

# The Ardsley Villager

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<p><b>MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: STORMY WEATHER LEADS TO BLUE SKIES</b></p> <p>You don't need song titles from the 1940s to tell you that this was a most difficult winter. First we were hit with the biggest snowstorm Ardsley has received in many years. Then two weeks later, a hurricane-like Nor'easter attacked Ardsley with a ferocity even Louie Pascone, our 60-year veteran of a Highway Foreman, hasn't seen in decades. During the first storm, over 300 residences lost power on Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th, as well as most businesses in the downtown area between Ashford and Heatherdell. While we were first told that power wouldn't be restored until Tuesday, most everyone was restored by Sunday.</p> <p>With the second storm, the businesses lost power again on Friday, March 12th. They were restored the next day, but after 3:00 pm on Saturday, over 500 residences lost power. With 170,000 Con Ed customers without service, the utility was not providing any estimates for restoration. At an 11:00 am countywide conference call on Sunday the 14th, Village Manager George Calvi and I heard that schools without power would be given priority by Con Ed. We spent the rest of the day reminding Con Ed that Concord Road Elementary was powerless.</p> <p>That strategy worked: Late in the day, a Con Ed truck showed up and that's when our Fire Chiefs took charge. Chiefs Rick Thompson and Vincent Coulehan literally followed the truck from pole to pole down Heatherdell,</p>	<p>*****</p> <p><b>VILLAGE-WIDE EMAIL SERVICE LAUNCHED SIGN UP TODAY!</b></p> <p>The Village of Ardsley has set up a mechanism to distribute emails in quantity to our residents in order to keep everyone up to date on the latest village information.</p> <p>By logging on at the <a href="http://ardsleyvillage.com">ardsleyvillage.com</a> web site, you can sign up to receive emergency updates, general information, meeting agendas and recreation news. Note that nobody will be able to respond to these emails - it is strictly a means to distribute important information to our residents. [See details on page 7.]</p> <p>We hope to sign up as many residents as possible. Stay in the know!!!!</p> <p>Thank you very much for your cooperation. – Jay Leon, Mayor</p> <p>*****</p> <p>instructing the workers, helping with traffic control and cajoling the utility workers not to leave until the job was done. At one point I called Rick to tell him a lone house was still out on Huntley. Rick convinced the truck to double back and restore service to that residence. Thanks to these two tireless workers, almost all of the 536</p>	<p>Ardsley residents without power were restored by Sunday night. This was quite a feat - many powerless homes in neighboring Edgemont, Scarsdale, Hastings and Greenburgh were not restored until the following Friday. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Chiefs Thompson and Coulehan for their tireless work during both storms, along with the entire <b>Ardsley Fire Dept.</b> who worked extremely hard assisting residents and businesses in the village. We are extremely lucky to have a team of such dedicated volunteers.</p> <p>I must also commend the spectacular job that was done by our <b>Highway Department</b>, first in clearing 20 inches of snow in the first storm, and then removing dozens of down trees. One cannot say enough about how they came through for the village. Kudos are also extended to the <b>Police Dept</b> for their fine work, and to <b>ASVAC</b> (ambulance corp), who didn't miss a call despite all of the awful weather. And we have to also thank <b>Con Edison</b>, whose workers restored power to Ardsley under the worst of conditions. Last but not least, I want to thank our Village Manager, <b>George Calvi</b>, for giving up two weekends of his life to assist me in diligently fielding non-stop calls and emails to utility and public officials as well as residents in order to get the power back on as soon as possible.</p> <p>Despite all of the great work, we are not sitting back on our laurels. Ardsley officials have been caucusing to determine what can be done better the next time. Here's some of the ideas we discussed:</p>

- During both storms, George and I wrote many emails that we sent to the Ardsley chat group and to everyone in my address book. Many residents were kind enough to forward these messages to others not on the distribution list. However, that's not good enough. **We are currently in the process of setting up a village email distribution list, which will be used to send outgoing communications to all village residents with email.** We urge you to sign up for this service to receive important information from your village government. Look for notices in this newsletter and on our village web site. We would like every village residence with email access to eventually be represented on this list.

- Not everyone uses email. We have discussed the possibility of setting up a phone number with an outgoing message updating residents who call in. I fielded many phone calls, and our Police Desk received hundreds of calls. The outgoing message on a dedicated phone line might provide information for those in non-emergency situations along with relief for the police to focus on other pressing matters.

