

The Ardsley Villager

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<div data-bbox="152 592 573 627">IMPORTANT MESSAGE</div> <p>County Executive, Andy Spano has announced a new effort that would bring members of the public more "into the loop" during a large-scale emergency by allowing the county to contact them directly. With the County emergency Notification System (CENS), information can be sent by email and/or text messaging to mobile phones or devices before, during or after a major storm or other disaster. Residents can get immediate updates on what's happening and find out what they should do or where they should go. To register for these updates and to learn more about the service, go to www.westchestergov.com.</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING: DUMPSTERS</p> <p>On Monday, December 19, 2005 at 8:30 pm, the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to section 122-4 of the Ardsley Village Code requiring the construction and use of enclosures around Dumpsters. The proposed amendment reads as follows:</p> <p>"Every business, commercial or industrial enterprise located in a commercial or business zone within the Village of Ardsley that uses one or more Dumpsters or similar trash receptacles, or two or more trash cans, for the storage or placement of garbage, rubbish, or refuse is required to construct a containment area enclosing such Dumpster, similar trash receptacle or multiple trash cans from all public view. Plans for such enclosure must be submitted to the Building Inspector for his review for compliance with all building, safety, and fire laws. For the purpose of this</p>	<p>What's Inside</p> <p>County Exec Message</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Village Clerk Message</p> <p>Police Matters</p> <p>Senior Citizens</p> <p>Library Notes</p> <p>Stormwater News</p> <p>ASVAC News</p> <p>Election Memories</p> <p>Archives</p> <p>Flag Depository</p> <p>TPPSC Reports</p> <p>CATV Update</p> <p>Ardsley Historical Society</p> <hr/> <p>EMAIL JAY LEON AT ARDSLEYMAYOR@AOL.COM</p> <hr/> <p>law these enclosures shall be deemed a structure and their construction is further subject to the approval of the Architectural Board of Review. Existing owners or tenants of such property at the time of the passage of this law must construct such a containment area within six months of the date of the passage of this law. The containment area shall be constructed of a six-foot stockade fence or a six-foot black or green chain</p>	<p>-link fence with vinyl privacy slats. This law shall not apply to any trash receptacles that are stored in a fully enclosed building and are only placed outside of such building or structure for curb collection pursuant to Section 122-6 of this chapter". Should you have any questions regarding this law, please email the Building Inspector at avinspector@optonline.net.</p> <p>VILLAGE TAXES</p> <p>The second installment of Village Tax is due at the close of business on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. New York State Real Property Tax Law dictates that late penalties cannot be waived under any circumstance.</p> <p>A FEW WORDS FROM OUR VILLAGE CLERK</p> <p><u>DOGS</u></p> <p>Residents are reminded that dog licenses must be renewed on an annual basis. All dogs over four months of age should be licensed with the Village Clerk. If your pooch lacks a tag, please contact Debbie Henneberry at 693-1550 x120. <u>Dog walkers, please keep in mind that dogs must be kept on a leash not more than six feet in length and should not be walked on other residents' lawns.</u></p> <p><u>ICE</u></p> <p>Remember to program an "In Case of Emergency" ("ICE") number into your cell phone directory – phone numbers of people who should be notified in case of an emergency. In the event that you cannot communicate, police, ambulance or other emergency service workers can look up "ICE" in your cell phone directory and be able to reach an appropriate contact.</p>

FORMS

In the next few weeks, a "forms" section will be added to the official website. People will be able to download and print all of the following forms: building permit application, electrical permit application, plumbing permit application, fence permit application, sign permit application, tank permit application, certificate of occupancy application, filming permit application, and dumpster permit application.

DO NOT CALL

Effective September 15, 2005, cell phone numbers have been released to telemarketers. To have your cell phone number added to a "Do Not Call List" go to www.donotcall.gov where you can register up to three numbers at a time or call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone number that you wish to put on the list.

FREE CREDIT REPORTS

Residents of the State of New York are now eligible to receive one free copy of their credit report every twelve months from each of the three main credit agencies that provide these reports. Reports can be ordered by logging on to www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling: 1-877-322-8228.

