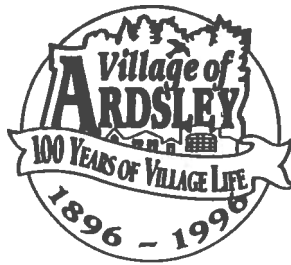


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## THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## JULY 1995

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### NEW VILLAGE LOGO UNVEILED

Congratulations to Ardsley resident, Howard Roberts, whose logo was selected as the winner among 39 entries in the Logo Contest conducted by the Centennial Committee. The insert shows Howard's winning logo and a sample of some of the other entries. The Committee was very pleased at the large number of entries received from both adults and children throughout the Ardsley School District. The blue-ribbon panel of judges had a very difficult time indeed selecting a winner. Thanks to all of you who participated and shared your talent with us. Special thanks to new Ardsley resident, Michelle Resnick, for conducting the contest on behalf of the Committee.

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### MORE CENTENNIAL ITEMS

The Centennial Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis (the 4th Tues. of the month at 8 PM at the Ardsley Library). These are not formal meetings, and if you'd like to participate in any way, just show up. The Committee would love your involvement. And when you come, bring a friend or neighbor. The Committee has already established some definite dates for next year to keep in mind:

**May 27, 1996: Memorial Day Parade and day-long Festivities;**

**June 8, 1996: High School Baseball Field Dedication and Picnic;**

**September 21, 1996: A County-wide Fire Departments Parade hosted by our own Ardsley Fire Department;**

**September 22, 1996: Parks & Recreation Commission 10K Race and Park Day;**

**November 10, 1996: Dinner-Dance at the Green Tree Beach Club in New Rochelle.**

Floyd Lichtenberg, Centennial Co-chairman, along with local history buffs, Fred and Pat Arone, are busy at work on the Centennial Journal. Thanks to a very generous \$10,000 state grant obtained by State Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, this 88-page booklet will be distributed free-of-charge to every household in the Ardsley School District in January, 1996. All Ardsley organizations are reminded that the deadline for historical submissions for inclusion in the Journal was June 30. If for whatever reason you did not meet that deadline, please call Floyd at 693-2593 if he hasn't already called you.

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## LIBRARY BRIEFS

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### RELEAF ARDSLEY UPDATE: TREES PLANTED THROUGHOUT VILLAGE

As previously reported, Releaf Ardsley planted thirty-three trees in the spring and fall of 1994. Of those, three did not survive the winter and have been replaced under guarantee. However, it is very distressing to report that four additional trees were destroyed over the winter due to wanton vandalism at Ashford Park. These trees have also been replaced, but at Village expense. This spring fourteen additional trees have been planted at Village Hall, the Library and Ashford and McDowell Parks. Releaf wants to thank Margie Thrope for volunteering her time and considerable calligraphy talents writing all the Releaf certificates and Journal entries.

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### THE DECIDUOUS PHOENIX

Do you know what happens to your leaves after they are picked up at the curb in the fall?

They are transported to a large and well-managed site behind the softball field at Ashford Park. Thanks to a grinding machine now made available by the County to local municipalities, our Highway Department crew grinds the leaves once or twice a year producing a rich, organic leaf mulch. This compost is available to all residents free-of-charge. It is a wonderful, environmentally-friendly soil additive for all your home gardening and landscape projects. Just bring your own containers to the site and help yourself. Though the area is generally accessible seven days a week, it may be prudent to call the Highway Department at 693-0117, beforehand.

