

# The Ardsley Villager

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<div>IMPORTANT REMINDER</div> <div>VILLAGE TAXES DUE JULY 1</div> <p>The first installment of the 2002-2003 Village tax bill is payable without penalty until 4:00 PM, Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tax payments received in person thereafter or postmarked July 2<sup>nd</sup> or later must be assessed a penalty as per New York State Real Property Law. There are no provisions for exceptions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to telephone Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio at 693-1550.</p> <div>VILLAGE ELECTIONS &amp; APPOINTMENTS</div> <p>In the March Village elections Trustees Linda Pohlmann and Bernie Preisser were re-elected for two year terms, and Walter Schwartz was re-elected as Village Justice for a four year term.</p> <p>At the reorganization meeting on April 1, Mayor Sam Abate appointed Robert Ponzini as Village Attorney for one year; Robert Pellegrino was re-appointed for a five year term to the Planning Board; Robert Paley was re-appointed to the Zoning Board for a five year term; Michael Wiskind was re-appointed to the Architectural</p>	<p>Board of Review for a three year term;</p> <div>WHAT'S INSIDE</div> <p>ASHFORD AVENUE WORK</p> <p>OVERNIGHT PARKING</p> <p>PBA NEWS – NEW OFFICERS</p> <p>PATROLMAN RECOGNIZED</p> <p>BUS SHELTER RESTORED</p> <p>RODENT PROBLEM ASSISTANCE</p> <p>DROUGHT MEASURES INTACT</p> <p>WEST NILE VIRUS</p> <p>PESTICIDES REGULATIONS</p> <p>HOLIDAY SCHEDULE</p> <p>NEW POSTAL PHONE NUMBER</p> <p>SURFING ASSISTANCE</p> <p>RIVERWALK PROPOSAL</p> <p>GEL-SPRAIN PROPOSAL</p> <p>INDIAN POINT CONCERNS</p> <p>MILLENNIUM PIPELINE</p> <p>CELL TOWER UNDER REVIEW</p> <hr/> <p>Jeanne Dolgin and Susan Randol were each re-appointed for a five year term to the Library Board; and Alan Greenwald received a full one year term on the Cabletelevision Committee.</p> <p>The Mayor merged the Conservation Advisory and Open Space Committees and appointed Lori</p>	<div>TRANSITIONS</div> <p>Hunter, Louise Giusti, Dorothy Kaufman, Serge Del Grosso, Ellen Slipp, Ellen Fountain, and Zizi McDougall. Esther Katoni joined the group on June 17.</p> <p>Members of three new committees which were created in fiscal year 2001-2002 also received full one year appointments: the Riverwalk Committee which includes Lori Hunter, Peter Porcino, and Serge Del Grosso; the Greenway Committee which includes Frank Jazzo and Arline Weston; and the Gel Sprain Committee which includes Ellen Slipp, Beverly Levine, Peter Porcino, Evo Riguzzi, John Morehouse, Mark Jacobson, Trustee Liaison Mark Mildner and Trustee Larry Nardecchia.</p> <p>In late March, Fire Chief Patrick Lindsay, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Fire Chief Richard Scott, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Cipollone were re-elected for a one year term by Ardsley Engine Company No.1. The three officers were installed in a ceremony at Tappan Hill in April.</p> <div>PERSONNEL CHANGES</div> <p>We start off the new fiscal year with several personnel changes. Joseph Arduino, who had been our Parks &amp; Recreation Supt since May 2000 accepted a job as the Parks Supt. of Tarrytown in late April. Joe is credited with pumping vitality into the recreation program, and we wish him the very best in his new career. A replacement for Joe is currently being canvassed through the the County Civil Service lists. Lorraine Kuhn is temporarily assisting Recreation employee Betty Giaccio to keep the momentum</p>

flowing. Larry Tomasso joined us in late January as the new, first ever, full-time Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Larry came to us from the Town of Greenburgh where he was the Assistant Building Inspector. Prior to that, he had been the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of New Castle (Chappaqua). Larry has made quite an impact in this community during his few short months here easily noted by the rapid growth of Zoning and Board of Architectural Review agendas. Larry has also been tackling the window sign coverage conundrum in the business district. He may be reached directly at 693-6961. Michael Fanelli, who had been our part-time Building Inspector since 1990, resigned in late December to concentrate his energies on his full-time job as Building Inspector in Elmsford. John Symonds' position of part-time Code Enforcement Officer was phased out as a result of Tomasso's appointment.

