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**Fwd: Crossway Lights**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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From: **Melissa Pecullan** <[melissa.pecullan@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.pecullan@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 9:53 AM  
Subject: Crossway Lights  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>

Dear Mayor Vernon and Village Trustees,

My name is Melissa Pecullan. I live at 46 Crossway, on the corner of Crossway and Lincoln, very close to Crossway Field. I strongly object to the lights proposal at Crossway Field #1.

For 8 years, I served on the Board of the Scarsdale Youth Soccer Club. Several times during my tenure, the club and other community members made proposals to replace a handful of Scarsdale's grass athletic fields with turf. These proposals were always rejected on the basis of Scarsdale's commitment to its "Village in the park" aesthetic. Furthermore, I was one of many community members who objected to the revision of the Village tree code, which did nothing to curb developers and served only to further tighten restrictions on individual homeowners who occasionally need to remove a single tree. Again, the rationale for the arbitrary curtailment of homeowner rights was this commitment to being a "Village in the park."

Now, with this Crossway lights proposal, it seems the trustees have forsaken their commitment to an aesthetic that was previously held as uncompromisable. How does an obtrusively, brightly lit field (in very close proximity to many homes) fit within the "Village in the park" aesthetic that has been held up repeatedly as a rationale to strike down other (far more modest) proposals to increase the utility of our athletic fields? Why the selective enforcement of this aesthetic ideal? At best it is puzzling, and at worst it is unethical.

Please reject this proposal from the Scarsdale Little League.

Thank you,

Melissa Pecullan



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## Fwd: Crossway Park Lights

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
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Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 10:04 PM

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From: **Mario Barraza** <mariobbaraza@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 12:08 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Crossway Park Lights  
To: Gerald Antell <geraldantell@gmail.com>

Mario

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mario Barraza <mariobbaraza@gmail.com>  
**Date:** November 21, 2022 at 1:07:01 PM AST  
**To:** mayor@scarsdale.com  
**Cc:** Maria Jordan <mbjordan19@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Crossway Park Lights

Dear Jane,

I have not met you in person but I want to thank you for serving The Village of Scarsdale.

I am writing you to express my family's opposition to the proposed lights at Crossway Park. I live directly across the street from the Park, between Mamaroneck Road and Lincoln Road, and will be directly impacted by the lights. I understand the appeal for kids and adults to play games at night. When I played Little League, there were only three opportunities to play at night during my three years and the only way was to be on the all star team. That baseball field was in Medford, MA but not in a residential neighborhood. This situation is different.

Mamaroneck Road is one of the busiest streets in Scarsdale with Crossway Park surrounded by a residential neighborhood. The lights will bring more traffic, present a larger safety issue for Heathcote and Quaker Ridge Residents in the immediate vicinity of the Park, and attract residents from other towns for both pick up and organized games. The short street from Mamaroneck to Lincoln is already treated like a speed zone for many cars. How will this be addressed and controlled by The Village? As a parent with two young kids, this is a concern for my wife and I. Lights at the Park not only increases the time period for a foul ball to hit a car on Mamaroneck Road, but increases traffic while inviting non Scarsdale residents to use the Park for pick up games. How can The Village ensure my family's and the Neighborhood's safety? It only takes one individual to make things interesting.

Thank you again for your service to The Village. I strongly request the Lights not be installed.

Regards,

Mario Barraza

**JOAN KATZ**  
**282 MAMARONECK ROAD**  
**SCARSDALE, N.Y. 10583**  
**joankatz27@gmail.com**

November 20, 2022

Mayor Jane Veron  
Board of Trustees  
Village of Scarsdale  
Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583

mayor@scarsdale.com  
villageboard@scarsdale.com  
no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Veron and Village Trustees,

My name is Joan Katz. I have lived at 282 Mamaroneck Road for over 42 years, directly across the street from the Crossway Fields.

I strongly oppose the Crossway lighting project that is being considered by the Village Board.

The Crossway fields are filled with sports activity on weekday afternoons and all day on weekends.

It is well known that there are many un-used, empty baseball fields all over the Village of Scarsdale.

There is obviously NO NEED for a lighted baseball field in the Village.

It is inequitable and unfair to propose even more sports activity in an already over-burdened neighborhood.

I ask that the Village Trustees and Mayor reject the Crossway lights proposal immediately.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,



Joan R. Katz  
JOAN KATZ

November 16, 2022

Dear Mayor and Village Board Members -

I am writing to ask you, yet again, to vote no on the Crossway Light Proposal. My letter dated April 28, 2022 is below and the reasons for NOT having lights in Crossway Field remain the same.

- Baseball playing on the Crossway fields are dangerous and I'm not talking about it being dangerous to kids who may cross the road to get an errant ball but to drivers getting hit by an errant ball. I've detailed one baseball encounter below and have since had similar issues with balls flying it out onto the road during the day. Imagine how much worse it would be during the evening or dusk.
- People are irresponsible and are constantly parking on whatever piece of grass they can find off of Crossway Rd or Mamaroneck. It's a danger to the flow of traffic, especially when parents let their kids out in the middle of the road.
- The Little League have yet to prove their point that there are field needs or really explain why they have to spend their surplus money on this folly. There so many more ways to spend that money.
- Name one other town in Westchester that has evening baseball lights located in the middle of a residential area. Frankly, if I were a buyer and saw the poles, I wouldn't think it's charming and fun but how ugly and unsightly it is. Stop destroying our towns beauty.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chyi Sun

95 Penn Road



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**Fw: Little League Lights**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gantell@karpfamily.com>  
To: "no.crossway.lights@gmail.com" <no.crossway.lights@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 4:29 PM

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**From:** Marty Grossman <[mgrossman@cardali.com](mailto:mgrossman@cardali.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 3:02 PM  
**To:** [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com); [villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)  
**Subject:** Little League Lights**To the mayor and village board-**

1. There's no future Willie Mays coming out of this village.
2. 80 foot poles for a little league field so close to the road is an obnoxious and overbearing addition to the neighborhood.
3. My kids played all sports in Scarsdale and never needed lights set up for night games.