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FOR ADULTS ONLY, a new programming series initiated by the Ardsley Public Library, will be presented in the fall. The seven sessions planned will take place on Friday afternoons, from 12 noon to 2:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy coffee/tea and dessert on us. Then, relax and listen to our seven seminars. The list of scheduled programs are as follows:

- a) **THINGS TO SEE & DO IN WESTCHESTER** - September 22;
- b) **UNDERSTANDING & INTERPRETING VALUE LINE** - September 29;
- c) **TRAVEL VIDEOS** - October 6;
- d) **CARTOON WORKSHOP** - October 13;
- e) **FIVE MISTAKES RETIREES MAKE . . . AND HOW TO AVOID THEM** - October 20;
- f) **A DOLL'S HOUSE . . . FROM WALLS TO WINDOWS** - October 27;
- g) **COOKING WITHOUT OIL** - (Sat.) October 21 (at 2:00 PM)

### TECHNOLOGY UP-DATE

Over the Memorial Day Weekend the Westchester Library System changed over to a new automated circulation system. You will benefit directly when you now use the public access terminal at the Ardsley Library. The terminal will be very user-friendly. Even the most computer-shy patron will find the GUI (Graphical User Interface), called the Everyman's Catalog, painless and lots of fun. You truly won't be asking for the archaic card catalog any more! In addition, the children's room now has an excellent

personal computer with educational CD-ROMs, and the adult area will soon have a computer which will have on-line encyclopedias and other reference tools, as well as word-processing, for adults and teenagers. Welcome to the 21st century!

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### BEAUTIFICATION HEATS UP

In response to concerns expressed by many residents, the Village has contracted with Colonial Landscaping to maintain and plant the various traffic islands and pocket parks throughout the Village, during the 1995/1996 fiscal year. Colonial will provide spring and fall cleanup, cut the grass weekly, weed and cultivate beds, prune as needed, and remove debris and litter weekly.

Additionally, at the request of the Library Board, the Village has contracted with Moretti Landscaping to provide much the same outdoor maintenance services on the Library grounds and the flood control drainage area which abuts Library property.

Finally, we will continue to aggressively encourage local businesses to maintain and keep their property litter-free, as well. We hope that this new approach to basic maintenance will greatly improve the appearance of the Village and add to the enjoyment of these public facilities.

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### FORMATION OF ARDSLEY 2000

Mayor Morehouse has announced that he is seeking candidates to appoint to a new ad hoc committee, ARDSLEY 2000. The ad hoc committee will be assigned the task of examining municipal services and producing a report in preparation for the second millennium. If you are interested

in being considered for such a committee, please send a letter of interest with some background data to Mayor John Morehouse c/o Ardsley Village Hall, 505 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502, no later than September 1, 1995. For further information, please telephone Mayor Morehouse at 212 554-3863.

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### VILLAGE PEOPLE

The entire Village family joins in extending hearty best wishes to Village Manager George Calvi and his wife, Enna, on the birth of their first child, Erica Rose on May 25. Good luck to all three of you!

The entire Village family also joins in extending best wishes to Police Department Office Assistant, Sharon Schreiber, and her husband, Richard, on the birth of their second daughter, Jessie, on July 4. Good luck to the couple and proud grandparents, Anita and Police Sergeant Richard Geraghty.

The entire Village family, again, joins in extending best wishes to Recreation Director Betty Larsen Giaccio and Parks Commissioner Anthony Giaccio, Jr. who are, respectively, the proud new grandmother and uncle of Natalie Rose born to John and Janet Giaccio on July 10. Good luck to all the Giaccios.

Congratulations to Ardsley Police Officer Michael Starr, who was recently honored as Patrolman of the Year by the Lions Club. This is the second time Officer Starr has been so honored. Thank-you, Mike, for your continued outstanding service to the people of Ardsley.

Congratulations are also in order for the new Chief of the Ardsley Fire Dept., Troy Roberts, the new First Asst. Chief, Ron

Gretczko and the new Second Asst. Chief Adam Novich. Troy, Ron and Adam and the other officers were sworn in at a ceremony at the Lake Isle Country Club in April. Each position carries a 2 year term.

We take this opportunity to thank outgoing Chief Robert Reid for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Fire Department. We are deeply grateful to him and all the devoted members of the A.F.D. for the hundreds of hours they voluntarily give to the Village.

Sincerest best wishes to our Historical Society President, Mary Lichtenberg, who is home convalescing from a serious operation. Our thoughts are with you, Mary.

