

The Ardsley Villager

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<p style="text-align: center;">AN ISSUE FOR US ALL TO THINK ABOUT</p> <p>As we make the annual transition from school-ending to summer-beginning, my thoughts have turned to so many of the great improvements to the village's quality of life that have been implemented over the past eight years I have had the honor of serving on your Board of Trustees. While I will devote my next article to reviewing these achievements, please permit me to focus this, my penultimate article, to my biggest concern, which has the potential to negate many of the positives we have achieved in recent years.</p> <p>Right now, two of our neighboring municipalities are planning massive developments near our borders that have the potential to dramatically affect our quality of life in Ardsley, while offering us no benefits. Note that I am not speaking of renovations or re-occupations of current, vacant buildings, or developments that fill a specific community need, such as affordable housing, municipal buildings or parks.</p> <p>I am speaking of developments being planned on current open space, that will incrementally add much additional traffic and overcrowding, contribute to the housing glut even as market rates tumble, build more big box stores and retail space while storefronts in local communities remain vacant, increase the amount of impervious surfaces in areas that already flood, and demand school services that will likely surpass the tax revenue that will be generated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIREFIIGHTERS PARADE / ARDSLEY DAY / PASCONE PARK DEDICATION</p> <p>Mark your calendars now. On Saturday, September 17, Ardsley will host the annual County Volunteer Firefighters <u>Parade</u>. [See page 3].</p> <p>At 12 noon on Sunday, September 25, <u>Ardsley Day</u> returns! Look for details in forthcoming correspondence, or call the Community Center at 693-8012. Also, on September 25, at 11:00 am, there will be a dedication ceremony to rename Ashford Park as <u>Louis M. Pascone Memorial Park</u>. Louie Pascone was a beloved DPW employee who faithfully served the Village from 1949 to 2010. Plans call for a permanent memorial on the jug-handle turn of McCormick Drive at Ashford Avenue. All are invited to attend to honor this greatly missed civil servant. – George Calvi, Village Manager</p> <p>One of the developments is located in the city of Yonkers, on the Greenburgh border, north of Stew Leonard's, and nestled between Route 9A and old Sprain Road, near Jackson Avenue. The plan for this project includes a 150,000 square foot big box store, additional retail space, plus 400 single family housing units. Access to</p>	<p>these homes and stores will be similar to that of Stew Leonard's today – either via Exit 6 off the New York State Thruway, or through Sprain Road, off Jackson Avenue near Clarewood Village.</p> <p>The other development, titled Rivertowns Square, is located in the Village of Dobbs Ferry and within the Ardsley School District, off Exit 16 of the Saw Mill Parkway at Lawrence Street, where currently there is a health club, Starbucks and the Dobbs Ferry Highway Garage. This proposal includes a 70,000 square foot supermarket, 40,000 square feet in additional retail space, a 107 room hotel and 223 units of market rate housing.</p> <p>Together, these developments have the potential to dramatically change our way of life within the village of Ardsley, with no additional tax revenue or benefits for our village. Here's why:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both projects will contribute greatly to the amount of traffic we already are suffering from. This is particularly true with Rivertowns Square, since commercial traffic will not be able to access the businesses located there from the Parkway. Trucks traveling from the north, east and west will need to come through Ardsley to egress these projects. • Passenger vehicles will also increase along the Parkway,

Route 9A and the Ashford Avenue bridge. This will be particularly true for Ardsley during the morning drop-off and afternoon school dismissal, with a minimum of six extra bus trips coinciding with many additional passenger vehicles driving their children to school - all of which will be traversed through the village of Ardsley.

