



On the Town with Supervisor Reese Berman...



*Town Supervisor
Reese Berman*

Protecting the environment takes many forms. We in Town government have taken important steps over the past year and a half to preserve our precious resources.

Controlled Sustainable Development

In December 2006, the Town Board demonstrated our new proactive approach to the protection of North Castle's environment by passing sweeping land-use legis-

lation. The legislation's environmentally focused laws include limits on gross land coverage, regulation of construction on steep slopes, and environmental subtractions for steep slopes and wetlands. We also increased zoning in the more rural sections of Town from two to four acres to preserve our dwindling open space.

Recycling: Getting It Started

Recycling is critical to reducing the amount of garbage and non-biodegradable materials in our landfills. Fortunately, recycling is on the increase in North Castle.

Most North Castle residents have been recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum for years; but it was not practiced at all in our municipal buildings. I instituted recycling in our municipal buildings when I became Supervisor in 2006, and now it's part of our regular routine. In addition, the Byram Hills schools, at my request, have instituted an active recycling program.

Local businesses have long been required to recycle, but the requirement was not enforced in the past. I have

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Planning Board News

by Adam Kaufman, Director of Planning

Armonk Square

Armonk Square is a proposed mixed-use development for downtown Armonk consisting of five new buildings, parking areas, and site amenities. Located within the Central Business Zoning District, the site is approximately three acres in size, on the interior of the existing development block bounded by Main Street, Maple Avenue, and Bedford Road. This site presently has several buildings with paved and gravel parking areas.



Architect's rendering of Armonk Square project

The project proposes the removal of all the existing buildings except the historic house that is in close proximity to the Bedford Road Historic District. The development includes ample public space that can be utilized for community events or a future farmer's market. The five new buildings will each have retail and service establishments on the first floor and residential units above. The project is proposed to have

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notified the businesses that they must recycle cardboard, paper, plastic, and cooking grease. I met with members of the Armonk Chamber of Commerce, representatives of Suburban Carting, and a company that recycles cooking grease to plan a recycling program scheduled to get underway in September. We will be working with businesses in North White Plains and Banksville soon.

Recycling: Is It For Real?

Numerous residents have said they don't believe that our carting company separates recyclables from trash. I went to the transfer station in Mount Kisco to see for myself. Each day, recycled paper, cardboard, commingled glass, aluminum, and plastic are brought to the transfer station and taken from there to various recycling locations. Here I am inspecting the operation.



Diane Roth, Armonk Hamlet Task Force co-chairman, and Supervisor Berman at Suburban's transfer station in Mt. Kisco.

Protecting Biodiversity in and beyond North Castle

The Open Space Committee and I initiated a biodiversity workshop in 2006, involving all of our own governing boards and representatives from New Castle, Bedford, and Yorktown. We followed up this year by commissioning biodiversity surveys in the Byram Lake and Seven Springs areas of North Castle adjacent to Mt. Kisco, Bedford, and New Castle. Depending upon the results of the study, the

three towns and Mt. Kisco might explore a Biotic Corridor project to protect the region's biodiversity.

The Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act: Is It Right for North Castle?

Governor Spitzer signed the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act into law on August 16. The law gives towns and cities in Westchester and Putnam a powerful tool to help protect open space *if* the public votes to use it.

The Preservation Act authorizes municipalities to decide by public referendum whether to levy a real estate transfer tax, which goes into a dedicated open space fund. The tax would be paid by the buyer in an amount of no more than two percent (2%) of the sale price above a local median. I plan to open public discussion to gauge support for this source of funding for open space.

Take A Hike

Encouraging non-polluting forms of transportation such as walking and bicycling is another way to protect our environment. The Town has been planning a bike and walk path from Wampus Brook Park to the Major Andre Monument near the Ehrman Pool, and perhaps northward to the Wampus Pond County Park off Route 128.

Looking Ahead: Learning from Our Neighbors to Reduce Pollution

As co-chair of the Westchester County Global Warming Task Force, I have learned about steps that other municipalities have initiated and what resources are available to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This has led me to start several initiatives in North Castle.

- I authorized the New York Power Authority to conduct an energy audit of our municipal buildings, at no charge to the Town, to see where we can reduce energy use and save tax dollars.
- We are exploring both solar panels and geothermal heating as we plan for a new highway garage.
- We will be purchasing hybrid vehicles for our Town departments whenever possible.
- North Castle joined ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability. The mission of this interna-

tional organization of more than 650 local governments is to improve the global environment through local action. ICLEI assists local governments in implementing quantifiable measures to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions. We have begun to inventory North Castle's greenhouse gas emissions so that we can create a baseline inventory and establish a goal.

- I have established a volunteer committee to schedule a series of programs and informational meetings to educate our residents on what individuals can do to reduce their carbon footprints.
- I am discussing "green" building with a few of the developers of new commercial construction in North Castle.

