

The Ardsley Villager

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<p style="text-align: center;">MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JAY LEON</p> <p>They say that the “city never sleeps,” but neither does the Village of Ardsley – even in summer! Here are some items of interest that have taken place over the past few weeks:</p> <p><u>Lawrence Street Traffic Light</u> – The Village Board and TPPCS (traffic) Committee have been lobbying NYSDOT for over a year for a traffic light at Rt. 9A and Lawrence St. in the unincorporated area of Greenburgh. This intersection is a difficult one to traverse, and it will be a crucial detour during the Ashford Avenue Bridge reconstruction, scheduled to begin in about 18 months under the auspices of the County of Westchester. The light will make the intersection safer, and will move the increase in vehicles that will be using this route to avoid the bridge.</p> <p><u>The Ridge Hill Inter-Municipal Intersection Improvement Committee (RHIIC)</u> - This is a rather awkward name for the committee that was assembled to oversee the \$5 million set aside as part of the Ridge Hill settlement. The committee has hired a traffic consultant, who will help sort out what can be done with intersections that will no doubt experience increased traffic when this mammoth project opens in Yonkers (construction is already underway – you can see it from the NYS Thruway across the street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PERMIT NOW REQUIRED FOR ROOFING & SIDING</p> <p>Until recently, building permits were not required in the village for roofing or siding work that did not affect the structural integrity of a building. However, due to recent changes in the New York State Building Code, we are now required to issue permits for all roofing and siding projects. If you are planning to install a new roof or siding on your house, 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. Contact me at avinspector@optonline.net if you have any questions. – Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>from Stew Leonard’s). The consultant has already begun taking traffic counts, and he will finish up after school begins and traffic returns to “normal.” The committee has representatives from Greenburgh, Hastings, and Ardsley. Trustee Peter Porcino and I serve as Ardsley’s representatives.</p>	<p>CATV Notes – As of this writing, the TV studio at village hall is being completely refurbished with state of the art broadcasting and audio-visual equipment. The Village Board Room is being equipped with new microphones, cameras and presentation hardware, which should require fewer volunteers to man the studio during broadcasts.</p> <p>Verizon has notified us that their FIOS service will soon be televising the Ardsley Government Channel 24/7, as well as the Greenburgh Government Channel and an Ardsley Education Channel, which will also reach non-Ardsley residents within the school district. Cablevision will broadcast the Education Channel when the school district is ready to begin broadcasts. We are also working with Verizon to hook up links from remote locations that will give us for the first time the capability of televising live events from the Library Meeting Room, the Community Center and McDowell Park.</p> <p>Please note that we have been advised by Cablevision that they will no longer be offering the government and educational channels as part of their basic (analog) service. Customers will need to subscribe to digital service in order to continue to receive our broadcasts. Cablevision has also informed us that they increased the number of HD channels they offer their digital customers, which are offered those customers at no extra charge.</p>

Library Renovations: The Ardsley Village Board has awarded a bid to Larchmont-based St. Francis Construction Company in the amount of \$1.3 million to renovate and expand the Ardsley Public Library building. The improvements and space are sorely needed; the renovation will add 2,200 square feet to the existing 6,120 square foot building, which is important for a library that serves the Village of Ardsley, the Village of Elmsford, and many residents of unincorporated Greenburgh Town. The project is to be financed by current and future library revenues.

Waterwheel Property: After an article appeared in The Journal News concerning the Town of Greenburgh's Request for Proposals (RFP) to purchase and develop the former site of the Waterwheel Restaurant for all or some affordable housing, almost thirty inquiries were posted with the Town's Planning Commissioner. The deadline for proposals was August 18. Representatives from the Town and Village Boards and their respective Affordable Housing Committees will work to choose the plan that best satisfies everyone's requirements. The Ardsley Affordable Housing Committee will also include representatives of the Stonegate Homeowners Association, the neighborhood located next door to the parcel on Revolutionary Road.