Police Officer Frank Quattrocchi retired in April after 22 years on the force, and Lieutenant John Coupe retired on May 31 after 35 years on the force. Anthony Vacca, a transfer from Wappinger Falls, has filled the vacated patrolman slot. Lois Duggan, the Planning Secretary has seen her responsibilities broadened to include some part-time assistance to the Village Manager, and Robert Grant has been appointed for part-time summer assistance in the Highway Department.

Frank Polese retired in May as Senior Program bus driver, and Anthony Corradino has been hired by the Village Manager as his replacement. In early June, Liz Burns Scott left her part-time position in the Treasurer's Office to focus on other activities. Ed "Chick" Zekus, returned to his parking meter collection duties on June 19 after a hip replacement operation and long convalescence. Since January, four volunteer fire fighters have been sworn in: Joe Corvino, Steve Kaskowitz, Christopher Murray, and Dave Berletic. Last, but not least, early this month 30 year veteran Police Sergeant James Mulvey announced his retirement for mid July. Best wishes to all our retirees and new appointees!

## ASHFORD AVENUE

Work on Ashford Avenue continues. Concrete sidewalks have been poured and granite curbs installed on the north side from the Ardsley Methodist Church to Abington Avenue. We are awaiting the arrival of red paver bricks to fill in the exposed gaps. Granite curbing has been installed on the south side from Judson Avenue to Abington Avenue. A new storm drainage line installation is in progress from Prospect Avenue down to Lincoln Avenue and Taft Lane, and another has been completed on the Ardsley Road s-curve near Sprain Road. The blinking light has been replaced by a stop sign at Abington Avenue, and deteriorating trees have been cut down to improve safety and sight distance at the corner of Taft Lane and Ashford. Catch basins have been refurbished at several points along the road.

So, what's next on the agenda? The corner of Taft and Ashford will receive a facelift with new trees and a new retaining wall. A new sidewalk will be installed on the north edge of Ashford Park between the Sprain Brook up to McCormack Drive and continuing on to McKinley Place. New sidewalks and curbing will be installed on both sides of Ashford from Judson Avenue to the Bank of New York, and a new eastbound left turn lane will be incorporated into Ashford Avenue at American Legion Drive albeit at the expense of several parking spaces in front of Village Hall. New parking spaces are planned for the north side of Ashford Avenue from the OLPH convent to Ardsley Methodist Church. Milling and resurfacing of Ashford Avenue from the Bank of New York to Sprain Road which will require several days is tentatively scheduled for the latter half of this summer. As finishing touches, new parking and street name signs are scheduled to replace the olds ones. The odd collection of street light fixtures will be replaced with uniform Victorian-style fixtures all along Ashford Avenue as well as in Addyman Square.

Recognizing that road construction work is noisy, dusty, and often incredibly frustrating, the entire Village staff, the New York State Department

of Transportation engineers and staff, and the work crews of New Rochelle Contracting thank the residents of this community for all the incredible patience they have shown thus far.

## DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

CATV committee members suggest that should you have any community event or program news that you would like to see on the Village's government access channel, please fax, mail, hand-deliver, or email it to George Calvi, the Village Manager. All we ask is that you be brief and succinct. Please provide a contact name and phone number, and submit your request three weeks in advance the month you hope to have your announcement appear. Please no commercial, religious services, or partisan requests. The fax line for the Village Manager's fax number is 693-3706, and his email address is: [manager@ardsleyvillage.com](mailto:manager@ardsleyvillage.com)

In a similar vein, the Village has a web site, [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com), designed and maintained by Village resident, Steve Giglio. If you are providing services or wares in the Village through your own web page and would like to have it linked to the Village's, please email Mr. Giglio at [webmaster@computertek.com](mailto:webmaster@computertek.com).

