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Subject: From Susan Levine...about Scarsdale Leaf Pickup Season
Date: November 13, 2019 at 8:27:18 AM EST
To: mayor@scarsdale.com

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I always appreciate your thoughtful responses to my concerns...

I do think that nothing will change regarding Leaf Collection unless and until the Village somehow changes its policy up monthly leaf pickup...

There is still general resistance to Leaf Mulching as well as a serious lack of awareness of how great it can be... for most residents...

I do blame the Gardeners who work in the Village.. for encouraging the status quo...and leaf pickup...

They could do much more to advance the Mulching option by Offering it to their customers...

BUT they do not...I see that as a major hurdle in our Leaf Mulching situation...

Thanks again...

Susan Levine

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From: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>
To: Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Nov 12, 2019 11:13 am
Subject: Re: From Susan Levine...about Scarsdale Leaf Pickup Season

Hi Susan,

Thank you for your letter. I am very happy that mulch mowing is working well for you. The Village continues to encourage mulch mowing and we are seeing a reduction in leaf collections over the past few years.

As you may recall, the Village entertained various methods of encouraging mulch mowing, including stopping Village leaf pick-up, a few years ago. There was a determination made that the Village should continue leaf pick-up and enhance community messaging about the benefits of mulching in place.

We will review this season's leaf pick-up tonnage and determine the status of leaf collection in the Village. In the meantime, we will continue to review other means of communicating the benefits of mulch mowing to the community.

Best regards,

Marc

On Nov 9, 2019, at 9:25 AM, Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com<mailto:bal1998@aol.com>> wrote:

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Hello Mayor Samwick and Trustees..

As I drive around town..it appears to me that there are more leaves at or near the curbs this season than ever before...

I am sure that is Not the case..that it just seems that way...since the leaves are picked up by the Village only Once a Month...

That is done I guess partly to discourage leaf pickup and encourage leaf mulching..but it is Not having that affect...

Only my gardener ..on my street...Mulches the leaves of 4 of us...the other 14 homeowners' gardeners leaving their leaves mostly in the street...some on their grassy areas...

All the efforts to encourage Mulching leaves are not working...Streets in East Heathcote are filled with piles of leaves everywhere...

Homeowners are Not asking their gardeners to Mulch their Leaves...

I did write a letter to the Scardale Inquirer last year about what a miracle mulching is..and how it works so well..if people would give it a try...with both leaves and grass...

I think I had No affect on anyone...not even my neighbors..

Most people in town still do NOT know how good Mulching is...and how well it works..

I have more BIG trees and leaves than anyone on my block...and NO leaves are piled up at my curb....

My guess is this...

We will need to do what New Rochelle did...Have NO MORE LEAF PICKUP by the Village...Gardeners will have to Mulch Leaves or Remove them...

They did it in New Rochelle and it works very well there...

Gardeners who leave piles of leaves in Scarsdale take them away for their New Rochelle. customers...Either by special Trucks or by Mulching with mowers.

As I said...my small .15 property has huge Maple trees..my trees...more than almost anyone on my street..

so I have More Leaves than anyone...yet my lawn is clear...no leaves are at my curb.. and the leaves have been turned into fine mulch on my lawn...a miracle...

I do not have to remind you of the hazards of leaves in the roadways...

but until Scarsdale get Serious about the issue..Nothing will change...

Once a month leaf pickup is not enough to remedy the situation...
but it also does Not provide an incentive for people to find another way
to deal with the leaves....

Maybe we need to think of another incentive...or maybe we need to end leaf pickup
and require gardeners to do the right thing...and mulch leaves or remove them...

My gardener does Not charge me any more to mulch my leaves...He mows them with his mulching
mower and therefore does not have to blow leaves into piles...and place
them at the curb...Saves him time...

Thanks for listening...

Susan Levine
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