Lastly, we would like to pay our final respects to Robert Schlachter who passed away recently in Florida. Bob was a past lieutenant of the Ardsley Auxiliary Police and past President of the Ardsley Flag Committee, the same committee, some of you may remember, which in the summer of 1991, staged in the Community Center, the very moving tribute to Ardsley's returning Veterans from the Persian Gulf War. Our deepest sympathies to Bob's wife, Millie, and the entire Schlachter family.

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#### **DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE FORMED**

A task force has been formed by Mayor E. John Morehouse to examine strategies to prevent and reduce substance use by youth living in the Ardsley School District. The task force, which held its first meeting on June 6 is using the name Ardsley Really Cares - the name of a similar group that was formed in 1980. The first meeting brought together

representatives of key community groups, residents with professional expertise, and others interested in this problem. Committees concerned about enforcement, parent education, publicity, alternative activities, assessment, and student education will be meeting and reporting back to the full group on July 17. Residents interested in joining the task force or obtaining a summary of the meetings can call Mary Kamens at Village Hall.

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#### **EXPLORERS POST PROPOSED**

The organization of a new local Explorers Post is contemplated. The Explorers, part of the Scouting tradition, provide high adventure activities. The group is co-ed, and open to young people between the ages of 15 and 19. Anyone interested in organizing or participating in the Explorers group is asked to telephone Mayor John Morehouse (evenings) at 693-4562 or Bernhard Preisser at 693-5537.

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#### **ARDSLEY'S SACRIFICES DURING WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTED IN NEW BOOK**

Fourteen young men from the Ardsley School District were lost during World War II. A new book, ARDSLEY N.Y. - THE WAR YEARS: 1941-1945, by Fred and Patricia Arone, presents biographical sketches of the fourteen servicemen who made the Supreme Sacrifice and chronicles the events that occurred back home in Ardsley. The book is 88 pages with approximately 175 photos and illustrations. During two years of research the Arones gathered numerous snapshots and documents and interviewed many present and former school district residents who experienced the hardships

and sorrows of World War II. In addition, the book recalls the events in Ardsley just prior to the war and the reaction to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Coverage also includes civil defense; the Ardsley draft Board, war bond drives; airplane spotters; defense work; rationing; casualty telegrams; and a local spy story. The tremendous effort and leadership role of the Ardsley Schools is emphasized throughout the book. The book is a moving and poignant memorial to our native sons and a fitting commemorative on the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II. The book is available free of charge at the Village offices in the Municipal Building, at the Ardsley Public Library on Legion Drive, or at the McCartney Agency in Addyman Square.

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#### **EFFORT TO REBUILD WWII HONOR ROLL LAUNCHED**

On May 1, 1995, the Village of Ardsley authorized the establishment of a special fund to rebuild the World War II Honor Roll. The original Honor Roll listed the names of all men and women from the Ardsley community who served in the military during World War II. Fourteen of our service men sacrificed their lives.

In 1943, the Ardsley community banded together to erect the original Honor Roll as a symbol of pride and patriotism. The Honor Roll was torn down to make way for a parking lot in 1958. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II and the centennial anniversary of the Village of Ardsley it is again befitting to band together to accomplish the rebuilding of the Honor Roll. As in 1943, it is anticipated that this project will involve our local civic, houses of worship, school, and veterans organizations as well as private

individuals. Anyone who is interested in helping to rebuild the Honor Roll may make a tax deductible contribution to the Honor Roll Fund.

Contributions may be sent to VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY - HONOR ROLL FUND, 505 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502.

As of July 12, ninety-three of your friends, neighbors, and former neighbors have made a generous contribution to the Honor Roll Fund. Won't you join them in this worthy cause?

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#### **ROAD RESURFACING SCHEDULED**

The following list of roads has been provided by Highway Foreman, Louis Pascone, for resurfacing later this month:

- a) Ashford Avenue from Taft Lane east to the Village line;
- b) Ashford Avenue from Larchmont Street to Eastern Drive;
- c) Prospect Avenue from High Street to Larchmont Street;
- d) Riverview Avenue from Euclid Avenue east to the Village line;
- e) Almena Avenue from Swanson Lane south to the Village line; and
- f) Cross Road from Ashford Avenue north to the Village line (just near the entrance to the former OLPH school).