At this time, I'd like to extend my gratitude to our village employees and volunteers for their hard and diligent work throughout the year. Whether they work as police officers, fire fighters, highway workers, library, recreation, building, justice, finance or office/administration staff, our employees and volunteers do a great job day in and day out. If you have a chance, thank a village employee or volunteer! Don't forget the independent ambulance

volunteers as well. To close, please permit me to remind everyone that school is back in session, so drive carefully and have a successful and safe school year. – **Jay S. Leon, Mayor**

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM NEWS

The Ardsley Youth Advocate Program is starting the Safe Rides program for the village in the fall. Safe Rides is a student/adult-run organization that provides a safe and secure way for students to get home at night on the weekends. On designated weekend evenings, from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am, four to six students and one to two adult volunteers will staff the Safe Rides Program at the Ardsley Community Center. Two students working at the Community Center will answer all incoming telephone calls, log in calls and maintain contact via cellular phone and/or radios with each of the Safe Rides cars out on call. Two other students, preferably a male and a female, will be sent from the community center to pick up students as a team. The driver will use his or her family car and must have their senior license. The rider is responsible for keeping contact with the Community Center to give information on departure times, pick up times, addresses and passenger names.

The parents will be in a separate room from students taking calls. The parents are there to handle emergency situations only. Students participating in the Safe Rides program agree to keep all details of their service activities confidential within the program. An adult volunteer is on duty as a consultant if the young people need help. If any further assistance is desired, the team may contact the Safe Rides adult volunteers on duty, the police department, or the emergency ambulance service. All student and adult volunteers will receive training. We are looking

for adult and student volunteers. If you are an Ardsley School district student or adult and are interested in volunteering please contact the Ardsley Youth Advocate, Allison De Luca, at (914) 674-4845 or at delucaa@ardsleyschools.org.

(If you are interested in being a driver, please remember you must have your senior license. Students in grades 9th-12th can volunteer to answer telephone calls.) – **Allison DeLuca, Youth Advocate**

“Children today are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers. I despair for the future.” - Socrates, 400 BC

CATCH THE READING BUG!

Sigh! The Summer Reading Club has come to an end and the library is quiet. We had our most successful Summer Reading Program ever. Over 200 children signed up for the program and just about 100 kids came every week to report on the books they read and attend our weekly programs. They sang songs, watched a magic show, experienced some insects up and personal, watched a cooking demo and sampled some Chinese food, played Bingo and had an ice cream party...and they read, a lot. The kids that participated read a total of 3,427 books during the five weeks. Congratulations to all those buggy readers!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made it possible. Marianne Ripin led the program from start to finish: planning, scheduling and hosting all the events. The rest of the staff chipped in with encouragement and a listening ear when needed. A core group of teens lent their enthusiastic help in listening to reports, counting slips and crowd

control. Thank you Jieen Bae, Bettina Cheung, Dominique Cheung, Natalie Cheung, Kate Monkovic, Mia Monkovic, Jeffrey Rovenpor and Diana Schoder for all your help.

A big thank you goes to the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library. Our Friends group paid for all the programs and all the prizes. Thanks to all of you who have donated to the Friends – You Are the Friends and your contributions make it all possible.

We also had some extra help from our Community friends: Ciccone's Ardsley Pizzeria very generously gave us Prize Certificates for a free pizza for each of our Teen Volunteers and each Reader of the Week. DeCicco's Tuscan Market donated ice cream cups for our Closing Party. Stew Leonard's donated a small ice cream for each of our bug trivia winners. We also received complimentary passes for each participant for the New York Renaissance Faire.

We encourage all our young bug enthusiasts to continue reading and to visit the library often – we will miss you if you don't come in! – **Angela Groth, Library Director**

“A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on” – Sir Winston Churchill

STORMWATER NEWS: MUDDY WATERS

No, we're not singin' the blues. That is unless your backyard construction project is washing dirt into the street with every rainstorm. The Village has had an Erosion and Sedimentation Control (ESC) Law on the books since 2005. NYSDEC is requiring an update of that Law to ensure certification of

SWPPP's (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans). Just to check up, you need a SWPPP if your project exceeds one acre, is a teardown of any size, is new construction of any size on a previously undeveloped lot or is part of a multi-unit development project. Make sure your contractor is in compliance.

