


Village OF Ardsley



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VOTER REGISTRATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 1980. General local registration is scheduled on the following dates:

Friday, October 10, 1980 - 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 11, 1980 - 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Registration will take place in one location only, *the Municipal Building*, for the entire village.

To Qualify as a voter:

1. You must be a United States citizen.
2. You must be eighteen years of age or older by November 4, 1980.
3. You must have been a resident of the Town of Greenburgh or the County of Westchester for at least 30 days next preceding the election.
4. You must be registered to vote.

This will be the last opportunity to register for this election if you are not already registered. Please contact the Village Office if you have any questions about your eligibility, registration or election district.

PRIMARY DAY is Tuesday, September 9, 1980. Primary elections for U. S. Senator are being conducted for both major parties. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. at the usual polling places, i.e.: the Municipal Building for the 24th and 53rd Election Districts, and the Episcopal Church, intersection of Heatherdell and Revolutionary Roads, for the 25th and 54th Election Districts.

NEW LEGISLATION:

Recently, the Village of Ardsley joined with the Town of Greenburgh and the other five Villages, to form a consortium for animal control. Our dog control local law was revised to accommodate this action by authorizing the Peace Officer status for the Dog Warden in Ardsley and by modifying our penalty provisions to conform with the other consortium members. The agreement among the Villages and the Town sets up the Greenburgh Animal Control Service as a function of the Town of Greenburgh Police Department in conjunction with the local Police Departments. The substance of the agreement creates the position of Dog Warden as a Town employee. Four such employees, utilizing two specially equipped vans, will patrol the communities and apprehend stray animals in the Town and the six Villages. The cost of their services will be shared among the participants on a respective population basis and are estimated to be less than the cost of our former service. The Dog Wardens are charged with enforcing the provisions of the code regarding control of domestic animals and, as Peace Officers, are empowered to issue summonses to violators. The following summarizes the tentative procedure:

1. The dog wardens will regularly patrol all the participating communities in the special vans.
2. Loose dogs will be apprehended by the dog wardens, who will return these animals to their owners if such information is available through the license tag.
3. Such violations will be subject to summons answerable in the local court.
4. If there is no one at home when the dog is returned, the animal will be taken to the Town holding pens, from which it will be transported to the Mount Vernon dog shelter on a daily basis at approximately 3:00 P.M.
5. Dogs may be retrieved at either location, although they will usually be kept at the Town Police holding area for a maximum of one day. They will be kept at the Mount Vernon shelter for at least seven days.
6. To retrieve a licensed dog, the owner must pay a harboring fee to the Town or to the Shelter, as well as the violation fine. To retrieve an unlicensed dog, the owner must also pay the licensing fee required in his community.
7. All contacts with dog wardens and/or the dog control system will be through local police or the Greenburgh Town police. A call to the police will usually

succeed in locating an animal, missing a few hours up to one day, that has been picked up by the dog warden. For dogs missing for a longer period of time, a call to the Mt. Vernon Shelter may also be necessary.

Police: 693-1700 - Mt. Vernon Shelter: 664-0018

LIBRARY NEWS: Following is the report of Library activities for 1979-1980 prepared by our librarian, Miriam Porter.

During 1979-80 the Ardsley Public Library has been unique proof that even the smallest facility can provide an enormous number of strongly needed services. And because the Ardsley Library met the needs of the community so well, more and more people in Ardsley have come to see it as a meaningful Center of Activity, where diverse groups can meet and pursue various interests -- some book-related and some not.

This year we added 2,629 books. We now have an unbelievable 14,330 books. The total circulation was 31,599. We borrowed 441 books on Interlibrary Loan and 112 films, plus 120 Large Print Books on extended loan. We answered 2,421 reference questions. As a member of the Literacy Volunteers of the Rivertowns, we helped to train 26 tutors, who in turn instructed 16 students in English as a Second Language.

We began our program season last year with an extraordinary "International Year of the Child" celebration. An excellent exhibit of childrens photographs by Roberta Hershenson was strikingly hung by Barbara Novich. We were fortunate in having Dr. Joan Fassler, a Research Associate and Faculty Member of the Child Study Center, Yale University, speak on "Helping Children Cope with Potentially Stressful Situations."

Our fourth annual Newcomers' Reception was held in January to welcome new residents and bring them information about the community.

The library window, a showcase for the community, was dedicated in October, in memory of one of Ardsley's outstanding teachers, Freddie Greenleaf.

This year the window held exhibits from many groups, the Ardsley Engine Company #1, posters from the Concord Road School children, art works from the Middle School and special displays from each of our three Nursery Schools. The last window of the year was an Historic Ardsley Memorial to Arthur W. Silliman.

