

# Airmont Villager

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## **Dear Fellow Residents:**

Spring is here again! Gardeners are busy planning the layout of their gardens. Students are beginning to look forward to summer vacation. The robins have returned to construct nests for a new generation, and our village government is planning the official opening of the new Airmont Village Hall and Community Center. Please mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, June 7. The event begins at 12 and runs through 4 P.M. Refreshments will be served. We invite all residents to spend an afternoon with us and tour our facilities.

On March 18 two of our Village Board members were elected to four-year terms. Trustee Dennis Cohen and Trustee Ralph Bracco had been finishing the terms of Joseph Meyers (now a County Legislator) and Maureen Schwarz (who moved out of Airmont). We congratulate them on their election and look forward to continuing to work with them for the people of Airmont.

With summer around the corner, our Building Department would like to remind you of our 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:

- Pool alarms (A.S.T.M. 2208 )
- Door alarms for doors from the dwelling with direct access to the pool
- Pool barrier requirements - they need a fence at least 48" tall surrounding them, which is capable of withstanding 200 pounds of force.
- Electrical requirements, i.e. no extension cords over six feet

Our village government continues to welcome community involvement in our activities. Please check the Village of Airmont website for upcoming events. You can also view our calendar for the meeting dates and times of our boards and committees.

Sincerely,

Your Village Board of Trustees

Dennis Kay, *Mayor*  
Anthony Valenti, *Deputy Mayor*  
Veronica Boesch, *Trustee*  
Dennis Cohen, *Trustee*  
Ralph Bracco, *Trustee*



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## APPOINTMENTS

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The following annual appointments and designations were made by the Mayor at the April 6th meeting and unanimously approved by the Village Board except as otherwise indicated.

Anthony Valenti - Deputy Mayor (*appointed solely by Mayor*)  
 Irene Murphy - Village Clerk/Treasurer  
 Donna Lopopolo - Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer  
 Joel Grossbarth - Village Attorney  
 Daniel Kraushaar - Deputy Village Attorney  
 Daniel Goldman - Acting Village Justice  
 Camille Guido-Downey - Clerk to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Kim Weppler - Fire Safety Inspector  
 Robert Goetschius - Village Historian

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Doug Whipple - Chairperson  
 Ed Leon  
 Anthony Santucci  
 Fred Rella

### PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Whipple - Chairperson  
 Jack Blumenthal - Ad Hoc Member  
 Frank Getchell - Ad Hoc Member

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

Martin Bernstein - Chairperson  
 Arthur Katz  
 Phillip Gigante - Ad Hoc Member

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jack Blumenthal - Chairperson  
 Jackie Solomon  
 Guy Biondi

### FIRE PREVENTION BOARD MEMBER

Roy Dougherty

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## SIGN UP FOR OUR E-MAIL NEWS

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Please e-mail or call Village Hall to be added to our e-mail news list. E-mail offers many advantages to our residents. It allows for more frequent and timely communication. It also reduces village expenses and helps the environment by reducing paper usage.

Those who do not have access to the internet, or who choose not to sign up, will continue to receive our printed edition of the Airmont Villager.

To sign up for the email list, you may telephone

Village Hall at 357-8111 or e-mail us with your name, mailing address, and e-mail address.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

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On March 31, Mayor Kay and the members of our Village Board were pleased to attend this year's Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation held at the Cherry Lane School. We congratulate all the Fifth Graders, their teachers and Dr. David Leach, Principal of the Cherry Lane School. We extend our community's gratitude to the D.A.R.E. instructor, Police Officer Christopher Dodrill. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Our best wishes to all the students in Airmont who will be attending Suffern Middle School in September.

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## THE AIRMONT SENIOR CENTER IS UP AND RUNNING!

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The Airmont Senior Club has moved into its new quarters at our Community Center. Every Monday the group gets together between 1 and 3 P.M. to meet informally and play bingo. Their formal meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month, followed by their usual bingo game.

Our Airmont Senior Club is affiliated with the Town of Ramapo Seniors Council and is a member in "very good standing" according to Rosemary Schellaci, the Council President. The club plans interesting trips for its members and seniors who live at the Spook Rock Housing complex. They also have parties throughout the year. The president of the Airmont Seniors, Dottie Hopper, says the group loves its beautiful new meeting room. In addition, there is plenty of space for parking, unlike at their last location.

Dottie used to work in the Valentine House when Beatrice Smith was the owner, which was more than 40 years ago! She is glad that the Village has renovated this historic building. As a child she attended the original Cherry Lane School, which sadly no longer exists, as well as the Airmont School, which also no longer exists.

The executive board consists of Dottie; Vice President Edna Blake (who also serves as Council Delegate); Treasurer, Natalie Gannon; Secretary, Caryl Panzer; and Trip Coordinator, Emily Barnett.

We welcome the Airmont Seniors and wish them many enjoyable years at our Community Center.

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## COMMEMORATE THE AIRMONT SCHOOL BUY A BRICK!

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If you've driven by Village Hall lately, you've seen the cupola from the Airmont School sitting to the right of the building. This wonderful artifact of the school that was built in 1910, as well as the flag pole that once graced the front of the school, have been given to the village. The flag pole now stands in front of Village Hall, once again displaying the Stars and Stripes and serving as a reminder of earlier times. Our Village Historian, Robert Goetschius, has devised a plan to enhance the cupola and give it a permanent home at its present location. The foundation upon which the cupola will rest will be made up of bricks inscribed with the names or messages of individuals and families who purchase the bricks. Residents who attended, graduated from, or who taught at the Airmont School will have an opportunity to honor its memory. Those of us who did not attend the school may also purchase a brick in our own names or the name of a loved one. In this manner, each of us can become a part of our Village Hall history. Information about this project will be forthcoming.

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## JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...

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If you are planning any parades in the village, you must register with Village Clerk's office. (Section 136-5)

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## SAVE MONEY ON YOUR AUTO INSURANCE

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The Village is once again offering the New York State Safety Program six-hour Driving Improvement Course. The course will be given on May 27 & June 3 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 May 27 & June 3, 2009.

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: VILLAGE OF AIRMONT*

*MAIL TO:*

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Before starting any construction projects, land filling, or other land alterations, please contact the Building Department to see if any permits are required.

If you would like to deter solicitors from ringing your doorbell, "No Soliciting" stickers are available at Village Hall. The sticker is free, and you may place this sticker on your mailbox or at any location visible to vendors.

Please do not bring your household refuse cans to the curb. The village provides for side yard pickup. Refuse cans may be blown into the street by strong winds and can present a danger to others. They are also unsightly. Only recyclables and once-a-week household trash should be left at the curb.

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## HOUSE TOUR 2009

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The Historical Society of Rockland County holds an annual house tour each October. This year, the Society has chosen Airmont as the location for the tour. If you live in an historic home or have a home or structure which is of special interest and are willing to open it for the tour, please contact the Historical Society of Rockland County at 634-9629. The Society invites all to visit its website to learn about upcoming events.

Once again, for the 2009 season, **STEVE'S LAWNS, INC.** has graciously offered to maintain our lawn at our Village Hall property at no cost to the Village. We continue to express our thanks for Steve's generosity and fine service.

*Thank You!*

The logo for the Village of Airmont, featuring a stylized mountain range and a sun or moon above the text "Village of Airmont".  
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