Learn What the County Is Doing

On January 30, the County Executive will be announcing Westchester's action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The public will be invited to attend the all-day event with panel discussions and exhibits at the County Center.

Learn More on Our Green Page

We have recently created a *Green Page* on our Town website to provide educational tips and Internet links on conservation and environmental issues, ranging from septic system maintenance to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Publication and regular updating of the *Green Page* demonstrates that protecting the environment is a top priority in North Castle.

Recycling on Main Street

Problem: What can you do with an empty can or bottle on Main Street?

Solution: Recycle it!

The Armonk Hamlet Task Force, led by co-chairs Diane Roth and Beth Yaffa, has been working closely with Councilman Kittredge since last September to put recycling containers on Main Street. Some of the issues they resolved included the appropriate size, shape, color, composition, quantity, and location of containers, in addition to the costs involved.

Den #7 of Armonk Cub Scouts Pack 94 has come to the aid of Councilman Kittredge and the Task Force. Under the leadership of Den Leaders Philip Eng and David Haber and Cub Master Donna Gizzi, the Cub Scouts have promised \$600 towards the purchase of two recycling containers for Main Street to be used for cans and bottles. (The Cub Scouts report they have left



Den #7 Cub Scouts Scott Schur, Zachary Knoop, Conor Ahern, Tommy Roth, Matthew Bacon, and Timmy Eng with Task Force co-chair Diane Roth and Councilman Becky Kittredge. Not pictured: Cub Scouts Robbie Haber and Timmy Reiter.

the aesthetic choices up to the Councilman and the Task Force.)

Also, thanks to direction from the Armonk Hamlet Task Force, regular garbage cans presently on Main Street will be outfitted with new, domed lids to discourage honey bees that congregate around the cans in the fall.

Let's all work to make Main Street cleaner and greener by disposing of trash properly and by using the recycling containers for our cans and bottles.

If your group would like to join in the recycling efforts and follow the example set by Cub Scout Den #7, please call Councilman Kittredge at Town Hall (273-3001) or email Armonk Hamlet Task Force co-chairs Diane Roth and Beth Yaffa via the Supervisor's Office (supervisor@northcastleny.com).

North Castle Joins County Fishing Line Recycling Effort

Discarded fishing line poses a lethal threat to fish, wildlife, and humans that become entangled in it. Do you also know that fishing line takes up to 600 years to biodegrade?

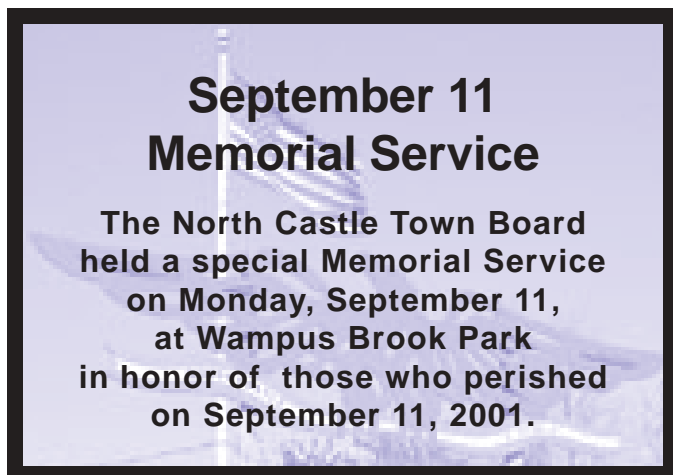
The County has started an initiative that aims to eliminate discarded fishing line from water-



ways, garbage containers, and landfills, and to send the material to a plant for recycling. Plastic recycling bins with educational signage are being installed at all County parks where fishing occurs. Public education materials will

be distributed through municipalities and private businesses that cater to anglers. To reach those people who hike into the woods to fish, the County has created waterproof, recyclable mailer envelopes for distribution to residents.

North Castle is participating in the County program by providing free mailer envelopes at the Town Clerk's Office. These envelopes will also be provided to anglers when they purchase their New York State fishing licenses each year.



Verizon FIOS TV Service

After a lengthy negotiation, a Verizon Cable franchise agreement was approved by the Town Board in May and then confirmed by the NYS Public Service Commission on June 22. The agreement has a ten year term.

Many residents are now able to receive Verizon FIOS TV. This is a 100% digital network that provides market competition to Cablevision and satellite television.

At the time the franchise agreement was signed in May, the Verizon FIOS network had been built out to reach 77% of households in North Castle. The franchise agreement specifies a graduated build-out schedule, with full coverage of the Town by January 2012.

The Verizon franchise agreement provides for four transmission points to provide Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Access programming and grant money to be used to establish facilities for cablecasting.

The first transmission point will be activated at Byram Hills High School. A Verizon channel will provide educational and government programming that is currently aired on CTV 20, Channels 75 and 78. We expect the new Verizon channel to be operational by December 2007, as specified in the franchise agreement. It's important to note that the Education and Government programming (including Town Board and Planning Board meetings) currently aired on Cablevision channels will not be available to Verizon customers until that time.

