1), we're also highlighting our main mission, preservation of our historic neighborhoods.

Often times, we hear someone say that "Pomona Heritage is too political." or "Pomona Heritage is the compliance cops." To the first, Pomona Heritage is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. As such, we are strictly prohibited from taking stands on political issues. We may not endorse candidates or participate in fund raising or advocacy for any cause outside our mission. That mission, as stated in our mission statement is "dedication to the restoration and preservation of Pomona, California's historically significant homes and buildings and to the education and awareness of our residents about the cultural richness with which we are entrusted." Yes, we are political in so far as we must be to further our mission. Thus, as part of our educational imperative, we have, in the past, questioned candidates concerning their views on preservation issues within the city. We also work with many individuals within city government concerning such issues.

As for being the "compliance cops," again, our mission is the preservation of the historically significant homes and buildings. As such, it is important that we are diligent to see to it that the hard won historic preservation ordinance is complied with, otherwise we will have no historic buildings as these homes become less historic, one window at a time. Please see the story on page 5

regarding just what compliance is.

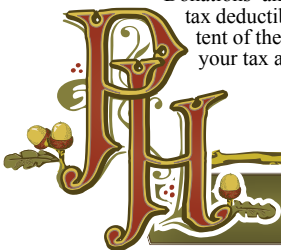
Another issue that Pomona Heritage deals with a lot is "exactly who are we?" Just what are the roles of Pomona Heritage, Historical Society of the Pomona Valley (our sister organization), the Pomona Historic Preservation Commission, and the departments of the city which oversee historic issues, such as Planning and Code Compliance.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misunderstanding about who does what. Often, the Historical Society will field questions about the historic ordinance, and it's quite often that Pomona Heritage (or Historical Society) will be blamed for the actions of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Pomona Heritage: We are the organization that spearheaded the creation of the ordinance and the historic districts. We are also the organization that placed the signage marking the entrances to the historic districts. We advocate for preservation of the history of Pomona through participation in public meetings and personal contact with the decision makers

Historical Society of Pomona Valley (HSPV): our "sister" organization maintains the history, both written and physical, of the entire Pomona Valley. They also are the stewards of some of our most significant historic landmarks: Phillips Mansion/Currier House, Casa Primera, Adobe de Palomares, Barbara Greenwood Kindergarten, and the Ebell Museum of Pomona History. They also advocate for preservation issues alongside Pomona Heritage.

Pomona Historic Preservation Commission: The commission is a legal continued on page 4



Annual Picnic Was A Cool Success!

Wow, we finally had great weather for the annual Pomona Heritage picnic held on June 19th. If you recall, it has been very hot for the past couple of years at the picnic. It seemed that no matter what month Pomona Heritage picked it was the hottest day of the year—but this year it was perfect!



Your help is always appreciated. If you missed the picnic this year, we will look forward to seeing you next year.



We had a very nice turn out, around 60 people. Everybody enjoyed sitting under the grape arbor with old friends and new. Shawn Borem managed the grill serving up Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The many different side dishes were a delicious treat. The cooler full of ice cream was a big hit with both children and adults.

We had a more children than usual and they loved exploring the grounds around the Palomares Adobe. Jim and Mickey Gallivan opened the 1854 Adobe for a tour. Jan Reed obtained the “Our Police, Our Safety” signs, which were distributed.

Thanks to the many volunteers who help with both set up and clean up.



photos by Jim Gallivan



Pomona City Government

Part One: The People

Know your friends in Pomona City Government. Your voice counts!

CITY HALL

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MAYOR: ELLIOTT ROTHMAN

The Mayor is the presiding officer of the City Council and is elected for a four year term, on November of even-numbered years.

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers are elected for over-lapping four-year terms. Each Councilmember is nominated by and represents the district in which he or she lives. The City of Pomona is divided into six Council Districts.