- Note that the current improvements planned for Route 9A were always meant to mitigate additional traffic generated from the Ridge Hill project in Yonkers - beyond this there will be nothing else we can do to mitigate more traffic from these two projects piled on top of that.
- If the 223 units in Rivertowns Square offers only the Westchester County average of 0.8 schoolchildren per housing unit, the additional 178 students will cost the district considerably more than the expected \$1.15 million in school tax revenue the project is expected to generate (before the inevitable tax certiorari challenges). The cost could be more if there is a high number of special needs children generated by these units, or if, as one would expect, more children than the county average due to the desirability of the Ardsley School District.
- Both projects will hurt the local economies of Ardsley's and Dobbs Ferry's business districts.
- Both projects will remove a large amount of open space, contributing to the deer problem and the stormwater runoff situation. All of us are familiar with the frequency in which the Saw Mill Parkway floods during heavy rainstorms... more building

along the Parkway will exacerbate this problem.

- The aesthetics of the Parkway system will be called into question even more than it already is at this location.
- The developers tout the taxes that will be generated, and the number of jobs that will be created. But ask yourselves - will the taxes generated (none of which will be collected by the Village of Ardsley) surpass the cost of providing services? How much extra cost for police, emergency service, parks and recreation, wear and tear on our roads, etc, will Ardsley need to incur with no additional revenue? And what kind of jobs will be created by these projects... the high-tech, high-paying jobs that the prior owner generated when there was a laboratory and office space on this property; or will they be low paying, minimum wage positions?
- Each project will potentially set precedents for other prospective sites for open space in the area. If these parcels can be developed as aggressively as proposed, then any developer applying for new projects in the vicinity going forward will expect to receive similar treatment.

Making matters worse, there are no provisions in Westchester County for regional planning. Each project is undergoing its own approval process, with its own separate environmental review. They will not be coordinated at all, and one project's impact will not be considered during the consideration of impacts of the other.

To date, the Rivertowns Square project has already gone through the scoping process of its environmental review. This means that potential

environmental problems resulting from the development of this project have already been identified, an extensive list that includes items from traffic, schools, the economy and stormwater runoff, to light pollution and emergency egress. It is up to the developers to conduct their due diligence and demonstrate how they will mitigate every item on the scoping list. Soon the Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees will conduct public hearings in which anyone will be permitted to refute the facts, figures and conclusions of the developer, who will be looking to submit a report that supports constructing a development as close to their current plan as possible.

These are issues that every resident and merchant in the village of Ardsley, as well as those within the Ardsley School District, should be very concerned about. Your future property values and quality of life will be dependent on the votes of people who do not represent you or your interests. The opposition must come from the grass roots - our only recourse is to stay informed, and get involved. I respectfully suggest we all consider dedicating some portion of whatever time we allot to service during the coming year toward organizing a united front against these assaults on the Rivertowns way of life.

With that, I thank you all for your consideration, and wish everyone a very safe and pleasant summer.

Best regards,

Jay Leon

Mayor of Ardsley

**TOWN OF GREENBURGH
RESPONSIBLE FOR DOG
LICENSING IN 2011**

It seems the message had not been received by everyone that the Village of Ardsley is no longer handling dog licenses. Thus, we are taking the liberty of sharing with you this brief reminder.

Last year, in an attempt to shift costs from itself, the State of New York enacted a law giving up the responsibility of issuing dog licenses and transferred it to local jurisdictions. Taking advantage of a provision of this new law, the Village of Ardsley and the Boards of the other five Greenburgh villages subsequently approved resolutions passing this duty to the Greenburgh Town Clerk's office. Effective January 1, 2011, all transactions regarding dog licenses must be handled through the Town Clerk's office at 177 Hillside Avenue in Greenburgh. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 993-1501. – Barbara Berardi, Village Clerk

**2010 BUILDING CODE
FULLY IN EFFECT**

The Building Inspector would like to remind Ardsley residents of the following:

The 2010 version of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code was adopted with an effective date of December 28, 2010. Any plans for building permits that are being submitted must now comply with the 2010 version of the code. If you are planning a project that requires a building permit, please ensure that your design professional is using the correct version of the code.