- Fire Chief Coulehan has emailed officials an emergency plan that was written a few years ago to implement during storm emergencies. This plan will be reviewed, edited and adhered to in the future. We will also be participating with the Town of Greenburgh in a larger emergency plan that will set up protocols for inter-municipal cooperation.

- During these storms we offered to open up municipal buildings for residents without power. Nobody was interested (that I knew of) this time around. However, in the future we need a plan in place for opening up a warming center should another snowstorm knock out power. Temperatures rapidly rose during this past blizzard, but a major snowstorm during the month of January with sub-zero temperatures will necessitate a

formal plan for finding a place where powerless residents can warm up.

- We need to compile a list of those residents who might require assistance in case of a storm emergency -- those who are disabled and/or infirm. These folks need to be listed, and then we need to check up on them to insure assistance is provided where it's most needed.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our residents, particularly those who lost power, for their patience and stoicism. While everyone worked hard to see those without power were restored quickly, even one day without electricity during the dead of winter is very difficult. I greatly appreciate the community we live in, and the way neighbors helped neighbors during a difficult situation. You should all give yourselves a hand!!

*Jay Leon*  
*Mayor*

#### ASVAC NEWS

**LEARN CPR**, the use of an AED, and how to treat choking victims, taught by an Ardsley Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps instructor.

On Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM – 12:00, Mr. John Clear (Tel: 356-5237) and Tony Sari (Tel: 262-4414) will be teaching a course at the ASVAC building located at 19 American Legion Drive. Pre-registration is a must as the class is limited in size. The fee is \$25.

ASVAC which serves the Ardsley school district is made up entirely of volunteers. We are now utilizing two ambulances as the needs of our community continues to grow. We serve 24/7 and are looking for three motivated community members to join and serve our friends and neighbors. For info please e-mail us at: [mail@asvac.org](mailto:mail@asvac.org) - Charles Strick, Captain.

#### FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE

Did you ever wonder what happens to the yard waste that the Village DPW picks up? It is recycled into compost that can be used for planting beds. Thanks to a yard waste composting program set up by Louis Pascone, Highway Foreman, some years ago, the Village saves money and reduces its carbon footprint by keeping yard waste onsite and turning it into a valuable resource for gardeners. The Village had free compost available for residents to pick up at the DPW garage located at 3 Elm Street on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents needed to bring their own containers to transport the compost. While they were there they also had the opportunity to drop off their recyclables. More compost days can be scheduled. Please contact the DPW at 693-0117 to express your interest, and based on the response volume other days will be scheduled. – Susan Porcino, Chairperson, EAC

#### ARDSLEY PLEDGES TO BECOME CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

On February 1, 2010 upon the recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution adopting the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's pledge to become a Climate Smart Community. With this pledge the Village Board has taken a bold step towards acknowledging the potential impact of climate change. By committing to actively work towards the goals outlined by the pledge such as reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, decreasing energy demand, encouraging renewable energy use, increasing material conservation efforts, promoting climate protection through land use planning, supporting a "green" innovation economy, and planning for adaptation to a changing climate, the Board recognizes the responsibility of municipal

governments to take the lead on this important issue.

In addition to the pledge, Ardsley is now a member of the Climate Registry; a nonprofit collaboration among North American states, provinces, territories, and Native Sovereign Nations that sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify, and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry. By calculating greenhouse gas emissions the village hopes to reduce its impact on the environment. – Susan Porcino, Chairperson, EAC.

### **TRASH COLLECTIONS DECLINE**

The Village's trash collections being carted to Croton Point continue to decline. The December 2009 and year end 2009 figures came in at 2,378.76 tons for the year which is a drop from 2,480.62 tons for 2008, 3,104.25 tons in 2007, and 3,333.61 tons for 2006. In real dollars at \$25 / ton, our carting fees have dropped from a high of \$83,340.25 to \$59,469.00 four years later.