Additional Verizon FIOS TV transmission sites are planned for Town Hall, the Hergenhan Recreation Center, and the Public Library in North White Plains. These locations will be operational on a staggered schedule in 2008 and beyond, and in the future will be able to provide live transmission of programming.

For information on Verizon service and to see if your home is FIOS-ready, residents can access the Verizon website (www.verizon.com/fiostv) or call customer service at (888) 553-1555.

Town Clerk's Topics

by Ann Leber, Town Clerk



Ann Leber

As the 2007 election season approaches, I'd like to share some useful information about changes in poll locations and election district boundaries, the North Castle ballot, and key dates and deadlines.

Poll Moved

Residents who previously voted at the North Castle Public Library will now cast their ballots at the Hergenhan Recreation Center, formerly the Armonk firehouse, located on Maple Avenue. This poll, which serves voters in the Whippoorwill area and on the west side of Route 128, was relocated as part of the settlement of a lawsuit brought by Westchester Disabled on the Move. The suit claimed that the library is not properly handicapped accessible because the pitch of the ramp is too steep. In addition to being ADA compliant, the Hergenhan Recreation Center will easily accommodate the two large election districts formerly housed in tight quarters on the stage in Whippoorwill Hall. Please drive carefully in the parking lot; ingress and egress is via a one-lane-wide driveway. A police officer will be on duty to direct traffic during peak voting hours.

Changes in Election Districts

Election Districts 6 and 7, serving voters primarily east and west of Route 22 including Windmill Farms, were approaching their legal capacity. At the suggestion of the Westchester County Board of Elections, a new election district has been carved out of parts of the old ones. The voters in Election Districts 6 and 7 will continue to vote at the new Armonk Firehouse on Bedford Road, as will those in the new District 11. A signboard will be posted inside the firehouse on Primary and Election Days listing the streets located in each of the three districts. To facilitate the election process, please check the signboard before proceeding to the appropriate poll.

Upon the suggestion of the Board of Elections, the southern boundary of District 8, which is located north of the Armonk hamlet on the west side of Route 128, has been moved northward to reduce the size of this large district. Registrants living between School Street and Bedford Road will now be part of District 2 and will vote at Town Hall rather than at the Crittenden Middle School.

The Board of Elections has notified all registered voters whose election district has changed or whose poll has been moved.

In an effort to clear up confusion about voting at the H.C. Crittenden Middle School, please note that the only poll for Byram Hills School District elections is located at Crittenden Middle School. For Primary and General Elections, only those voters living in Election District 8, located east of Route 128 and north of School Street, vote at the Middle School. All other residents should report to the poll assigned to them by the Board of Elections.

Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. If you have any questions or suggestions, I welcome your input. Call me at 273-3321 or send e-mail to townclerk@northcastleny.com. My staff and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The North Castle Ballot

The positions of Town Supervisor, Town Councilman (2), Town Clerk and Town Justice will appear on the ballot on Election Day.

Dates and Deadlines

Sept. 18	PRIMARY DAY Polls open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. No Town candidates on ballot.
Oct. 12	Last day for registration application to be postmarked or delivered in person to Board of Elections.
Oct. 30	Last day to postmark absentee ballot application.
Nov. 5	Last day to apply in person and to postmark absentee ballot.
Nov. 6	Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to Board of Elections.
Nov. 6	ELECTION DAY Polls open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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a total of 51,010 square feet of space, including approximately 13,360 square feet of retail space, a 4,000 square foot bank, a 1,500 square foot restaurant, and 21 residential apartments. The proposed residential units are all one bedroom, second floor units, ranging in size from 820 to 1,215 square feet. Four of the units will be Middle Income Units with maximum sales prices regulated by the Town.

The project proposes vehicular circulation from points on Maple Avenue and Bedford Road through a new street named Center Street. There is no vehicular access from Main Street, although a large pedestrian/public area with an abundance of street furniture is accessible from Main Street. The south and east sides of the site are adjacent to the Bedford Road Historic District, a designated historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1985.



Elevation drawing of Building A as viewed from the plaza.

The applicant has been working closely with the Planning Board, the Architectural Review Board, and the Landmarks Preservation Committee in an effort to address each board's concerns and has recently submitted a new plan that attempts to minimize impacts upon the Bedford Road Historic District by eliminating off-street parking within the Historic District.

Once the Planning Board completes its environmental review, the Planning Board and the Landmarks Preservation Committee will be in a position to make a determination on the merits of the application. As part of the review of the project, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 1, 2007 at H.C. Crittenden Middle School. The public is encouraged to attend and provide their comments on the project to the Board.

Yellow Barn Property

The Modern Furniture Barn (Yellow Barn) property is proposed to be updated, redesigned and re-occupied. The current proposal is to place a new skin on the existing vacant building located at 430 Bedford Road (Route 22) at the intersection of Cox Avenue. The new building is proposed to be a mixed-use development, consisting of a 5,000 square foot quality restaurant, 6,000 square feet of retail space and 11,000 square feet of office space.



