

# Village of Ardsley

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## THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### VILLAGE ELECTIONS, MARCH 16

Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1993, for the offices of Mayor (two year term) and two Village Trustees (two year terms). In order to exercise your voting privilege, you must meet certain requirements and conform with specified procedures. Please make careful note of the requirements and dates listed below so that you may meet the necessary conditions and cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice.

#### Voter Qualifications:

1. You must be a United States citizen.
2. You must be 18 years of age or older by March 16, 1993.
3. You must have been a resident of the Village of Ardsley for the 30 days preceding the election.

#### Polling Locations:

1. Municipal Building - for 24th and 53rd Districts

The 24th District is represented by the whole Village area south of Ashford Avenue.

The 53rd District is represented by that

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area of the Village located on the north side of Ashford Avenue including all streets running north from Ashford Avenue or accessible north from Ashford Avenue up to and including the northern end of Kensington Road and Abington Avenue to that point.

2. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church [located at intersection of Heatherdell and Revolutionary Roads] - for 25th and 54th Districts

The 54th District is represented by that area of the Village located at Abington Avenue from the north side of the northern intersection with Kensington Road to the south side of Heatherdell Road and the area south of Heatherdell Road or accessible south from Heatherdell.

The 25th District is represented by that portion of the Village north of Heatherdell Road.

To confirm your polling place and district, or should you have any questions regarding voter registration, please do not hesitate to telephone Village Clerk, Mary Kamens, at 693-1550.

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## **VOTER REGISTRATION, MARCH 6**

To vote in the Village election, you must be registered. Registration will be held on Saturday, March 6, 1993 for all four districts at Village Hall between the hours of 12 noon and 5:00 P.M.

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### **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION**

Although the official voter registration day is scheduled for March 6, please note that mail-in voter registration is available to you 365 days a year. Why experience the hassle of waiting in line or making the mad dash to Village Hall when you can relax in the comfort of your own home filling out the necessary information. Registering early by mail, gives you the assurance that your registration has been completed and no hitches will surface on Election Day. Mail-in voter registration forms can be obtained by telephoning or dropping in at the Village Clerk's office or the County Board of Elections in White Plains. Don't let a technicality prevent you from exercising your right to vote.

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### **GRIEVANCE NIGHT**

The Assessor of the Village of Ardsley has completed the 1993 assessment roll. A copy of the roll has been filed with the Village Clerk's office where it may be examined during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm, until Tuesday, February 16, at which time from 5pm to 9pm the Board of Review will sit at the Municipal Building to hear and

examine all complaints in relation to assessments. For further information, contact the Village Clerk's office at 693-1550.

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### **LIBRARY EVENTS**

The Ardsley Public Library continues to draw on local talent for the programs presented at the library. This spring, Dr. Rowena Davis Goodfarb, an Ardsley resident, who has taught in Westchester high schools, colleges, and with older adult groups, will present a workshop designed to help participants create their memoirs. This introductory session is a shorter version of a series of lectures given in other Westchester libraries by Dr. Goodfarb on the history of the American memoir. Please join us on Thursday, March 18 at 7:45 PM at the library.

In April, the library will have an exhibit of original paintings from the recently published book "Mother Earth," illustrated by Neil Waldman. Mr. Waldman, an award-winning children's book illustrator, will be happy to autograph copies of his book at the reception for the exhibit. The opening and reception will be held on April 3 at 4:00 PM at the library. Refreshments will be served and children and adults are invited.

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### **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**

The Youth Employment Service (YES) at Ardsley High School has many students now available to work within the community. Students are signed

up for such jobs as babysitting, yard clean up, lawn mowing, and any other household chores needed. To hire a student, telephone the YES office at 693-3325 and ask for Mary Ann Tina, Program Coordinator.

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### **OVERNIGHT PARKING & ALARM REGISTRATION**

Residents, who do not have driveways and must park overnight on Village roads, are reminded to renew their parking permits at the Village Police Department, immediately. The fee is \$10.00. In addition, those who have installed fire and burglary alarm systems in their home, must apply for or renew their alarm permits. For further information, visit or telephone the Police Department at 693-1700.

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### **SANITARY MATTERS**

If you have not received the colorful 1993 Notice of Sanitation Calendars in the mail, please do not hesitate to telephone the Village Clerk at 693-1550 for your copy.

Residents are urged to refrain from dumping hypothermic needles into trash bags without first breaking off the needle points. Two near misses in recent weeks have alarmed the Highway Department staff. Although steps have been taken to prevent injury, a little extra care by needle users would be most appreciated by all.

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### **CABLE TELEVISION SURVEY RESULTS**

Peter Gray, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for CATV Franchise Renewal, has provided us with the following analysis of the recently distributed cable television survey.

"Approximately 1300 surveys were mailed to residents and 151 responses were received. This represents a very successful 12% response rate, and of those responding 96% said they did receive CATV in their home. The vast majority chose to subscribe to improve the quality of reception, although basic and premium programming also proved to be big factors in this choice.