**The Grossmans are against this 100%.**  
[7 Coralyn Road](#)  
[Scarsdale](#)

**JOHN LOFASO  
49 HARVEST DRIVE  
SCARSDALE, NY 10583  
email: lofaso33@gmail.com**

May 17, 2022

Mayor Jane Veron  
Board of Trustees  
Planning Board  
Greg Cutler—Village Planner

Dear Mayor Veron and Others,

My understanding is SLL received a \$250K unrestricted pledge from an anonymous donor and has decided, upon approval of the Lights proposal to the Town, to launch a campaign to raise an additional \$200K and donate lights to a baseball field in Scarsdale.

SLL has performed their own analysis and selected Crossway #1 as the field that they believe would be disruptive to the fewest number of neighbors using their own metrics (number of houses within a certain distance of home plate). Then they got the blessing from the Parks' superintendent. They initially stated the lights "would be nice to have" and would enhance the experience of the players, but now they are saying it is to meet an increased demand for fields. Why is the Town allowing SLL to select the location of these lights and why are they relying on their analyses and what steps is the Town taking to increase field usage?

Rather than use these funds to meet the needs of SLL, they have decided to propose lighting which will also accommodate games for older kids (which are not part of the SLL program). This would almost double the space needed to light the field and will significantly increase light intensity, light pollution and glare. Six poles would be needed instead of four and the heights of the poles would be 80 feet high instead of 60 feet. They have also offered to broker arrangements with clubs and other leagues using the field at night. SLL effectively would control the field usage at night.

Unlike Butler there are NO USAGE LIMITATIONS in this proposal. Local QR residents need to understand this. All we have is a "current ESTIMATE" of 76 nights per year by SLL and NO interest from any other group. SLL is trying to appease the QR neighbors by implying the lights will hardly be used but have also said "if you build it they will come". Once the lights go up there will certainly be a huge uptick in interest, especially from outside clubs seeking field space and most of this demand will likely come from the older players that play on regulation size fields. I played at the high school and club levels and I can tell you these games are played at a much faster pace. The pitching is faster, the balls are hit much further and there are a lot more foul balls. I recently read that 17% of all pitches result in foul balls!. Watch a game on TV and count how many foul balls are hit and how far they go. The backstop in place does not provide adequate protection. Despite this Scarsdale will be motivated to rent out this field year-round given it will generate much needed revenues. Once these lights go up we also lose leverage to negotiate usage caps.

If SLL claims their current field shortage can be met by merely adding 76 nights a year, spending \$450K to add lights to one baseball field is clearly a waste of money. Most of the fields are in poor shape, drainage is a problem, and most of the backstops are inadequate. Crossway #1 and #2 backstops are inadequate to stop many foul balls that can easily find their way onto the sidewalk or the street and the problem will become more apparent as the older kids start using the fields more often. To meet the 76 game field shortage issue all the Town needs to do is fix up and use an existing field or add a new

little league field. For example Colonial Acres Park could easily be cleaned up and made available for the younger SLL kids. You can easily get 10-15 games a week and that one field alone can host 40-60 games in one month! I have yet to see one game played on that field.

The Town also needs to look at the "big picture" for all its fields. A post-Covid blip in demand for outdoor activities/participation rates is not a surprise, but the Town has to project demand trends for recreational activities on a long term basis and balance its limited supply of open space while preserving the Town as a quiet neighborhood to live. Scarsdale is at a disadvantage to other Towns (Eastchester, Ardsley) as there just aren't as many options with its limited free space and lack of industrial areas. Given these limitations the Town must utilize its field space wisely and be flexible to try to accomodate all recreational activities, but also be realistic they won't be able to meet all the recreational demands from its residents.

Little League baseball participation has been on a steady decline since the 1990's, while soccer and lacrosse continue to grow, I find it amazing that 63% of all Scarsdale boys age 6-12 are registered to play in the spring and another 42% will play in the fall. These statistics are off the charts especially considering there are so many other sports and many kids start to specialize in one or two sports by the time they turn 10. The national average participation rate for Little League was only 14.4% in 2019 and 12.2% in 2020 (Covid could explain this drop). I would love to see SLL's participation rates by age group. I suspect participation rates are higher amongst the younger kids, but drop off considerably with the older kids - the ones that are using the Crossway fields.

Sincerely,

John Lofaso  
49 Harvest Drive  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
email: [jlofaso33@gmail.com](mailto:jlofaso33@gmail.com)



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Lighted Baseball Field Crossway**

2 messages

**Jonathan Lerner** <immagic@msn.com>  
To: "gerald.antell@gmail.com" <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 4:21 PM

Copy for you. Original email I put a dot in your email address. Jon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jonathan Lerner <immagic@msn.com>  
**Date:** November 15, 2022 at 4:18:00 PM EST  
**To:** mayor@scarsdale.com  
**Cc:** villageboard@scarsdale.com  
**Subject:** Lighted Baseball Field Crossway

November 15th, 2022

**Honorable Mayor Jane E. Veron**  
Email: [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)

Dear Mayor Veron and Trustees,

As a resident of West Quaker Ridge for 35 plus years I do wish to voice my concerns regarding the idea of lighting the baseball field.

Simply put, it's a bad idea which will only lead to multiple issues which many residents have brought to your attention over the past few months.

I know that 90% of the local neighbors agree that its just a bad idea and I only hope that the idea is tabled,  
especially that the neighborhood will be facing additional concerns down the road regarding the Village Pool.