Due to changes in the New York State Building Code, the village is required to issue permits for all roofing and siding projects. Please keep this in mind if you are planning to install a new roof or siding on your house, because it is the property owner's responsibility to obtain the necessary permits. Please inform your contractor of the need to file for a permit before signing a contract.

New York State adopted Amanda's Law in February 2010. The law requires that all new and existing residential buildings be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors. There are some variations in the requirements

depending on the type of building and when it was constructed, but the general requirement is for 1 carbon monoxide detector on each floor having a source of carbon monoxide (fireplace, stove etc) and on each floor containing a sleeping area (bedroom).

If you have any questions concerning these or other building and zoning related topics, you may contact me at avinspector@optonline.net – Larry Tomasso, Building Inspector

DAYTIME PARKING PERMITS

If you have not renewed your parking permit for the Village Green/Bridge Street Parking lots, please do so as soon as possible. The old permits expired 5/31/2011. The fee for the year is \$150.00. For more information, please contact Barbara Berardi, Village Clerk at 914 693-1550 ext 120.

**CELEBRATING 115 YEARS
OF SERVICE
VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

This year – 2011 the Village of Ardsley Fire Department celebrates its 115th year of dedicated service. Reflecting on the many years we have put in I am always left with a very positive feeling of the dedication and contribution the members of the Ardsley Fire Department have made to our Village. While we have seen continued growth in our area, The Ardsley Fire Department maintains a fully Volunteer professional organization that prides itself on dedicated service even in the most extreme of circumstances.

In 2010, The Fire Department responded to over 312 calls for help – from storm damage, vehicle accidents and fires to Building fires. In all cases the men and women responded safely and professionally to render first class aid to our residence.

As we go through 2011, we want the citizens of Ardsley to be aware that in September 15 – 17 the Ardsley Engine

Company will be hosting the **Annual Westchester County Volunteer Parade and Convention**. We estimate that 35 Fire Departments from around the county will be here and join us in this celebration. The parade will be a great opportunity to get out and see our Firefighters and equipment as well as those from throughout the county – but to have some home town fun.

We look forward to our continued service to all of our citizens of the Village of Ardsley. Stay Safe – Enjoy your summer. -- Vincent Coulehan, Fire Chief

**STORMWATER UPDATE: IT'S
NOT EASY BEING GREEN – BUT
NOT TOO HARD EITHER!**

NY State wants us to go “green”. To that end, Village of Ardsley Local Law No. 1-2011 was passed this winter to update our Erosion and Sedimentation guidelines for construction. If you're having some work done on your property, please be sure to have your contractor review the new provisions, which can be found in our Village Code. New guidelines encourage the use of dry wells, rain gardens, rain barrels and cisterns, and other “green” ways to keep water on your property rather than piping runoff directly to the storm sewer system. Even if you're just redoing your driveway or walkway, consider porous asphalt or pavers which let water infiltrate back into the ground.

Speaking of porous pavement, thank you to Dan Barnett and AHS Environmental Science Club for the great “Eco Car Wash” which was held at Ashford Park on May 7th. We used “eco-friendly” car soap, and all the wash water ran right into the ground through the porous asphalt, none of it reaching the storm drain! If you're washing your car at home, try washing it on a grassy area. If you can't do that, use old rags to create a dam for the soapy runoff and divert the flow to a grassy, porous area. The local fish

in the Sprain Brook and Saw Mill River will thank you.

Thanks also go to Rebecca Fishman, Girl Scout Gold Award candidate, and Scouts and families for installation of the Sustainable Native Plant Gardens next to the Honor Roll at Ashford Park, the latest phase of the Bronx River Watershed Initiative SW Demo grant project. Kudos to Eti Katoni, Landscape Designer, for her beautiful design of all the installed gardens, including the new plantings around the flagpole at Ashford Park. Thanks to Highway for planting at the flagpole and excellent maintenance of the gardens. Check out these areas for ideas about perennials to plant in your own garden. A webpage describing all phases of the project, including the plant lists, will be posted this summer. In the meantime, email stormwater@ardsleyvillage.com for more info. Have a great summer and save water! -- Lorraine Kuhn

PATRICIA BASINI HONORED

On May 16, 2011, Mayor Jay Leon presented longtime Court Clerk Patricia Basini with a certificate from the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials recognizing her many years of service to the community. A few days prior to that presentation I had the opportunity to sit with Mrs. Basini and review her years with the Village Justice Court.

