

Fall 2018

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Ardasley Villager

Upcoming Events >>>

October 21st-

~Ardasley Historical Society "The Revolutionary War in Westchester County" at 2:00 pm located at the Library

October 27th –

~SAYF 5K at 9:00 am Pascone Park
~Trunk and Treat Halloween Festival at 1:45 pm Ardsley Middle School parking lot
~Drug Take Back Day 10am at Ardsley Village Hall

November 3rd-

~ Meet the Police Chief and the Mayor from 9:30 am to 12:00pm. Location to be announced.

November 4th –

~ OKTOBERFEST dinner from 4-7 pm at the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club (54 Clinton ave)

November 16th-

~ Daisy Khan book discussion at 7:00pm in the Community Center





Daylight Savings Time (DST) Ends!

Sunday, November 4, 2018,
2:00 a.m. clocks are turned
backward 1 hour.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov. 4, 2018 than the day before. Daylight Saving Time is also called “Fall Back” and “Winter Time.”



Village of Ardsley Holiday Schedule 2018

Monday, Oct. 8 – Columbus Day (obs.)
Monday, Nov. 12 – Veterans Day (obs.)
Thursday, Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 23 – Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve (1/2 day)
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Monday, Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve (1/2 day)
Tuesday, Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day 2019



Village Tax Bills due no later than 4:00 pm on January 2, 2019

Contact the Village...

Village Hall
507 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914) 693-1550

Ardsley Highway & Sanitation Department
(914) 693-0117

Ardsley Community Center
18 Center St.
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914) 693-8012

Ardsley Justice Court
507 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914) 693-1703

Ardsley Public Library
9 American Legion Drive
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914)93-6636

Ardsley Police Department
507 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914) 693-1700 *this phone number is NOT
for emergencies

Ardsley Fire Department
505 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY 10502
(914) 693-6581 *this phone number is NOT
for emergencies

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Message from the Mayor

I have tried to stay in touch with periodic messages posted on the Village Blast (please sign up) but this is my first Ardsley Villager report. I want to start by saying again that I am honored and humbled by the trust you have put in me. I promise to work as hard as I can for you and the Village.

As you know, we have had some changes since the last Villager was circulated. We have two new trustees, Steve Edelstein and Evan Yager. We have a new police chief, Anthony Piccolino. We have a new Village Justice, David Rifas. We also have a new treasurer, Leslie Tillotson and a new confidential secretary to the Village Manager, Lindsey Luft. These individuals, along with our Village Manager Meredith Robson, our department heads and employees strive to provide the best possible service. Our Village employees deserve our thanks for a job well done.

Village BBQ

On September 29, 2018, the Village hosted its first BBQ at Pascone Park. It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all. We also recognized the many individuals who volunteer their time for our safety and to improve life in the Village. To all of you, thank you.

Moody's Upgrade

We are enormously proud that Moody's upgraded the Village's general obligation limited tax debt and long-term issuer rating to Aa2 from Aa3. This upgrade reflects the Village's strong and improving financial position supported by conscientious budgeting and expenditure controls.

Please Drive Safely

We know that traffic can be bad at times so please add a few more minutes into your trip and drive within the speed limit. We adopted a new school speed limit zone on Heatherdell. We have installed new signs indicating the zone. The designated school zone speed limit is 20 MPH between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on school days. If you speed in the Village you will get a ticket.

It is New State law that a pedestrian has the right of way. The driver of a vehicle must stop for a pedestrian in a cross walk. Please yield to the pedestrian.

The Comprehensive Plan – Planning for your future

I know it seems like it's taking forever. But the Village has not updated its Comprehensive Plan in decades and this is an important process as it will help chart the direction and vision of the Village for years to come. The final plan, which will ultimately need to be adopted by the Village Board to meet legal requirements, is being formulated by a Committee of active and engaged volunteers who represent many stakeholders, including business owners, a member of the school board, land owners, village employees, and members of the Planning, Zoning Boards and the Board of Architectural Review, among others. These volunteers have been working hard and we hope to have a full draft report soon.

The Plan will provide a long-term vision for the Village and a roadmap to guide the execution of that vision. We know that these changes will not happen overnight but that does not mean that changes are not happening now.