Most subscribers have been receiving CATV for several years, with only 20% opting for premium services and a mere 2% utilizing pay-per-view. About 80% of these subscribers were happy with the reception, calling it good or excellent. People were also satisfied with the billing practices of TCI, but the pricing and programming explanations came under criticism as did the installation visits -- the majority rated these aspects only fair or poor. Complaints about service disruptions appeared in 10% of the surveys (mostly weather-related), and 15% said CATV is too expensive.

There were frequent complaints about the service provided by TCI. Although most problems were solved in 1-2 days, one quarter of the respondents reported it took anywhere from 3 days to 2 weeks to resolve their problem. This same percentage (25%) reported

that the service man did not arrive as scheduled. Complaints were frequent about busy phones, inattentive service, and surly attitudes of the operators -- this is an area which merits much attention!

Programming was mentioned by 42% as not adequate -- many requested American Movie Classics, The Discovery Channel, and full-time VH-1. Hopefully, these will be added with the new system upgrade. The shopping channels were not liked by many respondents. Channel sharing was seen as annoying by 55% of viewers. Over three quarters of subscribers would prefer individual choices over the premium packages now offered. The new billing policy of "tiering" was opposed by 2/3 of respondents. All subscribers thought automatic credit for service disruptions should be given. Some felt that Paid-per-view (PPV) programming should be advertised far in advance on Channel 22."

Thank you to all those who participated in the survey process. Your responses will prove most helpful as negotiations proceed.

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### **CALLING ALL SENIOR GENTLEMEN**

Edward Insky, residing at 66 Heatherdell Road, is calling upon all Senior gentlemen to join him in organized activities geared to men. Although Mr. Insky is an active participant of the Ardsley Senior Citizen Club and commends the work of Senior Coordinator Evelyn Perry, he has observed that some gentlemen

members have expressed a desire to have more activities that are suited to their preferences, i.e. bowling, golf, etc. Therefore, any local gentlemen seeking to broaden their recreational horizon should contact Mr. Insky at 693-4314.

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### **IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION**

**THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION:** Under New York State Law, if you are 65 years of age or older or disabled and own a 1,2, or 3 family residence, you may designate a consenting adult third party to receive duplicate copies of your tax bills and notices of unpaid taxes until further notice.

**AGED EXEMPTION:** Persons who are 65 and have owned their home for two years or more, and whose income from all sources, including social security, does not exceed \$21,300 may qualify for a tax exemption.

**LIEN SALE:** All 1992-93 Village taxes left unpaid will be subject to a tax lien sale held on March 19, 1993 in the office of the Village Treasurer. For information on this sale or any other tax matter, please telephone the Village Treasurer at 693-1550.

**MORTGAGE SATISFACTION:** If you are one of the many residents who have recently satisfied their mortgages, congratulations! You've earned it. However, although you've completed one obligation, you may now have another. **YOU MUST NOTIFY THE VILLAGE THAT YOUR TAX BILLS SHOULD BE SENT TO YOUR HOME**

## FROM THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Help us to serve you better! We are conducting a survey to determine the quality of Village services. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your answers, suggestions and comments are important and welcome and will help us identify services that need improvement. The results of the survey will be presented in a future newsletter.

### VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY CITIZEN SURVEY

1. On which street do you live?
2. How long have you lived in Ardsley?  
☐ Less than one year  
☐ One to five years  
☐ More than five years
3. How would you rate the following services performed by the Village of Ardsley?

E=EXCELLENT G=GOOD F=FAIR P=POOR NO=NO OPINION

	E	G	F	P	NO
a. Police Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Cleanliness of Streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Parks Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Recreation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Condition of Streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Snow Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Senior Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Youth Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Garbage Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Building Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Recreation Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If it became necessary to reduce Village Services to prevent a tax increase, which of these services would you be willing to see reduced and which would you not like to see reduced, even if it meant paying additional taxes?

R=Could be reduced; NR=Could not be reduced; NO=NO opinion

	R	NR	NO
a. Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Recreation Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Street Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Snow Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Street Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Garbage Pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Recycling Pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Youth Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Library Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Leaf Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Voter Registration Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. With the advent of mandatory recycling, would you be willing to shift from twice a week garbage pickup to once a week pickup?  
☐ yes, ☐ no

6. To save tax dollars and divert the skills of the Highway Department to other tasks and public improvements would you favor eliminating bulk leaf pickup and requiring all leaves to be bagged? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. How would you rate the following Village recreation facilities/events?

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	E	G	F	P	NO
a. Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Children's Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Community Center Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Ball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Tennis Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Ragamuffin Parade/Haunted House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Annual Garage Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Tree Lighting Ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Annual Park Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Ice Skating Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Would you be interested in using Greenburgh Town Park if it became an option for Ardsley residents? ☐ yes ☐ no

9. To use Town Park, would you be willing to pay ☐ higher taxes, ☐ a membership fee, ☐ neither?

10. In an effort to save tax dollars and/or expand the scope of Village services, are you in favor of pursuing a more aggressive policy of sharing services with surrounding communities? ☐ yes, ☐ no.