District 1: Danielle Soto

District 2: Freddie Rodriguez

District 3: Cristina Carrizosa

District 4: Paula Lantz

District 5: Tim Saunders

District 6: Stephen Atchley

Communications with city council or staff can be done via email (find email addresses at the city's web site: <http://www.ci.pomona.ca.us/>). All agendas, and public notices are available online from the city clerk's pages or laserfiche at: <http://public-records.ci.pomona.ca.us/weblink7/Browse.aspx>

**CITY MANAGER:
LINDA LOWRY**

MARK LAZZARETO

PLANNING: BRAD JOHNSON

The Planning Services administer and enforce applicable State and local codes to ensure the health and safety of the public. The Housing Division's function is to administer and develop various housing programs designed to assist very low, low and moderate-income households.

In addition, the division administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allows the City of Pomona to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:
POMONA CITY COUNCIL,
RAYMOND FONG,
DIRECTOR**

The Pomona Redevelopment Agency's function is to improve the conditions of the City through urban revitalization programs. Its programs are intended to alleviate physical decay, stagnation and blight, and to correct economic and social problems. Redevelopment is usually accomplished through the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of commercial, industrial or retail property. The governing body that oversees the redevelopment process is the City Council, which also sits as the Pomona Redevelopment Agency.

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body set up under the Historic Preservation Ordinance and are part of the city's commission system. The seven members are appointed, one by each councilmember and one by the mayor. The commission's primary duty is to interpret and execute the provisions of the Historic Preservation ordinance. As such, they are the ones who make decisions regarding whether a specific project, such as window replacement or tree removal, is in compliance with the ordinance. They act as a quasi jury to make these determinations. The commission meets the first Wednesday of each month in the city council chambers. They have no affiliation with either Pomona Heritage, nor HSPV.

Code Compliance: This is the city of Pomona's "policing" agency to ensure that all of Pomona's city ordinances are being complied with. This includes not only the historic preservation ordinance, but all ordinances such as building and safety laws, laws regarding illegal uses of property, etc. Code Compliance was a part of the Police Department, but was, with the last round of budgeting changes and department changes, been moved to the Department of Building and Safety. They can issue citations, stop work orders, and have the full authority of law. They are uniformed officers.

Planning Department: the Planning Department is that city agency that issues permits for work to be done on historic properties. If you live in a historic district, you'll probably have lots of interaction with the planning department. They are the ones who issue certificates of appropriateness (see page 5) and take items before the Historic Preservation Commission.

Please read the information in this newsletter as it will help you understand our city, it's laws, and historic preservation



Where Can I Find Restoration Materials For My Old Home?

Whenever there is a home or building that is scheduled for demolition and there is nothing else that can be done to save it, the Historical Society of the Pomona Valley and Pomona Heritage request the right of salvage. They collect items that are worth reusing and the items are stored in the Historical Society's buildings.

The kinds of buildings that we've salvaged materials from in the recent past have included; the commercial buildings from west Second St., bungalows from a Craftsman bungalow court, and both small and large Victorian and Craftsman homes throughout the city.

We are always on the lookout for Pomona Homeowners who are restoring their historical home and may need something. The Homeowner does not need to be in one of the Historical Districts to get these free items. At present we have a considerable number of windows, doors, flooring, built-in ironing boards closets, built-in mail boxes and other items. Additional donations are always welcome.

If you are on the lookout for something for your Pomona Home, please call Mickey Gallivan at the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, to schedule an appointment to go and look for what you need. Summer hours may be a little sporadic so you may want to call her at 909-623-2198. Please leave a message, the Ebell Museum is a big building and they may not be able to get to the phone in time.

Compliance IS Preservation

What does Compliance mean? There exists in our city of Pomona certain laws and regulations governing changes to structures, windows, fencing, etc. as well as tree protection. These laws and regulations, similar to those in almost all cities, were put into place because of problems with homes being defaced, inappropriate style fencing, up-rooting and removal of trees, etc.

The historic preservation ordinance was passed into law to preserve the historic integrity of our neighborhoods. For those of us who live in the Historic Districts, our homes and trees are protected by these laws. In order to maintain our beautiful Historic Districts we must work together to preserve our homes and tree lined streets by obeying these laws. With historic preservation, the value of our homes goes up and our environment is enriched when we comply with our existing historic ordinance.