We'd like to think that our residents have become more environmentally sensitive. On the other hand, one might say that this is symptomatic of our continually deteriorating economy. Who knows? No doubt the truth is somewhere out there in the middle. – George Calvi, Village Manager

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### **KEEPING YOUR HOUSE PLANTS HAPPY**

On Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 am, the Ardsley Garden Club will give a demonstration on "How to Keep Your House Plants Happy". As a service to the community, AGC will give tips about how to keep house plants healthy and add color and pleasure to your home. All are welcome. Please stop by the Library to register, or call 693-6840. – Linda Keil, Garden Club Member

### **LEAF BLOWER PERMIT IS REQUIRED**

Applications are available in the Clerk's Office for the use of a leaf blower. Each leaf blower operated on any property in the village must meet EPA Phase 2, 2007 exhaust emission standards and must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or specifications.

#### Fees:

Homeowner/Lessee: \$5.00

Landscaper / Commercial Property Owner: \$25.00.

The permit shall be valid for the life of the leaf blower. Please remember between the dates of May 15 and September 30 (i) only one leaf blower shall be permitted to be operated at any one time on any one property (ii) leaf blowers shall not be operated on any property in the village for a period of more than 30 minutes per day (iii) leaf blowers shall not be operated before 10AM or after 5PM prevailing time weekdays, weekends and holidays. Any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Berardi, Village Clerk at 914-693-1550 ext. 120.

### **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REQUIRED**

Residents are reminded that Amanda's Law, passed by the New York State Legislature, went into effect on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The new law requires all residences, both new and existing, to have carbon monoxide alarms installed. Existing one and two family residences will be required to have one carbon monoxide alarm installed on the lowest story having a sleeping area. – Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector

### **NEW YORK STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIRES ROOFING & SIDING PERMITS**

The Village is now required to issue permits for all roofing and siding projects, as per the recently revised New York State Building Code.

Please keep this in mind if you are planning to install a new roof or siding on your house because it is the property owner's responsibility to obtain the necessary permits. Since it will take some time before all of the roofing and siding contractors who work in the Village are made aware of this change, please inform your contractor of the need to file for a permit before signing a contract. You may pick up an application at Village Hall or download one from the Village's website. You may e-mail me at [avinspector@optonline.net](mailto:avinspector@optonline.net) if you have any questions. – Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector

### **PARCEL Q ACQUIRED**

Parcel Q is an odd shaped plot of land at the terminus of Old Sprain Road, a dead end off Underhill Road. It is owned by the County of Westchester and was declared surplus several years ago. Partially because it straddles the border between the Village of Ardsley and the Town of Greenburgh, and partially because it was difficult at times to determine its exact boundaries, negotiations have dragged on for a few years. I am happy to report that all differences have been resolved with the partition of the property into three lots: Parcel Q-A being offered to the Village, Parcel Q-B being offered to the Town of Greenburgh, and Parcel Q-C being sold to an adjacent homeowner. The sales price to the Village is \$1.00.

Long-term plans for the government-owned portions are for the development of a trailway, when monies becomes available for such things in better economic times, which would be a joint effort between the Town of Greenburgh and the Village of Ardsley.

Many thanks to Mayor Leon, Trustee Nardecchia, and Trustee Levine who worked tirelessly to consummate this transaction, and particularly to Town Historian Frank Jazzo who never lost faith in this project. – George Calvi, Village Manager

## A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT

An office colleague recently shared this interesting story with me: A self important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy ships, and cell phones, computers with light speed . . . and many more."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows: "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young . . . so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little %\$\*# what are you doing for the next generation?" The applause was amazing! -- George Calvi, Village Manager

## MORE THOUGHTS ON AGING

"Realize that you will live several lifetimes in one life. You may be one person at twenty, another at sixty, another at eighty." – Lena Horne, 93

"I learned long ago that if you want to stay married and you want to be happy and you want to keep the lady you like, you better be a good guy." – Jackie Cooper, 88

"The Lord has it all planned but, to you, many things look like accidents. In my life, it's been one accident after another. I start in one direction and suddenly I'm going in another." – Jane Russell, 89

"The only advantage to growing old is that it's better than the alternative. It's nice to be young, but, at the same time, I wouldn't trade away the years and the memories I have." – Hugh Hefner, 84

"Why should I slow down? I'm enjoying this. As long as I can do this, why shouldn't I do it?" – Monty Hall, 89

"I hope I die on stage at 105 playing Peter Pan." - Joan Fontaine, 92

"Some time ago, I told Larry King, I planned to live to be 102. I still do. " Maureen O'Hara, 90

## WHAT IS AGING IN PLACE?

**If you would like to continue to live in your own home or apartment as you get older, please read this!**

Aging in Place is a new, national movement to make older age a more vital, healthy time of life. It means you don't have to leave your friends and community behind when you get older.