Proposed design for the Yellow Barn building located at the intersection of Bedford Road and Cox Avenue.

The outside of the building will be completely redesigned and the proposed new off-street parking areas will meet North Castle's high quality-design standards. The parking areas will include a significant amount of landscaping and appropriate lighting. Two-way access to the site will be provided from both Bedford Road and Cox Avenue, although left turns will be prohibited from the Bedford Road exit. A small portion of the existing building will be removed so that a new one-way driveway can be installed to connect the existing front parking lot to the existing rear parking lot. A new access drive that serves both the Armonk Firehouse and the Yellow Barn site will be used for Cox Avenue access.

The Town has recommended that a new traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Bedford Road and Cox Avenue, which will be paid for by the property owner. Approval from the New York State Department of Transportation for a new signal is pending and, if approved by the State, will not be installed until several months after the new site is operational.

The project received Planning Board approval on August 13.

What's That Hole in the Ground?

On October 23, 2006, the Planning Board approved a new retail building on the vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and Whip-poorwill Road East.



Sketch of new building under construction on Main Street.

The new building, located on the site of a former retail building destroyed by fire, will be one and one half stories tall and contain 2,800 square feet of retail space. The building will anchor the west side of Main Street and was designed to be compatible with the design and height of the market on the south end of the street. The rear of the property will be completely redesigned to be an attractive parking area with 21 parking spaces. Furthermore, a rehabilitated staircase will be constructed linking the site with the existing Town parking lot adjacent to the library. A temporary fence has been erected around the site to protect the public during construction.

Trump Withdraws Application for Seven Springs Subdivision

In a letter dated August 10 Donald Trump's attorney, Mark Weingarten, advised Planning Board chairman Peg Michelman that his client was withdrawing the application made to the North Castle Planning Board for subdivision of the 103-acre portion of the Seven Springs property that is in North Castle. No further official information was communicated.

The Planning Boards of the Town of North Castle and the Town of Bedford were designated as Co-Lead Agency and have been working jointly to conduct the required environmental review for the project. Two of the primary issues in the environmental impact analysis concerning the proposed development include:

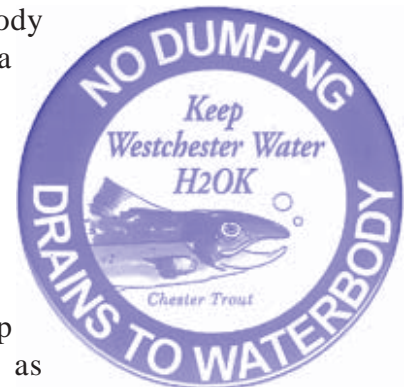
- 1) examining the impact on Byram Lake, the sole source of drinking water for over 10,000 residents of Mt. Kisco. Village residents and consultants have been extremely vocal in requiring assurances that their water supply will not be compromised.

- 2) demonstrating that emergency service providers would have adequate access to the subdivision. It is Bedford Town Code, not North Castle Code, which requires that there be two ways for emergency service providers to access the Seven Springs site. Based on a promise to area residents many years ago, and proper action taken in 1990 pursuant to Highway Law, the decision to allow the Oregon Road extension to remain a closed road was upheld. This decision thwarted Trump's legal action attempting to gain secondary emergency service access through Oregon Road in North Castle.

Planning Board Public Hearing
To Consider Approval of
Armonk Square Site Plan
Monday, October 1 — 7 p.m.
H.C. Crittenden Middle School
10 MacDonald Avenue, Armonk

Catch Basins and Storm Drain Markers

The **blue circle marker** you see on your catch basin indicates that this basin drains into a body of water, such as a brook, a stream or a river. It is imprinted with the words "No Dumping, Keep Westchester Water H2OK" and reminds us to keep this basin as clean as possible.



In addition, Westchester County is in the process of an environmentally friendly **larvaecide program** for mosquito larva. After each drain has been treated, it will be painted with an orange dot.

Emergency Sheltering for Pets — Westchester’s First

Have you ever wondered what you would do about your pets if an emergency were declared in North Castle and you were evacuated to a shelter? That was a question posed to Supervisor Berman.

Supervisor Berman worked closely with Armonk resident John Iannuzzi, a veteran in helping pets during emergencies, and other emergency services professionals to answer the question. She recently formalized an agreement with Adopt-A-Dog, a not-for-profit animal rescue and shelter headquartered in Armonk at 23 Cox Avenue. This emergency sheltering partnership is the first of its kind in Westchester County and one of a very few in New York State. Now, if you must move to the North Castle shelter due to declared emergency events such as fires, power outages, hurricanes or other occurrences, your pets can be cared for by professionals — near you and in our Town.