The library was a Center for Creativity. For the senior citizens we provided a special program; an 8 session Creative Writing Workshop with the theme "Early Memories Recalled and Recorded," led by poet and writer Paul Violi. A poetry Workshop was held for 7th and 8th graders and a Vacation Creative Writing Workshop for those in grades 3 - 6. All programs were funded by the Friends of the Library and Poets & Writers, Inc. Unfortunately, due to our space limitations, it was necessary to schedule two of these programs at the Ardsley United Methodist Church.

Basketry was our creative handicraft this year, with artist/craftsperson, Jean Farley.

The Book Discussion Group, again led by that eclectic reader, Beverly Davis, met monthly from October through May. They discussed books from many countries, comparing the treatment of certain themes by such diverse writers as Joseph Conrad, Carlo Levi, Kawabata, Faulkner and I. B. Singer.

The children found the library an easy to reach Center for information on their school assignments and recreational reading. Our limited book collection made it difficult to fill some assignment needs, but when teachers provided us with advance notice, we were able to bring in bulk collections of books from other libraries. We also reached out and brought the library services into the schools. Betty Silver talked about books with classes at the Concord Road and Middle Schools.

For the pre-schoolers, we held a morning and afternoon Picture Book Story Time, featuring "Miss Lucy" Brinson. In addition, Betty Silver visited all nursery schools with a program and books.

The Library in the Summer was a very different scene. The activities started with our annual Paper Airplane Flying Contest. This heralded the beginning of our Summer Reading Game.

Creative Puppetry was the fare for our Wednesday Evening Programs for those in grades 3 - 6. Money from the Friends brought in Shirley Heiser who taught puppet making and helped all to create an original production. The Gala Windup Performance in September played to an overflow audience.

For the first year we had Pajama Story Times. They were so successful that we will schedule more next year.

Our library even became a Summer Film Center with the showing of "High Noon" in July and "Yellow Submarine" in August.

It was only with the assistance of 32 dedicated volunteers, along with many others from schools, churches, businesses, clubs and organizations that we were able to accomplish this much. To all we give our thanks, especially to the Friends of the Library for their help in innumerable ways, and the Ardsley Kiwanis for their financial assistance to the Literacy Volunteers of the Rivertowns.

We feel we accomplished a great deal this year, but we were constantly frustrated by space limitations.

We need space for more books, magazines, records and pamphlets. Patrons requested services that could not be accommodated. We need the community to support the new library with its capacity for continued and greater service to the residents of Ardsley.

END OF SUMMER PARTY AT THE ARDSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

All children who have participated in the Monster Summer Reading Program as well as the Creative Dramatic Workshop are invited with their families to an end of Summer party. This event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 7th, 3 - 5 at the library.

The Creative Dramatic Workshop, led by playwright Mark Eisman was made possible through a grant from Creative Artists Public Service Program.

Members of the workshop will demonstrate some techniques of dramatic improvisation. Certificates will be presented to all participants in the Summer program. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library.

Picture Book Story Time with "Miss Lucy" Brinson

Begins Tuesday, September 16th

Tuesdays: 2:35 P.M.-3:05 P.M. Thursdays: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Fall and Winter hours

Monday: 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Thursday: 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday: 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Friday: 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

RECYCLING UPDATE

A new look at the recycling center in the Municipal parking lot is anticipated by ACE (Ardsley Committee for the Environment) which has applied for matching state funds for the purchase of a shipping container (8' x 8' x 20') to replace the old green van. The van has served since 1971 for the storage of equipment, newspapers and aluminum. According to Steve Tomascher, County Recycling Coordinator, who presented the application, approval is almost certain.

Dorothy Kaufman, member of ACE, reminds Ardsley residents of the following guidelines for recycling:

BOTTLES: rinse and remove all metal rings and caps

ALUMINUM: use a magnet to make certain can is all aluminum, then flatten

NEWSPAPERS: place in paper bags, or tie in 12" stacks, and leave at your curb for village pick-up last Wednesday of month.

Magazines are increasingly hard for ACE to market, so bring yours ONLY if you cannot find a place where they can be used. No cardboard or waste paper (envelopes etc.) will be accepted.

STEEL CANS: *No more can be accepted until further notice*

The recycling center is open regularly every Saturday, 10 to 12, except on major holiday weekends. A resident, however, who is going on vacation, for instance, and needs to deposit recyclables at a time other than scheduled, may call Mrs. Kaufman, 693-1714, and she will arrange for the deposit at a mutually convenient time.

GRANTS: The Village has been successful recently in obtaining a number of Federal and State awards. A State grant providing for the continuation of the senior citizen bus service was recently received. This grant makes possible the free transportation for seniors to the nutrition site (Embassy Club) in Dobbs Ferry, to the senior citizens clubs meetings at the United Methodist Church and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and to applicable county and state meetings. A second award by the New York State Office for the Aging provides a matching grant of \$600 for senior citizen recreation. Using this award, a total of \$1200 is paid to the school district for the conduct of the senior citizen recreational activities.

