

# The Ardsley Villager

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<p><b>GENERAL ELECTIONS</b></p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, is Election Day. Appearing on the ballot will be the positions for Mayor and two Village Trustees. On the Town level, there will be slots for Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, two Town Councilpersons, and three Town Justices. On the County level voters will be selecting a County Legislator, two County Court Judges, and a Family Court Judge. Lastly, there will be the opportunity to select three State Supreme Court Justices. The polls are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Ardsley Community Center at 18 Center Street, and at St. Barnabas Church. For information on the elections or polling locations, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 993-1501.</p> <p><b>VILLAGE TAXES DUE 12/31/07</b></p> <p>Our Village Treasurer, Marion DeMaio, wishes to remind all property owners that the second installment of the Village taxes is due at the end of the business day on Monday, December 31, 2007. Though other Village offices will be closing early that day for New Year's Eve, the Village Treasurer will remain in her office until 4:00 pm to meet last minute taxpayers.</p> <p>Payments made in person after December 31, or postmarked January 1, 2008 or later will be assessed a late penalty, a charge that no one can waive for any reason under New York State Real Property law. If you are paying</p>	<p><b>THINGS TO KNOW</b></p> <p><b>ENERGY SAVINGS:</b> If all the households in New York took the ENERGY STAR "Change a Light" pledge and changed just one light bulb to an ENERGY STAR qualified CFL (compact fluorescent bulb), New York could prevent nearly 562 million lbs. of greenhouse gas emissions each year, save up to 365 million kilowatt-hours of electricity / year, and reduce household electrical bills by about \$56 million / year. For more tips, visit: <a href="http://www.GetEnergySmart.org">www.GetEnergySmart.org</a></p> <p><b>SNOW TUBING TRIP:</b> Parks Director Trish Lacy is planning a trip, for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up, to Woodbury Ski Area on Friday December 7 from 6 to 9 PM. Cost is \$35pp. Woodbury features 7 tubing chutes for beginners to advanced, and a Snack Bar. Buses leave at 4 PM from the Community Center. Call 693-8012.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>your taxes using an online service, do so several days in advance of the deadline. Many of these companies use bulk rate postage and consequently the payments do not arrive with postmarks on the envelopes. Any of these "postmarkless" envelopes that arrive after December 31 must be declared late and assessed a penalty. Lastly, eligible property owners still have time to file for</p>	<p>veteran, volunteer fire fighter, volunteer ambulance, and aged exemptions. For information, contact our Village Clerk, Barbara Berardi, at 693-1550. Also, contact the Town Assessor office at 993-1520 if you have yet to file for any of the versions of the STAR exemption. If you have any intention of filing for these exemptions, please do it now, so as to avoid getting caught in the year-end rush.</p> <p><b>ARDSLEY VILLAGE TENNIS TOURNAMENT ANOTHER SMASHING SUCCESS!!!!</b></p> <p>Ardsley Recreation Assistant Lori Hunter reports that the Ardsley Village Tennis Tournament took place on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ashford Park Tennis Courts.</p> <p>The morning started out wet. However, by afternoon there was brilliant sunshine. Contestants from Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Scarsdale and Yonkers came out in record numbers to participate in the annual Tennis Classic, recently changed to the Dr. Matthew Hertz Memorial Tennis Tournament, also known as the "Ardsley Open." Ardsley resident and tournament director, Ron Schwartz, said more than 54 people participated in the two-day event that featured a Singles tournament on Saturday and a Doubles tournament on Sunday. The Men's Singles Winner was Dan Liebersohn, a new Ardsley resident, and the Runner up was Ron Schwartz, also an Ardsley resident. The Women's Singles</p>

tournament was rained out .The Men's Doubles winner was the team of Jason Kasarsky / Niklas Mioen and the Runners up were Dan Liebersohn /Mac McLaughlin. The Women's Doubles winner was the team of Carrie Rabuse / Susan Freidlander and the Runners up were Pattison Youngren / Deb McFarlane. Congratulations to all the participants and volunteers that helped make this a smashing success.

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"I didn't know before I got there . . . that Rome had Senators. Now, I know why it declined." – Will Rogers, Humorist, 1879-1935  
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### **NEW STATE BUILDING & ENERGY CODE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008**

Building Inspector Larry Tomasso reports that the NYS Department of State - Codes Division has released the 2007 version of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Though the new code becomes effective on January 1, 2008, there will be a transition period from October 3, 2007 to December 31, 2007, where both the 2003 and 2007 versions will be accepted. All permits issued on or after January 1, 2008 must comply with the 2007 version of the Uniform Code regardless of when the application was originally submitted. Please note there is no transition period for the 2007 version of the Energy Code. It becomes effective on January 1, 2008. Please plan your projects accordingly as the Building Department is not permitted to deviate from these effective dates.