Adopt-A-Dog has established a Special Needs Veterinary Fund to raise funds for their nationally recognized rescue and sheltering program. If you wish to make a financial donation or volunteer your time, please call Executive Director Michele Rinaldi at 273-1674, ext. 5.

Visit www.adoptadog.org to see more pets that are waiting to be adopted.



Adopt-A-Dog president Donna Nives stands by as Supervisor Berman speaks at the June dedication of the renovated Cox Avenue facilities.



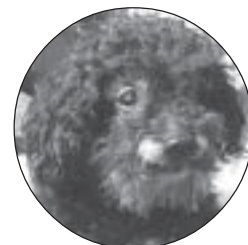
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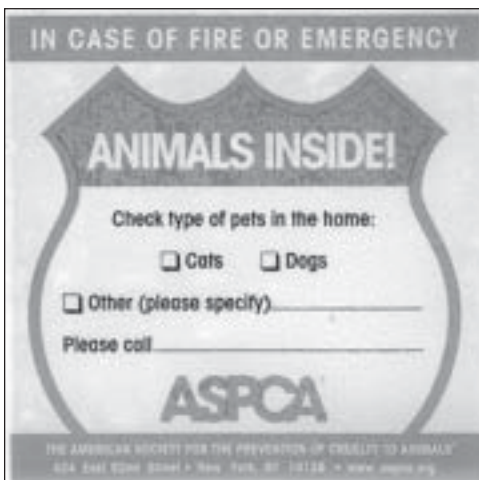
Mikey



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Adopt-A-Dog headquarters at 23 Cox Avenue and five of its adoptable inhabitants (left & below).



Animal rescue window stickers are available at the Town Clerk’s office.

Recreation News

John and Goldie Hergenhan Recreation Center



*John and Goldie Hergenhan
Recreation Center*

The John and Goldie Hergenhan Recreation Center was formally dedicated on April 21, 2007. The opening ceremonies

were attended by hundreds of current and former North Castle residents who gathered to honor the late John and Goldie Hergenhan and to thank their daughter Joyce, who donated \$1 million toward the conversion of the former Armonk firehouse. The Center, which is fully handicapped accessible, houses the Recreation Department offices and rooms for arts, crafts, exercise, and meetings. Residents of all ages are invited to enjoy the programs offered at the Center as well as use the Internet café and the rest of the facility.

Joyce Hergenhan, who grew up in Armonk, heard about the plan to turn the old Armonk Firehouse into a recreation center at a Thanksgiving dinner held in the home of her cousin, Barbara DiGiacinto. Joyce saw this as a perfect opportunity to honor her parents: John, the Town's first professional police officer and its longtime beloved and respected police chief; and Goldie, who volunteered throughout the community for more than 60 years in the schools, the library, the Historical Society, the Girl Scouts, and the Methodist Church.

Joyce announced her \$1 million gift at a Town Board meeting in December 2005, saying that she was a "local girl who made good" and blessed "with more money than I thought existed when I was a cop's daughter in Armonk."

Featured speakers at the opening ceremonies were Supervisor Reese Berman, Ms. DiGiacinto, Councilman William McClure, Town Historian Doris Finch Watson, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Anita Tumminelli, and honoree Ms. Hergenhan. Councilman Becky Kittredge was the master of ceremonies. Boy Scout Troop #94 and its



Hergenhan Center Dedication: Joyce Hergenhan and Barbara DiGiacinto cut the ribbon with the assistance of Town officials.

leader, Harry Tompkins, provided the color guard and recited the pledge of allegiance; Vivian Utko led the crowd in singing *America the Beautiful*.

Generous contributions were also received from MBIA Corporation, Armonk Lions Club, Armonk Rotary, the Zaretsky family, Gail and John Reese, and Idanne and Michael Rozins. Donations are still being accepted. Checks may be sent to: North Castle Recreation Department, 40 Maple Avenue, Armonk NY 10504.

New Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department is offering some new and exciting programs this fall at the John and Goldie Hergenhan Recreation Center. New programs for adults include: Intro to Excel, Intro to Powerpoint, Core Training, Pilates, Intermediate Yoga, Yoga for the Young at Heart, Intro to Drawing, and Conversational French. New programs for children are: Yoga for Kids, Sing Like a Star, Gourmet Cooking, Homework Club, Fairy Tale Art, Animal Art, and much more.

For information please call the Recreation Department at 273-3325 or check out the Town website (www.northcastleny.com/recreation).

Can you teach? We are looking for talented individuals to teach programs and activities throughout the year. Please call 273-3325 or send your resume to: North Castle Recreation Department, 40 Maple Avenue, Armonk NY 10504, Attn: Supt. Bruce Barnard.



Memorial Day Parade 2007: Town officials Bill McClure, Reese Berman, Gerald Geist, Ann Leber.