SECURITY SYSTEMS

For those who have central office - based security systems: please be advised that if you are planning to or have recently changed your telephone system from a land-based system to a Voice over IP (VoIP) system, you need to make provision to maintain your phone link to your service BEFORE you make the change.

For instance if you change the service from a regular Verizon service to a VoIP services such as Vonage, Cablevision or even Verizon's offering on the phone number that is used by your security service, you may no longer be connected to your security system. If you lose your connectivity to your security service's central office, in the event of a fire or break-in, they will have no way of knowing about it and will not be able to report it to the local authorities. So before making any changes, please contact your security service provider to get a list of questions that you will need to pose to your new telephone service provider.

If you have made a change, please run a test on your system to confirm you do or do not have connectivity.

POLICE MATTERS

The Ardsley Police Department would like to remind residents that 911 should only be used for emergencies. All other calls for service should be directed to the non-emergency phone number 914-693-1700. Residents should not call the police to inquire about school closings, cable tv outages, power issues or any other utility problem unless it is of an emergency nature. Such calls tie up the dispatcher at the Police Desk making for a dangerous situation. Officers have been instructed not to provide this information unless it affects public safety. The following numbers should assist residents in obtaining information or reporting outages:

Con Edison Electric & Gas – 1-800-752-6633

Cablevision – 914-777-9000

United Water – 914-632-6900

Verizon Telephone – 1-800-825-3300

School Closings or Delays – 914-693-6300, WHUD Radio 100.7 FM, WFAS Radio 103.9 FM, TV Channel 12

Lastly, the Police Department reminds that overnight parking restrictions are in force from 2:00 am– 7:00 am seven days a week. Residents may obtain overnight parking permit applications at the Police Desk. For more information on police matters of a non-emergency nature, please call 693-1700.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Ardsley Senior Citizens are as active as ever. On each Wednesday we play games (Bingo, Pokeno, Horse Racing), watch movies, and invite speakers on subjects of interest to Seniors. Trips are always something to look forward to. On Nov. 16 we had a luncheon at the Ardsley Middle School (members only). On Dec. 21st we will have our Annual holiday Luncheon at Rudy's Beau Rivage (guests are welcome at \$25 per person). On April 3, 2006 we look forward to a trip to Villa Roma with luncheon and a show. Any Senior Citizen is welcome for \$48 per person. We are sad to announce the recent

loss of two of our members—Anthony Radomski and Helen Dawson. On a happy note, we have welcomed several new members: Gloria Esposito, Maris Farina, Corinne Galgay, Carol Green, Robert Philipps, and Eugene Ragone. To end each meeting the men (and a few women) enjoy a couple of hours of cards. Did you know the Village of Ardsley provides free transportation every weekday to the Nutrition Center in Dobbs Ferry? Lunch is served and is often followed with an activity. Please call Evelyn Perry, Director, for any information, 592-4364.

BIBLIOBYTES

Director Angela Groth asks what's big and boxy, protected on all sides and looks like a batting cage? It is the work area for the NYC DEP which has commenced its work to inspect and maintain the aqueduct that runs beneath the Library. I'm sure you've noticed it if you've tried to park in our lot. We knew this was coming. As a matter of fact we were waiting a year for it to begin, but it is still a shock to see the impact it is having here at the Library. We miss you. We have been promised an extension for the parking lot, which will restore the spaces that are now unavailable. The paving should begin shortly and then you will be able to join us again without added discomfort. We are still working feverishly in the Library to provide the newest and best selections of books, audios and DVDs for your enjoyment. For all you fans of books-on-tape, come in and you will find a separate area for the new releases so you can skip the serious browsing to find the new titles (we'll sort them for you!) Make sure to visit us soon while our showcase still features an international collection of handmade boxes from Beverly Levine. I hope to see you here at your Library very soon.