Your written comments on our existing web site and cable announcements, and suggestions to improve them are most welcome.

## NEWS BRIEFS

- **DROUGHT:** Despite the recent rains, we are still in drought mode, and consumption restrictions remain in effect. Lawns may only be watered at even numbered addresses on even numbered days, and odd numbered addresses may be watered on odd numbered days. Such watering is limited to between the hours of 5:00 am and 9:00 am,

and 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. If it rains within 24 hours of the time you are permitted to water, you cannot water on that day. Washing of cars with hoses, and driveways and sidewalks in any manner is banned. Fines are as follows: \$100 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense for a second offense, and \$1000 for a third offense. For details, check with the County's water agency at 995-6555 or [westchestergov.com](http://westchestergov.com).

- **OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Since we are well into 2002, residents are reminded to renew their overnight parking permits, if they haven't already, at the Ardsley Police Department. These permits are only for those residents who have no driveways or insufficient space in their driveways to accommodate their cars. These permits do not, however, grant you permission to warehouse i.e. leave your car on the street "24/7." You must move your car from time to time, or you could be ticketed.
- **PBA NEWS:** The Ardsley Police Benevolent Association has announced their slate of officers for calendar year 2002. They are: Ron Perkins, President; Kevin Downey, Vice President; Nicholas Piqueras, Treasurer; Michael Starr, Secretary; and Brian Watson, Trustee.
- **PATROLMAN RECOGNIZED:** River Towns Lions Club awarded Patrolman Dave Fisher the Lions Club Police Recognition Award at a dinner on March 13 at Rudy's Beau Rivage in Dobbs Ferry. Congratulations, Dave, upon receiving this prestigious award!
- **BUS SHELTER:** A very large thank you to Dr. Ashoke Das and the Rivertowns Lions Club for having performed a wonderful rehabilitation of the wooden bus shelter in Legion Park. The shelter, which had deteriorated tremendously in the last few years, was in dire need of repair and/or replacement. However, the Lions Club upon hearing of its condition volunteered to do the job at no cost to the Village, and greatly enhanced the look of Legion Park.

- **RODENTS:** A number of residents have expressed concerns regarding rat problems. More often than not, these problems are the direct result of improper sanitation around a home particularly leftover pet food and overflowing bird feeders. Additionally, overgrown yards contribute to harborage. Rat problem complaints should be made directly to the County Board of Health located in New Rochelle at 813-5000. You may need to seek out a qualified professional pest service to eradicate your problem. Please do not request the Village Highway Department to dispense rat poison.
- **WEST NILE VIRUS:** Though it has been playing second fiddle this year to the drought emergency, West Nile is still with us. Residents are encouraged to adopt as many practices as possible to eliminate breeding grounds for mosquitoes. These include disposing of water holding containers such as old tires, cans, buckets, drums, wheelbarrows, and bottles; covering trash containers to keep out rain; drilling holes in the bottom of recycling containers; unclogging roof gutters and removing water from flat roofs; draining bird baths, plant pots, and drip trays twice a week; and sweeping driveways after rain so that it's free of puddles. For further details contact the County Health Department at 813-5609.
- **PESTICIDES:** In 2000, the County passed the Neighbor Notification Law. Commercial Lawn Applicators are required to notify abutting property dwellers or owners within 150 feet, **in writing**, of proposed pesticide application 48 hours prior to treatment and must also post visual notification markers on property being treated. The law is enforced by the County Board of Health and the NYS DEC. For details, call 813-5000 or view the [www.westchestergov.com/heath](http://www.westchestergov.com/heath) web site.
- **HOLIDAYS:** Residents are reminded that the Village offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, and Monday, September 2, Labor Day. Please

consult your 2002 Notice of Sanitation calendars for rescheduled trash collections.