Getting a U.S. Passport Just Got Easier

Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni's staff will be processing passport applications in North Castle from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the following Thursdays:

- **September 27 at Town Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Armonk**
- **October 18 at North Castle Community Center, 10 Clove Road, North White Plains**

To complete your application, you will need:

- Proof that you are a United States citizen, such as a previous unexpired U.S. Passport, an original or certified copy of your birth certificate, a consular report of birth abroad, or a naturalization certificate. Be sure to bring original documents with raised seals.
- Proof of your identity, such as a current valid driver's license or a government issued identification card.
- Payment, in cash or by check, for passport fees of \$97.00 for an adult and \$82.00 for a child. Passport photos can be taken for an additional \$10.00. Expedited service costs an additional \$60.00 for each passport application.

If you have questions, call the White Plains office of the Westchester County Clerk (995-3086) weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. or visit the County Clerk's website (www.westchesterclerk.com).

Hands-On Computer Lessons for Seniors

Become acquainted with word processing and the Internet. Learn step-by-step how to e-mail, make travel arrangements, shop online, research a project. Mastered that? Sign up for courses on family budgets, spreadsheets, digital photos, even tax filing.

These modestly priced lessons for people 50 and up are designed specifically for older adults by the international nonprofit organization, SeniorNet, which sponsors 240 Learning Centers worldwide. North Castle's branch is in the Town Hall Annex, where classes are conducted by local professionals, all volunteers. Classes are limited to eight students, each working at a new Dell computer with a large flat panel display for ease of viewing. Each class has an instructor and one or more coaches working as a team.

SeniorNet
Bringing Wisdom to the Information Age.



www.seniornet.org

All courses are \$50. An annual \$40 fee for SeniorNet membership is required with the first enrollment. Subsequent courses in any 12-month period remain at \$50. Classes are held by day; most are 4 sessions. Upcoming courses can be found at www.northcastleny.com/calendar.php

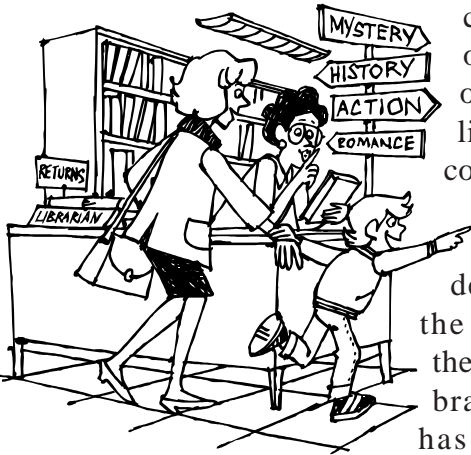
To enroll as a student, please contact Yvonne Farr (761-6547 or YvonneRFarr@aol.com). To volunteer as an instructor, coach, or administrator, contact Henry Garrett (TankGarrett@yahoo.com).

Election Inspectors Needed

If you are a registered voter and a resident of Westchester County, you can become an Election Inspector by attending one 2-hour class given by the Board of Elections. Inspectors work from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Primary Day and/or Election Day. You will be paid \$25 for taking the class and \$225 for each Primary and General Election day worked.

Interested? Contact Town Clerk Ann Leber for further information by phone (273-3321) or email (aleber@northcastleny.com).

North Castle Public Library — The Cultural Heart of the Community



All over the country, and in our own Town of North Castle, libraries are becoming important educational and cultural destinations for the communities they serve. The library experience has grown to include

much more than access to books; libraries now provide unique opportunities for neighbors to meet, share ideas, and be entertained, educated, and informed. The North Castle Library has developed a series of programs and events aimed at all members of the community, be they seniors, teens, adults, or students of all ages.

Despite the rush of new technology that enables you to individualize your life, from your computer to your iPod to your cell phone, there is still a powerful need to share in the “collective experience,” to laugh and learn together in a variety of new — and traditional — ways. The Library is here to answer that need. And the demand is clear: in the first six months of 2007 alone, 869 people attended 34 new programs and performances at the Library in Armonk, a significant increase over our first year of program development.

In the 2007-2008 season, the Friends of the North Castle Library continue to sponsor a wide variety of events that complement the core library programs. Pick your favorite, from the first Tuesday’s Book Club to a contemporary jazz performance; a health talk series covering cardiology, age-related memory loss, and healthy eating habits; or a presentation by a CPA who will show individuals, families, and small businesses how to prepare for an organized and optimal tax return before the end of the tax year. Back by popular demand: a series of workshops on

digital photography and genealogy research to help you find your roots. Other offerings include a workshop on how to get your book published and a family magic show. All this, plus film nights and memorable performances by our own Armonk Players, which regularly fill Whippoowill Hall.

Exciting renovations are under way in the magazine room that are scheduled for completion in time for the fall lineup of programs and speakers. These include new lighting, carpeting, and furniture, plus an impressive new projection system for interactive presentations. The staff is also putting the finishing touches on a newly redesigned website where you will be able to find out more about programs, join our email newsletter list, download an audio book or put a hold on the traditional kind — all from home, over the ’net.

