

Message from the Mayor

I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together

This month we say goodbye to two long time dedicated Village employees, Marion DeMaio, Ardsley's Treasurer and Police Chief Emil Califano. Please join me in wishing them a happy and healthy retirement.

Marion DeMaio

Marion DeMaio moved to the Village in 1960 and raised her family here. She was hired as the Village Treasurer in 1989. Marion has been responsible for all the financial operations of the Village. In other words, she is the one who has been keeping track of every penny coming in and every penny going out. Most recently, in large part due to Marion's efforts, the Village bond rating issued by Moody's is now Aa2.

Chief Emil Califano

Chief Califano has been a police officer with the Village since 1981 and Chief since 1996. As Chief, Emil has guided our police force with skill and integrity. He has dedicated his career to keeping the Village and its residents safe. During his tenure, the police department worked closely with SAYF coalition and initiated our community policing force.

Marion DeMaio and Emil Caifano have worked for a half a dozen mayors and numerous trustees. They have endeared themselves to the Village residents, merchants, employees, vendors and all others who have had business relations with the Village. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for everything that Marion and Emil have done for the Village of Ardsley.

Welcome Aboard!

Please join me in welcoming Anthony Piccolino as the Village's new Chief of Police and Leslie Tillotson as the new Village Treasurer.

Anthony Piccolino

Anthony Piccolino has dedicated his career to protecting the Village and its residents. Lieutenant Piocolino, and soon to be Chief Piccolino, is a 33 year veteran of the Ardsley Police Department. Since his entire career as a police officer has been in Ardsley and also having grown up here, Lieutenant Piccolino brings to our department an intimate knowledge of our community, our schools and our residents. Our police department is in good hands with Anthony Piccolino at the helm.

Whether you are a resident, a business owner or a visitor to our Village, the Ardsley Police Department is committed to providing a safe environment and an enjoyable experience.

Leslie Tillotson

Leslie Tillotson also brings to her new position as Treasurer, an intimate and unique knowledge of the Village. Ms. Tillotson was the Audit Manager at PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP for the Ardsley audit for the past 12 years. She has worked closely with Marion DeMaio on our audits and as a result is very knowledgeable of the Village workings and accounts.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 9:30 am on Monday May 28, 2018, starting at Park Avenue at Ashford Avenue and will proceed east on Ashford Avenue to Pascone Park next to the Middle School.

It concludes with a short and meaningful ceremony that acknowledges what this holiday is truly about. The names of those from this village who perished on the battlefields of the First and Second World Wars, and the Vietnam and Korean conflicts are engraved on the monuments in the Village as a reminder of those who died in service to our nation. Please join us to honor those who gave their lives for our freedoms.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at the Firehouse.

Comprehensive Plan

We understand that this process seems to be taking a long time but the Village has not updated its Comprehensive Plan in decades and this is an important process as it will help chart the direction of the Village for the next ten years or more. The Comprehensive Plan Committee is an active and engaged group of stakeholders, including members of our Planning Board, Board of Architectural Review and School Board. They have met multiple times and we expect to have a full draft report by Fall. The Plan will include Code revision recommendations.

The Ardsley SAYF Coalition

On April 28, 2018, the Ardsley SAYF Coalition in collaboration with the Ardsley Police Department held its Prescription Drug Take back Day. The Ardsley SAYF Coalition consists of community members dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Ardsley's youth. Its vision is to create a community where our youth have the tools and the confidence needed to make healthy substance-free decisions for themselves.

Holi Celebration – Festival of Colors

On May 6, 2018, the Village's Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee co- chaired by Heeral Mehta and Jodie Reaver held its first annual Holi Celebration. Many residents came out and enjoyed a fun day of dancing, food, music and fun with colors. Thank you to everyone for

making this a huge success. Please keep an eye out for information about other exciting events hosted by this committee.

Garden Club

On May 11 and 12, 2018, the Ardsley Garden Club presented “A Small-Standard Flower Show” at the Community Center. The entries were all very unique and beautiful. You may not know, but in 2016, the Ardsley Public Library asked the Garden Club to care for their much neglected garden. The Garden Club created a pollinator garden at the Library to attract Monarch Butterflies, bees and other pollinators. Next time you visit the Library please take a minute to visit the garden.

Recycle Your Recycling Bin

On May 19, 2018, the Village of Ardsley Stormwater Management and the Ardsley High School Environmental Science Club sponsored a recycling bin give back day. The event was so successful and the response so overwhelming that all of the new recycling bins were gone in a flash. The good news is that people are recycling. The bad news is that people could not exchange their duck taped old bins for new ones. We will be looking into the availability of obtaining additional bins. Again, thank you for your participation and for recycling.

Please Consider Volunteering

Please remember that your participation in the Village is crucial. Our fire department and ambulance corps are all volunteer organizations. While they do require a significant time commitment, they are essential to the safety of the Village.

Keep in Touch

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My Social Media Policy

It is my policy not respond or comment on social media even when my name is directly used. If you want to contact me please use my Ardsley Village email address. I try very hard to respond to all emails in a timely manner.