Please note my viewpoint and my only hope is that my voice and the voice of the neighborhood is heard.

Thank you so much for the tireless job you all do.

Best,

Jonathan

Jonathan Lerner  
<74 Stratton Road>  
Scarsdale, NY

**Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>****Crossway lighting**

1 message

**Gwendolyn Horn <gwenhorncpa@gmail.com>**  
To: gerald.antell@gmail.com

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 4:59 AM

I object to installation of lighting! When I moved here 26 years ago I fell in love with Crossway field and the view of the stables across the road. Installation of lighting will permanently ruin the peace of our neighborhood. A stain on our bucolic views. Reject this proposal!!!!!!

Gwen Horn  
12 Stratton Rd

Sent from my iPhone



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Crossway Lights - OPPOSITION

2 messages

**Curt Rosenthal** <curtrosenthal@gmail.com>  
To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>, villageboard@scarsdale.com  
Cc: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 8:14 AM

Greetings Mayor Veron & Planning Board Members,

I'm writing as a concerned resident about the Crossway Lights proposal. I'm the father of two boys who are in middle and high school (SMS & SHS), and we've lived near Crossway for 10+ years, currently on Rural Drive. For most of that time we've also been involved in Scarsdale sports, including soccer, little league baseball and travel baseball.

Never in my entire experience at Crossway, or on any other fields in town for that matter, have I seen what is even close to a need for more field space, let alone floodlights. And that's not only for baseball, that would be for ANY sport whatsoever. In fact, the opposite is true: we truly have an overabundance of field space available across town for sports in Scarsdale, managed by the school district and Scarsdale Recreation Department, who have acknowledged to the public that the majority of fields sit empty most days.

The facts are that more often than not, the fields left empty across town, including Crossway, are often occupied instead by adults from other communities, playing pick-up sports on our fields. Not residents. And that trend will only continue, and multiply significantly, if we add lights to Crossway, creating a scene where people from across Westchester and beyond will show up to play sports on our community fields.

Just because there is a group of people who like the idea of floodlights, does not mean the idea is a good one. We've all seen the actual field usage numbers for the youth programs in town (which are produced by the Rec Dept and School District). Those numbers don't lie, in fact they make it obvious that the outcome of such a drastic, unnecessary project, with no true or needed benefit to any sports activities, would do nothing more than diminish the neighboring residents quality of life.

You've received significant opposition by now to this proposal, what more needs to happen? This process should not require residents to continually fight and spend time writing emails and showing up to meetings, instead it should require elected officials to use their best judgement based on the facts. And while we can ask that you please consider our input when you make your decision, truthfully, a process which asks residents to cause a big stink and continue to fight in opposition to something as meaningless and unnecessary as lighting baseball fields is not good for the community, especially when there is no proven need for it other than "having fun".

We all can see there is so much natural beauty around us in Scarsdale, and it has been preserved that way for much longer than any of us have been living in the community, it's why most of us choose to live here and is a big part of what makes our community so attractive; therefore, it is all of our duty and obligation to continue to preserve our environment for everyone, now and in the future. It's your responsibility to decide what's right for those who will be most adversely impacted by such a needless and truly gratuitous project, which has no merit and, if anything, will cause unnecessary unrest and strife.

Those who are in favor of lighting the fields have unfortunately shown little concern for their fellow community members and neighbors, who live nearby, as their only commitment to baseball is to spend a year or two, maybe more, playing little league, with a game or two, maybe more, under lights, to get excited about each season, and then they're gone... while the rest of us need to live with a serious blight to the neighborhood and much worse;

LIGHTS-----UNTIL 11:00 PM  
80 FOOT POLES-----365 DAYS A YEAR  
MORE NOISE  
MORE TRAFFIC  
MORE TRASH  
MORE POLICE ACTIVITY  
MORE PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE OF TOWN ON OUR FIELDS

I'd like to thank you for your hard work and dedication in making Scarsdale a community we all love and cherish.

Regards,

Curt



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Crossway Lights

1 message

**Andrew Duell** <duell@mhcCapital.com>

To: villageboard@scarsdale.com

Cc: Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.Antell@gmail.com&gt;

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 3:13 PM

My family left the noise and commotion of the City for the peace and quiet of Scarsdale. The overused Crossway fields are already a disturbance. Without lights, the noise and commotion occur mainly while I am away at work in order to pay property taxes that are among the highest in the country. The installation of lights that would permit extension of the noise, traffic and congestion into the evening would be unreasonable and unfair.

Andrew Duell  
21 Rural Drive



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**Re: Lights****Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 3:46 PM

From: <[smsmath@optonline.net](mailto:smsmath@optonline.net)>  
Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 2:06 PM  
Subject: Lights  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
Cc: <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>

Please do not ruin our neighborhood with these invasive lights. They are absolutely going to be any eyesore and dangerous for everyone involved {kids running into the street to recover errant balls, cars passing by, etc.}. I live right next to the fields and monitored from June to September the field use. I can't begin to tell you how many weekends they were not being used at all. Where is the shortage? If lights go in, you will be getting one extra game in per day. All the days they weren't being used could have provided six games per day. What is the real need except for some Little League supporters thinking it might be nice because they couldn't play at night when they were kids. Well please not at our expense.

Dominic Castiello

[55 Harvest Drive](#)  
[Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583](#)



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## Fwd: Letter against lights at Crossway Field

1 message

Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:07 PM

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From: Michelle Castiello <frasier677@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM  
Subject: Letter against lights at Crossway Field  
To: geraldantell@gmail.com <geraldantell@gmail.com>

November 17, 2022

To Mayor Veron and The Village Board of Trustees:

I am writing to inform you of my objection to lights at Crossway Field 1. Why do we need permanent 80 foot lights at Crossway Field? After months of discussion, there is still no answer. I live directly across the street from Winston Field and Crossway Field. Throughout the entire little league season there were numerous times when the fields were empty. So, there isn't a shortage of fields or times. Then why are we determined to ruin a beautiful neighborhood for no reason.

