

The Ardsley Villager

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

PLANS TO BE DESTROYED

The Building Department recently completed a major microfilming project. All of the plans for houses constructed prior to 1990 were microfilmed with funds received through a state grant. We were able to reduce over 30 cubic feet of paper storage to less than 3 cubic feet of microfilm storage.

We will be discarding the old paper plans on or before September 30, 2005. If your house was built prior to 1990, and you would like the original plans to your house, please fax your request to the Building Dept. at 914-693-3706. Please include your name, address and telephone number on your request. We will contact you when the plans are available for pick-up. If you do not want or need the original plans at this time, or if you do not get your request in on time, don't worry, copies generated from the microfilm will always be available.

If you have any questions on this topic, feel free to contact Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector at 693-6961

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR VILLAGE CLERK

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. Dogs must be kept on a leash not more than six feet in length and should not be walked on other resident's lawns. Dog walkers, please keep in mind that

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federal legislation has been passed protecting storm water systems. Thus, catch basins and storm drains are not appropriate places to dispose of your dog's waste, particularly in the popular zip lock bags.

Parking permits for the Village Green and Bridge Street lots are available in the Village Clerk's Office. The permits are valid from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006. Please provide copies

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of your current driver's license and vehicle registration. All Village residents and merchants are eligible for Village Green/Bridge Street permits.

We are pleased to announce that minutes of the Village Board of Trustee Meetings are now available on the Village website. Plans are in the works to post the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes as well, along with various forms and applications.

POLICE MATTERS

The Police Chief is pleased to announce that his department has secured a \$57,000 legislative grant through the offices of State Senator Nick Spano to modernize the radio communications system for the Ardsley Police Dept. This means quicker response time and enhanced communication to make Ardsley safer.

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 residents 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.

EVELYN'S SENIORS PLANNING EVENTS

The Ardsley Senior Citizens program is a great alternative to sitting home watching TV. They meet every Wed. from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Community Center, 18 Center St. They have interesting speakers, play Bingo, have horse races, go on day and overnight (3-4 days) trips, have in-house movies, and ice cream socials, 2 FREE dinners a year at a local restaurant (in Dec. and June), hold 3-4 penny socials and one of our local businessmen supplies lunches several times a year. What more could you want for \$15 a year. The year starts in September and ends in June (same as the school year). It is interesting to note (and often asked) there are 17 men who are members. Cake and coffee are served at each meeting (supplied by members alphabetically). Pay your dues, join, have fun and make friends. A bulletin is sent out every month to notify you about the program for the month AND any trip coming up in the future. Call Evelyn Perry, Director for any information, 592-4364.

BIBLIOBYTES

Director Angela Groth has some exciting news here at the library. Beginning January 1, the library went wireless! What this means to you is that if you have a laptop computer with a wireless card you can jump onto the Internet in the library without waiting for one of our terminals. This will also allow you to download from the Internet or upload from your computer and send a document through your email. We are hoping this will aid all those job searchers who have been frustrated in the past.

Two very special events are planned for the fall.

Musical Interlude: On Sat., Sept. 24 at 3 pm, Trio Vento featuring Ardsley resident Janet Grice will perform at the library.

Broadway Comes to Ardsley: On Sat. Oct. 1 at 7:30 pm and Sun. Oct. 2 at 2 pm, we will sponsor special performances of the mystery (?) PROOF, directed by Ardsley resident Rod Nash.

Make sure to visit us soon while our showcase still features an international collection of handmade boxes from Beverly Levine.

STORMWATER NEWS

"Say, what are all those fish doing on my street?" Residents have begun to notice the new storm drain stencils. An important Phase II Stormwater Management requirement of Ardsley's SPDES (NY State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit #NYR0A316 is that we mark storm drains in the Village. Stenciling began last fall, thanks to Girl Scout Troop #2247 and Cub Scout Den #16. This spring, Michael Pawlak undertook a large-scale stenciling project in fulfillment of Eagle Scout requirements. He has been working with his group in the northeast section of Ardsley. Some stencils are white, some are blue. Fancy ones may be white on blue. They are only 12" x 20" and only placed in the street or on sidewalks next to storm drains. Other villages have assigned DPW personnel to this task, while others are using expensive metal medallions that must be affixed with glue and bolts. Having volunteers apply stencils saves the Village a great deal of money. Please be appreciative of these Scouts. They are meeting Minimum Measure Goals: Education, Involvement and Enforcement of our federally mandated Stormwater obligation.

Already in progress is another volunteer activity, Outfall Mapping. We are locating, measuring and cataloging all water bodies and outflow pipes in the Village, allowing us to make preliminary notes about water quality. Please welcome volunteers when they check water flowing through your backyard. They will be carrying an official letter for identification. This is strictly a survey activity. We need your

help to map out the whole Village and if you would like to help, call Village Hall at 693-1550 or email stormwater@ardsleyvillage.com

The use of volunteers saves us a tremendous expense. Lastly, while the warm weather is still with us, please take it easy on water use and always drain on to porous or grassy areas when possible. Thanks for making this program a success - Lorraine Kuhn, Stormwater Management Assistant.