We have established a long term Capital Planning/Project Program. Part of this Program includes improving the roads and curbs throughout the Village. Curbs are being installed and roads are being repaved. These improvements are not only visually nicer they also help with maintaining the roads, snow removal and water management. Other items included on our Program is the complete overhaul of the tennis courts at Pascone Park and upgrading the Village website for easier access and better communication.

I am also working on a Welcome to Ardsley Pamphlet. This Pamphlet is intended to introduce new residents to Ardsley and let them know where they can find important information and a summary of what services are available.

Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

We also started the Village's Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee co-chaired by Heeral Mehta and Jodie Reaver. This committee has already hosted Ardsley's first Holi Celebration and Salsa Dancing in the Square and has several other fun and educational events planned. In November, the Committee is hosting Daisy Khan, the author of Born with Wings: the Spiritual Journey of a Modern Muslim woman. Please keep an eye out for the date and time.

We are a diverse community and we should recognize and celebrate our diversity. I am an Armenian American. I am the grandchild of immigrants who fled the Armenian Genocide and child of non-English speaking parents. I value the words on the Statute of Liberty – "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free". I believe that differences become strengths in a collaborative effort.

Meet the Chief and the Mayor

Chief Piccolino and I will hosting a meet and greet on November 3, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

My fellow trustees and I will work hard to improve life in the Village. Almost every weekend I drive around the Village to just observe what is good and what needs improvements. If you see something, please bring it to our attention. We want to hear from you and we want your help.

Please sign up for the Village Blast at www.ardsleyvillage.com to stay on top of Village news. You can also find the Village on Facebook at "VillageofArdsley", Instagram at "VillageofArdsley", and Twitter at "ArdsleyVillage".

Village Manager's Message>>>

Capital Planning/Projects:

Planning/Financing: The Village has had a 10-year capital plan in place for about four years now. This is intended to be a roadmap for the Village's major infrastructure improvements, such as road and park projects, and new equipment needs, such as fire apparatus and highway vehicles. It is updated annually during the budget process. The figures included in the capital plan are our best estimates at the time we update the plan. These estimates often change over time, as we get closer to actually doing the particular project or purchasing the equipment. The Village's debt service schedule is based on these planned expenditures and that schedule then becomes an integral part of the Village's annual budgeting process. While it is meant to be a "living" document that changes as the Village's needs change, the capital plan is still a long-term planning document and should not be seen as a "reactive" document to individual requests. Suggestions on capital projects should be submitted directly to the Village Manager's Office for review by the Village Manager, staff, and an engineer, as warranted. Unless there are relatively minor issues that can be addressed quickly, or there is some issue that poses a public emergency, projects generally involve greater planning, financing, and legal attention that require them to be put through a full capital plan vetting process. Projects must serve a public need and provide a public benefit. Given the cost of many of these projects and equipment requirements, the Village Board and staff must prioritize and plan for those capital items that provide the greatest public benefit and/or address the greatest public need.

Right-of-Way: Generally speaking, road improvement projects now include the installation of curbing in order to preserve the long-term condition of the roadway and provide for drainage and aesthetic improvements. These projects often involve work in the Village's "Right-of-Way" along the roadway. A municipal Right-of-Way provides municipalities with the legal authority to make necessary repairs and improvements to public roads and infrastructure. The Village makes every effort to work with its contractors to minimize, if not eliminate, the impact these projects may have in front of individual properties. Unfortunately, however, in an effort to provide for adequate and responsible public improvements for Village-wide benefit, there are times that the Village may need to utilize its legal rights within the public Right-of-Way. Village staff will work with each property owner as best we can to mitigate this impact so it is important to have a conversation with us if you have concerns regarding the project(s) in front of your home. Please keep in mind, however, that these are public projects that must meet certain requirements and it will not always be possible to avoid issues. It is best that bushes, sprinklers, and the like not encroach into the public Right-of-Way as they may, at some point, need to be removed or cut back in order to provide for the public improvement project to be completed.

Village Clerk's Message >>>

EZ-Pass On-the-Go is now available for \$25.00 at the Village Clerks Office. Purchase your tag (we accept cash or check). You register your tag online and attach to your windshield. For more information, contact Barbara A. Berardi, Village Clerk at (914) 693-1550.