STORMWATER NEWS

According to Mike Ritchie, Dolph Rotfeld Engineering and Project Manager for our NYS DEC SW grants, Ardsley is "way ahead of the curve" in our outfall mapping efforts thanks to Lorraine Kuhn. Hurray for our little Village! Many thanks go to the "West Side Team", Susan Porcino and Gil Harris, and the "East Side Team", Lenny Breindel, for their excellent and dedicated volunteer fieldwork. And

thank you to all the good neighbors we have met and spoken with and have graciously allowed us to map the water which runs through their backyards. This project will continue until Spring 2006 when all the waters have been mapped.

Thanks are also due to our latest Storm Drain Stenciling team which has been busy since September marking drains on the south and east sides of the Village. Joan Marshall has undertaken the task as part of a civic project and she is being ably assisted by Catherine Lowenthal, Jamie Altnu and Suzie Furst, as well as by their moms Michelle Missry and Prudence Fisher. These volunteers are doing a great job of raising stormwater awareness. So please remember that only stormwater should go down the storm drains and we should contribute as little pollution as possible to our run-off.

Speaking of controlling our pollution, a new IDDE Law is coming. That's Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. Notice was given on November 7 at the Village Board Meeting and a Public Hearing is tentatively schedule for the second Village Board meeting in December. Copies of the draft law will be available at Village Hall and the Library. Briefly, the IDDE Law regulates illicit discharges to the storm sewer system such as cross connections to the sanitary sewer system and illegal dumping of substances into the storm sewers. Of note to homeowners, floor drains and washing machines should not be draining to the storm sewer and sump pumps should not be draining into the sanitary sewer. Illicit connections will no longer be allowed. **The IDDE Law is mandated by the EPA and NYS DEC as part of our Phase II Stormwater Management Program,** so we must work to comply with the new regulations.

Lastly, it's fall. Let's bag those leaves and keep them out of the streams. Leaves must be placed in **PAPER** bags or in garbage pails, uncovered. No plastic leaf bags will be picked up by the DPW. They should be on the street on regular garbage pick up days. Garbage and leaf bags may not be placed on the street until after 6 pm before pick up. Garbage pails should be off the street after pick up within 24 hours according to Village Code.

ASVAC NEWS

Here are a few tips from your friends and neighbors at ASVAC to assist us should you need to call for medical assistance.

Dial 911 – this will dispatch your call directly to police headquarters. Stay on the line and give as much information to the officer as possible. It is important for us to know the nature of the call. We use the information to help determine whether an advanced life support (ALS) paramedic is required on the call.

Make sure your house number is visible from the street. You want to be sure that we can find you.

Please put any pets (dogs and cats) in a room out of the way. We don't want them underfoot or running out an open door.

Please have a list of all medications prepared to go with the patient. This list should include the medications and the dosage. Daily vitamins and non-prescription drugs should be included on the list. The name of your prescribing doctor should be on the list.

Prepare an information sheet for each family member to include: name, address, date of birth, social security number, allergies (to foods and/or medication), and current medical conditions. This should be provided to a member of the ambulance crew to insure proper treatment.

We will be forwarding our annual fundraising letter to all of our residents shortly. We are working to replace our current 42-year old pre-fab building located next to the Library on American Legion Drive. Please be as generous as you are able.

We wish you a happy, safe and healthy holiday season -- Patricia L. Hoffman, Captain

ELECTION RESULTS

On November 8th residents voted for a new Mayor and two Trustees. Elected were Jay Leon, Mayor and Peter Porcino, Trustee. Trustee Larry Nardecchia was re-elected. Jay succeeds Mayor Sam Abate. Abate was appointed Zoning Board member in 1988, elected as Trustee in 1992, and elected Mayor in 1997. We wish our new Village Board good luck and

extend best wishes to Sam Abate in all his future endeavors. Best wishes also to Lewis Lubell, our acting Village Justice who won a seat on the State Supreme Court.