Last tip of the summer – please don't over-water. We've had plenty of rain. Turn off that automatic sprinkler timer and check that your watering pattern doesn't include the street or driveway.

Fall is coming. Place those leaves in biodegradable bags, and keep our storm drains clear. Thanks for making our water cleaner! -- **Lorraine Kuhn, SWM Asst.**

Customer Service: “Your payment for the cable service is late.”

Dagwood Bumstead: “Sorry, I'm a little late this month. If you wait at your desk, I'll deliver it in person tomorrow, between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.”
Customer Service: “I hate to admit it, but we deserved that.”
- “Blondie”

A DOG DAY HELLO !!!

We have had a great summer here in the Recreation Department. We hope you have seen the additions we have made to Ashford Park. We replaced the old fire truck apparatus in the children's playground with a new one, and acquired a "Green Log Cabin" for Ashford Park. The entire play area was refurbished with our fine crew from the Ardsley Highway Department. Big thanks to Louis Pascone, Rick Thompson and all the men who worked so hard for us.

The senior citizens have been meeting in the Community Center every Wednesday (for the first time ever) this Summer! They are having a lot of fun -- cookouts, bingo, horse racing, cards, and many more activities. They are gearing up for the upcoming Fall season -- and we are working on a few special fall activities!

The kids have been very busy with the Red Bull Soccer Camp, a basketball camp with kids from Dobbs Ferry, and a trip to Spashdown water park. Classes filled up very quickly for our August Basketball and Volleyball clinics and the kids had a ball (no pun intended).

This September, we will start off the new school year with our annual "Movie in the Park," to be held on the first Friday of the school year - September 5th. This year we are showing "Monsters, Inc." The movie is expected to start at dusk (around 8:00 pm to ensure darkness). Bring your blankets, chairs and have some fun! The Rain date is September 12th.

After that -- are you ready? The Memorial Mathew Hertz Tennis Tournament is planned for the weekend of September 13 & 14. This tournament is always a lot of fun. Ron Schwartz has been running this event for years, and he really knows what he is doing. This year, we have added mixed doubles, and "deleted" women's singles; Mini Red Bull Soccer starts September 21; Tennis Clinics start September 27. On Saturday, September 27, we will have "All Fired Up! A Celebration of Clay" at the Community Center. The Westchester Arts Council and the Clay Arts Center will supply the clay and two volunteer clay artists, who will be here to demonstrate and guide visitors in basic techniques. Also new this Fall, are

Balloons with Nora, on Wednesday afternoons; and "Drawing Techniques" with Patricia van Essche, on Thursday afternoons.

The Garage Sale is taking place on October 11 and the 5K Run is scheduled for October 12. We have many more events planned, but we don't want to boggle your brain with everything at once! Check your mailbox in September for the latest Parks and Recreation flyer!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! -- **Patricia Lacy, Parks Supervisor & Lori Hunter, Community Center Director**

A WORD FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF

The Ardsley police would like to remind all that September marks the beginning of the new school year. To ensure the safety of our students the police department will be placing our new speed trailer along Heatherdell Rd and Ashford Ave. in the vicinity of the school zones, to remind drivers of the speed limit. The police department will also be utilizing funding received through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to aggressively enforce the law in regards to speeding, pedestrian crossings, passing stopped school busses and stop signs along the school routes. – **Emil Califano, Police Chief**

"The trouble with the rat race is that there never is a finish line"
– **Dagwood Bumstead,**
"Blondie"

VILLAGE CLERK NEWS

DOG TALES:

A "New Owner" License is required any time dog ownership is

changed. A new owner is required to pay the license fee regardless of the amount of time left on the previous license. Furthermore, NYS stipulates a new owner transaction takes place even if a change is done within the same household, such as from husband to wife, or parent to child.

RABIES:

You **CANNOT**, by law, have a license validated without current rabies information. The owner **CANNOT** have the license issued and bring back the new rabies info later.