You can stay in your own home and have services such as home care, prescreened vendor services, social activities and trips, house chores, repairs and transportation assistance provided to you.

While you will pay for some of these services, it will be on a discounted basis. You will also have a volunteer network to assist on other services.

According to the AARP, over 80% of older individuals wish to stay in their homes all their lives, and age in the community they know and love. You can help to make that wish come true.

Please fill out this form to tell us you're interested and give it to any of the senior coordinators, recreation folks, assistants, librarian or your village clerk. – Gene Robins

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## ARDSLEY GARDEN CLUB PREPARED FOR MAY FLOWER SHOW AT ST. BARNABAS

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, the Garden Club will host its 47<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Show at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on Revolutionary Road from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The theme this year is "Dream Builders." As the name implies, it will have an architectural theme. The public is invited to come and enjoy table, pedestal, and underwater designs. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be featured in youth displays showing garden design and community projects. Come see who in our community will win this year the unsolicited award for Garden Design and Conservation. This show is open to the public and free of charge. – Arline Weston, Past President

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED!

**Tennis Clinics** start May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for 6 weeks

**Antique Car Show** will be Tuesday nights in May at Ashford Park starting from 6:00 pm -9:00 pm.

**Skate Park Lessons** start May 1st at 11 am at Ashford Park.

**Defensive Driving Course** will take place May 12th and 13th from 6-9 pm at the Community Center.

**Ice Cream Social** is on June 25th from 6:00 pm to 8 pm at the Community Center.

**5 Week Basketball program** starts July 12 at Gould Park in Dobbs Ferry for grades 3-6

This Summer we will have **5 concerts in the Park** from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm the dates are as follows: July 9<sup>th</sup>, Lamar and Company; July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Black Man Groove; Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Linc; Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Barj-Project; and Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Ardsley's Billy Watson and Raising the Kane.

**Summer Sports Clinics** run the week of Aug 9-13 at the AHS Gym, basketball runs from 9:30 - 1 pm, volleyball runs from 1:30 - 5 pm.

For details on all the listed programs, please call the Community Center at 693-8012. – Trish Lacy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

### **7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ARDSLEY PANTHER ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING**

The Ardsley Panther Association consists of parents of Ardsley High School student athletes. Each year the organization raises funds to award scholarships for student athletes. These funds also help to organize the annual Varsity Sports Night dinner that recognizes all athletes, and honors those students who have shown outstanding athletic achievement during the school year.

As parents and members of the Ardsley community we rely on your support and participation in our programs. One of our largest fundraisers is the annual golf outing which will be held this year on June 15 at Dunwoodie Golf Course in Yonkers. For additional information, please call 693-5249 or 319-5079. We thank you in advance for your dedication to our student athletes. – Anthony Berardo and Rob Wootten.

### **STORMWATER 101**

Did you know that all rainwater and melted snow in Ardsley flow right into the Saw Mill River and Sprain Brook? That this runoff does not go to a water or sewage treatment plant? Ms. Zucchetto's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science classes do! Thanks to the Westchester County MM1/MM2 Stormwater Outreach grant, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders were treated to educational and fun-filled sessions with the Enviroscape Non-Point Source Water Pollution model. Students learned first-hand how leaking car "fluids" (chocolate syrup), lawn "chemicals" (Kool Aid) and dog "poo" (gelatin/syrup mix) get washed right into waterways by watching them get washed into the model's storm drain. Their enthusiasm was tremendous and they promised to

bring this new knowledge home to their families.

The students also learned some ways that they themselves can help improve our water quality. Now that spring has arrived, here are some tips that the students, and you, can follow. First, try using little or no fertilizer on your lawn and just spreading the lawn clippings out to feed your lawn. Use less weed killer, too, and tolerate a little less "manicured" look. Consider planting a native perennial flower garden in place of at least some portion of your lawn. Native perennials will thrive year after year with little care. Choose xeriscape varieties that don't require much watering. Following these techniques will result in less runoff volume and less toxic stormwater runoff.