ASVAC NEWS

The Ardsley Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corp. is a completely volunteer organization made up of dedicated friends and neighbors who either live or work in the Village. They respond twenty-four hours a day seven days a week to medical emergencies in our community as well as offering mutual aid to our neighboring communities. In calendar year 2004 they responded to more than 450 medical emergencies.

ASVAC recently installed new line officers: Capt. Pat Hoffman, 1st Lt. Alan Greenwald, and 2nd Lt. Charlie Strick. Please feel free to contact any of the officers or leave a message at the ambulance building (693-3673) should you have any questions or concerns. They are always looking for volunteers. All necessary training and equipment is provided and no prior experience is needed. Please contact any member for information.

ASVAC is continuing their fund drive to replace their 42 year old building located on American Legion Drive. (It is in dire need of replacement). Please consider a tax-deductible donation to provide your volunteers with the quarters and equipment necessary to enable them to protect you. Please remember they receive NO funds from the Village budget. Thanks for your continued support.

SAFETY TIP: Please remember to have your house numbers visible to assist ASVAC in locating you if you require medical assistance. The Village Code requires that such numbers be at least four inches in height in a conspicuous place. Numbers posted on front doors fail the test because they become invisible when the doors are left open awaiting the arrival of an ambulance vehicle. In addition to their listed phone number, you may contact ASVAC them via their

website www.asvac.org or e-mail them at: email@asvac.org.

TPPCS REPORTS

TPPCS stands for Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian and Cycling Safety – the mission of this volunteer-based committee is to seek ways to improve and promote the self-defining quality of life within Ardsley. Two projects under way are a) seeking ways to increase utilization of the taxpayer supported school bus system, and b) seeking ways to make the streets safer for children who choose to walk or ride their bikes to school and residents who simply seek to walk around the Village.

The ongoing Route 9A and Ashford Ave. traffic woes and the forthcoming Ashford Avenue Bridge reconstruction offer members a unique challenge to find ways to mitigate the impacts. The committee is always looking for fresh ideas.

This fall Ardsley will be sponsoring a Walkable Community Workshop conducted by Westchester County DOT which will bring together specialists in a number of different disciplines to provide ideas on how we can make the Village even more people friendly.

Ardsley is becoming more bicycle friendly. We have recently installed bike racks in a number of convenient locations including Addyman Square, Legion Park and in 2 locations at Bicentennial Park (the lower level near CVS and the upper level, midway between Captain Video and Ardsley Pizza). You supply the bike lock.

We will also be seeking to attract riders into the business district from the South County Trailway, which is a paved multi-use trail that runs along the Saw Mill River Parkway. The trail runs all the way from North Yonkers up to Route 119 then detours (i.e. the Missing Link) along Route 9A until you reach Sam's Club where it begins again and runs all the way to Carmel in Putnam County. We hope in the not too distant future the missing link is closed and that access is gained to more sections south running all the way to the Bronx County line - Gil Harris, Chairman

CATV UPDATE

The Ardsley Cable Television Committee wants to thank everyone

who submitted his or her survey responses. They were all read and cataloged and those that related to service problems were reported to Cablevision. If you haven't provided your survey, there is still time. We are still seeking feedback from those who are receiving their TV service from the satellite-based services or those who don't use any service—we want to understand your needs and wants as it relates to TV as well as broadband services. Those related to issues to be covered in the franchise renewal have been appropriately presented to Cablevision's negotiating team. Those related to content issues have also been aggregated and will be used in the renewal negotiations with Cablevision and negotiations for the first time with newcomer Verizon.

The Committee also heard loud and clear that you want more public affairs programming and also access to more of the Village meetings—Planning, Zoning, Traffic Safety, etc., as well as local sports and traffic reports. You will begin to see more live programming coming from more locations—Library, Community Center, McDowell Park just to name a few. The good news is that we will do all of these additional things without increasing the amount of your monthly fees. We want to hear your ideas for new programming—what specific programs do you want to see. We are always looking for new programming ideas and also seeking volunteers. If you want to work with state-of-the-art equipment, or want to get involved in the production of content for programs, please let us know. Simply call Village Hall, 693-1550, and ask them to have someone from the Committee contact you. – Gil Harris

ARDSLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The programs of the Ardsley Historical Society will resume in the fall. Our first social meeting will be Tues. Oct. 11 with a presentation by local author William Pisani, discussing his new book, "The Call of Distant Drums". Membership renewal starts the calendar year and we hope you will become a member again or for the first time. Our meetings are held on the 2nd floor of the Library once a month and you will receive a free calendar when you join plus 3 newsletters during the

year. Our phone number is 693-6027. - Beverly Levine, President

ARDSLEY CHAT GROUP

Thanks to the efforts of Michael Goetz, the Ardsley chat page address Ardsley-Village@yahoogroups.com is available to residents as forum to openly discuss general matters of Ardsley village interest. Subscribing is easy. Send an email to Ardsley-Village-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