Pat Basini and her husband of 47 years, Tommy, have been in the Village of Ardsley for 41 years since September 11, 1970. For many years the couple was very active with ASVAC. In fact, Tommy was a Captain.

Since becoming Court Clerk in 1976, she has served two Village Justices, the late Hon. Gus Marron, and the last 29 years with the Hon. Walter Schwartz; along with at least ten Acting Village Justices including most recently the late Bill Pohlmann, Maxine Howard, Robert Levine, Lewis Lubell (now a State Supreme

Court Justice), Howard Levitz, Bob Horan, Myrna Levinson, and Olga Prince; not to mention a great number of Prosecutors which have included the current Village Justice Walter Schwartz, Village Attorney and current Mount Pleasant Town Justice Bob Ponzini, Irvington Judge Desmond Lyons, and current Prosecutor Maxine Howard

During the same period there were 8 Mayors, 3 Village Managers, and 4 Village Clerks. When asked what sticks out in her mind as a memorable experience with the Court, Pat quickly recalled the jury trial which lasted from 7:00 pm to 4:00 am in the morning, and it was her job to secure food for everyone!

Outside of court, Pat recalled that one year after moving into the village a sanitation worker managed to back into and damage her beautiful blue Barracuda on her dead end street. His name was Louie Pascone! – George Calvi, Village Manager

THE WAY I SEE IT:

JUST WHAT DID GET CAPPED?

Well, the Governor accomplished what he set out to do. He fought for a cap on the tax levy, and he got one. It's not my place to say the tax levy cap is a good thing, or a bad thing. That battle has been fought, and the armistice has been signed.

What I dare say is that the Governor [and the Press for that matter] has done a less than exemplary job in explaining just exactly what he capped. Far too many people believe that next year their taxes won't rise above 2%. Wrong. Why? He didn't cap the tax rate increase. Far too many people believe that government spending won't increase beyond 2%. Wrong again. He didn't cap appropriations also known as spending.

What he did cap was the tax levy increase to 2% or the rate of inflation

whichever is less. The formula for the tax levy is quite simple. Appropriations minus estimated revenues minus any appropriated surplus equals the tax levy. When the tax levy is divided by the taxable assessment roll a tax rate is established. To take this a step further, when the prior year's tax rate is subtracted from the proposed tax rate and then divided by the prior year's tax rate a tax rate percentage increase is yielded.

To put this all in perspective, and the *raison d'être* of this little exercise, note that the current budget of the Village of Ardsley for fiscal year 2011-2012, adopted prior to the enactment of the cap, sports a modest 2.89% tax levy. However, thanks to a declining assessment roll, the actual tax rate increase is 4.38%. This is a phenomenon that was repeated all over the county, and will do so next year when the tax levy cap becomes effective.

As I said in my annual budget message presented on March 21, 2011, the Governor capped the wrong variable in the tax formula. If he had to have a cap, he should have capped the tax rate increase, not the levy. People care less on how much a community spends, and more on how much the property tax bill hits their wallets. It's a slim nuance, but a very important nuance nevertheless.

