

# Airmont Villager

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Dear Fellow Residents:

Summer vacation is almost over for our children, and soon they will return to school. We wish all our students great success in the coming academic year. Please remember that some students walk to school so we should be vigilant as we drive. The Ramapo Police Department reminds us to be alert to the blinking lights on school buses. Drivers must stop completely whenever buses are stopped for loading and unloading. Defensive driving is also encouraged for our students who drive to school.

We have good news concerning our new Village Hall and Community Center. Construction has been ongoing this summer and is tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of 2008. We wish to thank our State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee for procuring a generous grant of \$125,000 for our youth program at the new Community Center.



Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee presents Mayor Kay with a \$125,000 grant to be used for our village youth center. This grant will enable the village to complete the Community Center recreation room in a timely manner. This money is in addition to the \$10,000 grant that Mrs. Jaffee presented to the village in 2007.

***Thank you Assemblywoman Jaffee!!***

From children to adults, the Village of Airmont has opportunities for participation in local activities through our resident committees. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in any of the committees listed below, feel free to email

Trustee Veronica Boesch (vboesch@airmont.org). Include your telephone number so your information can be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson.

***Open Space Committee*** (Keith Simon and Maureen Benedict, co-chairs)

***Quality of Life Committee*** (Jim Stead, chair)

***Community Programs Committee*** (Stacey Lichtenthal, chair) This committee welcomes student involvement.

You can now register to receive timely email updates from the village. We will have a sign-up table at Airmont Day or you may sign up on line. Just email Camille at cdowney@airmont.org. We look forward to keeping you informed about village developments and events.

During the summer one of our trustees, Maureen Schwarz, resigned from our Village Board. She and her family have moved to a new house outside of Airmont. During her years as a resident, Maureen has been generous with both her time and expertise in working for the welfare of our village. We will miss her enthusiasm and talent, but we wish her every happiness in her new home.

Sincerely,  
*Your Village Board of Trustees*

Dennis Kay, Mayor  
Anthony Valenti, Deputy Mayor  
Veronica Boesch, Trustee  
Dennis Cohen, Trustee

## **NEW VILLAGE APPOINTMENTS**

We would like to announce the appointment of a new Deputy Village Attorney. Dan Kraushaar was appointed by the Mayor and Village Board at the August 4 Village Board meeting. We have two new Ad Hoc members of the Zoning Board of Appeals: Ralph Bracco and Phil Gigante. We wish all appointees much success.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By, Stacey Lichtenthal



The Community Programs Committee held a successful Bike Rally on June 1st. We hosted many children who brought their bicycles to the Cherry Lane School for a fun-filled time. The youngsters played bicycle relay races and learned about the importance of bicycle safety. We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Henry Torres of the Congers Bike Shop who was kind enough to volunteer his time and expertise to instruct the children in this vital matter. Riding his bike, Ramapo Police Officer Robert Curtis led the children on a ride all around the Cherry Lane blacktop. P.O. Michael Brown and P.O. William Gravina were also in attendance and joined in the fun of the day. The committee would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our first bike rally!

On June 8th the Village of Airmont held our Second Annual Community Tag Sale at the Cherry Lane School. Once again the Tag Sale was well-attended and neighbors sold their wares alongside neighbors.

We are also gearing up for Airmont Day on September 21st (save the date!). Volunteers are needed to come in early and help us set up for this annual event. If you would like to donate your time or service, please call Village Hall at 357-8111. We are hoping that this year will be the biggest and best ever! ■

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AS A POLICE OFFICER?

The police exam is administered once every four years. September 10th is the last day to sign up for this year's examination to be held on November 15th. Applications are available at Village Hall. Members of the military who are on active duty may sign up on line. Please contact any police or sheriff's patrol personnel department for information detailing how to register a family member who is on active military duty. The military member may take the test whenever he/she returns home. Veterans receive a five point advantage. ■



## SPIRIT OF AIRMONT GRADUATION AWARD WINNERS

Each June, our village awards plaques to Airmont fifth graders who have been chosen to receive the award by their school principal and teachers. The criteria on which the students have been selected includes the following:

A student who embodies the characteristics of kindness, cooperation and respect for his or her peers and teachers.



