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Subject: Please reconsider opening the high school track to take people off the streets - literally

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Dear Mayor Samwick and Village Manager Pappalardo,

I am a senior citizen (81) and have resided in Scarsdale for the past 49 years. I am writing to ask that you reconsider the counterproductive, and I think short-sighted, policy of closing the high school track to citizens of Scarsdale for exercise during this period of home confinement.

I well understand the ostensible reason for the closure of the track but you should understand that in lieu of the track I, and others, now walk on the streets where we not only face constant traffic hazards but pass in much closer proximity to others than we would on track. Thus, the policy is not only counterproductive but is thoughtless at a time when we are all basically homebound.

I propose that you open the track (selfishly, I would not complain if it were limited to senior citizens but I'm not suggesting that) and address the problem of contagion by providing for a substantial fine for those who do not maintain a distance of at least six feet from their friends or companions. This could be enforced by periodic monitoring by police and, after the first fine is imposed, there would be no problem of contagion in the open air of the track. The alternative, having people like me walking in the streets, is both foolish and unsatisfactory.

Thank you for your consideration.

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