I'm told that the Governor had to start somewhere to rein in taxes. With this I must agree. After all, I'm a property tax payer, too, and I would love to see my tax bill reduced. However, Albany should have started with the unfunded mandates and the cost shifting that it is so fond of imposing on the local municipalities and school districts. In conclusion, at the risk of sounding repetitive, by capping the tax levy, **the Governor did not achieve a tax cap** as most will sadly realize when the various property tax bills arrive in the mailbox in 2012. – George Calvi, Village Manager

ARDSLEY GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club wishes to recognize the efforts of our local scouts. This past spring, Girl Scout Troop 1672 planted summer flowers under the Revolutionary War signs in Bicentennial Park. While the older girls were planting, Daisy Troop 1699 picked up litter and gathered the rocks that had washed down the nearby dirt patch. Thank you girls for your community serve. You all did a wonderful job.

The Garden Club purchased and donated to the Village two native dogwood trees to honor the lives of Bebe Harrison, a fifty years member of the Ardsley Garden Club and Louis Pascone, Superintendent of Public Works for his devoted service. The trees are in Ashford Park. The Garden Club wishes to thank Rick Thompson and Patrick Lindsay for planting the large trees for us.

Ardsley gardeners take time to view the demonstration rain garden, located on the right side of the Lions Club bus shelter in Legion Park. This small demo garden gives some idea of how to conserve rain water and use it to its best advantage.

Garden Club members are planning their 2011 and 2012 programs that will include landscaping, floral design, crafts, community service, and much more. If you are interested in joining us, do not hesitate to call 693-4206. – Arline Weston, Vice President

SUMMER LIBRARY FUN

The summer is upon us and here at the Library, the Summer Reading Club is well under way! In the spirit of the summer theme – “One World, Many Stories” we have expanded our summer program to include more sessions for the preschoolers and more for the teens, as well as continuing our big push for those finishing kindergarten through fifth grade. This summer we will also be bringing our act on the road and will be holding a

remote Summer Reading Program for our Elmsford friends that might have some trouble getting here. With the help of our Learning Ambassador Diana Schoder and many other volunteers we will be presenting a bilingual preschool storytime and an abbreviated Summer Reading Program for those Elmsford students finishing kindergarten and first grade. We anticipate a very busy and program rich summer here at the Library!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various high school seniors who fulfilled their requirement to provide community service and gain some work experience here at the Library. We had the pleasure of having 2 externs, Kayla Jackson and Maheen Siddiqui, who spent four weeks here full time. Because of their help we were able to get some things done that were on the back burner. We want to especially thank Kayla for her help in the preparation for the Summer Reading Club. We also had four other seniors who did their internships here. They were Dakota Dinaso, Anthony Faiella, John Fountain and Max Kolesar. Their assistance ranged from reading the shelves to lending muscle for our landscaping efforts! I wish them all the best in the upcoming year!!

Let me end this note by offering an invitation to you all – if you haven’t been to the library since our renovation, please come on in. Come see our very special mural leading into the Children’s Room as well as the newly renovated bathrooms. We still purchase all the new and hot best sellers in book form, audio and DVD...for all ages. We have 6 computers that can access the internet and also offer wireless so you can bring in your own laptop. Come in and say Hi!! – Angela Groth, Library Director

EXPANDED PLASTIC RECYCLING HAS ARRIVED

The Environmental Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that

expanded plastic recycling has arrived!

As of June 1, 2011, plastics 3 through 7 have been added to Westchester County’s list of mandated recyclables. Recyclable plastics include food, beverage, detergent and shampoo containers and caps, which should be rinsed clean before going in the recycling bin. With the expansion of the County’s Source Separation Law, all Westchester residents, businesses, schools and institutions alike will be required to separate for recycling all empty plastic containers marked with the triangular chasing arrows symbol and coded with a number 1 through 7 in the center, with the exception of items listed below.

