

Village of Ardsley

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THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Ardsley Mayor Michael M. Pocost died on Tuesday, December 23, 1991. Reprinted below is a tribute to the late Mayor in the form of a proclamation presented by County Legislator Thomas Abinanti to Mrs. Carol Pocost at a Village Board meeting on January 21, 1992:

WHEREAS, almighty God, in His divine wisdom, took from our presence, Michael M. Pocost, Mayor of Ardsley and a man dedicated to serving his fellow citizens, and

WHEREAS, Michael M. Pocost refused to let his illness stand in the way of his commitment to providing the best possible government to the residents of Ardsley, and

WHEREAS, a 24 year resident of the community, Michael Pocost served Ardsley in many different capacities. He was Deputy Mayor and Police Commissioner and was formerly a member of the Planning Board and the Recreation Commission. From 1985 to 1991, he was legal counsel and member of the Board of Governors of the Ardsley Volunteer Ambulance Corps and, in 1991, was named to the Westchester County Citizens Consumer Advisory Council, and

MARCH 1992

WHEREAS, Michael Pocost touched the lives of his fellow citizens in a vital and positive way, and it is fitting that we honor the memory of this wonderful man, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators join in mourning the passing of Michael Pocost. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Carol, and his daughters, Ellen and Julie, and hope they will be comforted by warm and loving memories, and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the January 6, 1992 meeting of the Westchester County Board of Legislators and when we adjourn, we do so in honor and memory of Michael Pocost.

By Resolution No. 1-1992. Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of January 1992. Stephen P. Tenore, Chairman. Thomas J. Abinanti, County Legislator.

VILLAGE ELECTIONS, MARCH 17

Village Elections will be held on

Tuesday, March 17, 1992, for the offices of Mayor (one year term) and two Village Trustees (two year terms). In order to exercise your voting rights, 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 17, 1992.
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 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.

VOTER REGISTRATION, MARCH 7

To vote in the Village election, you must be registered. Registration will be held on Saturday, March 7, 1992 for all four districts at Village Hall between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 P.M.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
MAY 2 & 3**

Mark your calendars, now! The Friends of the Ardsley Public Library are planning two full days of activities for Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, 1992. The Friends will be sponsoring the annual Book Fair and Community Day. Activities will be in progress at the Ardsley Community Center located at 18 Center Street between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday, and between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Sunday. Books may be donated for the sale at the Library

commencing on Wednesday, April 1 through Friday, April 24. [PLEASE, NO TEXTBOOKS OR MAGAZINES!] For further information, please telephone the Library at 693-6636.

Lastly, please take note of the enclosed postcard which inquires if you would be interested in sorting books or contributing baked goods for sale.

TAX LIEN SALE, MARCH 20

The second half of the Village Tax was due and payable without penalty during the month of December. Any taxes remaining unpaid will be included in the Tax Lien sale scheduled for Friday, March 20, 1992. For information, telephone Village Treasurer Marion DeMaio or Village Clerk Mary Kamens at 693-1550.

PLAYGROUND GRANT FROZEN

In the last newsletter it was reported that after much discussion, the members of the Parks Commission, Parks Liaison/Trustee Daniel Kelly, the Village Manager, and the Recreation Director had determined that a recently awarded grant, requested by Trustee John Morehouse from State Senator Nicholas Spano in the amount of \$5,000, should be used for the purchase of new playground equipment at Ashford Park, specifically a balance beam, a tube slide, and a fire truck apparatus (a kind of monkey bars unit), all intended for children ages 5-10. Any installation costs not covered by the grant would be financed through

the "Green Fund." Purchase and installation was to have been conducted over the winter months.

Alas, we are unhappy to report that the playground grant is another victim of the budget crisis in Albany. We have been informed that all legislative grants have been frozen indefinitely. For its part, the Village has submitted all the requisite contract documents and equipment estimates from suppliers, and is anxiously waiting along with hundreds of other communities in New York State to receive a green light to proceed. When the impasse is broken in Albany, the Village Manager will report it on cable television or in the next newsletter.

SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27

The next distribution of surplus food for Ardsley Senior Citizens will take place at the Community Center located at 18 Center Street on Friday, March 27, 11:00 AM. The surplus food distribution program, a joint effort with Food Patch, a federally-sponsored agency based in Hawthorne, distributes a limited amount of surplus food items to needy Senior Citizens in the Ardsley Village and Ardsley School District areas. Any Senior Citizen wishing to participate in this program may telephone Ardsley Senior Citizen Coordinator, Evelyn Perry, at 592-4364, or Village Clerk Mary Kamens at 693-1550 for an application. If you have been a regular participant in the program in the past, there is no need to register. All listed participants will be

reminded by telephone in late March of the date. Please remember, ONE BAG PER FAMILY. Thank you.

NEW YOUTH ADVOCATE HIRED

On Thursday, January 23, the Village Manager and Recreation Director, Anthony Giaccio, along with Ardsley Youth Committee Member Ernestine Rapawy interviewed and hired Youth Advocate candidate Rocco Venneri of Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Venneri, a 1973 graduate of Norwalk Community College and for many years an employee of the City of Yonkers Youth Service Agency, is presently a Substance Abuse Counselor for the Cage Teen Center in White Plains. Mr. Venneri, who remains a Cage Teen Center employee while working as a contractual employee for the Village of Ardsley, will provide 15-17 hours a week giving counsel to troubled Village youths at the Community Center. Anyone seeking assistance or further information may telephone the Community Center at 693-8012, and leave a message on the answering machine.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE A HIT!