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Don't Forget at the End of the Year You Must Renew Your Alarm Permit

Chapter 42 of the Ardsley Village Code requires residents and businesses to file for an alarm permit annually. Many people believe that their alarm company files for a permit and this is incorrect. It is the responsibility of the resident or business owner to file the permit application. Noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 42 of the Ardsley Village Code could expose you to fines starting at \$100 and upwards.

Should you have any questions or need an application, please contact Village Clerk Barbara Berardi at 914-693-1550 ext. 120 or download the application off the Village's website at www.ardsleyvillage.com.



Village Treasurer's Message >>>

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Leslie Tillotson and I was hired in May 2018 as the new Village Treasurer to replace Marion Demaio. I am looking forward to serving the residents of the Village of Ardsley.

The second installment of the Village tax bill becomes payable on December 1 and can be paid without penalty until the end of the business day on Tuesday, January 2. As a reminder, Village Hall, including the Office of the Treasurer, **closes at NOON** on December 31 in observation of New Year's Eve. Please keep this in mind as the end of the month approaches. Payments made in person after January 2, or that arrive via mail postmarked by the USPS after January 2, or arrive after January 2 without a USPS postmark, will be assessed a late penalty as required by New York State Real Property law. Meter-mailed postmarks are not valid proof of timely payment. Please bear in mind that no Village official is empowered to waive the late fee for any reason.

Leslie Tillotson, Village Treasurer

A Message from the Police Chief >>>

The Ardsley Police department would like to remind our residents of the following programs we offer.

Car Seat Installation - Contact the Ardsley Police Department at 914-693-1700 Officers Vacca and Roemer will be happy to assist you.

Dark House List - If you are going away and would like our officers to keep an eye on your home, please contact the Ardsley Police Department at 914-693-1700.

The following information will be required:

- The date you are leaving and returning.
- Whether or not you have an alarm.
- Will there be any vehicles left in the driveway? If so, what color, make and model?
- Will you leave any lights on? If so, will they be on a timer or constant?
- Who should we contact if there is a problem?
- Is there a local key holder?

Key file- The Ardsley Police Department maintains a key file at headquarters. This is especially helpful if an emergency occurs at your residence and you are not able to get to the door.

Overnight Parking Renewals – On December 31, 2018, overnight parking permits expire. Please stop by the Police Desk for an overnight parking permit application or download the application off the Village's website at www.ardsleyvillage.com.

Go to **ardsleyvillage.com** in the police section to view important information to keep you safe.

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Building Department Update - Generators

With winter approaching the building department is receiving many inquiries regarding the installation of generators. There are two main types of generators available, portable generators and standby generators. Permits are required to install both types of generators.

Portable generators are usually low powered units that are stored in a garage or shed and are rolled out and connected to the house power supply when needed. Once properly connected, a portable generator can provide enough electricity to power the basic necessities. A building permit is not required for a portable generator. However, a licensed electrician must file an electrical permit to install a portable generator inlet connection plug and a manual transfer switch. The work must be inspected and approved by the electrical inspector before the generator can be put into service.

Standby generators are installed outside next to the house. They are usually connected to the natural gas supply or propane tanks. Through the use of an automatic transfer switch, standby generators turn on automatically, usually within 30 seconds of a power interruption. If sized correctly, a standby generator can power an entire house.

A Generator Permit is required for the installation of all standby generators. The electrical hookup for the generator must be installed by an electrician licensed in Westchester County, and the natural gas supply must be installed by a plumber licensed in Westchester County. The electrician and plumber must file for separate electrical and plumbing permits. If the generator will be powered by propane, then the propane supplier must apply for a tank permit to install the propane tank on the property. Several inspections must be performed before the standby generator can be put into service.

The generator permit application including detailed instructions is available on the building department page of the village website under the "Forms" tab. Contact Larry Tomasso at ltomasso@ardsleyvillage.com if you have any questions.

Stormwater Update >>>

To Prune or Not to Prune...

