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THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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AVOID THE RUSH, DROP YOUR TAX BILL IN THE MAIL, TODAY

Village residents are reminded that the second installment of the 1994-95 Village taxes is due on December 1 and payable without interest until the end of the business day, 4:00 PM, Tuesday, January 3, 1995. **WARNING:** At press time it was anticipated that the U.S. Postal Service will raise the rate for a first class postage stamp to 32 cents. Should you wait until January 1 to mail your tax bill using a 29 cent stamp and it is returned for insufficient postage after the due date, **NEW YORK STATE REQUIRES US TO ASSESS A PENALTY WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

VILLAGE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Police Sergeant Leonard Balducci, a veteran of over 29 years on the Ardsley Police force, retired on July 4, 1994. Lenny and wife, Norma, will divide their long deserved rest between their homes in

In October, Engine Company No.1 Recording Secretary, Vincent Coulehan informed the Village Board of the appointment of two new fire fighters: Roxroy Blair and Steve Basteri. Welcome fellows!

In November, longtime Senior Bus Driver John Pinghera decided it was time for someone else to get behind the wheel. Thank you, John for your many years of service. We'll miss you. Succeeding John is Jose Pantigoso who is also a bus driver for the Irvington School System. Welcome, Jose!

The Westchester County Office for the Aging has chosen to honor, among others, Ardsley Senior Citizen Coordinator, Evelyn Perry, for membership into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown on December 16. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Former Board of Architectural Review Chairman and CATV Committee member

Ardsley resident, Norma Ruggiero, who is in charge of the Senior meals program at the Embassy Club was recently injured in an automobile accident. Word is that Norma is convalescing at home and should be up and around and back at the Embassy before the holidays.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the families of recently departed (ret.) Police Sergeant John Holscher, (ret.) Highway Department laborer Augie Filomena, Kiwanis Club leader Robert Heidel, and former Village Trustee Sally Nomer, who passed away the day before Thanksgiving.

**FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
SEASON: BAG THOSE LEAVES!**

Leaf collection season is quickly coming to an end! The collection of BULK LEAVES ended shortly after Thanksgiving, as stated in the September Village Newsletter. For the remainder of the leaf collection season, ALL LEAVES MUST BE BAGGED. Please do not place the bags in either the road or the gutter. Some leaf bags are still available at the Village Clerk's office. For collection information, please telephone Highway Foreman, Louis Pascone at 693-0117.

ARDSLEY CENTENNIAL MINUTE

The Ardsley Centennial Committee has been making great strides in organizing a whole array of events to celebrate Ardsley's 100 years of existence in 1996. Committees for all of these events are

Ardsley Public Library at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 1995.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHES

The Library Board of Trustees reminds you that applications for the second annual Ardsley Public Library Scholarship for attendance at Library School are now being accepted. Applicants must be enrolled presently in Library School and must be currently or have been an employee or volunteer of the Ardsley Public Library. The scholarship will be awarded on February 1, 1995. Applications are available from Director Marcia Pfeffer during regular hours at the Library.

**FAREWELL, KATHY
HELLO, KATHY & ANGELA**

We unhappily announce that Katherine Kearney, Children's Librarian for the past 4 years, has relocated to California. To fill the gap left by her departure, the Library Board has appointed Angela Groth to work as a Children's Librarian Trainee for the balance of the fiscal year. We were also fortunate to have found Kathy McQuown, a veteran storyteller with an MLS, to work part time. Ms. McQuown has announced some infant and toddler story times to be given Monday mornings. Stop by the library for further details. Also, watch for additional announcements of storytelling sessions hosted by Mrs. Groth and Ms. McQuown.

raising drive. Donation envelopes were mailed to all School District residents in late October. If somehow the Friends or the Postal Service missed you, you can stop in at the Library and pick up a donation form. Every penny you donate to the Friends is used to supplement the Library's annual budget. Some of your donations last year paid entirely for the new landscaped garden adjacent to the Library, complete with brick walkways, new benches and plantings. Please help the Friends continue their good work and support this vital Village institution.

OFFICER ENFORCES CODE

Joseph Jordan, Ardsley's part-time code enforcement officer and Village resident, would like to hear from you. Joe's job is to see that various local codes are enforced throughout the Village. If you have a complaint, stop in at Village Hall and complete one of his handy forms. If its possible, he will try to resolve your problem as quickly as possible.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

. . . New York State law does not permit the placement of speed bumps on public roads;

. . . New York State law requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks;

. . . the Village is seeking volunteers for beautification duties. To volunteer, please call Marion DeMaio, Village Treasurer;

or apply for burglar and fire alarm permits;

. . . the Village, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, will suspend the operation of parking meters the week before Christmas to encourage holiday shoppers to spend their money in Ardsley;

. . . there is a county clearinghouse for used but usable household furniture, appliances, and clothing. Telephone the Used But Usable Hotline at 637-3011;

. . . you can remove your name and address from mailing lists and cut down on annoying junk mail by writing to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008;

. . . Assemblyman Richard Brodsky and Trustee Sam Abate recently secured a \$7,000 grant for the purchase and installation of flashing speed signs on Heatherdell Road near the Concord Road Elementary School;

. . . State Senator Nicholas Spano and Detective Anthony Piccolino recently secured a \$5,000 grant for the DARE program in the schools;

. . . Police Chief D'Aliso has secured a \$5,000 grant to encourage seat belt usage;

. . . Recycling Liaison and Trustee Linda Pohlmann has reported that Ardsley residents are recycling more, yet are sending more trash to the Charles Point incinerator. Are we slacking off or are we

Advisory Panel to review the actions of this local chemical manufacturing firm;

. . . Village Justice Walter Schwartz has devised an Adopt-a-Byway program with the dual purpose of helping to keep the Village clean AND providing a community service alternative for youthful offenders;

. . . Village Hall will close at 12 noon on Friday, December 23 and 30 in observance of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. In addition, Village Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26 and January 2 in observance of Christmas Day and New Years day.