Due to a joint effort between the Village of Ardsley and the Ardsley School District to increase the use of the Ardsley Community Center by local youths, a very successful dance was held on Friday night, January 31, exclusively for middle school 5th and 6th graders. For two hours, an estimated 150 students rocked to the

tunes of a local disk jockey and gorged themselves on the free pizza, chips, pretzels, and soda served by Community Center staff and chaperones. Community Center Recreation Director Anthony Giaccio and Community Center Chairwoman Judy Becker are particularly commended for a job well-done. Much praise must also be extended to Barbara DiFrancis and the Middle School student body government, for their invaluable cooperation in providing the dance concept, as well as, School Supt. Stanley Toll, for having brought the "Community Center use issue" to our attention in the first place. The success of the dance bodes well for future similar events.

SHARED SERVICES EXAMINED

On Thursday, February 13, the Village Manager and the Highway Foreman met with School District Physical Plant Director, Joseph Urbanowitz, to explore the possibility of shared services in the public works area. At the meeting, it was tallied that the Village already provides for the School cold weather sanding and salting assistance when requested; the School contracts refuse pickup services from the Village; the School maintains a Village-owned traffic island at McCormack Drive and a Village-owned lot on Farm Road; the School provides emergency bus transportation for the Village congregate meals program at the Embassy Club in Dobbs Ferry; the Village and School jointly sponsor the Wednesday afternoon Senior social programs at the Community Center;

the Village borrows the School's leaf blower in the autumn; the School is provided with gasoline [at cost with a small administrative fee] by the Village for its school buses; and the Village assists the School with catch basin maintenance.

At the end of the meeting, it was concluded that although the Village and School District already share quite a number of services in the area of public works, that perhaps the Village could lend trucks to the School District when feasible; the School District could assist the Village with softball field maintenance; and that the School District could provide minor inhouse electrical and plumbing assistance to the Village before seeking outside sources.

One may conclude that the Village of Ardsley and the Ardsley School District have been cooperating in an attempt to keep taxes down long before the currently fashionable term "shared services" came into vogue. Nevertheless, the Village and the School District look forward to strengthening their ties and exploring further areas of cooperation.

GRIDLOCK ALERT: TRAFFIC HEADACHES ON THE WAY!

In February, Police Chief Louis D'Aliso and Highway Foreman Louis Pascone attended a pre-construction meeting in the offices of the Westchester County Department of Public Works. At the meeting, Village officials were informed that work will commence this spring to

rehabilitate the Ashford Avenue bridge which at times may limit traffic to single eastbound and westbound lanes. In addition, westbound traffic will not be permitted to make a left turn to access the northbound Saw Mill Parkway. Though the Village officials were quite vocal that work of this nature and magnitude will be a disaster due to simultaneous work which recommences this spring on the Saw Mill Parkway [raising of northbound lane between Ashford Avenue and Lawrence Street to alleviate flooding problems], County officials remained steadfast in their decision to proceed with their schedule. Matters will worsen in September when the New York State Department of Transportation intends to close the bridge access ramp when it raises the adjacent parkway roadbed, and when that is completed, the County will close the ramp, again, to rehabilitate it. In the interim, northbound Saw Mill Parkway traffic intended for Ardsley will be detoured to Lawrence Street and ultimately Route 9A, an intersection on a blind curve without benefit of a traffic light. Appeals have been made to County and State officials to reexamine their work schedules in an attempt to lessen the traffic impact on Village streets.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Police Chief Louis D'Aliso reports that one of the best ways to protect your property from theft [or assist in its recovery, if taken] is through OPERATION IDENTIFICATION, a Police-sponsored engraving program. If

interested, contact the Ardsley Police Department at 693-1700. The police officers will assist you in choosing a personal identification number and lend you an engraver for marking your valuables.

**HIGH SCHOOL AWAKE-A-THON
MARCH 6-7**

The tenth annual High School Awake-a-thon has been scheduled for Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7. This event, which in the past has raised funds for The Muscular Dystrophy Association, and *Have a Heart for the Homeless*, will this year raise funds for The Friends of the Ardsley Public Library. Everything will be kicked off with a dance on Friday night, and thereafter, participating students will spend the entire night in a variety of activities designed to keep them awake until an awards ceremony at 8:00 the next morning.

Chairpersons of the event are Jeffrey Putman and Diana Sarbo. For further information or if you wish to sponsor one of the participants, please telephone 693-6300.

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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.

**ARDSLEY KIWANIS CLUB FAMILY HERITAGE
DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 26. Call FLOYD
LICHTENBERG AT 693-2593 FOR DETAILS.**

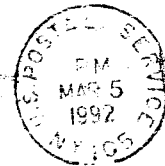
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**POLICE: 693-1700
FIRE: 693-1700
AMBULANCE: 693-1700**

**WATER: 632-6900
ELECTRIC: 925-6970
GAS: 925-6399**

REGULAR VILLAGE BUSINESS

**VILLAGE CLERK: 693-1550
VILLAGE TREASURER: 693-1550
VILLAGE MANAGER: 693-1550
BUILDING INSPECTOR: 693-1550
FIRE CHIEF: 693-6581
VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT: 693-1703
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: 693-0117
VILLAGE/TOWN ASSESSOR: 993-1520
COMMUNITY CENTER: 693-8012
RECREATION DIRECTOR: 693-8012
SENIOR CITIZEN COORDINATOR: 592-4364
ARDSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: 693-6636
ARDSLEY SCHOOLS: 693-6300
CELEBRITY MAGAZINE COMPLAINTS: 694-5127**



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