And please don't forget to pick up after your pet and dispose of it in a trash receptacle or flush it at home. Don't throw it in the storm drain – the storm drain is not the sewer! Biodegradable bio-baggies are being provided free-of-charge at Village Hall and the Library for a limited time, courtesy of the Westchester County MM1/MM2 Outreach grant. Thanks for making our water cleaner! – Lorraine Kuhn, Stormwater Assistant

### **A WORD OF THANKS TO FIRE CHIEF RICK THOMPSON**

For the past two years the Village of Ardsley has been very fortunate to have a dedicated person at the head of the Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Rick Thompson (who is also the Deputy Highway Foreman) has spent countless hours professionally serving our community during many storms and fire related emergencies. All the members of the Fire Department want to take this time to salute and thank Rick for his service and look forward to his service as Fire Inspector and Deputy Chief. -- Vinny Coulehan 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief

### **WOOD BURNING STOVE SAFETY**

The continuing energy crunch is forcing many in our community to turn to some traditional means of keeping warm. People are returning to the use of wood burning stoves and appliances that use alternatives to oil and gas to keep warm. Unfortunately with this use comes increased risk if not done properly and safely. Drawing on lessons learned from the energy crunch of the late 1970's to the early 1980's the Fire Department would like to make sure that the use of wood burning appliances are done safely and by following the following do's and don'ts tragedy can be avoided:

**DO**—make sure there is enough clearance between the stove and combustible materials, including floors, walls and ceilings.  
**DO**—place the stove on a noncombustible, fire resistant base.  
**DO**—have a mason or other competent person inspect the chimney.  
**DO**—burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.  
**DO**—consider opening a window a crack for ventilation.  
**DO**—dispose of ashes in a closed metal container outside the house.

**DON'T**—extend the stovepipe through a wall or ceiling unless there is no possible alternative.  
**DON'T**—connect a wood stove to a fireplace chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off.  
**DON'T**—connect a wood stove to a chimney serving another appliance burning other fuels.  
**DON'T**—start a stove fire with flammable fluids, such as gasoline.  
**DON'T**—burn trash in a stove; doing so can start a chimney fire.  
**DON'T**—let a wood fire burn unattended or overnight.

Lastly make sure that you have an operating smoke and carbon monoxide detector in the area where the stove is – not right over the stove! In the event of an emergency please dial 911 – The Fire Department is here to serve us all.

Be Safe. --Vinny Coulehan, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Assistant Chief

### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*"In Flanders Field the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses row by row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below."*

-- Lt. Col. John McCrae, Canadian  
Army (1872-1918)

During the week before Memorial Day, you may see some of our WWII veterans selling poppies which are a memorial to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Monies raised will be used to refurbish the WWII Honor Roll in Ashford Park. – Veterans of Ardsley American Legion Post 458

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & PARADE MAY 31<sup>st</sup>

Ardsley American Legion, Post #458, cordially invites you to participate in its Memorial Day services and parade to be held on Monday, May 31, 2010. Village residents and veterans alike will gather to pay tribute to seventeen young men from the Village of Ardsley. Prior to the parade, the Ardsley Fire Dept will be serving breakfast to all veterans from 8:00 am to 9:30 am at the Ardsley Fire House. The parade will assemble at 9:30 am on Park Avenue at Ashford Avenue. The marchers will step off at 10:00 am sharp, and will proceed east on Ashford Avenue to Ashford Park next to the Middle School. Convertible cars will be available for those veterans who choose not to march. At the conclusion of services in Ashford Park, refreshments will be served. In case of rain, the ceremony service will be held at the Ardsley Fire House at 10:00 am.

If you have a convertible car and are interested in driving a veteran in the parade, please call 693-3943. We sincerely hope you will join us on this most important observance. – Veterans of Ardsley American Legion Post 458

### ARDSLEY DAY RETURNS!

Mark your calendars now to ensure that you will be in the Village when the annual Ardsley Day street fair takes place. The big day is September 26, and plans are being formulated now. Should you have any suggestions, please advise our Mayor directly at [ardsleymayor@aol.com](mailto:ardsleymayor@aol.com). More details to follow as the months go by. – George Calvi, Village Manager

### LIVING LEGENDS HONORED

Congratulations are in order for Village Trustee Beverly Levine and Ardsley Garden Club former President Arline Weston who were recently issued a certificate of appreciation by the Town Board of Greenburgh for being a Women's History Month "Living Legend." The ladies were honored for their life-long commitment, dedication, leadership, expertise, and most significantly, outstanding and meritorious contributions to the quality of life in the Town of Greenburgh.