WHAT KIND OF THINGS SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?

- Structural changes to the exterior of your home require a city permit. Things such as siding, front porches, stucco, etc.
- Wooden windows can not be replaced with vinyl or aluminum.
- Doors must be historically accurate.
- Wooden siding can not be covered over with texture coating or stucco.
- Spanish Colonials which originally had hand textured plaster (stucco) walls must get similar treatment.
- Architectural details such as corbels and brackets must be maintained or replaced with like-for-like.
- Trees can not be removed without

a major Certificate of Appropriateness from the city.

- Basic Tree Trimming can not endanger the tree and a permit must be obtained from the planning department prior to trimming.
- The Historic Ordinance is available at Pomonaheritage.org

WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS?

- No work including exterior alteration and demolition, may be conducted on a designated Historic Landmark or on existing or new buildings, public streets, public streetscape, public sidewalk, public structures, public buildings, spaces and public works projects within a designated Historic District without first obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the City.
- Minor COA's can be handled at the Planning Department Desk at City Hall. These include like-for-like replacements, and minor tree trimming.
- Major COA's require a review by the Historic Preservation Commission. These include new construction, replacing materials with non-conforming materials, or tree removals.

WHAT IS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION?

The Historic Preservation Commission is a panel of seven commissioners who review major alterations or demolitions. They meet once a month on the first Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.



Pomona City Government

Part Two: The Process

All Pomona residents are encouraged to attend Council and Commission meetings. Your voice counts!

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are conducted the first & third Mondays of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located between City Hall and the Library. The City Council considers certain permitted personnel matters, litigation and property acquisition in Closed Session meetings that begin at 5:30 p.m.

A vital part of the democratic process that is integral in the conduct of the City's affairs, are the regular monthly meetings of the Pomona City Council. It is here that the laws, policies and basic program decisions are made for governing Pomona. The City Council provides staff with goals and direction that is then implemented on a day-to-day basis by the employees and officials of the City.

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council meetings to become better informed about how the City of Pomona works. Items for review and approval of the City Council are generally divided into several categories, including the Consent Calendar,

Public Hearings, Old Business and New Business. Not all

of these various categories will have an item at any given City Council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Copies of the Council Agenda are available at the City Clerk's Office, at City hall, on Friday afternoon of the week prior to the Council Meeting and in the lobby of the Council Chambers during the meeting. A complete Agenda packet is also available for review in the Special Collections section of the Pomona Public Library and at the Council meeting.

Residents and concerned citizens may provide the Council with input on particular programs through the Public Hearing process, and through the Citizen Participation portion of each City Council meeting. During Citizen Participation, each person who wishes to address the City Council on an item not on the agenda may do so for three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to present an oral communication should come forward to a microphone, be recognized by the Mayor and state his or her name. All remarks should be addressed to the Mayor. The City Council may direct staff to prepare a response at a later date.

CITY COMMISSIONS

City Commissions provide a systematic process for citizen participation. Commissions serve as advisory bodies to the Council within the confines of their respective responsibilities.

Each Commission is composed of Pomona residents who serve on a volunteer basis. Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. All City

Commissions are subject to the Brown Act and are required to have regular meetings open to the public. Anyone who is resident of Pomona and is interested in serving on a Commission, may obtain an application form from the City Clerk. A member of a Board or a Commission may not hold any other city office or position for which compensation is paid.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with recommending historic landmark designation and the application, enforcement, and education of the community in regards to the historic preservation regulations set forth in Section .5809-13 of the Zoning Ordinance. For more information, contact the Planning Division at 620-2191.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers

The Planning Commission is responsible for making discretionary decisions in compliance with the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Commission conducts public hearings on Zone Change requests, Amendments to the Zoning Code, Conditional Use Permits, Variances, Environmental documents, Tentative Tract and Parcel Maps and other land use and development matters. In certain matters, such as zone



changes and zoning code amendments, the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Planning Division at 620-2191.