Please don’t include the following plastic items:

- a) Plastic bags, all plastic film (e.g. dry cleaning bags and packaging materials), vinyl
- b) Unmarked or non-coded plastics (e.g. toys, clothing hangers, tableware and utensils)
- c) Large rigid plastics (e.g. toys and furniture)
- d) Plastic foam (e.g. hot beverage cups, trays and packaging materials)
- e) Containers that may have held hazardous materials (e.g. motor oil, solvents and pesticides)
- f) Building materials (e.g. PVC piping, bathroom and kitchen fixtures)

Regarding Plastic Bags: Be advised that plastic grocery and carryout bags, as well as other plastic bags (including dry cleaning bags), may be dropped off at any of several large grocery and retail stores for recycling. Each year, Americans throw away more than 100 billion plastic bags. Less than 1% is recycled. Recycling these bags reduces waste and litter, resulting in cleaner streets and waterways. In addition, using recycled plastic bags in place of virgin plastics reduces our demand for foreign oil. Recycled plastic bags provide valuable material

to manufacturers of plastic lumber, plastic bags and other useful products. For more information on plastic bag recycling and drop off locations, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html>.

The E-Waste Pods Have Arrived:

Thanks to the efforts of the DPW foreman, Rick Thompson, Ardsley residents will have a local e-waste recycling collection site. Through an arrangement with Westchester County, the village has obtained specially designed collection pods for e-waste.

What is e-waste? Most consumer electronics, including TVs, monitors, cell phones, laptop and desktop computers, computer peripherals, rechargeable batteries etc. will be accepted. More information about e-waste recycling will be available on the village web site. Residents may continue to put large bulky e-waste at the curbside for pickup by the DPW. Residents will also be able to drop off e-waste at the DPW on Saturday mornings. The EAC thanks Rick Thompson for his leadership in arranging for this important addition to the village recycling efforts.

Solar Panels for the library update:

The initiative to install a 25kW PV solar installation on the roof of the library is moving ahead. The village has retained the services of OLA consulting engineers to help with the technical details of this installation. In 2010, the village received a \$140,000 grant from the federal stimulus program, ARRA, in conjunction with NYSERDA for this project. The EAC chairperson thanks the library's director Angela Groth and Village Manager George Calvi for their assistance and support of this initiative. - Susan Porcino, Chairperson, Ardsley EAC

YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM: YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year the Youth Advocate offered various programs to the youth of the village of Ardsley. Students

were able to participate in an American Red Cross babysitting course to become certified babysitters. Middle school students also competed in a ping pong and billiards tournament at the Community Center. Seventh and eighth graders were able to receive free homework help at the Community Center on Monday afternoons from high school students who volunteered their time. The middle school Youth Advisory Board organized a fundraiser for the hungry/homeless where students purchased lollipops that were delivered to a friend on Valentine's Day. The 8th grade also played an intense volleyball game against the faculty in school. During the day of the event, Rita's Ices were donated and sold to raise money for Japan. This year, the faculty won the game.

The high school had a rocking Band/Acoustic night that was organized by a senior achieving her gold award for Girl Scouts. The Youth Advocate and Youth Officer organized a high school Valentine's Day Dance at the school with 260 students in attendance. Several high school students volunteered their time to help 7th and 8th graders with their homework on Monday afternoons at the Community Center. During the annual Senior Citizen Holiday dinner, high school students served seniors delicious food and even danced the night away with some seniors. Students also organized a Pickle Ball Tournament and the winning team received a gift certificate to Bubba's provided by the Youth Officer. The Youth Advocate also provided five "High School Hang Outs" where students could come to the Community Center to socialize with their peers, play a game of ping pong or billiards or meet new people. The Safe Rides program also ran through out the school year providing safe rides home for high school students on designated Saturday nights.

The Youth Advocate is available to speak with students individually and in small groups for education,

counseling and referral services. This is a free and confidential service. The Youth Advisory Boards in the middle and high school are made up of students who help plan events and activities for the teens in the Ardsley community.

During August, students can come to the Community Center and play ping pong, foosball, billiards, the Wii, watch TV or just hang out with friends!

If you have any questions for Youth Advocate, Allison Mastrogiacom, about any programs or services please call her at 674-4845 or email at mastroga@ardsleyschools.org

WANDERING BUILDING RETURNS HOME

At their August 1st meeting, the Ardsley Village Board of Trustees is expected to adopt a resolution to accept the donation of a small building from local engineer and Dobbs Ferry resident, **Paul Petretti**.