REPLACEMENT TAGS:

Effective immediately, the replacement tag fee has been increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

Please refer to our website and click on the "Calendar" for any upcoming events in the Village of Ardsley.

VITAL RECORDS:

As your local Registrar of Vital Statistics and Village Clerk, the Village Clerk is responsible for the complete registration of all births and deaths occurring in the Village of Ardsley. Vital statistics are not public records, and availability is restricted. You may obtain a record by providing the specified identification and meeting the requirements.

Birth Certificates: Copies of birth certificates are only available to the person named on the certificate (18 years or older), the person's parents, a lawful representative, or anyone who presents a court order.

If you were born within the village limits of Ardsley, you may obtain a certified copy of your birth certificate.

To apply in person: Bring the appropriate identification for the type of certificate you are requesting, along with a \$10.00 fee (either cash or check payable to the Village of Ardsley), and a completed application which will be provided when you come in to the office.

To apply by U.S. Mail: Enclose a photocopy of the appropriate identification one of the following is required: a current driver's license, a DMV non-driver's license identification card, a valid U.S. Passport, or U.S. Military ID. Two (2) different utility bills of the applicant accompanied by a notarized letter are also acceptable.

Death Certificates: If the decedent died in the Village of Ardsley, the record is on file in our office. Death Records are available to the spouse by providing a driver's license or non-drivers ID and a certified copy of the marriage license. A parent can obtain a copy of a death record with a driver's license or non-drivers ID, and a certified birth certificate naming the parent.

If you have any questions, please contact Village Clerk Barbara Berardi at (914) 693-1550 x120 or ardsleyclerk@optonline.net for additional requirements.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Ardsley Garden Club, having received a State grant for planting around the Village, is in the process of designing a planting scheme for the area beneath the four Revolutionary War signs and other areas approved by the Village Board.

The Club continues to reap praise for holding its First Annual Garden Tour, held in June featuring eleven local gardeners and their beautiful gardens.

The Youth section of the Garden Club held a horticultural workshop at the home of Girl Scout leader Janet McKenna. The Girl Scouts will press leaves over the summer and fall, and learn to identify trees that grow in their community.

By the way do you know that the Ardsley Garden Club was 50 years old last year? For more information, about these programs, please call the Ardsley Garden Club at 693-4206 - **Arline Weston, President**

"I'm in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters." - Frank Lloyd Wright

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

In July, the Ardsley Historical Society mailed its Spring/Summer 2008 newsletter to the residents of Ardsley, and subscribing membership. The issue was dedicated to our World War II veterans with brief notes by Theresa DiStefano. We hope you liked this issue and, if by chance, you did not receive it, please let me know at lzybones@aol.com.

Our website is up and running and you can find past newsletters on ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org and clicking the appropriate links. We hope you are enjoying your summer and we will start our programs again in October for your interest and enjoyment. -- **Beverly Levine, President**

CALVI ON PASCONE

"What can you say about a guy:
- who has more knowledge about public works in his pinkie than I have been able to absorb in my entire career?

- who took his first vacation day in thirty years just two weeks ago, and then advised me he'd seen enough of the outside world?

- who is able to accomplish certain public works tasks that a barrel full of Village Managers could never accomplish in a hundred years?

- who stops by his office and even answers telephone calls on holidays and weekends because he knows some resident will have need of his services?

- who knows where all the sewer and water connections are located at the drop of a hat probably because he was on the job when the lines were first installed 40 and 50 years ago?

- who is known by ¾ of the Village's residents on a first name basis?

Louie Pascone is one of the most resourceful men that I have known in any field. No matter how tight funding gets from time to time he always manages to squeeze the most out of what he is allotted, and gets the job done. Louie is one of the last of a dying breed of dedicated municipal workers who strive to complete a task, and do it well, despite the fact that the clock indicates it's getting late. Louie is also one of Ardsley's unsung diplomats. Often when there is a dispute between neighbors or someone is feeling displeased about a Village service, and I send Louie to address the problem, nine times out of ten Louie reports back, "Hey George, you know that problem with so and so, it's all taken care of. Everyone's happy!" And that seems to be the secret of Louie's success, he's does his darnedest to try and make everyone happy. And everyone loves him in return.