Parents have said that they are tired of having to travel to other towns to play. The definition of a travel team is that it travels. That is not going to stop. Also, their kids have the opportunity to experience night games when they play in other towns. So no one is being deprived. Also, all of these other towns have their lit fields in industrial areas not in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

The little league says the lights will only be used for 80 games. However, the lights do not come down after each game or at the end of the season. They will be a permanent eyesore 365 days a year.

This proposal has been discussed for almost a year and still there has not been one traffic study or environmental study to determine the impact lights will have on the area.

Not one person in favor of the lights has said this is such a great idea. Let's put the lights near my house. A classic case of not in my backyard. Well I'm saying not in my backyard or anyone's backyard because this is unnecessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dr. Michelle Castiello  
280 Mamaroneck Road



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Crossway Lights Proposal

1 message

**franharris250@yahoo.com** <franharris250@yahoo.com>  
To: "Gerald.antell@gmail.com" <Gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 2:52 PM

We have been residents of Scarsdale for over 60 years. We are opposed to the use of lights at Crossway field. We live 1 house away from the field and have found extra traffic, noise and trash coming from the field. We certainly don't need lights to make this issue worse or to impact our quality of life. There are plenty of fields in Scarsdale that can be used for twilight games that would not disrupt the area and do not require lights. We see no reason to light Crossway field and think the proposal is unreasonable.

Sincerely,  
Frances Harris  
[49 Crossway](#)  
[Scarsdale, NY 10583](#)



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

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**No cross way lights....**

1 message

**peter alkalay** <alkalaypeter@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 12:23 PM

To: Florence Alkalay &lt;falkalay@gmail.com&gt;, Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;, mayor@scarsdale.com, villageboard@scarsdale.com

Dear Mayor and Village Board:

We live at [68 Stratton Road](#).

My wife and I remain as vehemently opposed to the crossway lights proposal as we were when the subject was first introduced. Our opposition is predicated on the thorough analysis our neighborhood leaders have performed and have presented to town officials every time the subject comes up. Nothing has changed.

The crossway lights have a demonstrable negative environmental impact which cannot be remedied just because it keeps coming up at various committee and board meetings. We think the baseball needs of the community are being more than adequately fulfilled and there is simply no need to materially disrupt our neighborhood for no compelling reason. I don't mean to be melodramatic but this proposal is akin to long Covid—it keeps reoccurring and consistently needs to be beaten down.

Respectfully,

Peter and Florence Alkalay



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Crossway Lights

1 message

**Jonathan Kalmanoff** <jonkalmanoff@optonline.net>  
To: mayor@scarsdale.com, villageboard@scarsdale.com  
Cc: gerald.antell@gmail.com

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 11:43 AM

Hi,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the proposed Crossway Lights.

The impact to the area would include unsightly 80 foot poles, as well as bright lights, noise, crowds, and traffic until 11pm. This is absolutely unacceptable for a residential area of Scarsdale. It would permanently reduce both property value and quality of life for the residents, just so that some people can play sports until 11pm. That is not right. The negatives for the people living in the vicinity of the lights cannot be justified. Crossway already hosts more sports activity than anywhere else in the Village, and these lights are an unnecessary luxury item.

I am looking forward to attending the November 22nd board meeting.

Regards,

Jonathan Kalmanoff  
38 Crossway  
Scarsdale, NY 10583



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Lights for Little League at Crossway

1 message

MYRA SAUL <myrals@aol.com>  
To: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 5:59 PM

The following letter is written in my personal capacity.

To the Mayor and Village Trustees:

I live at 5 Lincoln Road. I don't believe that any installation of lights at Crossway will affect me personally. On the other hand, as a concerned citizen, I feel that all Scarsdale residents should speak out when any proposal would do harm to the community at large.

This proposal strikes me as very strange.

To my knowledge, the only sports lighting in the Village is at the HS. This makes sense because there is a long tradition of non-sports events at the high school—plays, community events, open mic nights and so on. Add to this that many residents use the track for exercise and can play tennis at night. In other words, it is a complex used by many segments of our community.

But where is this rationale at Crossway? There have never been sports lights at Crossway and there doesn't seem to be any reason to start now. The pool closes at dusk. The tennis courts too. The playground too. All the fields close at dusk. In fact, the neighboring Winston field is used as a sitting perch for the July 4th fireworks precisely because it is dark.

The Little League built their facility with the expectation that only day games would be available—that it would not be able to play ball after dusk. And there doesn't seem to be a good reason to change this policy. The residents of the area appear to have ample evidence that there are multiple fields available to play Little League games in the Village without the introduction of lights at Crossway.

To an outsider, it seems that the Little League just wants to play at this one facility. And I don't blame them. It is a beautiful field with ample parking, convenient to the Hutch. But it doesn't seem fair to saddle the neighborhood with this intrusive use of the Crossway field just because the League—the only segment of the community that would benefit from the installation of lights—would like to play night games at their desired spot.

Myra Saul  
Lincoln Road



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**Fwd: Crossways Field Lighting**

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Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 11:12 PM

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From: **Jeffrey Nightingale** <ondine5@att.net>  
Date: Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM  
Subject: Crossways Field Lighting  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>

I have lived in the same house for 40 years. I feel that lighting Crossway Field will have a dramatic negative effect on my quality of life by changing the quiet, rural like atmosphere that I enjoy. There are other alternatives.