Thanks to Mr. **Paul Petretti**, this former Legion building, former garage, former Village Clerk James McCartney building was carted by **Ralph Denike** to its present location a few years ago.

Recognition must be paid for the very generous monetary contributions, in-kind donations, and many efforts by Mr. **Petretti**, the **McCartney Agency**, **Beverly Levine**, **Robert Pellegrino** (front door), **Matelli Brothers** (electric installations), **Ardsley Hardware**, **Tony Ciccone of Ardsley Pizzeria** (paint), **Savino Brothers** (flooring), **Tom and Sarah Freeman**, **Mike Mannarino** (locksmith), **Patrick Kennedy** (foundation), **Ralph & Christopher Denike** (relocating the building), **Kenlar Electric** (fill), **Anthony Racanelli** (excavation for footings, framework, and backfill), **Byram Concrete** (cement for footings), **Palumbo Block Company** (materials

for footings), **Northbrook Contracting, Robert and Salvatore Sanzo** (removal of siding, stucco for exterior), **SPG Construction** (windows & trim and rebuilding of nearby Honor Roll), **Lorraine Kuhn** and the **Boy Scouts** (landscaping) and **Eti Katoni** (landscape plan for memorial circle.).

Last but not least we recognize the tremendous efforts of the **Buonos family**, Eagle Scout **Brian**, and his parents **Artie** and **Linda**, (carpentry and interior repair) who together spearheaded the finishing and capping of this multi-year effort to make this 100 year plus building look as nice as it does today.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the efforts and labors of our Department of Public Works, our Highway Foreman **Rick Thompson**, the late Highway Foreman **Louie Pascone**, our project coordinating committee of **Beverly Levine, Robert Pellegrino**, and **Steve Wittenberg** for their perseverance, and of course our **Mayor** and **Village Board of Trustees** who had the foresight and the confidence to “green light” this project in the first place. – George Calvi, Village Manager

SPOTLIGHT ON BRIAN BUONOS

Brian Bounos, a 15 year old freshman from Ardsley High School, has completed his Eagle Scout Project. Under the supervision of Beverly Levine of the Ardsley Historical Society and Members of the American Legion Post #458, Brian of Ardsley Troop 3 led a group of fellow scouts and family to renovate one of the oldest buildings in Ardsley. They did demolition, clean up, insulation, sheetrock, moldings, installed vents and painted. It was a lot of work which took approximately 300 hours to complete. It will now be a museum and is located in Ashford Park. It is the small yellow building next to the snack bar. In the 1900's it was located in Addyman Square. It used to be the old McCartney Insurance Agency,

then became an Ardsley American Legion Post #458. Thereafter it was used as a garage in Dobbs Ferry, and now it's back in Ardsley. Brian chose to do this project because he thought it was important to give back to the community and he felt he wanted to do something for the veterans who put their lives on the line for us. He hopes that this historic building will be something that the Village of Ardsley, the Veterans and the Community will enjoy for another century. Please come visit this museum and learn the history of Ardsley. – Linda Buonos

[Editor's note: It should be acknowledged that although many people were involved with this effort, the project did lay dormant for many months until the Buonos family got involved. On behalf of the Village, I wish to personally thank Brian for having selected the restoration of this building as his Eagle Scout project and successfully bringing it to completion. -- GFC]

FAREWELL GERRY IAGALLO

On July 5th, the Village Board of the Village of Ardsley accepted with regret the resignation of Village Assessor Gennaro Iagallo, effective October 1, 2011. Mr. Iagallo's one year term would have expired on December 5.