On the question of retirement: From time to time Louie hints that he may retire, and I always abruptly cut him off self-servingly advising him that he isn't allowed to retire . . . at least until I'm out of

here! After so many years with the Village, would Louie survive retirement? Of course, I already told you he's very resourceful! The bigger question is, would Ardsley survive Louie's retirement? That remains to be seen! No doubt the Village will continue to exist, but will it be the same? Oft times I've heard that, with rare exception, no one's irreplaceable. I dare say, however, that rare exception may be Louie Pascone, and God bless his successor who has to fill some very big shoes."

The above is a version of an article that I prepared for the December 1998 issue of the Rivertowns Enterprise upon our Highway Foreman's 50th anniversary with the department. On January 14, 2009, Mr. Pascone will be celebrating his 60th anniversary with the Village of Ardsley. This has to be a record of some sorts. God bless you Louie! -- **George F. Calvi, Village Manager**

THE ARDSLEY MYSTIQUE REVISITED

Back in August 1999, I wrote an article for the Ardsley Villager called "The Ardsley Mystique." It centered on all the confusion generated by the little seven letter word that represents our community. I stumbled across the old story recently while mining my archives for a topic for this newsletter and decided to reprint it a) because I thought it might prove useful to the many people who have moved into the Village in the ensuing nine years, and b) to illustrate much hasn't changed which isn't necessarily a bad thing!

"The word "Ardsley" means many things to many people. Unfortunately, much of it is erroneous and sometimes downright inconvenient. Woe to the unknowing traveler who takes a late train from Grand Central Station to Ardsley (as it appears on the schedule) only to arrive several miles away from the Village in the

tiny postal district of Ardsley-on-Hudson, which is located within the confines of the Village of Irvington. Woe to the poor truck driver from upstate who straggles into Ardsley Village Hall desperately seeking directions to a business on Ardsley Avenue which is, again, in Irvington or a home on Ardsley Road in Greenburgh which is disguised with a Scarsdale address.

The misconceptions about Ardsley are legion, and the zip code is the demon. Although it may have an Ardsley address, the old Ciba Geigy campus, which has metamorphosed into Ardsley Park, is not in the Village of Ardsley. Neither are Ardsley Estates, Ardsley Green, the Ardsley Middle School, the Ardsley Country Club, the Ardsley Swim & Tennis Club, or even the Ardsley Chiropractor's office.

Nobody calls anything by its right name. Ashford Park is not the Middle School field. McDowell Park is not Little League Field Park. Addyman Square is not Ardsley Square as the bus system would have you believe. Sometimes misconceptions are self-fulfilling prophecies. For years, many referred to the old Village Hall as the Fire House because they saw the apparatus bays on the first floor. Today, the old Village Hall is the Fire House ever since the municipal offices moved next door last August.

No one seems to know where the Village begins and ends otherwise we wouldn't be fielding complaints about Lawrence Street, Sheldon Street, Maple Street, Winding Road, Pine Street, or Wood Avenue all under the jurisdiction of our Greenburgh Town Supervisor. Cross Road between Markwood Avenue and Sprain Road is in the Town though OLPH's rectory is in the Village. Incidentally, there is only one home on the entire stretch of Sprain Road that is in the Village of Ardsley.

Speaking of Greenburgh, Edgemont is neither a Village nor any municipally recognized unit, nor is Hartsdale. They are merely neighborhoods which some like to reference by the quaint sobriquet "hamlets." Another widely held belief is that because we pay taxes to the Town of Greenburgh we also have the right to use Anthony Veteran Park's pool. Right? Wrong! On average, only three percent of a Village resident's tax bill is paid to the Town of Greenburgh. This three percent provides for the collections of Town, School, and County taxes, the handling of November general elections by the Town Clerk's office, assessment services, and the provision of traffic signs and road markings by the Town Highway Department. That's it! The taxes which are collected for the operation and maintenance of Greenburgh's parks are contained in what is known as the B Budget which is financed solely by the inhabitants of the Town of Greenburgh OUTSIDE the Villages, i.e. Hartsdale, Edgemont, Fairview, Parkway Homes, Chauncey, Ardsley Estates, Greenville, Boulder Ridge, Hidden Glen, St. Andrews, Donald Park, and lastly Clarewood.