Jeffrey Nightingale  
29 Harvest Drive

Sent from my iPhone



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

**Fwd: Continued opposition to proposed lights at Crossway Field**

1 message

**Erica German** <ericagerman@gmail.com>  
To: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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From: **Erica German** <ericagerman@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 10:14 AM  
Subject: Continued opposition to proposed lights at Crossway Field  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>

Dear Board and Mayor,

I have contacted you in the past about this issue, and I am writing to voice my ongoing strong opposition to the proposed lights at Crossway Field.

We live at 24 Harvest Drive. In addition to ambient light that disturbs immediate neighbors, lighting the fields at night will create more traffic and noise, and create an undue imposition to those living near the facility.

I remain incredibly concerned about the safety implications of having such bright lights next to Mamaroneck Rd. Drivers may be distracted, and baseballs may fly into the road at night. In addition, kids often chase balls that go into the road, which is dangerous in the light, let alone in the dark. And that field has always been dangerous for spectators, with few places to safely sit and avoid being hit by a ball in play. Avoiding stray balls will be even tougher at night!

I worry also that night games will lead to more trash at night which the town cannot pick up until morning -- this may attract wildlife, including rodents and even bears.

Lastly, the proposed poles (80 ft) are incredibly high and visible from so many area houses. From the second story of my house, which is located at the corner of Heathcote and Franklin, I can currently see the traffic light near the soccer fields across Mamaroneck Rd from the pool. While this is not a problem at all, it is clear that the much brighter, and taller, proposed lights will indeed be visible from houses in our area as well as the areas more immediately adjacent to the fields.

We are also able to hear the noise from daytime games, again, not an issue at all -- it's fun and festive to hear -- but going later in the evening and night would prove to be intrusive.

Thanks for your consideration of these issues,  
Erica German, MD



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Crossway lighting proposal

1 message

**Bakhtiar Ishtiaq** <b.ishtiaq@gmail.com>  
To: mayor@scarsdale.com  
Cc: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 19, 2022 at 12:35 AM

Mayor , village of Scarsdale

We are residents of [63 Stratton Road](#) and state our categorical objection to the proposed lighting plan for Crossway field. This plan is wrong on a number of levels as stated below.

1. There is already a surplus of baseball fields in Scarsdale and the so-called shortage is fabricated by vested interest groups.
2. The proposal contravenes some of the zoning and safety standards set by the national little league itself.
3. The said proposal will irreversibly impact the quality of life in the Crossway/Quakerbridge neighborhood with more noise pollution, increased traffic, generation of more trash and more and unnecessary law-enforcement activity.
4. The proposed changes will negatively impact our property values.

We the undersigned resolve to carry on the opposition to this proposal at all available forums and exercise all legal means in doing so.

Sincerely

Bakhtiar Ishtiaq, MD  
Saira Haider, MD

Sent from my iPhone



No Crossway-Lights &lt;no.crossway.lights@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Lights at Crossways field**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 8:17 PM

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From: [foureyeswinner1@aol.com](mailto:foureyeswinner1@aol.com) <foureyeswinner1@aol.com>  
Date: Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 7:49 PM  
Subject: Lights at Crossways field  
To: <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>, Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>

Dear Village Board,  
As long as I was on the WQRNA the Crossways lights were out of the question.  
The noise, the litter, and the increased traffic were major reasons to keep its use to day games.  
There is an additional cost in needing additional police. Please reconsider leaving Crossways for daytime use only.  
Ellen Wynn

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS



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## Fwd: Crossways lights

1 message

Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:23 AM

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From: **Oscar Lebwohl** <olebwohl@aol.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 10:38 AM  
Subject: Crossways lights  
To: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
Cc: <mayor@scarsdale.com>

Dear Sirs:

We live in [8 Rural Drive](#) and have lived in Scarsdale for more than 40 years. We strongly urge you to turn down the request for Crossway Field lights and night games at Crossway field. This would have a negative impact on the quality of life in our quiet residential neighbourhood with increased noise and traffic.

Oscar and Vida Lebwohl  
[8 Rural Drive, Scarsdale](#)

Sent from my iPhone



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**Fwd: Crossway Lights**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:22 AM

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From: **Lisa Lerner** <lislerner@msn.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 10:39 AM

Subject: Crossway Lights

To: [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com) <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, [villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com) <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>, Gerald Antell <[gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com)>

To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident of Quaker Ridge, Scarsdale since 1990. We live at [74 Stratton Road](#) (off of Mamaroneck Rd). It seems that our area in QR is always getting hit with some sort of obstacle. I don't need to mention them as I am sure you are well aware of them over the years.. The latest issue we are now facing is the poles and the blaring lights that will be on the baseball fields.. This just encourages more people from our area and surrounding areas to be spectators and "hang out". There is absolutely no reason that lights should be on, especially until 11pm. This will be another place for kids to get together and become more mischievous. Also, the cars go very quickly around that bend near Crossway. If a ball should go out of bounds onto Mamaroneck Rd this is only an accident waiting to happen as a player or spectator darts onto the street to retrieve the ball and the driver doesn't expect it and someone gets hurt. In this day and age crime is also very prevalent. My mother always used to say to me, "Nothing good happens once it turns dark!". It is obviously much harder to see and why encourage more people to be out and about.

I hope you have taken this proposal very seriously and see how you would feel if this was "in your backyard"!