It is estimated that the entire project will cost \$42,700.00

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#### **BOOK SALE & SPRING FEVER - A ROUSING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to the Friends of the Ardsley Library who held their annual book sale/children's fair on April 29 & 30 and

the Chamber of Commerce for their equally-successful Spring Fever street fair on May 13. We in the Village appreciate all the work entailed in planning these events, and thank both organizations for the sense of fun and camaraderie that they brought to Ardsley. Well done!

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### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

Mail-in voter registration is available to you 365 days a year. Registering early by mail gives you the assurance that your registration has been completed and no problems will surface on Election Day. Mail-in voter registration forms can be obtained from our Village Clerk or the County Board of Elections in White Plains.

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### CAP TAKES OFF

Our Village Historian, Daniel Kaufman, reports that the AKZO Nobel Community Advisory Panel (CAP) consisting of community leaders and interested citizens, has been meeting regularly with AKZO Nobel officials at the nearby Dobbs Ferry facility. The purpose of these meetings has been to discuss matters of mutual interest to the site and the surrounding communities. The representatives from Ardsley are Conservation Advisory Committee Chairwoman Louise Giusti, Daniel Kaufman, and Fire Chief Troy Roberts. Total CAP membership is fifteen.

The CAP has toured the AKZO Nobel offices and laboratories west of the Saw Mill River Parkway, and the pilot plant operations east of the parkway. The CAP has also been briefed on the AKZO Nobel corporation, particularly about the operations, products, and chemicals handled here.

Most importantly, the CAP is a forum for open and active communication between the community and the local AKZO Nobel site for the purpose of facilitating understanding, and resolution of any issues that may arise. Residents with questions may contact CAP members directly or through AKZO Nobel at 674-5287.

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### SENIOR SECTION ESTABLISHED

Ardsley resident, Rosalie Golden, reports that coming this fall, the Ardsley Public Library will have a section devoted to things of interest to Senior Citizens. In this new section, local Seniors will find information on changes in Medicare and supplementary health insurance; information available through the Westchester County Office for the Aging; lists of merchants who provide senior discounts on special days; schedules of club meetings and trips, and many telephone numbers for obtaining information on specific subjects important to Seniors. If you have anything to add to this section please contact Marcia Pfeffer, the Library Director, at 693-6636 or Mrs. Golden at 693-5104.

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### CIBA PLANS GENERATE ACTIVITY

Last summer, as ideas for the redevelopment of the Ciba site first began to circulate, Mayor E. John Morehouse organized the "Ardsley Ad Hoc Committee to Study the CIBA Project" as a watchdog group to represent Ardsley's interests at various meetings scheduled by the Town of Greenburgh and the developer, Jon Halpern. The members of the committee include Chairwoman Michelle Resnick, Peter Gray, Ron Kuntzman, Jay Tietelbaum, Sandy Resnick, and Walter

**Pashkin.** Linda Pohlmann is the liaison to the committee for the Ardsley Board of Trustees. The committee has met on a regular basis, most recently at a May 15th meeting at St. Andrew's Golf Course where Jon Halpern shared his plans with Greenburgh, Ardsley, and Hastings residents for the construction of a giant ShopRite supermarket situated west of Route 9A and north of Jackson Avenue.

Additionally, on June 16, 1995, the Mayor John Morehouse, Village Manager George Calvi, Planning Board Chairman Lawrence Kakerbeck, and Village Attorney Joseph Stargiotti, met with various representatives of Greenburgh and Hastings to discuss the possibility of a joint planning review board to oversee the future development and/or rezoning of the Route 9A corridor between Jackson and Ashford Avenues which, of course, includes anything involving the Ciba site. On July 3, the Ardsley Village Board passed a resolution endorsing the creation of such a board. Such a board will not come into being, however, until the details of an intermunicipal (IMA) agreement are ironed out and a draft IMA becomes available for inspection by our Mayor and Trustees.