In addition to being a Trustee on the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees, Beverly Levine is the Village Historian, a former president of the Ardsley Historical Society, a longtime member of the BOCES Board of Education, a member of the Ardsley Schools Budget Committee, a Trustee of the Ardsley Library Board, and a retired employee of the Ford Foundation. She sits on the Village's Record Management Committee, and spearheaded the legislation to preserve the historic stone columns on Heatherdell Road. Along with Lois Duggan and Don Marra, she is currently assisting me with the Safe Routes to School project.

Arline Weston is a co-founder of the Ardsley Historical Society, a former President of the Ardsley Garden Club, a Greenway Committee member, and a participant in numerous beautification grant projects here in

the Village including the summer road banners, the winter road banners, the Revolutionary War Heritage signs project with Frank Jazzo, the Blue Ribbon veteran memorial, and the recent installation of blue plastic recycling bins in the downtown area not to mention her involvement with tulip bulb and other plantings in the traffic islands. She always maintains a cheerful spirit, and always very diplomatically explains to me ways we can make Ardsley a nicer place to live and work.

On a personal note, I wish to add that working with these two ladies over the years has been a Village Manager's dream, particularly one with an extremely limited paid staff. They have always been there for me, have worked alongside with me on numerous projects, attended numerous meetings with me, sometimes on behalf of me. We are truly blessed to have these two dedicated individuals volunteering on behalf of the Village of Ardsley! – George Calvi, Village Manager

### HISTORIC COLUMN RESTORED

A word of thanks to Madeline and Vinnie Piscitelli who restored one of the historic columns on the corner of Major Appleby and Heatherdell Road. The stone column, one of several in the neighborhood, had deteriorated to the point where it needed some tender loving care that the Piscitelli family provided voluntarily. This column, along with the two on Revolutionary Road, and the one at the corner of Chimney Pot Lane and Heatherdell Road, remnants of a long forgotten real estate promotion, became protected under Village Law a few years ago. – George Calvi, Village Manager

### HARMONIES FOR HUMANITY HOLDS ANNUAL EVENT

The Ardsley High School Chapter of Amnesty International will hold its annual Harmonies for Humanity event



on Sunday, May 16 from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm (rain date: May 23<sup>rd</sup>.) along Colonial Court South in the Village Green shopping center. Live entertainment will be featured. For information, contact Moderator Elizabeth Kim at 693-6300.

### **CONSTRUCTION AT LIBRARY COMPLETED**

We're finished! The construction is done, shelving in place, furniture arranged – we're ready for your continued business! The process has been a long one – at least it seems that way – but worth every minute and every headache!

Many of you have read in the River towns Enterprise about the recent grants the Library has been awarded. From the very beginning, when we started removing the large rock mound outside the library, we have been awarded to date a total of \$311,075 from the Special Public Library Construction Fund of the State Education Department. This along with the savings in the Library's Capital Fund made it possible for us to forge ahead with our long awaited project. The million dollar BAN that the Village acquired on the Library's behalf will be paid off over the next five years with Library revenue from Local Sources. The total cost of our construction project amounted to \$1.8 million...none of which was passed on to the Village taxpayers!

So come on in. Let us give you a tour of your new and improved library. We love showing off our new space. It's bright and airy, has more elbowroom and places to sit and read or just think. We continue to offer the latest bestsellers, recently released DVDs, "Books on CD," Large Print materials and all the best in Children's materials. We have computers for your use and you can expect to see more thanks to grant money pledged through the office of one of our state legislators. While we were under construction the Library continued to remain open and circulated almost

114,000 items, so you know what we have to offer! I look forward to seeing you. – Angela Groth, Library Director

### **KEEP THOSE HYDRANTS VISIBLE**

Yes, we know it's a funny time to be talking about keeping fire hydrants uncovered during snowy weather now that the warmer weather has finally arrived. However, concealing fire hydrants from view is never a funny thing particularly if it impedes the task of a fire fighter who needs to use one immediately to address a structure fire. This caution extends to planting tall flowers and shrubs around them as well as parking vehicles in front of them. If you feel that a fire hydrant is obscured for any reason, please don't hesitate to notify the Police or Fire departments at any time. – George Calvi, Village Manager

### **VILLAGE-WIDE EMAIL SERVICE LAUNCHED**

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There will be no Spam, your name and address (optional) will remain private, and we will not sell the mailing list to any third parties.

To join our mailing list:

- Type into your web browser our web site : [www.ardsleyvillage.com](http://www.ardsleyvillage.com).
- Toward the right side of the screen, under the banner "VILLAGE NEWS," type your email address into the box under the instructions:

"Subscribe to the Village News"

- You will be offered the opportunity to subscribe to several different lists. Choose any or all of the lists you wish to subscribe to.

They include:

- General News;
- Parks & Recreation (news, programs, events, etc);
- Planning Board/Zoning (agendas, public hearing notices, etc);
- Board of Trustees (agendas, public hearing notices, etc);
- Emergency Alerts (such as the updates we sent out during the recent storms).

You will also be asked for your name and address, in case there's news to distribute that only affects isolated neighborhoods. These fields are optional.

We hope to sign up as many residents as possible. Stay in the know!!!! Sign-up today! Thank you very much for your cooperation. – Jay Leon, Mayor

### **RIVERTOWNS LWV CELEBRATES 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The mission of the LWV is to assist people in voting and participating in local government whether it be the moderating of candidate nights, distributing voter guides, drafting newsletters, observing at Village and School Board meetings, greeting new citizens, or setting up special committees to research and make recommendations regarding important issues.

The annual meeting will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm when Anne Marie Mitroff will speak on environmental issues. Membership is politically non-partisan, and open to men and women. The local chapter of LWV is always seeking people who wish to be active members. For information, please contact Dr. Christine Verber at 693-

9054 or [selwynverber@gmail.com](mailto:selwynverber@gmail.com). --  
George Calvi, Village Manager

### **ALARM SYSTEM PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 pm, the Village Board will hold a public hearing to consider amending the Alarm Systems portion of the Village Code to include text requiring alarm permits to be renewed annually, contact information updated, and a processing fee of \$25.

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Ardsley PTA presented parent / coach & DPW employee Robert Wootten and elementary school teacher Michelle Mancini the Jenkins Award for "going above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Ardsley School District Community."

The Rivertowns Lions Club presented Community Police Officer Anthony Vacca with the Patrolman of the Year award on April 21.

The fields on the north end of County-operated Macy Park are now open and can be reserved by calling 864-7075.

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At the annual Installation of Officers ceremony held in Tarrytown on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Leon swore in new Fire Chief Vincent Coulehan, First Assistant Fire Chief Mark Florkowski, and Second Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Corvino. Outgoing Fire Chief Rick Thompson was named Deputy Fire Chief.

At the same ceremony, Volunteer Engine Company #1 recognized Ex-Chief Nicholas Macri for 60 years of service, Ex-Chief Adam Novich for 30 years, and Ex-Chief Troy Roberts for 30 years.

A big thank you to EAC Chairwoman Susan Porcino for securing a \$140,000 NYSERDA grant to install solar panels at the library.

Police Officer Keith Gannon reports that the Village is in receipt of a \$40,000 COPS Technology Grant for emergency response equipment sponsored by Congresswoman Nita Lowey, and a \$27,000 "Livescan" fingerprinting machine grant sponsored by State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins.

Plans are in progress to reconstruct the sidewalks on the north side of Heatherdell Road between Olympic Lane and Farm Road via a \$450,000 Safe Routes to School grant. Email George Calvi for a copy of the plans at [ardsleymanager@optonline.net](mailto:ardsleymanager@optonline.net).

Payment of the first installment of the 2010-2011 Village tax bill is due no later than the end of the business day, Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Fire Fighter Carnival in Ashford Park is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Leon wishes to extend a big thank you to Nicole Minore and Michael Kolesar for their efforts in establishing the "Constant Contact" village-wide email notification program.

Funds are sorely needed to complete the renovation of the historic McCartney / Legion building in Ashford Park spearheaded by Paul Petretti. Donation checks may be made payable to Old American Legion Building and mailed to our Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio.

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