11. How would you rate the courtesy/responsiveness of Village employees in the following departments?

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	E	G	F	P	NO
a. Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DPW/Highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Village Offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Community Center/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Which of the following do you consider to be your best source of information about the Village government?

- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Village Newsletter
- ☐ Cable Television
- ☐ Friends & Neighbors
- ☐ Don't know

13. Your suggestions to improve Village services, programs, and facilities:

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PLEASE MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER TO VILLAGE HALL, C/O LYDIA DALLIS, DEPUTY VILLAGE MAYOR, 505 ASHFORD AVENUE, ARDSLEY, NY 10502 NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19, 1993.

**FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.** Do not rely on your bank or mortgage company. Many who have, have been stuck paying interest penalties. By State Law, the Village is unable to excuse late payments for any reason. For further information, please telephone Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio.

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### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REVIVED!**

In case you were wondering, the beautiful white lights in Addyman Square and the holiday banners that you have enjoyed are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the newly revived Ardsley Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was also instrumental in gaining permission from the Village of Ardsley in holiday wrapping the parking meters. The Chamber has several active committees meeting and planning for 1993; one particularly intriguing idea may develop into the first annual Ardsley Spring Fling. Residents and merchants are encouraged to join the Chamber and are invited to attend the monthly meetings at the Pizza & Pasta Restaurant the second Monday of every month. For further information about the Chamber of Commerce, please do not hesitate to telephone Residential Membership Coordinator Andrea Garson at 693-4440, Chamber President Scot McCartney at 693-3500, or Village Trustee Liaison Samuel Abate.

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### **QUAD VILLAGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, March 6, and Saturday,

March 13, the annual Quad Village Basketball Tournament will take place at the Ardsley High School Gymnasium where members of the Village of Ardsley Police Dept., Fire Dept., and others will take on challengers from the Villages of Irvington, Hastings, and Dobbs Ferry. The games are scheduled each day at 4PM and 6PM, and admission is free. All are welcome. For further information, please telephone the tournament's coordinator, Anthony Giaccio, Recreation Director, at 693-8012. His office hours are Mondays 9am-5pm, Wednesdays 7pm-9pm, Fridays 7pm-11pm, and Saturdays 1pm-4pm.

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### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Ardsley Public Library has been fortunate for the last 21 years. A large staff of dedicated volunteers have been helping to operate the library during this time. However, there is always a certain amount of attrition and turnover, and the Library now finds itself in need of new helping hands. Volunteers have a designated two hour slot which is the same every week. If you have two hours a week to spare on a steady basis, and would like to spend time in a congenial, collegiate, and interesting atmosphere, please telephone the Library at 693-6636 and ask for Marcia Pfeffer or Rita Norman.

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### **NEW LEGISLATION**

The Village Board of Trustees recently has passed a comprehensive Property Maintenance Law. The law covers a

broad spectrum of items from the storage of junk to the removal of junk vehicles.

In addition, the Village Board has recently passed a law regarding the storage of trailers, boats, and other recreational vehicles. Very specific limitations have been drafted regarding the storage of these vehicles. Thus, before making that very expensive acquisition, inquire with the Police Department or the Village Clerk's office to determine if you have sufficient setbacks on your property.

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### **MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Thanks to the initiative and efforts of three local community residents: Leslie Abrams, Barbara Carlson, and Mary Perillo, a full schedule of Middle School Friday night recreation activities programs has been established at the Ardsley Middle School (AMS) and the Ardsley Community Center (CC). The

joint School/Village effort has been very successful thanks also in part to the cooperative efforts of School Supt. Stanley Toll, Village Trustee Maxine Howard, Middle School Administrator Sal Tricamo, and Village employees Anthony Giaccio, Rocco Venneri, and Judy Becker. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Friday night student activities:

Feb. 12, 5th & 6th Grade gym night at AMS; Feb. 26, 6th Grade recreation night at CC; March 5, 5th Grade game night at CC; March 12 7th & 8th Grade gym night at AMS; April 2, 7th & 8th Grade gym night at AMS; April 16, 5th & 6th Grade gym night at AMS; April 23, 7th & 8th Grade recreation night at CC; April 30, 7th & 8th Grade gym night at AMS; May 14, 5th & 6th gym night at AMS; May 21 6th Grade recreation night at CC; May 28, 7th & 8th Grade gym night at AMS.

All activities commence at 7:30pm and end at 9:30pm.

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**DO NOT FORWARD**

IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER AS CURRENT OCCUPANT, PLEASE CALL THE VILLAGE CLERK SO THAT WE MAY UPDATE OUR RECORDS.

**YOUR VILLAGE SERVICES  
SURVEY IS ENCLOSED!**

**OR CURRENT OCCUPANT**

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