ELECTION MEMORIES

The Village of Ardsley reached far back into its history when it elected a new Mayor last month. Every previous Mayor, dating back to 1927 when the New York State Legislature changed the title from President to Mayor, and all four Village Presidents were elected in March, with the exception of the first Village President, Daniel Lawrence, who was selected, 31 votes to 0, on St. Valentine's Day 1896. This was the first mayoral election held in November – a 2003 referendum having changed the election date.

Perhaps most notable of all who presided over the Village was Frank Addyman, who served both as President (1923-1927) and later as Mayor (1931-1934) before he died while in office. The Village Square is named in his honor. Another famous resident was Francis J. McCormack, who held every elective office in the Village, including Mayor (1948-1949), Village Justice (1953-1974), Village Trustee and School Board Trustee.

Ardsley mayors have literally run the alphabet from Samuel Abate who was first elected in 1997 to Louis Zito (1957-1959). Only one woman, Marie Stimpfl (1983-1989) has held the position. The last three mayors, dating back to 1991, have been lawyers.

The Village boardroom proudly displays picture of all its former Presidents and Mayors. Still residing in Ardsley are former Mayors John Morehouse (1992-1997), Morton David (1989-1991) and Marie Stimpfl. -- Walter Schwartz, Village Justice

ARCHIVES

At the fall meeting of the Archives Advisory Board a discussion was held regarding storage space for Village records. In its on-going Records Management program, the Village has had many original house plans put on microfiche. In the future State funds will be sought to continue microfilming historical and permanent records with

the intent to reduce the amount of storage space needed. Plans are in the works to store an original microfilm offsite should any disaster occur. The Board strongly recommends that all departments reduce their storage space by having important records microfilmed.

FLAG DEPOSITORY

As you may have noticed, the old library book deposit box in front of Village Hall is slowly but surely being transformed into an attractive Retired American Flag Depository by Girl Scout Troop 2798. The five scouts who range in age from 9 to 15 include Rachel Greenwald, Rachel Flamm, Diana Vogt, Genna Loccisano, and Katie Woehrie. They are being expertly guided by Troop Leader Alison Bergman. The girls completed the painting of the box by Veteran's Day. Troop 2798 along with all the other Girl Scouts in the quad village area delivered cookies before 11 am on Veterans Day to the homes of our war veterans. Thank you girls for creating the retired flag depository and for bringing cookies to all our deserving Veterans.

TPPCS REPORTS

The Village recently hosted a successful Walkable Community and

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Safe Routes to Schools Workshop. As a result, the committee will be focusing over the coming months on the recommendations that came out of those sessions on ways to make the Village more pedestrian and cycling friendly for residents and students alike. A direct by-product were the recommendations on ways to improve the traffic situation. The Committee has its meetings monthly, usually the Thursday preceding the 2nd Village Board meeting at Village Hall at 7:30 pm. They are open to the public. We are always looking for residents who would like to participate in shaping the way our Village will look in the future.

CATV UPDATE

The Ardsley Cable Television Committee continues its negotiation efforts with Cablevision on its renewal, and with Verizon, as a new provider of cable TV services. We have also developed plans, based on the results of the recent survey you participated in, to provide for the additional programming you have requested and will be presenting them to the Village Board of Trustees in the coming months. It is still not too late to submit your survey—if you do not have a copy you can request one from Village Hall-693-1550. The Committee is always looking for volunteers who want to

learn about the various aspects of what we do, from the actual production of programs through the developing of new programming ideas and their implementation. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Henneberry, the Asst. Village Manager at the same number.

ARDSLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our first newsletter of the year has gone out to the school district and has a wonderful article about the Ardsley Methodist Church in honor of its 145th Anniversary. It also contains a membership form and we hope you will renew and/or join us for the first time. On Sunday, December 4th we had a program about the Ardsley Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Pat Hoffman and other members of ASVAC spoke about their history and current activities. It was a most informative program. Our 2006 calendar will be out shortly and is given out with membership or on sale for \$5.00. Our phone number is 693-6027. - Beverly Levine, President

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY
CHANUKAH! HAPPY KWANZA! HAPPY
HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND A HEALTHY
AND SAFE NEW YEAR!**

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT