

The Ardsley Villager

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IMPORTANT UPDATE

SENIOR HOUSING HEARINGS

Earlier this autumn, the Village Board closed the public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement [DEIS] concerning the proposal by Ardsley Housing Associates to develop the 12 acre Pintel property in the northwest corner of the Village. The requested zoning amendment public hearings have been kept open by adjourning them every 30 days. The Village Board anticipates receipt of the Final Environmental Impact Statement [FEIS] some time shortly after the New Year.

The proposal calls for 250 living units consisting of 75 independent living units, 125 assisted living units, and 50 special care units. Also included in the proposal is the construction of 18 single family homes, four of which would be on Concord Road and the remaining homes would be on a cul-de-sac from Sylvia Avenue off Route 9A. For more information about all aspects of this proposal, please contact Village Hall at 693-1550.

Upon receipt, copies of the FEIS complete with plans will be made available for review in the Village Clerk's office and the Ardsley Public Library.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

AUSTIN AVENUE

Thanks to the efforts of our Mayor, Samuel J. Abate, Jr. and our special legal counsel, Richard O'Rourke and Nicholas Ward-Willis of the firm of Keane & Beane, Sprain Road has finally been opened to the public as an access to the Austin Avenue shopping center. According to the terms of a settlement engineered by Judge John DiBlasi the road will remain open for at least three years or until a new link to the shopping center is developed. In fact, plans are being studied to create an extension to Stew Leonard's Drive down to Route 9A. In addition to Stew Leonard's the only other retailer open at this time is Costco. Home Depot is expected to open in December. Plans are in the works for several hotels, and possibly a multi-plex cinema.

Preliminary plans for the reconfiguration of the Ashford Avenue / Rt. 9A intersection have been completed and construction is scheduled to commence in April 2000. Reconstruction of Ashford Avenue between Rt. 9A and Sprain Road will commence during the summer of 2001.

NEWS BRIEFS

TREE LIGHTING: The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will take place at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 4. The first tree to be lit will be the evergreen on the west side of Village Hall. Shortly, thereafter all the trees in Addyman Square and the business district will follow. A portly jolly fellow clad in a red suit is expected to lead everyone from the square to the Community Center where carols will be sung, and refreshments will be served. Please join us!

FIRE HORN: Several months ago, we reported that the fire horns had been changed. Unfortunately, our fire fighters and ambulance corps members are having difficulty hearing the new horn. We are getting closer to making a decision on a new fire horn system so that the sound can be heard better, while at the same time being mindful of those who live in the vicinity of the firehouse.

CANINE FUGITIVES: In the last newsletter we chided the general public about not obtaining dog licenses. Unfortunately, very few residents took our light-hearted remarks seriously. Therefore, this month we firmly advise you that every dog over the age of six months must have a dog license. This is a New York State law and is necessary not just for census reasons but to ensure that distemper and other shots have been administered. Failure to adhere to this law will subject the owner to stiff monetary penalties. Captured stray unlicensed dogs will be sent to the pound, and will not be released until the necessary licenses, penalties, and proof of shots are received. This is a

serious health issue and should not be ignored. Contact Village Clerk Clara Smith for more information at 693-1550.

VILLAGE TAX BILL DUE: As stated on the back of the bill, the second installment of the Village Taxes will be due on December 31. However, since Village Hall is closing at 12 noon on Thursday, December 30 for the holiday weekend, the bill will not be due until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 3. All bills postmarked or paid in person January 4 or thereafter will be subject to a late penalty.

NEW FIRE HOUSE: Plans for the new Fire House are progressing. Several weeks ago, a Request for Proposals was distributed for architectural and engineering services. At their December 6 meeting, the Village Board of Trustees is expected to accept the proposal to Schardt & Fullan of Long Island. Plans call for the demolition of the old decaying Village Hall with a modern state of the art fire facility which will meet all state and OSHA requirements.

THE SECOND HUNDRED YEARS: Happy birthday wishes are in order for two of our Ardsley residents who recently celebrated their 100th birthday: Bea Proske of Lincoln Avenue and Martha Struckman of Euclid Avenue.

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INCHES DO COUNT: The Village Board has amended the Village Code to require the installation of at least 4 inch numerals on all homes and commercial buildings. This decision came about in response to the Fire Chief's concern that the existing 2 inch requirement was not conspicuous enough for responding emergency vehicles. The Fire Chief also recommended that the numbers not be placed on front doors or garages because when these opened the numbers become invisible.

The Mayor, Trustees, and Village Staff wish all a healthy, and happy holiday season!

FILLING IN THE BID HOLE: In late September, Hurricane Floyd left the Village a gift that kept on giving. The day after the storm the manhole cover at the intersection started showing signs of distress via the small geysers spewing forth from the holes. Suspecting a sewer blockage, the DPW opened the manhole to find a cave-in of a 60+ year old main sanitary sewer line. To complicate matters further, the sewer line was perilously close to major underground electrical and telephone power lines,

and so a large private contractor was brought in to perform the repairs, particularly the excavating which had to be done by hand to avoid causing power outages. As work progressed, the severity of the collapse became apparent particularly when it was discovered that the line was clogged with gravel and debris clear across Route 9A. Fearing they would have to close the road altogether, workers called in special high powered vacuums which fortunately unblocked the clog and eliminated the need to excavate to the other side of the state road. A temporary asphalt patch is on the road now, and a permanent one is slated for the spring.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: In response to the School District's banning of Junior Class automobiles in the HS parking lot, and the Greenburgh Town Board's decision to ban parking on streets north of the High School between the hours of 7:30 am to 9:30 am, the Village Board recently placed the same parking restrictions on Dellwood Ln., Huntley Dr., Overlook, Oak Hill, and Revere Roads so that our residents would not be inundated by parked cars. Unfortunately, the creation of the signs has been delayed in the Greenburgh Sign Shop, and attempts to have temporary signs made have been thwarted. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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EMERGENCIES,
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