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#### **LET'S DO LUNCH (OR DINNER)**

Ellen Morehouse reports that as part of Ardsley's Centennial Celebration, a cookbook of favorite recipes will be published, and a "tasting" of some of the recipes will be held during the Centennial year. Residents interested in submitting recipes can send them directly to or obtain a sample format from the Centennial Cookbook Committee, c/o Office of the Village Clerk, Ardsley Village Hall, 505 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, New York 10502. Recipes do not have to be

original, but must be printed or typed on 8.5" x 11" paper. This event is sponsored by the Ardsley Parks & Recreation Commission.

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#### **ASVAC TO RECEIVE NEW DEFIBRILLATOR**

In a recent facsimile transmission to the Village Manager, State Senator Nicholas A. Spano announced that a \$5,000 legislative grant has been reserved for the Ardsley Secor Ambulance Corp for the replacement of a defibrillator. Funds for the defibrillator are expected to be made available later this summer.

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#### **A WEALTH OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ONLY MINUTES AWAY BEYOND ARDSLEY**

Much has been said in recent years about Ardsley's exclusion from the use of Town Park, a conundrum which unfortunately will not be resolved before the end of this summer season. However, little has been said about nearby recreational facilities outside of Ardsley which are open to all Greenburgh residents. Did you know that there is an outdoor swimming pool and kiddie pool in Massaro Park in North Elmsford? Did you know that only minutes away there are tennis courts available in Massaro Park (1), Yosemite Park (3), Travis Hill Park (4), East Rumbrook Park (2), and Pocantico Park (1)? These facilities and a whole host of other activities are available to all residents of the Town of Greenburgh, of course, with a proper I.D. card. For further information, contact the Town of Greenburgh Parks & Recreation Department at 693-8985.

Less than half a mile south of Ardsley is a

gem of a pool complex, Sprain Ridge, which is operated by the County of Westchester. A few more miles to the east is the Saxon Woods Pool Complex in nearby Scarsdale/White Plains, also operated by the County of Westchester. Lastly, we should not overlook the County's V. Everitt Macy Park located right here in Ardsley on Route 9A with its various ballfields and picnic areas. For further information on these and other County facilities as well as County park passes, please telephone the Westchester County Parks Department at 593-2600.

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#### **FINAL PHASE OF BUSINESS DISTRICT STUDY IS UPON US**

For almost two years, your Village Board of Trustees, with the assistance of the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Board of Architectural Review, as well as planning consultants from Frederick P. Clark Associates of Rye, has been working on plans to rezone various portions of the central business district along Route 9A as well as address parking and traffic patterns. Although various editions of the plans have been available to the public for many months, inspection of these documents at the Office of the Village Clerk has been light.

At a recent board meeting, the Trustees authorized Clark Associates to commence preparation of the Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement (FDEIS). Scheduling of public hearings for the proposed zoning amendments are anticipated for autumn. Therefore, if you have not taken the opportunity to review what is proposed, we suggest you pay a visit to the Clerk's office or the Ardsley Public Library. There really is much to digest, far more than space in this newsletter would permit.

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#### **VILLAGE HALL ADDITION PLANS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Subscribers to The Enterprise, recently had an opportunity to see for the first time an artist's rendering of a new addition to Ardsley Village Hall. The addition is contemplated as a response to the American Disabilities Act of 1990 which states that all public facilities must be made accessible to the disabled. The addition was selected as the best of three alternatives proposed by architect, Roger Pellaton, of Ossining. The other two plans consisted of an entirely new three story building on the corner of American Legion Drive and Ashford Avenue, and a new three story building behind the existing Village Hall. Preliminary plans for the addition call for the erection of a three story building to the east of the current Village Hall with a new Police Department on the east side of the building on ground level with the parking lot. The entrance for other Village business would be from Ashford Avenue. It is proposed that the level over the Police Department would contain offices for the Treasurer, Court Clerk, Village Clerk, Village Manager, and a conference room. The next level up could contain a new multi-purpose area which would serve as a Court Room and Village Board meeting room. All three levels would be served by an elevator, which by means of a connecting corridor, would also service access to the second floor of the old Village Hall. Regardless of what new use it is put to, no doubt the entire old Village Hall would have to be gutted to replace crumbling plaster, heaving floors, and ancient wiring, heating, and plumbing which regularly remind us how old they truly are.



The Village has received a \$90,000 Community Development Block Grant towards bringing the first floor of the old Village Hall into compliance with the ADA by widening doorways, raising floors, removing daises, and remodeling the public restrooms. Unless a major benefactor appears on the horizon, the project will be financed by 30 year bonds. Ardsley finds itself in the same boat as Tarrytown and Pleasantville which operate out of older buildings never originally intended to house governmental offices in the first place. The Village Board must choose its course of action over the next few months.

Anyone interested in seeing the alternatives prepared by Mr. Pellaton is

welcome to inspect them in the Office of the Village Clerk. Your input into these proposals is very important to us. Please do not hesitate to make your views known in writing or in person at the next Village Board meeting.

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### THE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

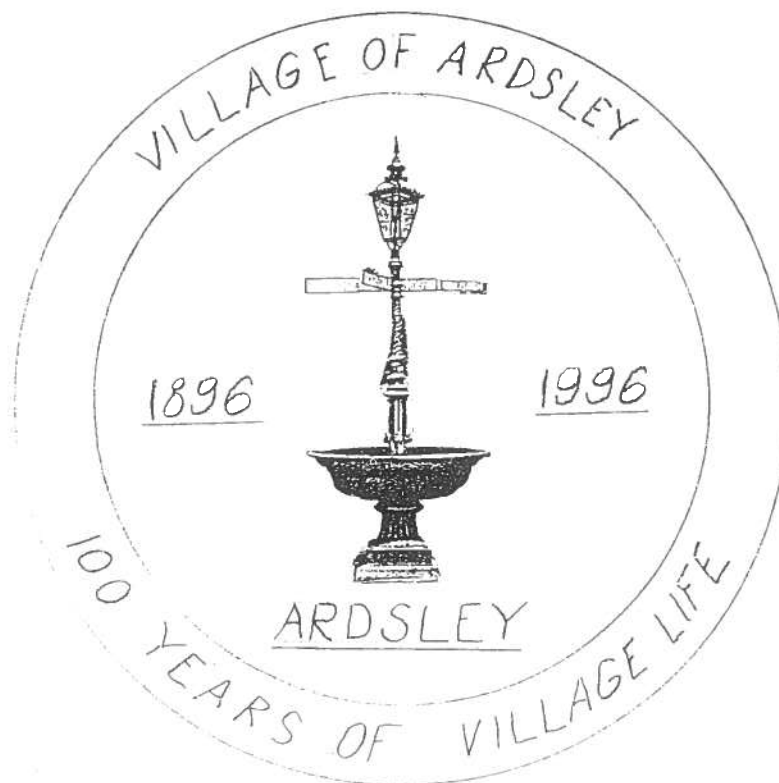
The Parks and Recreation Commission announces that the annual Garage Sale in Ashford Park has been scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 1995. Vendors are needed. For further details, please telephone Village Clerk Mary Kamens at 693-1550.

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*Enjoy the remaining days of summer!!!*