Not yet! A tree is the best stormwater practice. The roots take up water, and the leaves send water back to the atmosphere by transpiration. They prevent soil erosion, but unhealthy trees can damage property so we must care for them. Right now, early fall season, trees are still storing energy for the winter. In general, it is best to wait until the dormant period, winter and early spring, to prune if you must. These links give information on how and when to prune trees:

http://www.ardsleyvillage.com/sites/ardsleyny/files/u66/cornell_coop_ext_how_to_prune_a_tree.pdf

http://www.ardsleyvillage.com/sites/ardsleyny/files/u66/usda_tree_pruning_guide.pdf

Pruning may have to wait, but invasive vine removal is always important. The backyard evergreen in the photo will soon be lost to invasive vines, which can be seen as the large-leafed menace attacking the tree. Care should be taken when removing invasive vines. It is best to get help from a horticulture professional, so that the vines can be identified and properly removed. The link for horticultural help at Cornell Coop Ext in Elmsford is below, and there is a link showing some common invasive vines:

<http://westchester.cce.cornell.edu/horticulture-environment>

http://www.ardsleyvillage.com/sites/ardsleyny/files/u66/smrc_vine_guide.pdf

Even better, take good care of your trees by having a professional tree care service assess and do periodic maintenance of these very valuable "residents" on your property.

Composting our food scraps is another great way to keep our runoff water clean. Less food waste in our garbage means less pathogen runoff from garbage dumps. The Town of Greenburgh has a wonderful food scrap collection program at Veterans Park, and more info can be found at the Town website at this link:

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/?TID=10&NID=45568>

A new commercial composting facility will soon be located right here in Westchester, so food scraps will not have to be hauled all the way to Ulster County. Sustainable Materials Management expects to open their facility in Cortlandt NY by November 2018.

Thank you for stopping by at the Stormwater Outreach table at the Village of Ardsley BBQ!

Thanks for making our water cleaner –
Lorraine Kuhn, Stormwater Coordinator



Multicultural, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee update >>>

The Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity and Inclusion Committee was initiated by Mayor Nancy Kaboolian in November 2017 and is chaired by Heeral Mehta and Jodie Reaver. The mission is to promote understanding, acceptance, and respect of all residents regardless of race, class, religion, ethnic background, age, abilities, gender, or sexual orientation. Our goals are to host events where we can build community, which will include learning about different cultures, beliefs and religions.

The Committee has hosted two events so far. In May 2018, we hosted *Holi*, which is an Indian Spring festival. We celebrated Holi by dousing people in color (similar to color runs), dancing to Indian music and eating Indian food. In July 2018, we hosted *Summer in the Square*, where we provided salsa dancing lessons at Addyman square as well as food and drink from nearby restaurants. These events were very well attended by the community.

Our next event is Friday, November 16, 2018 at 7PM, at the Community Center in Ardsley. Daisy Khan will be discussing her book, *Wise Up*, that explores fact vs. fiction in America's perception of Islam and Muslims. In addition she has written a memoir, *Born With Wings*, that explores her faith journey and life as an advocate for women. We are hosting this talk with the Friends of Ardsley Library.

For the 2019 calendar year, we have several events planned. To start, we will host a Lunar New Year celebration at the end of January. In the Spring we will host a Challah making workshop. In May we will go back to our original event and host a Holi celebration once again, which we hope will build upon our previous success.

We welcome and encourage participation from all interested community members. If you are interested in participating as a member of the committee and/or have ideas for the committee please reach out to us at ardsleyMDIcommittee@gmail.com.



Ardsley Historical Society >>>

On April 29 Walter Schwartz, former Village Historian and former Village Justice, presented a program entitled "My 50 Years in Ardsley and the People I Met Along the Way." Over 40 people attended this program and they found it to be very informative and entertaining.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Historical Society table at the Village BBQ on September 29. We hope you all enjoyed viewing some of our artifacts and talking about Ardsley's history.

On October 21, we will host a program that should be very interesting to residents of all ages: "The Revolutionary War in Westchester County: Tales of Adventure, Espionage and Patriotism at the Center of the Fight for Independence 1776-1783." The program will include discussion of George Washington's and the Continental Army's month long encampment in the area where Ardsley High School is today. This program will be presented by Erik Weiselberg who is the Principal Historian for Revolutionary Westchester 250 (RW250). RW250 is a countywide volunteer organization established in cooperation with the Westchester County Historical Society and Westchester County to highlight the county's role in the Revolutionary War. It is part of a nationwide effort, USA250, whose mission is to promote the celebration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026. For more information please go to their web site (<http://RW250.org/>).