Thank you,  
Lisa Lerner

**Lisa Lerner****Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker****ABR, CBR, E-Pro, GRI, MSA, RSPS, SRES, SRS****Five Corners Properties****300 Heathcote Road****Scarsdale, NY 10583****Cell- 914-806-2220****Fax- 914-723-5554**



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## Fwd: Crossway lights

1 message

Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
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Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:20 AM

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From: Jill Shein <[sheinjill@gmail.com](mailto:sheinjill@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:10 AM  
Subject: Crossway lights  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
Cc: Gerald Antell <[gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>

To the Town of Scarsdale,

We are against the additional lights at Crossway Field. They will make the area feel more commercial than residential and will increase traffic congestion. Please consider doing a project like this in a more remote location instead.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jill and Leon Shein  
[4 Carriage House Ln.](#)  
Mamaroneck Strip  
Sent from my iPhone



No Crossway-Lights &lt;no.crossway.lights@gmail.com&gt;

**Fwd: Crossway lights and the like: Maintaining peacefulness**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:18 AM

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From: **Hillel hammerman** <drhammerman@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:11 AM  
Subject: Crossway lights and the like: Maintaining peacefulness  
To: [gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com) <[gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com)>, [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com) <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, [villageboard@scardsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scardsdale.com) <[villageboard@scardsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scardsdale.com)>

The principle stated here applies to any project anywhere in our village. To maintain the quality of Scarsdale life, and justifying the high cost of homes and taxes paid, both the residents and village should be mindful of any proposed changes that compromise the enjoyment of a peaceful setting for all, or even some, homeowners. The incursion of commercial lighting and extended noisy gatherings of any form, particularly when designed to be permanent, has a clear damaging effect that exceeds the unproven benefit.

Restating this principle, simply don't do unto others what you would not want done to you.

Respectfully,

Hillel & Caren Hammerman

[40 Catherine Road](#)

[Scarsdale, NY 10583](#)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Hi All -

We live at 48 Harvest Drive and are strongly opposed to the proposal to add lights and pickle ball courts to Crossway Fields. This will be extremely disruptive to our neighborhood in so many ways and we do not think there is any real justification for proceeding with these proposals.

Thanks

Ben & Emily Cohn (48 Harvest Drive)

*bencohn@gmail.com*



No Crossway-Lights &lt;no.crossway.lights@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: CROSSWAY LIGHTS**

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 1:08 PM

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From: **Lisa Rodman** <lisa.rodman@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 12:38 PM  
Subject: CROSSWAY LIGHTS  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>

Dear Mayor Vernon and Village Trustees,

There is zero need to light up a baseball field in Scarsdale. I strongly object to the lights proposal at Crossway Field # 1.

This is a completely unnecessary project. It is well known that there are empty, un-used baseball fields all over town.

The Crossway Fields are completely filled with sports during the spring, summer and fall.

On weekends, it's very busy at Crossway, as well as the nearby Scarsdale Pool, so I believe it isn't right to consider adding more sports activity to this neighborhood.

Please reject this proposal.

Lisa Rodman  
[77 Cushman Road](mailto:77_Cushman_Road)

Hi-

I'm writing to express my hope that the proposed crossway lights plan does not happen. I am confident it is a very bad idea that will negatively impact our community and children. We are strongly opposed to increased traffic, noise, and possible trash considerations that the lights may indirectly cause. Hopefully the planning board will take into account our neighborhood's strong feelings. We in fact live right behind Crossway field so are particularly upset by the planning.

Thank you  
Betsy and Dan Polatsch  
52 Harvest Drive

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## Fwd: Crossway Light Proposal

1 message

**Gerald Antell** <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 3:38 PM

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From: <[skaminsky1@aol.com](mailto:skaminsky1@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 2:26 PM  
Subject: Crossway Light Proposal  
To: [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com) <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, [villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com) <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>, [geraldantell@gmail.com](mailto:geraldantell@gmail.com) <[geraldantell@gmail.com](mailto:geraldantell@gmail.com)>

I am writing to object to the lighting proposal at the Crossway Fields. The addition of the proposed lights will negatively impact the quality of life for the families living in our neighborhood. As investigated by the West QR Neighborhood Association, similar lights in other communities are not placed in residential areas. The lights will result in late night noise in this quiet neighborhood and invasion of lights in the homes nearby. Additionally, traffic will be increased. We have personally seen the fields empty, underutilized on many days. Efficiency of the scheduling should be addressed before adding night games.

Sincerely,  
Sari Kaminsky,  
60 Franklin Road

Lights at Crossway is a horrible idea. Have you ever been around Crossway when "games" end and the next crowd shuffles in...on one road access, which also happens to be on a main state road. So now we want to extend that awfulness and inflict it more upon the neighbors there?

One wag said, in pleading for lights for night baseball for....5th graders..."I think children playing baseball is beautiful."

Yeah - it is...on bright sunny Saturday afternoons, not on a cold Tuesday in April when they have study and resting to do.

Let's also add this - please don't go for any canard that Scarsdale is capable of producing baseball players ready to play in college at high levels and that they are missing something by not being able to "play at night."

As the parent of a heavily recruited D1 athlete, I can assure you that there is not sufficient competition in the area to entice that type of interest. There are other sports where the kids can excel to the highest national levels in Scarsdale - baseball is not one of them.

I can go on about why lighting is inappropriate and excessive at Crossways...but I think I've made my point.

Don't do it.

M. Crowley  
Brookline Road

nwhillriders@aol.com



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## Fwd: Crossway lights

1 message

Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
To: no.crossway.lights@gmail.com

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 4:03 PM

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From: [Laura Kalmanoff](#) <laurakalmanoff@optonline.net>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 4:01 PM  
Subject: Crossway lights  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](#)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](#)>  
Cc: Gerald Antell <[gerald.antell@gmail.com](#)>

> Hi,  
>  
> I am writing to express my serious concerns about the proposed Crossway Lights.  
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The impact to the area would include unsightly 80 foot poles, as well as bright lights, noise, crowds, and traffic until 11pm. This is absolutely unacceptable for a residential area of Scarsdale. It would permanently reduce both property value and quality of life for the residents, just so that some people can play sports until 11pm. That is not right. The negatives for the people living in the vicinity of the lights cannot be justified. Crossway already hosts more sports activity than anywhere else in the Village, and these lights are an unnecessary luxury item.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Laura Kalmanoff  
38 crossway  
Scarsdale, Ny

Sent from my iPhone

Our homes on rural drive have bedrooms backing onto the woods and crossway field  
The lights and noise and cars will shine right into  
Our bedrooms and keep our children awake  
My daughter is building a new home next door to ours for her family with five children  
She did not plan on lights , traffic, and noise coming into their bedrooms at night  
Perhaps some of the most vociferous supporters of these lights will take them to the  
fields in their backyards and their childrens bedrooms  
We all moved to rural drive because of its serenity and woods behind our homes  
We agreed to have ball fields during the daylight hours which add a tremendous  
amount of noise particularly on weekends but we all tolerate it without complaints  
But lights , noise, cheering, traffic after dark is totally , absolutely unacceptable  
Please review penny kornsteins issue of traffic accidents in our area with double  
parked cars and drivers running to games and disregarding safety on busy streets  
Please reconsider this ill proposed plan  
It is a recipe for disaster  
Sent from my iPhone

MARGO SCHWANTZ  
[margoknits@gmail.com](mailto:margoknits@gmail.com)



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## Crossway Field Lights & Noise

1 message

**Erin Rudensky** <ejzerring@aol.com>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 4:33 PM

Reply-To: Erin Rudensky &lt;ejzerring@aol.com&gt;

To: "mayor@scarsdale.com" &lt;mayor@scarsdale.com&gt;, "villageboard@scarsdale.com" &lt;villageboard@scarsdale.com&gt;

Cc: "no.crossway.lights@gmail.com" &lt;no.crossway.lights@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Mayor Veron and Members of the Village Board,

We are writing to you regarding the lights proposed by Scarsdale Little League for the Crossway field.

As parents of two young boys that participate in Scarsdale Little League and LOVE both playing with SLL and watching the games in our neighborhood, we are personally opposed to installing the lights for a number of reasons.

While we know that some older children may enjoy night games, we would not sign our elementary school age boys up for activities that go late into the evening especially on school nights. We would also not feel comfortable with them playing so close to Mamaroneck Road in the dark. We feel this is a very dangerous situation. It is already dangerous when children run after foul balls and soccer balls onto the main road and we can not even begin to imagine the added danger of that happening at night. We believe many like minded parents would feel the same way which makes us question who will actually be using the fields at night beyond Scarsdale Little League.

We would be totally opposed to bringing in other organizations' players and spectators from outside our community at night. We already experience an abundance of parked cars along Stratton Road on Thursday nights in the summer when the Saxon Woods Golf Course hosts concerts. (By the way is this being looked at together with the reduction of noise for the new sound laws the village lawyer is working on?) It makes us feel very uncomfortable for our children to safely ride their bikes or go for a walk after dinner. It also leads to litter all along the side of the road potentially drawing rodents and animals. These are all legitimate concerns for Crossway as well. We are seriously concerned that bringing more people to our quiet, secluded neighborhood at night on an ongoing basis, would further diminish our quality of life and our sense of security.

While we do not back up to the fields directly, we can hear cheering at games on a Saturday afternoon from inside our home. We would not want to hear noise like this at night. As the mayor has stated ongoing noise at night is a quality of life issue and it holds true in this application as well. We are also concerned about the amount of light pollution that would flood the area, especially our neighbors yards and into their homes. In addition to the noise, this would greatly impact their quality of life. I think it is fair to say none of us moved to this enclave in Scarsdale to be burdened with any of these concerns. Nor would any potential buyers want to experience this in their homes. By going through with this proposal we feel our property values will also be diminished. This is not a commercial area. It is a residential neighborhood that we have all spent a lot of money to have homes in.

Another concern we have is the height of the structures that would be erected. Eighty foot poles are extremely high, higher than most of the trees and well beyond the height of any structure (maximum 35 feet building height) in the surrounding area. There is really no way to screen them either as most of the mature trees that are left in our neighborhood are about 50'-60' tall. This would set a new precedent for utility companies to change the landscape of our picturesque neighborhood. We also feel there should be continuity in how projects proposed by organizations are handled, meaning the same standards that apply to us the homeowners/tax payers when building or remodeling our homes, should be consistently applied to these situations and projects (including building height, light pollution, screening, percentage of impervious surface, etc.) should be the same as the rules or codes we must adhere to.

We are grateful to live in a community where there is so much generosity to enhance the lives of our friends and neighbors. Unfortunately we do not feel this project enhances our friends and neighbors lives, rather the opposite. We hope you strongly consider our points when rendering your decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin and Ari Rudensky

8 Archer Lane

Scarsdale, New York 10583



Gerald Antell &lt;gerald.antell@gmail.com&gt;

## Opposition to Crossway Lighting proposal

1 message

Simon Landless <[simon.landless@gmail.com](mailto:simon.landless@gmail.com)>  
To: [villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com), Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
Bcc: [gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com)

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 3:41 PM

To: Village Board  
The Mayor  
Greg Cutler, Village Planner

I am very surprised and disappointed that this "zombie" proposal is still alive. I'm attaching my original letter in opposition. I have also sent you photographs of cars that are illegally parked on Mamaroneck and Crossway while a busy game is taking place. So dangerous.

Simon Landless  
95 Penn Road  
Scarsdale NY 10583

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Crossway Lighting Project. As a Quaker Ridge resident for the last 15 years, I firmly believe this project is unnecessary, unsafe and will negatively impact the character of our beautiful residential neighborhood.

