

Larchmont Village has been my home since June 1966 – almost 44 years. My husband, Gerry and I raised our family here in Larchmont and our children attended local public schools. I have worked as a volunteer in my community during all these years. Twice I sought elective office – once as a member of the Mamaroneck Board of Education and as a Larchmont Village Trustee. I served two terms on the Board of Education, 4 years as its President from 1980-84 and have been a Larchmont Village Trustee since 2002.

During the early 1990's, as chief fund raiser for Save Davids Island for the Citizens, I was instrumental in preventing major development in the middle of Long Island Sound, for which I received the 1991 environmental award by Federated Conservationists of Westchester County. I worked with WRAIN to prevent IKEA's New Rochelle project. In 2000, as a member of the 2020 committee, I worked with a bi-partisan group of volunteers who went out into the community to find common ground on issues facing Larchmont and taking a peek into the future. The new Environmental Trail at Flint Park is a direct result of the work of 2020.

I have worked with all corners of our extended community and have always been a consensus builder, trying to bring people of differing views together to find the best solution to the issue at hand. This was especially apparent during my tenure as School Board President when contentious issues and factions pulled the community in many directions. These same skills have served me well on the Village Board, and I have

worked hard on behalf of the citizens of the Village and reached out to members of the Larchmont Village Staff who do an outstanding job in keeping this Village running on a daily basis.

For the past four years, I have worked hard especially on behalf of the environment here in Larchmont. In December 2006, I was appointed to the Westchester Climate Action Task Force. In our Village, an outstanding group of people have come together to help Larchmont reduce its carbon footprint. We held the first sustainability forum, attended by 100 community leaders and are planning our second annual event, A sustainability expo to be held during Earth Week. As members of ICLEI, we measured the Village's carbon footprint. Among other things, we enacted an anti-idling law in the Village; we dramatically increased recycling in the community and the Village has reduced its dependence on pesticides, except where absolutely necessary. I think we've made great strides in raising people's awareness of environmental issues and we still have a lot of work to do.

In addition, the yearly Fine Arts Show now a staple of life in Larchmont, was a creation of mine with the help of a terrific group of people who took the idea and made it a reality.

I have always looked upon community service as my graduate education. I feel I have received as much as I've given during my many years of service in this community that I love. I look forward to the next two years and the many challenges facing the

Village. I look forward to working with Josh Mandell and Jaine Eney and our two other trustees, Anne McAndrews and Richard Ward. Larchmont is a community beloved by its residents and it is incumbent upon us to maintain the character of this wonderful place, especially in these difficult economic times.