USEFUL REDUCTION TIPS FOR THE HOME & OFFICE

Listed below are some useful reduction tips for the home and office that Recycling Liaison Linda Pohlmann wishes to share with you from the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities:

- a) use rechargeable batteries;**
- b) start a backyard compost site;**
- c) leave your grass clippings on your lawn;**
- d) donate unwanted clothing or pass them on to someone else;**
- e) use both sides of a paper when you write;**
- f) use washable heavy duty plastic utensils, plates and cups at picnics rather than flimsy throw-aways;**
- g) bring your own net or canvas shopping bags to the grocery store;**
- h) cut down on packaging waste by purchasing items in bulk or large economy**

location rather than circulating individual memos;

l) eliminate the use of nonrecyclable styrofoam cups and have everyone bring in a mug. Keep extra mugs handy for visitors.

To obtain brochures on grasscycling and composting or to receive more reduction tips, telephone the Westchester County recycling hotline at 637-3030.

POOL PLANS MOVE FORWARD

Recently, in response to the request of several residents, Tr. Sam Abate, Tr. Maxine Howard, and Village Manager George Calvi met with Greenburgh Councilwomen Diana Juettner and Timmy Weinberg as well as Greenburgh Parks Commissioner Gerry Byrne to discuss the possibility of Ardsley residents gaining entrance to Town Park, its pool, and other Greenburgh recreational facilities.

Although much was discussed at that early November meeting, it was agreed by all in attendance that the first action towards gaining entrance into the pool must be for the Town Board with the support of the Village Board to petition our local state legislators to introduce a bill in Albany to amend a 1982 law which effectively excluded Ardsley residents from Town Park if they were not willing to pay for the entire town-wide recreation package AND make their decision within a six month window.

Working towards this goal, the Village

The effort does not stop here, however. There are a number of hurdles which must be surmounted. The Greenburgh Town Board must pass a similar resolution, and may have to seek input from its residents, some who claim that the pool is already overcrowded, though attendance data for the last two years do not support that assertion. Additionally, there is the question of financing the Village's use of the pool. What will be the cost to the Village? According to a PRELIMINARY analysis prepared by Town Parks Commissioner Gerry Byrne, the average Ardsley homeowner could anticipate paying an ESTIMATED additional \$110 to \$150 in tax dollars to use ALL Greenburgh recreation facilities. No doubt an inter-municipal agreement will have to be ironed out between the Town and Village attorneys. An information packet will have to be developed and distributed to the residents to describe the benefits of access to Greenburgh town-wide recreation facilities, and to include a more finely tuned tax dollar figure. Depending upon input from the general public, the Village Board may have to schedule a referendum at some date in 1995.

All of the above issues are moot unless the obstacle on the state level is removed. The ball is now in Greenburgh's court. Stay tuned.

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STATE PLANS TO RECONSTRUCT ASHFORD AVENUE

In late September, Trustee Paul Kerson and Village Manager George Calvi travelled to Poughkeepsie to meet with officials of the NYS Dept. of Transportation regarding Ashford Avenue. At the meeting, it was confirmed that the long awaited reconstruction of Ashford Avenue will commence in March 1997 and is projected to last one construction season, that is, be completed by the fall of 1997. During a public information meeting held in early October in Village Hall, NYS DOT project manager, Dan Mastropietro, assured the Village Board that during the \$3 million project [for which the Village is only contributing 5% of the cost] he will do everything in his power to minimize inconvenience to residents and motorists alike. However, at times traffic on Ashford Avenue will be limited to one lane, and at rare, hopefully brief periods, may have to be detoured off the avenue altogether. In addition to work on curbs, road pavement, and drainage, the State would like to upgrade lighting and sidewalks on both sides of the avenue, assuming the community is in favor of its plans. The project is still in the exploratory stage. Details and meeting schedules will be publicized in this newsletter as they become available.

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JOIN US !

Be Part of the Celebration

Ardsley Centennial, 1996

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Ardsley's 1996 Centennial Celebration

My area of interest/expertise is:

_____Public Relations/Media

_____Fund-raising

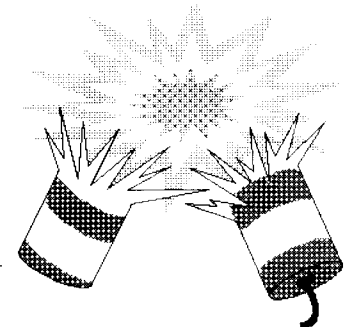
_____Journal/Ardsley History

_____Parade Planning

_____Library Activities

_____Recreation - Picnic, Square Dance

_____Other



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