Gerry was first appointed Village Assessor on April 1, 1991 upon the disbandment of the Village Board of Assessors. Bill Dennis and the late Dan Kaufman decided to retire after many years of service leaving alone relative newcomer Michael Kolesar. Mayor Morton David and the Board of Trustees at the time decided to take the assessment function in a different direction and accepted the offer of Greenburgh Town Assessor Gennaro Iagallo to perform assessment duties for the Village. It was also that same spring that the Village unofficially “adopted” the Town's assessment roll resulting in a third of assessments increasing, a third decreasing, and a third remaining the same. Most of

those whose assessments were increased successfully grieved them downward the following year. By unofficially “adopting” the Town's roll and amending it with the various local exemptions, the Village did not give up its assessment function in the eyes of the State of New York.

As in 1991, the current Village Board is taking this opportunity to explore its options, and there are several. The Village can retain its independent assessment function by a) finding a replacement for Gerry, or b) consummating an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Greenburgh to have the Town Assessor's office provide those functions, for a negotiated fee. Or, the Village can abolish its assessment function altogether, and let the Town perform all assessment functions including the handling of grievances, small claims assessment review (SCAR), certioraris, and exemptions. Hopefully, the Village Board will be able to make this very important decision during the month of August, or early September.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Village of Ardsley, I thank Gerry Iagallo for his tremendous service on behalf of this community these past 20 years, and extend to him our sincerest best wishes as he enjoys his much deserved retirement. – George Calvi, Village Manager

HYDRANT PAINTING

I received an email in early July from Lynda DiMenna of Suez - United Water about hydrant painting. The email advised that Suez Environment - United Water is currently painting hydrants in Hastings, and Ardsley is next on the list, and that “. . . a good majority if not all [the] hydrants [will be painted] before summer's end.” Hopefully, this is true for a good number are in desperate need of a makeover.

United Water is a privately owned French-based company which services

the needs of several communities in Westchester. In fiscal year 2011-2012 the Village of Ardsley is paying \$108,715 to rent the 147 hydrants from United Water. – George Calvi, Village Manager

LORI HUNTER - VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

It is with great sorrow that I share with the community the loss of Ardsley resident Lori Hunter. Lori lost her longstanding battle with brain cancer on May 7. She was 52. Lori was a cherished member of this community and she will be greatly missed. I have had the honor in working with her for many years in her capacity as an After School program worker, a Parks & Commission Member, a Planning Board member, a Recreation Assistant, a Justice Court Assistant, and an Assistant in my own Village Manager's office. Always efficient, always attentive, and always much fun to be in her presence!

On behalf of all the Village officials and staff, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to husband, Art; son, Max; daughter, Alex; and all the Hunter / Eiler family. – George Calvi, Village Manager

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FROM PARKS & RECREATIONS

Though summer may be half over, our parks and recreation programs are still going strong. Please check out the following programs listed below:

Summer Sports Clinics from Aug 8 - 12
Basketball is from 9:30 -1pm,
Volleyball is from 1:30 - 5 pm at High School

Summer Concerts in the Park

Aug 6 - "The Saints"
Aug 19 - Janet Grice "Jazz"
Aug 27 - Barj Project

Our annual **Back to School Movie** in the park will be on Friday September 9 at 7:30 pm

The **Dr. Matthew Hertz Memorial Tennis Tournament 2011** will be held on September 10 & 11 starting at 9:00 am.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at 693-8012 or at ardsleyrec@optonline.net – Trish Lacy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor.

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

NEWS BRIEFS

Congratulations to the new officers of ASVAC! On June 12, the membership elected Frank Doherty as Captain, Jerry Bedingfield as First Lieutenant, and Haitham Rabadi as Second Lieutenant. Jesse Nelson is Interim Chairman of the Board, Lucy Gratzon is Treasurer, and Liz Bitondo is Secretary.

A big welcome to the 183 new residents of the Village of Ardsley!

According to the latest data released from the 2010 U.S. Census, Ardsley is now a growing community of 4,452 inhabitants. Who knows? We may even break 5,000 by 2020. – George Calvi, Village Manager

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