Lifelong learners of all ages are welcome throughout the year. Come with your coffee (or try ours) and browse the express collection, tapes, and CDs; and don’t forget that we offer sophisticated research tools and a professional staff that can open doors to information resources — digital and analog — that go way beyond Yahoo or Google.

For specific dates and times of the library’s 2007-2008 programs, please check our website (www.northcastlelibrary.org) or call 273-3887.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Donate your old cell phone, with all related equipment (e.g. charger, headset, spare batteries), at both North Castle Public Library locations:

- 19 Whippoowill Road East, Armonk
- 10 Clove Road, North White Plains

Please enclose equipment in a plastic bag and deposit it in the collection box. Used phones will be refurbished or recycled and proceeds will benefit domestic violence victims through the Verizon Wireless Hope Line Program.

Remember, it is unlawful to dispose of cell phones in the trash.

New Water Storage Tank

After several years of consideration, the water storage tank replacement project for District No. 2, Windmill Farms, began in early 2007. The Water Department is pleased to announce that the new 600,000 gallon storage tank is online and fully operational.

The District serves 370 customers and was originally owned and operated as a private water company. In 1977, the water district was purchased by the Windmill residents and Water District No.2 was formed. After taking over the district, several programs for improvements have been initiated — the most recent being the new water storage tank.

The original steel 200,000 gallon water storage tank was constructed in 1960. Although the tank serviced Windmill Farms for many years, the age of the tank, regulatory requirements, and costs related to reconditioning were significant. The original tank volume was quickly depleted, particularly during the summer months, which created a potentially dangerous situation in the event of a fire.

The new tank is a standpipe constructed of concrete and pre-stressed steel for strength. Located on Evergreen Row, it is the same height as the original, holds 400,000 more gallons of water, and will better serve the district's needs. A new connection to the distribution system has also been implemented. Demolition of the original tank, site restoration, and landscaping are expected to be completed this fall.

Long-term improvements continue. We have applied to the State for permission to construct a much-needed new water supply well to replace three of the current wells that are no longer able to supply adequate volumes of water. This project has been sent out for bids and construction will begin upon issuance of the State permit.

Lastly, it is still important to understand the need to conserve water. Our ability to fill the tank is contingent upon how fast our wells can pump the water. With the ever-increasing installation of irrigation systems and conservation in mind,

all automatic systems need to have rain sensors installed. We ask all residents to use water wisely. Please adhere to the following water conservation practices:

- homes with even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days
- homes with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days

These restrictions shall apply all year, even during non-drought periods.

If you have any questions or would like additional water conservation tips, please call the Water Department at 273-1882. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

A Bright Idea



Supervisor Berman promotes the use of energy smart light bulbs at the Cranberry Lake Preserve Walk to Celebrate Earth Day.

North Castle Citizen Corps Council — NC4

What Is NC4 and Why Does It Exist?



NC4 is a group of North Castle citizens who are Red Cross trained to establish and operate an emergency shelter in North Castle if the need arises. The group organizes community awareness programs so all town residents are prepared to protect their families in case of an emergency or large-scale disaster. Organized under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Americorps Program and administered under the New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO), NC4 operates in partnership with the American Red Cross.

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and recent storms in our area have illustrated how important it is for every family to have its own emergency plan. During a storm in January 2006, many North Castle residents were left without power for days. In response, the Town of North Castle requested that the North Castle Citizen Corps Council (NC4) establish a shelter for any residents in need. The group's resident volunteers opened a shelter at H.C.



Pictured: NC4 Volunteer Training Coordinator John Erickson and Chairman Mike Schiliro standing in front of the Disaster Relief Vehicle (DRV) at the annual Lions' Fol de Rol.

Crittenden Middle School and provided hot and cold beverages, hot showers, bathroom facilities, and sleeping facilities for all Town residents.

What Can You Do to Prepare for a Large-Scale Emergency?

Establish a Disaster Supplies Kit! It's easy and can be a fun project to do with your children. Here is a basic list of items that should be in your kit:

- Three-day supply of water (one gallon of water per person, per day)
- Three-day supply of nonperishable food and a MANUAL can opener
- Portable battery-powered radio and/or television and extra batteries
- Flashlight(s) and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Sanitation and hygiene items (toothbrushes, moist towelettes, toilet paper, etc)
- Extra clothing and blankets, especially "cold weather" clothing.
- Credit card and cash
- Matches in waterproof container
- Deck of cards
- Pet supplies – food, etc.

For a more extensive list, visit our website at www.nc-ccc.org, click on "resources" and connect to an American Red Cross or FEMA website.

What Can You Do to Help Your Fellow Citizens?

Help us help you! Join us as a volunteer! All the training is free and is administered by the American Red Cross. It takes very little time to become certified to work in a shelter, and once you complete the basic training you are welcome to enroll in other training classes that the American Red Cross offers. Or if you'd just like to see what NC4 is about, come to one of our monthly meetings. We usually meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the new Armonk firehouse on Route 22. All are welcome! (Contact one of us before you come in case of a scheduling change.)