The Historical Society currently has the need for someone with Web Master skills to maintain and enhance our website. We also have openings for our Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact Peter Marcus at 914-393-3222 for more information. We are always interested in having new members join our organization. You can download an application from our website: ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org



Ardasley SAYF Coalition >>>

The Ardsley SAYF (Supporting Ardsley's Youth and Families) Coalition has just started our 8th year of funding through the Drug Free Communities Support grant program, and we are proud to present an exciting variety of activities planned for October. On October 22nd, and 23rd in the Middle School and on October 24th and 25th at the High School, we will be bringing in Medical Inflatable Exhibits Inc. to provide a two-day healthy brain educational exhibit at each school. The Mega Brain is an inflatable walk-through brain designed to educate students about the different sections of the brain, the different stages of teen brain development, and how alcohol or substance use interferes with the natural growth and function of the developing brain. This visual and interactive display will provide students with a hands-on and interactive experience as a way to enforce the importance of making healthy substance-free decisions.

On Saturday October 27th we will be holding two events, our annual themed 5K Fun Run/Walk, and our semi-annual prescription drug take-back day. Our 5K Fun Run/Walk are a Superhero themed this year, and will take place at Pascone Park at 9 AM. Come dressed as your favorite superhero, where you can enter a costume contest, run/walk dressed as your favorite superhero, or just watch and cheer. Costumes are not required to participate in the 5K race. For the costume contest, Visa gift cards will be awarded to the best male and female costumes in these three categories: \$25 ages 7-14, \$50 for ages 15-20, and \$50 for ages 21+. Gift cards from local restaurants will be awarded to the first male and female runners to finish the race in the following age categories: \$25-for ages 7-12, and 13-19. For ages 20-30, 31-50, and 51+, a \$50 gift card will be awarded. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.

The proceeds of the 5K fundraiser will go towards providing extra activities not covered by our grant funding, such as training for middle and high school guidance counselors, and holiday activities at the middle and high school. The funds would also go to support the Youth Policing Program, and the Ardsley Youth Advocate Program.

In addition to the 5k race on Saturday, October 27th, we will be holding our semi-annual prescription drug take-back day at Ardsley Village Hall from 10 AM – 2 PM. This is a day where you can bring your unwanted, unused, and expired prescription or over-the-counter medication for proper disposal (sorry, no liquid or syringes will be accepted). If you are disposing medication in their original prescription bottles, please cross out any identifying information as well as your prescription number. The medication does not have to be in the original packaging for disposal, and all collected items will be brought to a DEA facility for proper disposal.

We are always looking for new members, we are all very committed to the health and wellbeing of our youth and we hope that is expressed in our activities. If after reading the below list of activities of the SAYF Coalition and you feel this is a committee you would like to join, please send an e-mail to ardsleycoalition@gmail.com expressing your interest in the coalition. We meet once a month at 7:30 PM, and in between meetings you may be asked for feedback on an issue via e-mail. You can always learn more about us by visiting our website www.ardsleycoalition.com. You can also choose to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/ArdasleySAYFCoalition. 

ACTIVITIES OF THE ARDSLEY SAYF COALITION FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS:

- ❖ Participated in all three Schools Wellness Fairs last May talking about the importance of taking care of your brain, body and the risks of substance use.
- ❖ Sponsored a 420 anti-marijuana day outside of the High School. Ardsley is the only Rivertown School District to make such a public stand on the dangers of marijuana.
- ❖ Dangers of E-Cigarettes postcard campaign that was mailed home to all grade 6-12 parents.
- ❖ Bus kiosk advertisement campaign on the risks of hosting a house party with alcohol.
- ❖ Arranged and sponsored Dr. Richard Stumacher to present at a High School faculty staff meeting on 6/4/18; he also presented to parents the same night focusing on the dangers of E-Cigarettes.
- ❖ Theresa Del Grosso, our Coalition Coordinator, accompanied Dr. Stumacher for both presentations to help display and discuss the different types of E-Cigarette devices that are available and how they work.
- ❖ Theresa Del Grosso organized students to accompany her and present at a County Legislators Board Meeting to support a bill designed to raise the purchase age of all tobacco/E-Cigarettes devices and products from 18 to 21 in Westchester. This bill was approved.
- ❖ Once the law was passed in May, we conducted a second form of ID letter and table tent card campaign which was distributed to all business that sell tobacco and/or sell and serve alcohol. The letter was to inform the business owners about the change in the tobacco law, as well as to make them aware that it is legal to ask for a second form of ID if you suspect the first form of ID is fraudulent.
- ❖ Conducted compliance checks of establishments that either sell or serve alcohol. Once again, we had 100% compliance from our checks, which shows our message of not selling alcohol to minors in Ardsley is being taken seriously by our business owners. Let's thank them for doing their part to help keep our teens SAYF.
- ❖ Held a NY Mets vs NY Yankees fireworks night fundraiser in June.
- ❖ Held a Superhero Honoree night, thanking the contribution of retiring community members who made major contributions to the success of the coalition. The honorees were:
Dr. Lauren Allan, retiring School Superintendent, Emil Califano, retiring Ardsley Police Chief, Marion DeMaio, retiring Village Trustee, and Peter Porcino, former Mayor of Ardsley.