### **GIVE US YOUR OLD TATTERED FLAGS**

On behalf of Ardsley American Legion Post 458, the local Veterans would like to thank all

homeowners who proudly fly or display American flags. Please be advised that there is a box at Village hall to retire your old tattered flags. Periodically, the flags are collected, and respectfully disposed of in a manner fitting our national banner.

### **STORMWATER PHASE II PROGRAM PROGRESSES BY LEAPS & BOUNDS**

Volunteer Stormwater Maven Lorraine Kuhn asks "Is your backyard stream clean?" The answer may be "yes." Dr. Kuhn and student intern Brian Japinga have tested six sites around the entire perimeter of the Village. There's a fair amount of trash and debris, but the water itself is mostly clear and odor free, pH 7 and testing negative for common pollutants. That's good news for the Sprain Brook and Saw Mill River, our receiving water bodies. Testing will continue until we've checked all 57 of Ardsley's outfalls, then the cycle will begin again as a permanent program.

Part of our Phase II SW Program has involved bringing GIS (geographic information systems) to Ardsley. Presently, we are working with Westchester County IT and the Greenburgh Assessor's Office to upgrade and link our system. Please contact Barbara Berardi, Village Clerk, or Planning Secretary Lois Duggan at 693-1550 to find out more about these new services. Our link to the County is still "under construction" (please note that the "search" function is not quite functioning yet) but, for a sneak peek, go to: <http://giswww.westchestergov.com/consolidatedemap/viewer.aspx?Activeld=Municipal%20Boundaries&Query=WCMUN.NAME='Ardsley'&QueryZoom=Yes> .

Hard to believe that Year 5 of Phase II Stormwater Management

5 year program is ending this December 2007. Have you done something in the past 5 years to improve our water quality? Perhaps you've started recycling more, started composting pet waste or helped out in a clean-up effort? Have you planted a rain garden, replaced lawn with plants or mulch, cut down on herbicide/pesticide use? Do you use a rain barrel or have you redirected your downspouts (at least 10 feet away from your basement, your property lines and the street, preferably directed to a dry well)? Did you replace your asphalt driveway with porous pavers or cut down on salting your driveway in the winter? If you've done anything, however small, to help improve our water quality, we'd love to hear about it and we need to include it in our final Annual Report to NYSDEC. Please email [stormwater@ardsleyvillage.com](mailto:stormwater@ardsleyvillage.com) or drop us a note addressed to Stormwater 507 Ashford Ave Ardsley NY 10502. Keep up the good work and remember: ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!

### **TALKING ABOUT GYPSIES AND WEEKEND HOURS**

Last month Village Manager George Calvi had the opportunity to attend the International City Manager Conference in Pittsburgh. He reports that the seminar selection was as overwhelming and varied as the course listings in a college catalogue. He focused his time on matters regarding emergency responders, diversity issues, and citizen complaint resolution, and came back with a number of ideas mostly in the software area that he plans to trial test and then possibly make recommendations to the Village Board.

During the program on diversity, Mr. Calvi was particularly

impressed during a presentation by a Slovakian municipal manager (a former foreign exchange student in Yakima Valley, Washington State) who advised that in his municipality they were wrestling with how to handle renewals for licensing, permits, and other documents for the Romany or Gypsies owing to their transient lifestyle which in the Village Manager's mind immediately drew parallels with the current illegal alien driver license issuance controversy in Albany.

The gentleman from Slovakia also shared that his City Hall recognizes that many if not most people work Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and had a need for services beyond those hours. Thus, a few years ago City Hall solicited volunteers to work on Saturdays from 8:00 am to noon in exchange for getting the following Monday off. The program has been well received by employees and residents alike. Ardsley is also a bedroom community. Would this concept be successful here as well? Let us know. The Village Manager can be reached at [ardsleymanager@optonline.net](mailto:ardsleymanager@optonline.net).

### A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The time in question is not the present time but rather the Revolutionary times. In case you haven't noticed the Revolutionary War Heritage signs were installed around the village a few weeks ago by Highway Foreman Louis Pascone and our DPW. Two multi-colored panels chock full of information are located in Bicentennial Park, one is located at the Concord School, one is at McDowell Park, and two others are at the Rochambeau House on Greenburgh's Ridge Road. The signs were fully funded by a state CRISP grant, donations, and in kind services. Ardsley Historical Society founder, Arline Weston and Greenburgh Historian Frank

Jazzo, co-coordinators of the design and installation of these signs are contemplating a brief dedication ceremony for 1:00 pm, Sunday, November 11 at lower Bicentennial Park just prior to the monthly historical society 2:00 pm meeting at the Ardsley Public Library. Along with Weston and Jazzo, the Mayor, Village Board, and a host of other dignitaries will be present. Come join us!

