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Dear Neighbor,

As liaison to the Ardsley Youth Committee, I have gotten very involved in the operation of our Community Center, as well as the programs offered by the Youth Advocate and Recreation Department. The Center shows signs of success with programs that have recently been offered in drama, cooking and art. In addition, two highly successful dances have been held with another scheduled for December 15th.

The Center is in dire need of additional volunteers to help chaperone, assist in program development and work on the various committees. If you would like to become involved, please send your name and telephone number to the Village Clerk and I will contact you. This Center can be a real asset to the community with your help.

I also bring to your attention several new local laws passed (street maintenance) and proposed (sprinkler and alarm laws) which are detailed in this bulletin. The Board of Trustees encourages all residents to attend and comment at each of our public hearings and visitors' sessions.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the entire Village Board, to wish you the happiest of holidays. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the Village, both paid and volunteer, for your efforts to make our Village the great place it is to reside.

E. John Morehouse, Jr.
Trustee

NEW LAWS

The Board of Trustees have enacted two amendments to the Village Code which strive to keep the Village cleaner and safer for pedestrians.

1. Cleaning in the Business District

Every owner, superintendent, lessee, occupant, tenant or other person exercising supervision and control over a business or commercial property abutting a sidewalk shall now be responsible to sweep along the curb, as well as the sidewalk. This amends a 1984 local law which made mandatory the sweeping of sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. each morning.

2. Noxious Weeds and Growth Prohibited

This law has been amended to prohibit hedges, tree limbs and rank growth from growing into the Village right-of-way, to prevent injury to pedestrians. Also, it is now the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain the right-of-way from their property line to the street. This would include grass (no higher than 6"), hedges and tree limbs which impede pedestrian traffic (less than 9' above the roadway, for example). The Village is still responsible for tree maintenance, for trunk and high limbs (over nine feet high). Most residents have always cooperated by maintaining these properties in the past. If you have a question on either law, please contact the Village Manager at 693-1550.

NEW LAWS BEING CONSIDERED

Alarm Local Law

The Village Board of Trustees is considering a local law which will provide standards and controls over alarm devices and systems. The Village has been plagued by false alarms (both burglar and fire) and the Police Chief has recommended the following changes to correct the situation:

1. Alarm must be connected to a private or centrally operated alarm system. Lines will no longer be tied to police headquarters. (Lessens false alarm calls to police desk)
2. An external alarm system on a building must have a cut-off which activates after 15 minutes. (Keeps an alarm from bothering neighbors if the police or fire cannot de-activate.)
3. A permit is required to maintain an alarm. No fee for permit. (Helps police department identify owners and installation company in case of problem)

4. Implements a penalty for excessive false alarms.

<u># of False Alarms</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
1 - 2	\$ 0
3	\$25
4	\$50
5	100
Each after 5	150

5. Permit may be revoked for 6 or more false alarms after hearing.

A public hearing on this law has been set for 8:00 P.M. on Monday, December 4th, 1989 in the Village Board room, 505 Ashford Avenue.

Sprinkler Law

The Village Board of Trustees is considering a local law which would strengthen its sprinkler law to include a number of business, commercial, multi-family and other structures throughout the Village. Building affected will have forty-eight months to contract for the retrofitting of a building and an additional 12 months to complete the installation (60 months total) after passage of the law.

The Board will be holding work sessions as well as discussions at its regular meetings in December. It is hoped the law will be ready for public hearing in January, 1990.

Flood Control Project

The Army Corps of Engineers is putting the final touches on the flood control project as of this writing. The project has come through with flying colors during recent rainstorms, one of which was a fifty-year storm. (5½" in 12 hours) The federal government will be turning the project over to the Village, which will now be responsible for all maintenance under the contract signed in 1986.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Village's annual tree-lighting ceremony celebrating the coming of the holiday season, will be held Saturday, December 2, 1989 at 5:00 P.M. at the Municipal Parking Lot at Ashford Avenue and Saw Mill River Road. The Middle School Chorus will be giving a free concert featuring renditions of all your favorite holiday songs.

Community Center News

There have been two very successful dances held for teens

at the Community Center in October and November. Another dance has been scheduled for December 15th from 8:00 P.M. to midnight. Light refreshments are served. Middle and high school students from the Ardsley School District are invited. There is a three dollar charge at the door to cover the cost of the disc jockey.

Ice Skating

The Parks and Recreation Committee will once again be preparing the ice skating rink at McDowell Park for residents' use, weather permitting. Hours will be posted at the rink for both general use and hockey use. Hockey is prohibited during hours of general use to avoid injuries. Please check at McDowell Park on colder days for availability.

Village Wins International Award

The Village and its manager, Timothy C. Idoni, were awarded the International City Management Association's 1989 award for Program Excellence in Intergovernmental Relations at the Association's annual conference in Des Moines, Iowa, in late September. The award was given to the municipality which exhibited the greatest success in working with other governmental agencies, the private and non-profit sector, to accomplish its goals in 1989. The Village's nomination highlighted the Flood Control Project, the public works garage and community center as examples of working successes through cooperation and partnerships. Ardsley was one of thirteen communities honored this year across the globe. Other winners included Phoenix, Arizona; Charlotte, North Carolina; Alexandria, Virginia; Woollahra, South Wales, Australia; Alhambra, California; Normal, Illinois; Charlottesville, Virginia; Aiken, South Carolina and Loveland, Colorado. The Village was highlighted in Public Management Magazine's October issue.

Library News

The library parking lot is back! The library staff would like to thank all patrons for their patience during the flood control project. A new pedestrian walkway has been added and landscaping is complete.

Due to popular demand - expansion of the audio books on tape collection. Check for new titles. Also, latest best-sellers, popular non-fiction and magazines have been added. If we don't have it, we may be able to get it through the

Westchester Library System and our new computer. Come in and find out!

Registration begins on December 1 for the remaining two children's programs on our fall schedule: "A Hannukah Happening" - Saturday, December 16th

A Christmas Party December 23rd

For both days, grades K-2 are invited to come at 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. is reserved for older children starting with grade 3. Please call the library at 693-6636 to register.

Leaf Collection: With winter fast approaching (it may already have hit Thanksgiving), collection of leaf piles will cease after December 8, 1989. After that date, only bagged leaves will be collected on a regular basis. Piles of leaves thereafter will be removed only when time and personnel are available.

Holiday Garbage Collection

CHRISTMAS WEEK

December 25th	Monday	- No collection
December 26th	Tuesday	- Regular Monday collection
December 27th	Wednesday	- Regular Tuesday collection

NO BULK REFUSE PICK-UP

NEW YEAR'S WEEK

January 1st	Monday	- No collection
January 2nd	Tuesday	- Monday collection
January 3rd	Wednesday	- Tuesday collection

NO BULK REFUSE PICK-UP

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY WEEK

January 15th	Monday	- No collection
January 16th	Tuesday	- Monday collection
January 17th	Wednesday	- Tuesday collection

NO BULK REFUSE PICK-UP

RECYCLING

Newspapers and corrugated paperboard will be picked up on the following dates. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 13th, 27th

January 10th, 24th

See insert for 1990 collection schedule.

ARDSLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The 3rd Annual Photo History Calendar is now on sale at your local merchants. Look for the bright red box. Calendars are \$5.00 each or the Society's gift to you, free, with your \$12 membership.

Membership support enables the Society to continue its programs and preserve collections of local history for the future.

Remember: these calendars make wonderful holiday gifts. For membership info, please call Barbara Novich 693-5438.



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