The Village has also been awarded two federal grants for the development and improvement of parks at no cost to the Village: rehabilitation project at McDowell Park and the construction of a new mini-park on the blow-off property between Louis' and Daitch shopping areas. Work on these projects is proceeding.

In addition, we have received a New York State award for the repair and refurbishment of two sections of Heatherdell Road. This work was scheduled to begin during the third week of August.

SPECIAL NOTE: From time to time solicitors may visit our residences to try to interest the homeowner in some purchase or cause. The Village requires these solicitors to register so that we know who is in the Village. By law, we cannot refuse permission. Please keep in mind that *this is no endorsement.*

REMINDERS:

Holiday Garbage Collection - Labor Day - September 1, 1980

Regular Monday collection - on Tuesday, September 2, 1980

Regular Tuesday collection - on Wednesday, September 3, 1980

Note: Waste containers must be metal or rigid plastic, water tight, and securely closed with a metal or rigid plastic cover (Sec. 41-4, Village Code). Also, the containers must be placed at the curb on the day of collection and removed within twelve hours. (Sec. 41-6) Some containers have been seen at the curb for longer periods, even over week-ends. This is a violation of the Village Sanitary Code, subject to a citation and fine. We ask for the cooperation of all our residents in complying with the code, thus helping to keep our Village attractive while avoiding any unpleasantness.

PAPER PICK-UP - *Last Wednesday of the month* - Please place newspapers (*only*) at curb before 9:00 A.M. Newspaper may be stacked or bundled or placed in paper bags or cartons. *Cartons will be emptied and left* by the contractor. Next pick-up, Wednesday, August 27, 1980.

CLEAN-UP DAYS - *First Wednesday of the month* as follows:

Wednesday, September 2, 1980 - northern half of village

Wednesday, October 1, 1980 - southern half of village

Please call 693-0117 at least one day in advance to arrange for pick-up of unwanted articles.

CAR POOLS: One of our public spirited citizens recently wrote to the Village with some interesting and worthwhile suggestions. Although many of us certainly have thought about car pooling in today's expensive energy climate, this Ardsley resident reduced the ideas to writing. This effort and reasoning certainly deserve serious consideration.

The salient points are summarized in the following:

1. Many Ardsley residents commute by car to Manhattan, so many in fact that, over the years, bus service to Manhattan was discontinued because of lack of ridership.
2. The Village Hall could be used as a focal point for car pools, of people who leave and return at the same hours.
3. If a five rider car pool were organized, it would mean driving once a week and savings of 80% in gasoline and tolls and attendant savings in parking and wear and tear.
4. You'll get to meet and know some of your neighbors and, as this resident put it, "that can only be good."

There are other important advantages of car pooling such as reducing traffic congestion and the emission of pollutants. The Village office will be happy to cooperate by accepting calls and putting interested parties in contact with each other.

SAFETY: Today's economy and life style are contributing factors to a growing incidence of home burglaries throughout the country. Chief Blaha cautions us again about using certain safeguards when we are away from home whether it be on vacation, for a week-end, or for a night out. Above all, don't leave a "dark" house or a house with lights on continuously day and night. In either case, it is a sure sign that no one is home. The Chief suggests the following precautions.

1. Close and lock all doors, including porch, basement and garage. Use pin-tumbler cylinder locks on outside entrances and safety latches on the windows.
2. Connect a lamp to a Time-All automatic timer to turn lights in the home on and off each evening. Since sound is a deterrent, connect

- radio or TV to a timer.
3. Protect all doors and windows with an inexpensive, portable burglary alarm which sounds whenever someone attempts to break in.
 4. Light up your porch and yard with outdoor lights. These lights can also be timer-controlled, if desired.
 5. Be sure all screens are fastened from the inside.
 6. Never leave valuables lying around; keep in a safety deposit box.
 7. Notify your police department when you'll be leaving and how long you expect to be away.
 8. Cancel all deliveries, such as the milk, laundry, cleaning, newspapers.
 9. Have post office hold mail deliveries.
 10. Arrange with a friend to mow the lawn and sweep your sidewalk once a week. Also ask him if he'll pick up any circulars or handbills that may be left on your property.
 11. Leave your shades and blinds as you normally do; closed blinds keep the sun out, but also make an effective screen for the burglar.
 12. Never advertise your departure in the local paper. Give the story about your vacation to the newspapers after you've returned.

Finally, remember that one of the most effective safeguards is an alert neighbor. Tell your neighbor (and the police) what vehicles, if any, will be parked in your driveway, so that if a strange car appears, the police may be called at once. It's wise to alert the police any time an unfamiliar car is parked in a neighbor's driveway or in front of a neighbor's home for any period of time, even if the residents are only out shopping. But *do not* approach such vehicles or strangers. Call the police (693-1700).



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