- ❖ Launched a new logo campaign, our coalition members decided it was time to rebrand ourselves. We discussed that the coalition is all about providing teens and their parent's information about the risk of substance use. We are passionate about ensuring a bright and hopeful future for our youth, hence the sun. In addition, of course, the silhouettes represent our togetherness and dedication all of our coalition members have to provide the support needed for our youth to reach their goals. We hope we have achieved this message with the design of our new logo
- ❖ Working on a Dear Future Me substance-abuse prevention campaign. We will be providing students in the 7th and 9th grades stationary so they can write a letter to their future self. We are asking them to write about what choices they are making today to be substance free in order to ensure a bright future. We will also ask them to write about who they want to be in the future and the choices they are making today to be substance free to ensure they reach their goals. These letters will be given to Ms. Johnson, the High School Social Worker who will be giving them back to the students when they are in the 9th and 11th grade. The purpose is to show students their growth, to show how they are working towards reaching their goals, and if need be what changes they need to make today in order to reach their goals.
- ❖ Placed prevention messages in this year's PTA School Calendar, Ardsley Panthers Homecoming brochure, and Ardsley Fire Department brochures.
- ❖ Mailed to Ardsley families a Marijuana Postcard providing information about the risk of marijuana as well as how the THC level of marijuana has changed making today's marijuana so much more potent than in the past. This post card was mailed home to parents with students in grades 6-12.
- ❖ Presented at a Village Board meeting asking the board to consider reviewing their current zoning laws and make necessary updates designed to prevent Vape Shops or Marijuana Dispensaries from conducting business in Ardsley.
- ❖ Three coalition members attended a week-long training session held by CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America) a national organization focused on substance prevention. The purpose of the conference was to hone prevention skills.
- ❖ Provided funding for the attendance of seven High School students, the Ardsley Youth Police Officer, the High School Social Worker, and the Coalition Coordinator at Youth to Youth International, a 4-day summer conference designed to teach leadership skills and to help learn about the importance of teens making healthy decisions and the importance of living a drug-free life.

As always, we thank you for your support and we hope to see you at our upcoming events.



Ardsley Garden Club >>>

Ardsley Garden club participated in Saturday's Ardsley's Barbeque Day at Pascone Park. The public enjoyed buying baked goods, daffodil bulbs for planting, houseplants and a raffle. A few people asked to join the club--there's always room for more people interested in gardening and floral arranging. The pollinator garden at the Ardsley Public Library is a successful continuing project where volunteers and our members work hard to maintain the garden for the enjoyment of the community and for butterflies and bees. If new residents want to join the club or want more information please call Linda Keil (914)693-6840. The OKTOBERFEST dinner will be held on Sunday November 4th at 4-7pm at the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club (54 Clinton Ave.).



Fire Prevention 2018

Chief Patrick Lindsay

This year the National Fire Protection Association and Fire Departments nationwide will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week on October 7-13. This is the week of the year set aside for everyone to stop and think about fire prevention. This year's theme is Look, Listen, and Learn. Fire can happen everywhere so be aware. It is important to get people to look for places fires can start, listen for the sound of smoke alarms, and learn two ways out of every room. No matter if at home or in a public building, being aware of your surroundings are crucial.

As in years past, the Ardsley Fire Department will spend the week visiting schools to teach kids about fire prevention. With the help of Sparky, the Ardsley Fire Department members talk and teach over 1000 school children about fire prevention. We will visit the Concord Road Elementary School, Ardsley Middle School and even the Ardsley High School to see kids, pass out information, and just talk fire prevention with them. We will also have the Community Nursery school come to our Headquarters for a visit.