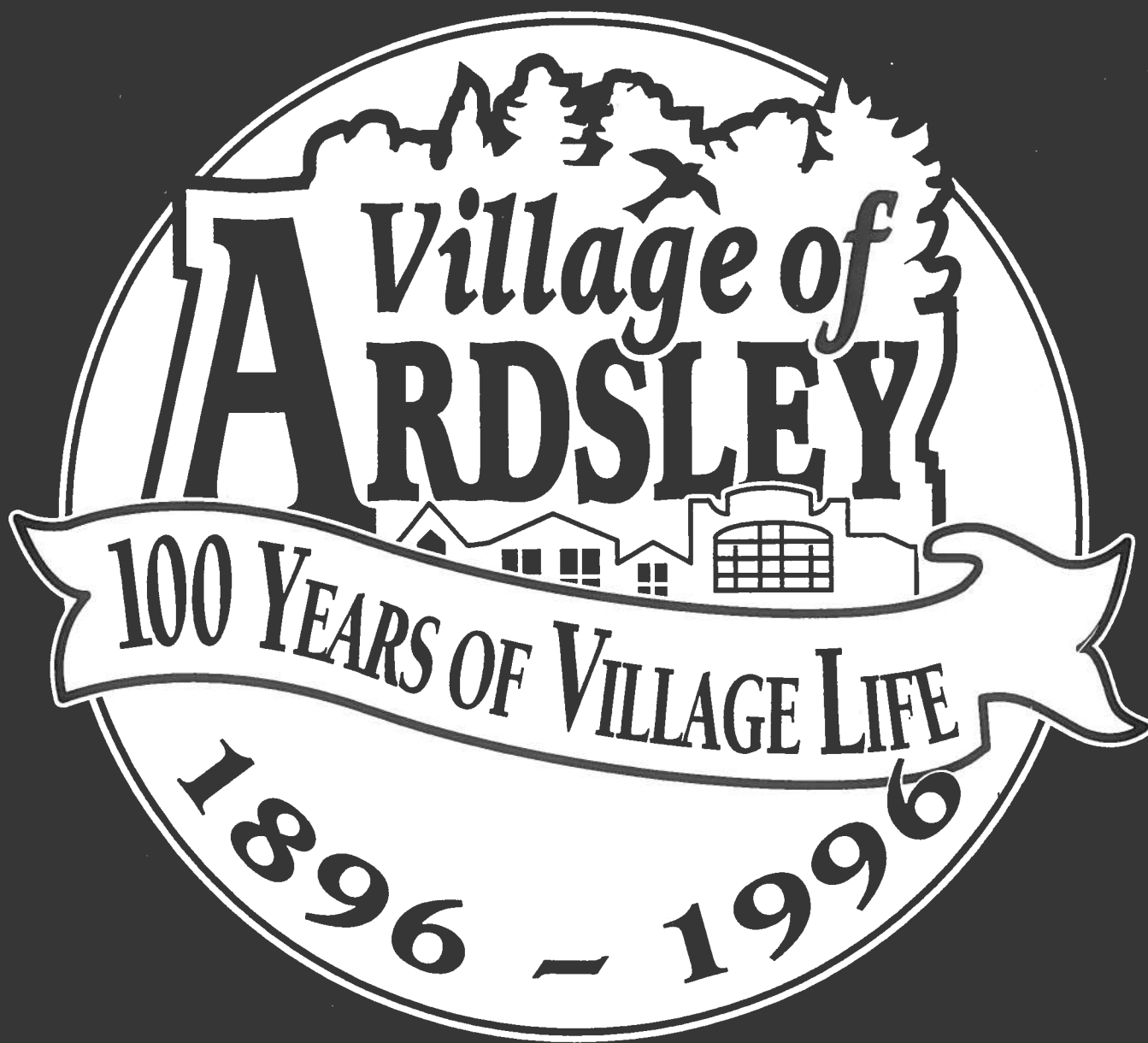
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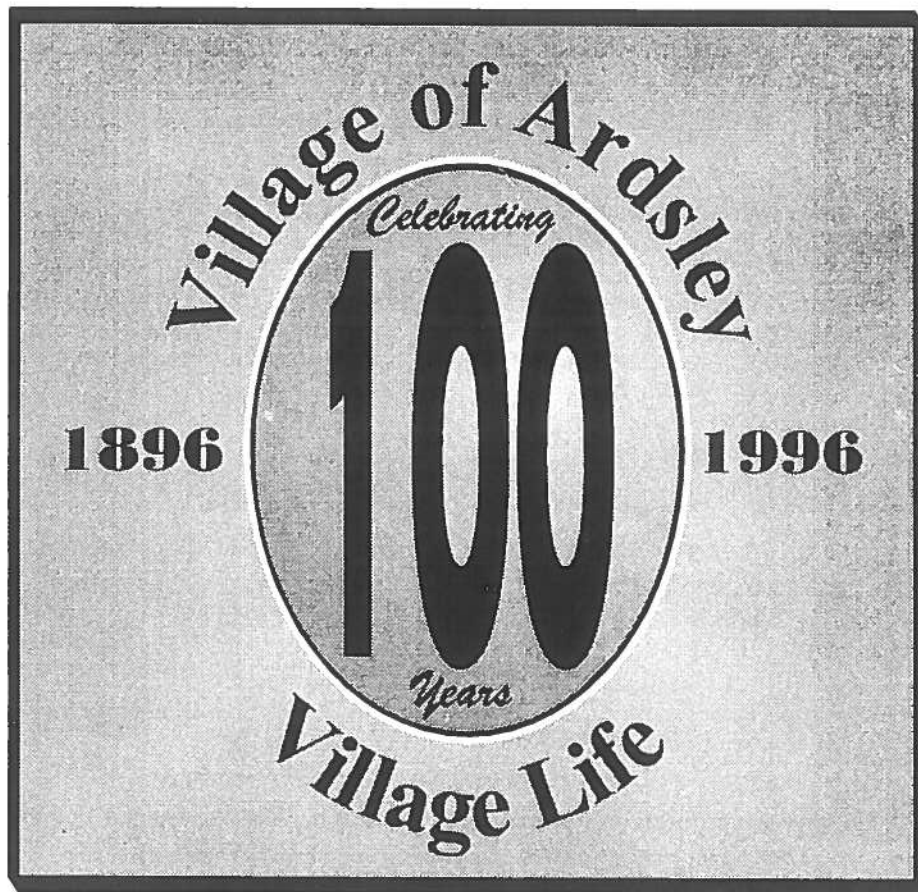