Often we receive telephone calls at Village Hall asking us can't we do something about this school issue or another? The simple answer is no. Although we have an extremely friendly and cooperative working relationship with the school district we have absolutely no control over its operation. The Ardsley Union Free School District is a separate, independent, corporate entity operating under the auspices of the State Education Department. They do not even have to seek a building permit from us if they wish to expand a building. They are also much bigger than us, not only in budget, but in physical size as well. Ardsley Village has about 1400 households. The School District

has well over 3000 and includes homes in Dobbs Ferry, and the White Plains, Scarsdale, and Hartsdale postal districts of Greenburgh.

The Village of Ardsley has very little if any control over Saw Mill River Road. Also known as Route 9A, it is a road owned and operated by the New York State Department of Transportation. Macy Park is not a Village park. It is a park owned by the County of Westchester and operated by the County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Lastly, it is most important to dispel the myth that we have paid fire fighters and ambulance workers. They are all unsalaried and belong either to Ardsley Volunteer Engine Company No. 1 or to Ardsley Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Also falling into the unpaid category are all the advisory boards and committees.

I trust this has been an eye opener for some, and not too confusing for others. If you're a new resident, give yourself some time to sort it all out. It's merely all part of the Ardsley mystique that makes this community so unique . . . and I wouldn't change a thing!"

That was 1999, and here we are in 2008. So, what has changed in nine years? We have a new firehouse, and a new wing to the library underway. ASVAC gave us a new ambulance building. We dedicated Fire Fighter Park. The State redid Ashford Avenue and installed a new traffic light on Route 9A at Heatherdell Road. The County is redoing Macy Park, and will be redoing the Ashford Bridge in 2010. The County has decided to relocate storage for their voting machines and Public Safety Offices to Ardsley Park. Other than smaller improvements made to the various parks and other infrastructure, everything is pretty much the same. Ardsley is a fine community, a wonderful community, and remains a desirable community that many yearn to move into to raise their families. Of course, it has its

quirks. What community doesn't? However, its quirks are what makes this community interesting, and retain its unique mystique, the Ardsley Mystique! -- George F. Calvi, Village Manager

“Life has been created for you to enjoy, but you won’t enjoy it unless you pay for it with some good, hard work. This is one price that will never be marked down.” -- Harpo Marx

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1st – Labor Day
 - September 5th – Movie in the Park
 - Sept. 13-14th – Tennis Tournament
 - September 27th – Clay Celebration
 - September 30th - School Tax Due
 - October 11th – Annual Garage Sale
 - October 12th – 5 K Run
 - October 13th – Columbus Day
 - October 25th - Ragamuffin Parade
 - November 11th – Veterans Day
 - November 27th - Thanksgiving
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THE POOPER SCOOPER LAW

Word has reached our offices that dog walkers are not picking up after their pets. Please be advised that there is a local law prohibiting this action, and that observance of this law is not optional.

Section 190-10 of the Ardsley Village Code states that:

“No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer, or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park, or any place where people

congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property . . . The person who curbs a dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such by any sanitary method . . .”

Therefore, if you are the owner of a dog or in charge of one, please pick up after the pet. No one should have to experience the indignity of stepping into what dogs leave behind on front walks, driveways, or lawns. If a dog or dog owner is causing a nuisance in your neighborhood, please contact the Police Desk (693-1700) immediately. There is little the Police can do once the dogs and their walkers have departed. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. – **George F. Calvi, Village Manager**

MCCARTNEY / LEGION BUILDING SPIRITED TO ASHFORD PARK

On June 16th, the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution to relocate the old American Legion / McCartney building from Dobbs Ferry to Ashford Park, in effect, saving an historic building that was slated for demolition.