In Memoriam

Carolyn Kirkpatrick

Pomona Heritage members were saddened to learn of the passing of long time active member and past president of the organization, Carolyn Kirkpatrick. She died April 20th of a blood clot in her lung, a complication of treatment for breast cancer. She is survived by her husband George, and son Kirk and his wife, and grandson Ian.

Carolyn and George lived for many years in a three story Craftsman style home designed by architect Robert Orr. She had been president of Pomona Heritage, and was instrumental in helping the group to research and organize the material that was written for historic designation of Lincoln Park, both on a local and state level. She hosted many meetings over the years, and they offered their home for inclusion in the Old Home Tour on three different occasions. She was a strong advocate of code and historic ordinance compliance, wanting to see her historic neighborhood remain as original as is possible.

She and her husband retired and moved to Grove, Oklahoma, where they enjoyed being close to their son and his family. They were lifelong collectors of antiques, and Carolyn's personal passion was collecting Star Trek memorabilia. Their large antique collection was primarily Victorian style, and they regularly attended Pomona's Street Fair in the antique district.

Friends of the Pomona Fox

Willy Wonka To Screen Aug. 22 at Fox

“A world of pure imagination . . . “ From the imaginative mind of Roald Dahl and music of Leslie Bricusse, Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory is a classic family film. A morality tale that takes on gluttony, television, and gum chewing, the visually stunning Chocolate Factory is a stark contrast to the “real world” of Charlie Bucket and his grandfather. Starring Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, and Peter Ostrum as Charlie.

You won't need a “golden ticket” to see Willy Wonka's factory at the Pomona Fox.

Shop or Donate and Help a Cause

Habitat for Humanity ReStores

Are you looking for something for your home or home improvement project, something less costly than the usual retail stores? If so, have you heard about ReStores?

Habitat ReStores are outlets that accept donated goods for resale. While every ReStore is a little different, most focus on home improvement goods—furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances.

These donated goods are sold to the general public at a fraction of the retail price to help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat homes within their communities.

Materials sold by Habitat ReStores are usually donated by local retailers, contractors and individuals in the community. ReStores provide an envi-

SPECIAL ADDED GUEST: Director Mel Stuart will be in attendance and will answer questions prior to the screening. He will also be available to autograph copies of his book, “Pure Imagination: The Making of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.”

Admission is \$5 adults and \$4 children 12 and under. Doors open at 1:00 pm, screening begins at 2:00 pm. There will also be a door prizes and other surprises.

Advance tickets available online at the Friends of the Pomona Fox web site: www.pomonafox.org.

ronmentally and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable materials out of the waste stream and simultaneously provide funding for all of Habitat's community improvement work.

Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity, active since October 1989, helps provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income residents in the West Inland Empire and East San Gabriel Valley thereby promoting a healthy neighborhood environment for community residents.

If you want to shop or if you or your company have materials to donate, please contact your local ReStore:

Pomona Valley Habitat ReStore
4609 Holt Blvd,
Montclair, CA
91763, Phone:
(909) 399-0202



PLEASE NOTE: Membership renewals due January 1 annually. Please renew today.

Pomona Planning Commission Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers
Pomona City Council Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:45 pm, City Council Chambers
Pomona Historic Preservation Commission Meeting: Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7 7:00 PM: Pomona Heritage Board Meeting, Ebell Museum

Grant Submission Deadline for Pomona Heritage's Grant Submission
TUESDAY, AUG. 31: Deadline for Pomona Heritage's

Annual Bowl-A-Rama Bowling Lanes, 4666 Holt Blvd. Montclair, CA,
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 2:00 PM: Pomona Heritage First

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 6:00 PM: *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* at the Pomona Fox Theater.

Visit us online for full descriptions

Upcoming Events

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Pomona Heritage

Membership Application

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Membership / Sponsorship Levels: (choose one)

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- Historic \$2,500+
- Citrus \$1,000+
- Ranchero \$500
- Pioneer \$250+
- Heritage \$100
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- Family \$30
- Individual \$25
- Student/Senior \$20

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eMail Address: _____

Special Interests: I am interested in helping as:

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- Guest Speaker
- Misc. Volunteer
- Committee Member
- Having My Home on Tour
- Membership