Should you have ANY questions, feel free to contact Chairperson Michael Schiliro at 643-9017; Director of Volunteers John Erickson at 273-6967; or visit our website (www.nc-ccc.org).

Private Well-Water Testing Law

The Private Well-Water Testing Law applies to the sale or lease of any real property where the supply of potable water comes from a private well. The law was enacted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on May 21, 2007, and is effective on November 19, 2007.

On execution of a contract of sale, the seller is required to have a water test conducted. If the water fails any part of the test, the seller may correct the condition or cancel the contract; or the purchaser may agree in writing to correct the condition within sixty days of closing or as soon as practicable.

A lessor is required to test the water supply within twelve months after the effective date of the new law or, if the property is leased after the effective date, within twelve months from the date on which the property becomes subject to a lease, and at least every five years thereafter. If the water fails any part of the test, the owner of the property is required to provide potable water until the condition is corrected.

Regulations are to be issued by the County Department of Health at least ninety days prior to the effective date. More information may be accessed at westchestergov.com/health.

Recycling

WHAT: Let's do our part by making sure we recycle all of the appropriate materials correctly. Please help to keep our planet green, our air pure and our ozone layer from being depleted.

WHY: Many man-made products are not readily biodegradable and take up space in landfills. Recycling is an alternative to this. It extends the useful life of a material. It also prevents pollution associated with industrial production and reduces the number of trees cut down.

WHEN: Put out your items for recycling on the same day as garbage pick-up. Recycling materials must be available for collection at 7:00 a.m.

HOW: Newspapers, magazines, phone books, and junk mail may be commingled and tied with cord in bundles not higher than 10 inches or placed in brown paper bags. Corrugated cardboard must be broken down, cut, separated, and bundled not higher than 10 inches and not wider than 36 inches in either direction. Glass bottles (all colors), all aluminum, tin and metal cans, foil and pie plates, plastic bags and plastic containers (numbers 1-7) should be rinsed. They may be commingled in clear or blue-tinted recycling bags, which are available at most local supermarkets and hardware stores.



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Westchester County Household Chemical Clean-Up and Shredmobile Days

Along with disposing of household chemicals and other household items such as TVs, computer monitors, and car tires, you will now be able to safely destroy personal papers and documents at the following locations and specified times:

County Recycling Center Yonkers

- Saturday, September 15 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 13 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anthony Veteran Park Ardsey

- Friday, October 5 — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 6 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Playland Park Rye

- Friday, November 2 — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Croton Point Park Croton-On-Hudson

- Friday, November 9 — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, November 10 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information:

- Call the Household Chemical Info Line at 813-5425
- Visit www.westchestergov.com/envfacil

Miller House Re-Opens



Come visit the Elijah Miller House, our historic treasure on Virginia Road in North White Plains. During the American Revolution, General George Washington spent a day and a night in the house, according to one of Elijah Miller's daughters. It was here that the General and his top military people made plans for the Battle of White Plains.

The Elijah Miller House is open every third Sunday of the month through October. Upcoming dates are September 16 and October 21, when the house will be open from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. A group of volunteers will give tours and provide some colonial activities for children.

On Sunday, October 28, there will be a Colonial Open House celebrating the 90th anniversary of the purchase of the house by Westchester County Parks. Various demonstrations are planned as well as samples of special colonial treats.



Egg hunt at Clove Road Park.

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Armonk Outdoor Art Show

The Best in Fine Art and Crafts

The 46th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show is ranked 1st of the Top Fine Art and Craft Shows in New York State by *The Harris List* and is ranked in the top 1% of all outdoor art shows in the U.S. The show features 190 juried artists from 35 states, France and Canada. Selected from over 500 artists who applied for inclusion in the show, participants are chosen by a jury of 14 experts in the art world.

This year's show includes 40 new exhibitors and showcases artwork representing seven categories: watercolors, oils/acrylics, photography, sculpture, mixed media, graphics/drawing/pastels, and fine crafts including jewelry, leather, raku and more. There are also children's activities and a food court. The show draws thousands of visitors from the tri-state area.



First held in 1961 with 12 artists, the show was created to support the growth of the North Castle Town Library. Today, the Friends of the Library, its major group of supporters, continues to sponsor the event, donating all proceeds to the Library.

This year's show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, rain or shine, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Park, Business Park Drive, in Armonk. Admission is \$7 and parking is free. Please note that no dogs are allowed.

For more information: www.armonkoutdoorartshow.org



Bright Moment, an interactive sculpture by Dan Bergman, in front of Town Hall. Thank you to Katie and Ted Stratis, who have generously loaned and installed a rotation of contemporary sculpture.

Suburban Carting Sanitation Schedule

Please note the collection schedule over the upcoming holidays:

Columbus Day, Monday, October 8

- No pick-up on October 8.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, October 9.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22

- No pick-up on November 22.
- Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 21.

For further information, contact Suburban Carting at 698-4300.