The Ardsley Fire Department is a 100 % volunteer department consisting of 50 members. Most of the members are your neighbors that give of their time freely solely because they like helping the community. The members of the department respond on average to over 300 calls a year. Members are state trained and also train in house every week on Thursday nights. If interested in becoming a member feel free to stop by on any Thursday night or contact one of the Chief Officers at 914-693-6581.



Ardasley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps >>>

The Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps, or ASVAC, stands ready to service the emergency healthcare needs of our community 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Our 100% volunteer organization responds day and night to the Ardsley Village and School District; provides mutual aid to surrounding communities; and assists motorists on several local highways including the NY State Thruway. Our membership is made up of your neighbors, all living or working in our community. Our volunteers range in age from high school students to seniors, some whom have offered their time and knowledge for more than 25 years. Many of our volunteers can be seen responding to emergencies with a green flashing courtesy light in their window. If you see them, we would appreciate it if you would yield the roadway so they can pass.

ASVAC receives no funding from your tax dollars. Our ability to provide these services depends largely on contributions from the community. Shortly our annual fund drive will be mailed. Please consider donating what you can. Your generous donation will be used to buy life saving medical equipment, help fund a new ambulance, and provide the necessary administrative support for keeping the Cops on the road.

ASVAC is always looking for new members. No prior experience is required, as we will provide the training. Please check our website at WWW.ASVAC.ORG for more information.



Recreation and Seniors >>>

Recreation programs:

Chess Tuesdays Beginner class is at 4:35 and Advanced class is at 5:40 starting Sept. 25th at Community Center

Pee Wee soccer starts Sept 23 we have a 10:00 and 11:00 class , held at Pascone Park

Defensive Driving Course will be held October 10 & 11 at Community Center from 6-9pm must attend both days

Zumba Starts Sept 24 from 5 to 6 pm at Community Center

Adult Yoga Starts September 25 from 7:30 to 8:30 at Community Center

20/20/20 exercise class starts September 27 from 8 to 9 pm at Community Center

Cupcake decorating will be held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 pm at Community center starting September 26

Telling Tales will be held on Fridays for 3 to 5 year olds at 1 pm at Community Center starting September 28

Trunk and Treat Halloween Festival will be held on October 27th meeting at Ardsley Middle School parking lot at 1:45 pm (**Parents interested in handing out candy from their vehicle trunk please contact The Recreation Dept. at 693-8012**)

****REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!**

Ardsley Senior Citizens programs:

October 10th – Greenburgh Picnic 12:30-2pm located at 11 Olympic Lane Greenburgh Community Center

October 17th – Phantom of the Opera. The bus leaves from the Ardsley Community Center at 10:45 am.

October 24th – Talk with St. Johns Hospital 12:00pm. Lunch will be served.

October 31st – Zumba at 12:30 pm.



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Greetings from the Library

Happy Fall!

After the brutally hot summer, the cool breeze is a welcome addition. Can't wait for that breeze to turn frigid, soon enough!

This summer we had a fun-filled and successful Summer Reading Program as well as tried our hand at offering several STEM/STEAM programs. We will continue offering new and exciting programs intended to stimulate everyone's creative juices... the Teens will be building ATV and catapults later this month! And yes, we will have some hands on programs for adults also – after all aren't we all kids at heart?

Check in with the Library to see our calendar for the Fall. AND follow us on Facebook at Ardsley Public Library AND check our website at ArdsleyPublicLibrary.org AND sign up for the Village blast.

It's always more fun to get a nice group for our programs. The more participation we get, the more we can offer.

Get a Library card – you'll get access to so much more than just physical materials. While you're at it, sign up for a New York Public Library (NYPL) card. You are entitled to one by virtue of living in New York State. You can apply online and thereafter use that number to access the databases NYPL has available as well as the Museum/Culture Passes you might have heard about. NYPL offer these through funding by New York State. Take advantage of it all. It is an exciting time!!

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Ardsley Public Library for providing all the funding for our programs. Without them – YOU – we would be severely limited in what we could offer. Thank-you for supporting our Friends group.

During the Summer months the Library serves as a great place to cool down and likewise, we'll keep you toasty in the winter – come in and visit! The Ardsley Public Library is your Library!

Keep Well, Angela