**by Dan Kaufman**

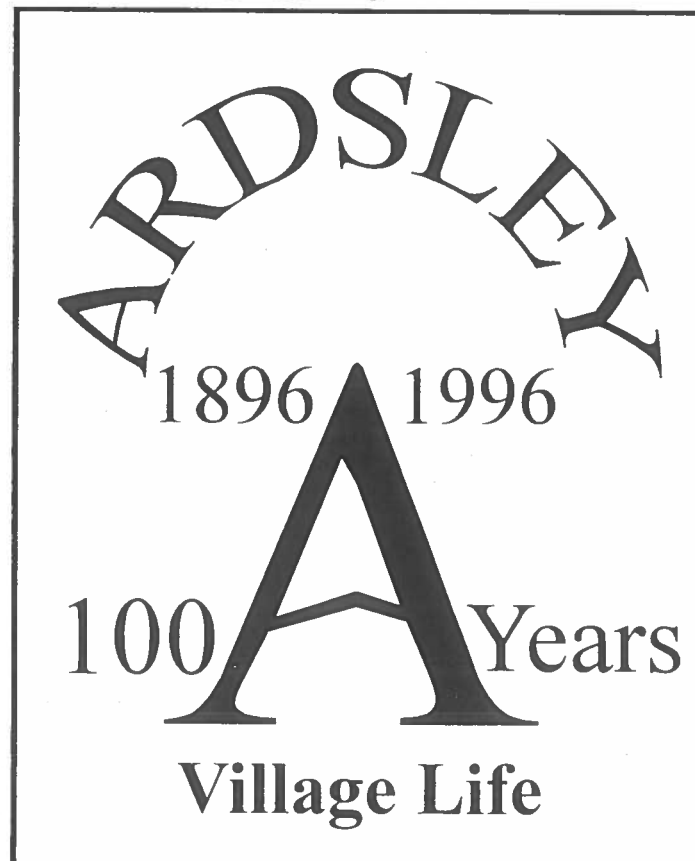
FIRST PRIZE



*by Howard Roberts*



**RUNNERS-UP** by Chet Novich



**RUNNER-UP**



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