SUMMER REPAVING

Highway Foreman Louis Pascone reports that the annual summer road-resurfacing program was completed in August. Columbus Construction of Mount Vernon along with the assistance of Ardsley's DPW crew resurfaced Eastern Drive from Rest Avenue to Grandview Avenue; Grandview Avenue from Wilmoth Road to just beyond Mt. View; Mt. View from Wilmoth to Abington; Highland Drive from Heatherdell to Beacon Hill; Shady Road (north); and Heatherdell Road from Powderhorn to Revolutionary (south side only).

SCHOOL PARKING ISSUE

On July 23rd, the Town of Greenburgh held a public hearing revising and extending the parking restrictions for the several roads nearest Ardsley High School. Until recently, parking was prohibited from 7:30 am to 9:30 am on school days on Alden Place, Standish Place, and Darwood Place. The Town has now added the hours from 12 noon to 2:00 pm, and extended the restrictions to include Kenneth Road and Joyce Road. Owing to these new restrictions the Village Board fears that the neighbors to the south in the Village of Ardsley will be swamped with parked vehicles belonging to students once school commences in September. Thus, the Village Board will discuss this matter at their next meeting on September 6. Consideration is being given to enacting restrictions in that neighborhood mirroring those in Greenburgh.

VILLAGE PEOPLE

We finally have a new Parks & Recreation Supervisor. Keith Wright started with the Village on August 1. A resident of Mount Vernon, Keith hails from the JCC of Manhattan where he

was the Athletic Director for the last 5 years. Please stop by his office at the Ardsley Community Center to say hello, and share your ideas about recreational programming. Keith may be reached at 693-8012. In other personnel news, Victoria Road's Kevin Amato joined Engine Company No.1 on July 26. Ridge Road's Rick Thompson has been appointed Fire Inspector. Markwood Place's Don Mattos has been appointed part-time parking meter attendant, effective August 1. Don is filling in for the ailing Ed "Chick" Zekus who is out on sick leave. Tony Bush of The Bronx has been appointed part-time senior bus driver, effective September 12. Tony is filling the spot vacated by Tony Lento who is also out on sick leave. Sincerest best wishes for a speedy recovery to both Chick and Tony!

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Ardsley Community Center and at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Appearing on the ballot will be the positions of Mayor, two Village Trustees, Town Supervisor, two Town Councilmembers, District Attorney, County Clerk, County Executive, and various judgeships. Since elections are no longer handled by the Village Clerk's office, voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the Greenburgh

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ALWAYS USE E-911

Town Clerk's office (993-1501) or the County Board of Elections (995-5700).

IT'S A TRAFFIC SIGN!

It's a tree. It's a shrub. It's a traffic sign! AAA of New York has commenced a campaign to assist motorists frustrated by obscured traffic signs. AAA states "these days you need X-ray vision to see through the shrubbery blocking some traffic signs along our roads." Fortunately, you don't need to be Superman to improve traffic safety in our own Metropolis. Look for branches that hide signs in front of your home; plants that obstruct side street visibility; and shrubs that extend into the sidewalk. Trim a shrub for safety.

MEMORIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On the unanimous recommendation of the Parks Commission the Village Board on May 2nd renamed the annual tennis tournament in honor of the late Dr. Matthew Hertz. Matty Hertz was Chairman of the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission for many years until his retirement and move to Florida a few years ago. The Dr. Matthew Hertz Memorial Tennis Tournament is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2005 in Ashford Park. Judson Avenue resident Ron Schwartz is the coordinator of the

tournament. To participate in the event, applications may be obtained at the Ardsley Community Center or by telephoning Keith Wright at 693-8012.

FIRE HOUSE UPDATE

Though it seems like forever, plans for the new firehouse are moving along slowly but surely. Sullivan & Associates has almost completed the construction bid documents which are tentatively scheduled to be released this autumn. Behind the scenes Calgi Construction Management is busily coordinating the RFP's and work schedules of environmental abatement and site engineering firms. The only fly in the ointment is where to locate the fire engines once the old firehouse is demolished and before the new one is constructed. Though no site has been selected yet the Village Board with the assistance of Engine Company No. 1 has been entertaining several viable options around the Village. An announcement for the temporary firehouse's location is anticipated early this autumn.

In other Fire Department news, this past spring the Engine Company elected a new Fire Chief, Joseph Cipollone who resides on Cross Road. He is ably assisted by First Assistant Chief Ron Gretczko and Second Assistant Chief Rick Thompson. Doug Berletic was elected President of Engine Company No.1.

Or Current Occupant