This year's awards were presented to:

### **Cherry Lane Elementary students:**

Caitline DeBellis, Anastasiya Drik, Serena Kreck, Rebecca Silver

### **Montebello Elementary student:**

Michael Korongy

### **Elmwood Elementary student:**

Lensdarly Dieujuste

We congratulate the student winners and their families for receiving this recognition from our Village. Each student's name will be added to a multi-year plaque located in the elementary school. ■

## VILLAGE CODE REFRESHER

From time to time in our newsletter we will be reminding our residents about particular village codes; In accordance with section 210-53, (A) one house trailer, recreational vehicle, or boat and boat trailer may stand, be parked or stored on any developed residential lot:

- (1) behind the front setback line or behind the front line of the residence, whichever is greater; or
- (2) beyond any other required yard.
- (B) All other outdoor parking, storage or use of such vehicles is prohibited.
- (C) The use of such a vehicle for dwelling purposes is prohibited.

In accordance with section 136-5, all parades and processions which travel through any public roadway must first be registered with our Village office. A permit is required before any such event takes place.

Village pool requirements: All pools capable of containing at least 24" of water must comply with all the requirements of the New York State Code including:

- A permit must be obtained from the Building Department
- Pool alarms must be installed (A.S.T.M. 2208)

- Door alarms for doors from the dwelling which have direct access to the pool.
- Pool barrier requirements
- Electrical requirements, i.e. no extension cords over 6 feet.

Fire pits are great to sit around on a crisp & cool evening, but please do not use them as incinerators for grass clippings, brush, or other substances. If they are used for their intended purpose, you and your neighbors can continue to enjoy Airmont's quality of life. ■

## NEWS FROM COUNTY LEGISLATOR JOE MEYERS

Recently, the Rockland County Legislature passed a "Flow Control" measure covering Rockland County. The law will require all trash haulers operating residential or commercial carting in Rockland County to bring their trash and recyclables to the Rockland County Solid Waste Authority facilities for disposal. I assumed a lead role in the consideration and debate on this proposal by carefully scrutinizing the fiscal impacts of the proposal on residential property taxes and municipal budgets. During the consideration of this measure, I highlighted my concerns that the measure could reduce competition in the carting industry in Rockland, increase property taxes on our residents and increase costs to our small business people. I played an active role in making sure that certain benefits to Airmont contained in its private carting contract would be preserved so that any adverse impact to taxpayers in Airmont would be mitigated.

Responding to concerns from Airmont residents who work at Rockland Community College, I have been very involved in the investigation of mold contamination in some of the buildings at the College. Several people have become ill from mold contamination and I'm satisfied that, under pressure, the County is now conducting a full investigation with an outside environmental firm.

I recently co-sponsored in the Legislature a County of Rockland Highway Department works project to replace the Cherry Lane culvert located by Edgebrook Road on Cherry Lane. The existing culvert was in substantial disrepair. In addition, the Highway Department recently repaved a portion of Cherry Lane by Smith Hill Road and added "intersection ahead" signs coming from the New Jersey side of Cherry Lane to assist drivers at the Cherry Lane/Christmas Hill Road/Smith Hill Road intersection as that has been the site of a number of accidents over the years.

Best regards to everyone for a happy and healthy end of summer and fall season. ■

## LOOKING TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR AUTO INSURANCE?

The Village is once again offering the New York State Safety Program six-hour Driving Improvement Course. The course will be given on October 15th & October 22nd, from 7 to 10 PM at Village Hall. Upon completion, attendees will be eligible for a 10% reduction on auto liability and collision insurance and can have as many as four points reduced from their driving record. The fee for the course is \$45. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Clerk at 357-8111. You may use the coupon below to register.

### NEW YORK STATE SAFETY PROGRAM

Yes, Please sign me up for the Driving Improvement Course to be held on October 15th & 22nd 2008.

I understand that both classes must be completed before a certificate is issued. Enclosed is my check for \$45.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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*MAIL TO:*

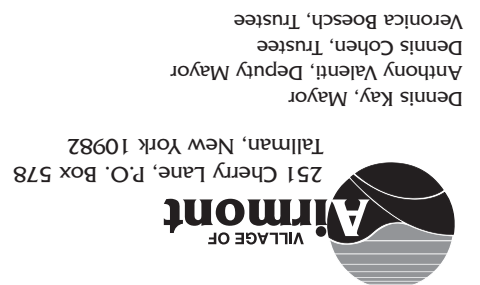
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**COME ONE, COME ALL  
TO AIRMONT DAY!!**

THE DATE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008.  
FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES AWAIT YOU!!

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THIS THE BEST EVER, PLEASE CALL VILLAGE HALL  
AT 357-8111. WE ALWAYS WELCOME INVOLVEMENT BY OUR RESIDENTS.*

*Thank you again to **STEVE'S LAWNS, INC.** for maintaining our lawn  
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