Spearheading the effort to renovate the building is local engineer Paul Petretti who has valiantly secured pledges of assistance from many local contractors. Over the course of nearly a century, the building served as the headquarters of the McCartney Agency, the meeting place of the American Legion, and even for a short stint the offices of the Ardsley Village Clerk. For the last several decades it has been the garage of Dobbs Ferry resident and retired McCartney Agency employee, Joann DeRosa. Over the summer, Petretti gathered the faithful, in particular Ralph Denike

of Pat Paving, and the building was skillfully navigated down Lawrence Street, Saw Mill River Road, and Ashford Avenue on a flatbed from its temporary home at the Dobbs Ferry DPW garage and ultimately into a spot between the snack bar and the skateboard park in Ashford Park.

To donate money to help restore this piece of Ardsley’s past, please send checks payable to “Old American Legion Building” to Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio, c/o Ardsley Village Hall, 507 Ashford Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502.

ARDSLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

Starting in September and running through mid-November, Ardsley Youth Football will participate in the Westchester Youth Football League. The WYFL consists of many Westchester County teams including Dobbs Ferry, Pelham, Ossining, and Rye.

FLAG FOOTBALL: \$115 per player. Family Discounts Apply. K – 2nd Grade

TACKLE FOOTBALL: \$225 per player. Family Discounts Apply. 3rd/4th Grade Team, 5th/6th Grade Team

All participants will learn how to run, catch, pass, block, and learn positions on the field. Our league stresses safe play, teamwork sportsmanship and fun. Games will be played on Saturdays. Teams will have to travel to different towns to play away games. Players will receive pants with pads, mouth guard, a team jersey, and more. All players will receive a participation award at the end of the season. For more information and applications: please check website at www.ardsleyyouthfootball.com or email RobertJacobsonSports@Yahoo.com. – **Glenn Leibel & Robert Wooten**

NEWS BRIEFS

HYDROGEN VEHICLE: In its desire to support the design, improvement, and special testing of a special vehicle to save energy and enhance the environment, the Village Board on July 7th granted permission to Ardsley resident Gates Roberg-Clark to park his hydrogen-powered vehicle in Legion Park for 90 days. His vehicle is part of program sponsored by General Motors. In exchange, Mr. Roberg-Clark has been asked to provide the Village Board with a basic report on the use and operation of the vehicle upon the termination of the experiment. Take a look at the vehicle while it's still out there!

ROAD IMAGING: The Village of Ardsley has joined Greenburgh, Tarrytown, Elmsford, Hastings, and Dobbs Ferry in an imaging contract with a firm known as Transmap of

Columbus, Ohio. All of Ardsley's roads (except for state-owned Route 9A) were imaged this past summer. These images which will be set up on a Google Earth viewer, will become invaluable to our Highway Department staff in setting priorities for maintenance. The images will also be useful for the Village's storm water outfall program spearheaded by Lorraine Kuhn. Ardsley's share of the cost of this project was \$2,530.00

RECYCLING: Two large plastic blue containers were placed recently in Ashford Park and McDowall Park for use by the general public. It is hoped that these will be the first of several set up around the heavily pedestrian trafficked areas of the Village for bottles and cans particularly near bus stops. Thus far, the ones set up in the parks have proven to be very popular since the DPW has to

empty them often. The blue containers were the suggestion of the Environmental Action Committee chaired by Susan Porcino.

ROAD RESURFACING: In an attempt to rein in costs, the Village of Ardsley has joined Hastings and Greenburgh in releasing joint bids for road resurfacing this autumn. With the rapidly spiraling cost of oil-based products like asphalt, the three communities agreed this was the best possible way to work within their respective budgets and preserve the annual road resurfacing programs. Greenburgh is expected to open the bid results sometime in mid-September.

EMAIL US: If you have any questions about village matters, please feel free to email us. A lengthy list of email addresses for village, town, and state officials is posted on our website.

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