### WE NEED YOUR NUMBER

A perennial problem is cropping up once again in our village. Homeowners, new and old, are failing to install proper address numbers in visible locations on their homes. Failing to perform this simple task is more than a minor annoyance for deliverymen. It is a serious problem for emergency responders like police, fire, and ambulance. Our village code states that house numbers must be a minimum of six inches in height, and must be placed in a highly visible area not obscured by shrubs. Placement of numbers on a front door is greatly ill advised because in 9 out of 10 emergencies those same numbers will not be visible on open front doors, and vital time could be lost. Avoid becoming a statistic, place your numbers in the right place today.

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**"My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, In the lake." – Red Skelton, Comedian**

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### ADVOCATE PROGRAM RESTORED

Thanks to the never-ending efforts of Ellen Morehouse and the Student Assistance Services Corporation, the Village of Ardsley once again has a Youth Advocate. Her name is Allison DeLuca. In addition to modest funding contributed by the Village of

Ardsley, the cost of the Youth Advocate program will be shared by the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health, Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services which receives its funding from the State of New York. The Youth Advocate program will be sharing the counselor with the Ardsley School District, where she will provide the Student Assistance Program with two days per week at the Middle School. The Youth Advocate's office is located at the Ardsley Community Center at 18 Center Street.

### ANGELA'S PICKS

Library Director Angela Groth reports that she had a conversation recently with a seven year old about the various *Rocky* movies – his favorite is *Rocky IV* and that happens to be her least favorite! While she searched the DVD shelves for it, she was reminded that sometimes you just need to watch an old favorite. At the Library, the shelves are stock-full of oldies as well as sparkling new titles. You can shiver along with your favorite Alfred Hitchcock or peek in at dinner time with Hannibal Lector; giggle along with the *Beverly Hillbillies* or laugh outright at Jane Fonda's *Rules*; Sing along with Sister Maria or air guitar your way through *High School Musical*. The Library has them all and then some - and if our Library doesn't have something you're looking for, we can help you find it. What we can't do for you is decide who your favorite boxer is – Is it Sylvester Stallone, Russell Crowe or Hillary Swank...?

### GETTING INTO THE SWIM OF THINGS

The Ardsley School District Recreation Department offers a Recreational and Children's Instructional Swim Program at the Middle School. Recreational

Swimming coincides with the school year and is offered to non-school district residents at one rate as well as school district residents at a reduced rate. The Children's Instructional Swim Program is offered on Saturdays in the fall, winter and spring and is open to children 4 to 15 years of age. After School Swim Programs start in Early Spring. For schedule information and fees, please call Maria Cocucci at 693-6300 x 2259 or log on to the website at [www.ardsleyschools.org](http://www.ardsleyschools.org).

**IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T  
NOTICED, THERE'S A NEW FIRE  
HOUSE IN TOWN**

Ardsley Engine Company President Troy Roberts reports that the new building has been going up on the site of the old firehouse, adjacent to Village Hall, since the middle of last year. The Fire Department hopes to move in to their new home in mid-November.

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They have been temporarily located at the site of the former Westchester Garage on Saw Mill River Road. The new fire facility will provide much needed space for the Fire Department and the Engine Company. Most of the first floor of the new building is dedicated to space for the fire apparatus and firefighting gear. The apparatus floor, which houses the fire apparatus, is much larger than in the previous building to accommodate today's larger fire trucks and allow room around the trucks to work inside during inclement weather. The first floor will also have offices for the Fire Chiefs and Department Captains, as well as a Dispatch Room and Decontamination Area. The second floor will house a Meeting Room and Lounge Area for firefighters as well as office space for the Engine Company officers.

The Engine Company Building Committee has spent many hours

over the course of ten years in planning this building. The committee had two companies investigate a renovation of the old building to meet the needs of the Fire Department. It was determined that the existing building could not be properly renovated to serve its purpose and meet building codes. At that time planning began on a new firehouse design that would serve the Fire Department and Village for the next 100 years at a reasonable cost. As the new building approaches completion, the members of the Building Committee feel that their objective has been met. The members of the Fire Department are looking forward to moving into their new quarters and would like to thank the Ardsley Village Board for their support in making this long anticipated project a reality.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**

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**OR CURRENT OCCUPANT**

