



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have seen a slight uptick in positive Covid-19 cases over the past two weeks. It is important that we all continue to take the necessary precautions to stop the spread. The goal is to keep our schools and businesses open, while ensuring the health and safety of our residents. Please do your part: wear a mask, wash your hands and keep the distance.

Rick Thompson Retires

It is heavy heart that we must say goodbye to Rick Thompson as he retires as General Foreman for the Village of Ardsley. Rick's service to this Village cannot be adequately summed up here. There is literally not a corner of this Village that he has not touched. In addition, Rick served as a volunteer firefighter moving up through the ranks until he was Captain in 2003, 2nd Assistant Chief in 2005, 1st Assistant Chief in 2007 and Fire Chief from 2008 to 2010. If something was going on in the Village, Rick was there. He constantly demonstrated his love and dedication to the Village, and he earned the respect and admiration of all who know him. Rick, thank you for everything. You will be missed.

Police Reinvention Collaborative

On June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order, The New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative (No. 203), requiring each local government in the State to adopt a policing reform plan by April 1, 2021. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order the Village is forming a committee to review the needs of the community served by its police agency and evaluate the department's current policies and practices.

Applicants must be willing and able to attend three - four virtual meetings expected to begin October 29th and participate in follow up exercises and review of report drafts through at least mid-February 2021.

Please forward your resume and an application to arocco@ardsleyvillage.com by October 19, 2020 for consideration.

https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf4126/f/news/committee_application_form_ardsley.pdf

Vote Early

You can **vote early** in-person at your Early Voting polling place from **October 24 to November 1**.

Convenient local locations:

Dobbs Ferry Village Hall, 112 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607

Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601.

Prescription Drug Give Back Day

The SAYF Coalition and the Ardsley Police will be hosting a drug give back day on October 24, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of Village Hall.

Plastic Bag Ban

NYS plastic bag ban goes back into effect on October 19, 2020. For more information please visit: <https://www.ardsleyvillage.com/stormwater-project/news/nys-plastic-bag-ban-restarts-10192020>

Halloween

Halloween will be different this year, but with planning and common sense we can have a fun and safe Halloween. Health and safety are our top priorities.

The CDC has put together a list of activities to help celebrate Halloween. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

Here are some of the important points from the CDC guidelines:

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and does not leave gaps around the face.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

The Village is holding its second annual Truck and Treat event in Pascone Park on October 24, 2020. Please check out www.ardsleyrec.com for more details.

COVID Alert NY app

New York launched a new Exposure Notification App so New Yorkers can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and receive exposure alert notifications.

iPhone - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/covid-alert-ny/id1524123298>

Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.ny.health.proximity>

Stay well. Stay safe. Wear a mask.

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