- **SUMMER READING CLUB:** The Library's kick-off takes place on the first Saturday after school lets out which is June 22nd this year. The theme for 2002 is SPLISH SPLASH READ! and the library staff is looking forward to sharing some of these glorious summer afternoons with the enthusiastic readers of Ardsley. There will be special programs for members and new and exciting prizes as incentives. For details, contact your friendly neighborhood librarian at 693-6636.
- **POSTAL RATES:** Residents are reminded that postal rates rise on June 30. Mailing a first class letter will go from 34 to 37 cents.
- **LIDS NEEDED:** With the arrival of the warmer weather it is now more important than ever to store your trash curbside in sealed rigid containers to eliminate foul odors and attraction for scavenging dogs and raccoons.
- **SURFING:** Need help navigating the Internet? Want to learn more about computerized library services? Join Irwin Norman for some personalized hands-on experience. Appointments may be for any Monday afternoon at the Library between 1 and 4 pm.
- **RIVERWALK:** On the heels of the vanquished ShopRite, comes Martin Ginsberg with plans for a 157 unit mixed-use facility on Route 9A directly across the road from the former Ciba property now known as Ardsley Park. Although the parcel is located in Hastings-on-Hudson, a valiant group of Ardsley residents have been faithfully attending that Village's Trustee and Planning Board meetings to stress their concerns about traffic impacts to Ardsley Village and enrollment impacts to the Ardsley School District. Discussions are still in the early stages. If you would like to get involved, contact Mayor Abate at [sabate@mccarter.com](mailto:sabate@mccarter.com).
- **GEL-SPRAIN:** On the east side of the Village, the Town of Greenburgh is entertaining a 40 acre 55 unit townhouse

development known as Gel-Sprain. Again, traffic impact to Ashford Avenue is Ardsley's main concern not to mention that the sole access and exit from this property will be on the dangerous Ardsley Road s-curve. Other concerns include loss of habitat to wildlife and exacerbating drainage problems for the existing homes on Sprain Road below. The Mayor has organized an ad hoc committee to study the proposed development as it progresses through the review process. The committee has benefited with assistance from Greenburgh residents opposed to the project. One of the goals of the committee is to persuade the Town of Greenburgh that this parcel should be preserved as open space. If you would like to join this effort, contact Mayor Abate at [sabate@mccarter.com](mailto:sabate@mccarter.com).

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- **INDIAN POINT:** Though Ardsley is beyond the so-called "10 mile radius," Ardsley residents have expressed their concern about a malfunction or terrorist attack at the Buchanan facility. In response, Mayor Abate has asked the Police and Fire Chiefs to re-examine and rework, if necessary, their emergency preparedness plans to incorporate evacuation measures. By the way, Ardsley Middle School has been slated as a reception center for school buses from Ossining if there is a radiation release at the power plant. Though Ardsley residents are not eligible for the County's free potassium iodide (K-I) pill distribution program, such pills are on sale at the Liggett-Rexall Health Center on Saw Mill Road.
- **PIPELINE:** The future of Columbia Gas' Millennium pipeline is still in question. Although the terminal issue has been resolved in Mount Vernon, obstacles have been lodged recently by groups that have prevented the issuance of approvals for the natural gas line to cross the Hudson River at Haverstraw. Should Columbia Gas surmount all obstacles, the pipeline would come its closest to Ardsley in nearby Dobbs Ferry
- along the South County Trailway which is situated between the Saw Mill Parkway and the New York State Thruway.
- **CELL TOWER:** In an attempt to eliminate "dead zones" for its subscribers, Sprint is seeking to erect a cell tower in the Ardsley area. Initially appearing before the Village Board to secure a spot on top of the Doctors United Building, Sprint has re-focused efforts on a spot immediately north of the Village DPW garage owned by the New York State Thruway Authority. If successful, the tower would be visible downtown directly across from Center Street.
- **POST OFFICE:** The Ardsley Post Office has a new phone number. It is 1 800 275-8777. The old number, 693-0206, has been disconnected, or will be shortly.
- **YARD WASTE:** Leaves, grass clippings, and brush should not be placed curbside until the night before collection. For schedule information, contact the DPW at 693-0117.
- **HANDBILLS:** Handbill posting on poles for garage sales, etc, require a permit from Village Hall. To obtain one, call the Building Inspector at 693-6961 several days in advance of your event.

**For emergency assistance, call E-911**

**Or current occupant**