First, I question the necessity of lighting the field and parking lot. Having read the SLL Gift Proposal dated Feb 2022, I could find no compelling rationale for this project, aside from "night games offer a unique memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved". If field capacity is really such a pressing issue, then why are other alternatives not being assessed? Can the Dean Field at SHS be lit? Can we replace grass with turf to reduce rain cancellations? Why not limit the number of ISOs that use Village fields? I am disappointed that the Planning Board is rushing to approve this project without doing a more detailed analysis of whether field lighting is actually needed.

Second, adding lighting at Crossway would make it less safe to travel through this area. Already, it can be hazardous to drive along Mamaroneck Rd and Crossway during the day when the fields are in use. I have had to brake sharply to avoid foul balls that fly on to the road. And I regularly see illegally parked cars along Mamaroneck and Crossway, that belong to people who are watching games at the field. The situation is bad enough and dangerous enough already. It will only get worse if the Village allows night games to proceed.

Finally, this unnecessary light pollution and extra traffic at night threatens to negatively impact the character of our beautiful neighborhood. I am shocked to learn that SLL is proposing to hold lighted games on at least 88 days of the year! There is no history of allowing lighted activity at Crossway. Why start now? The addition of 80 foot (eighty!) poles around the fields would be visible all year round and would spoil the tranquil character of the neighborhood. And the amount of traffic this would generate (along with accompanying noise, garbage, extra lighting) is well beyond what is acceptable for any residential neighborhood in our beautiful village

I commend the SLL for its generosity but encourage them to put their ample funds to work in evaluating more suitable options. Lighting Crossway is unnecessary, unsafe and damaging to our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration

Simon Landless  
95 Penn Road  
Scarsdale

April 28, 2022

Dear Scarsdale Village Mayor, Trustees and Village Planner -

**I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Crossway Lighting Project.**

I grew up here and remember when there was just the pool. It's wonderful that our Village has expanded the Crossway area to provide so many fields for our children and families to use. My two sons played rec baseball and soccer, and travel baseball and soccer so we are very familiar with using various Scarsdale village and school fields for games and practice. I do not want nor see the need to have a Crossway baseball and parking lot lit up for evening games.

I live in Quaker Ridge; my house does not abut the crossway fields. I dread driving by Crossway Fields when it's soccer and baseball season. It is incredibly dangerous. There is a lot of traffic; many parents drop their kids off along Crossway and even Mamaroneck Road because it's convenient for them; people sometimes park along a nonexistent Crossway curb, across from the fire station, forcing people to drive into the other side of the street; this even happens along Mamaroneck Road, and, errant baseballs and soccer balls often unexpectedly fly into the street. Just this Sunday 4/24/22 around 11:20am I was driving down Crossway towards Mamaroneck road and saw a softball player hit a pop fly that crossed the first base line towards Crossway. I decided to drive forward and frankly prayed that my car didn't get hit as the ball came down. It wasn't safe for me to abruptly stop in the middle of the road and I couldn't track the ball while driving. Thankfully I didn't get hit but I did see someone go onto Crossway road to retrieve the ball.

I can only imagine how much more dangerous it will be to drivers and pedestrians when it's twilight or dark if evening games occur. I realize there will be more parking spots available since it's only one field being used but trust me, all the dangerous behavior will still happen whether it be from Scarsdale residents or visitors. Also players/spectators crossing from the pool parking lot at night is not safe. If you're running late to a game you don't pay attention to road traffic, especially teens and kids. I do not think it's right to subject our residents to the driving dangers noted above EVERY night of the week in the spring and summer. Has a traffic study been done? Mamaroneck curves around and I can only imagine how the bright lights may blind drivers at that difficult intersection.

Our Village is a suburb and one of the charms of Scarsdale is that it's quiet. Nothing bright, shiny and loud. By adding large bright lights it would change the character of the crossway fields and residential area. It is not meant to be an industrial recreational area. The pool

closes at 8:00pm and our main commercial districts, 5 corners and Village by the train station, pretty much shuts down by 8:00, if not earlier. Why would we want to have bright lights to be on until 10:00 in a residential area? What's even worse is that these lights will only benefit a very very small percentage of Scarsdale residents. Kids who play in in the summer is a very small percentage of the population and from what I understand the field can be used by non-Scarsdale ISO's. Is it worth spoiling our peaceful village so Scarsdale Little League can spend half a million dollars? Perhaps that money can be better spent doing a creative baseball program at the Scarsdale pool.

It's also a slippery slope. The high school lights were installed recently and that seems to have given permission to parents to demand more lights. Today it may be a lighting project for baseball but what is next...soccer, lacrosse? Scarsdale High School just built a beautiful baseball field, why can that field not be used for overflow Scarsdale practice?

There are many more arguments to be made against the project that I'm sure many others will bring but I want to mention how irresponsible it would be for our Village to contribute to light pollution that's hazardous to wildlife. Has an environmental study been done? We pride ourselves as being a Tree City so why would we want very conspicuous large metal poles towering over our beautiful wooded neighborhood? Is this really the image we want to present?

This long time resident does not think this project will benefit Scarsdale at all. Please do not let this romantic notion of seeing your cute 8 year old hitting a homerun under the bright lights sway you to vote for the lights. If you've ever been to a little league game, kids rarely hit the ball, and are pretty much ready to go home after 2 innings. I won't even mention the garbage created from snacks and happy hour drinks. This is a folly and nightmare.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Chyi Sun  
95 Penn Road

Dear Mr Cutler and the Village Board

We are writing because we are opposed to the lighting of the Crossway Field. We have lived here in Quaker Ridge for over 40 years and love our peaceful quiet residential neighborhood. Why should we have to put up with additional noise and disruption for over 88 nights a year? We cannot believe that you would entertain such an irresponsible proposal for a part of Scarsdale that has NEVER historically been lit at night.

We appreciate you taking the views of local residents into account and please reject this proposal.

Dr Yu Shuan and Mrs Su Sun  
5 Archer Lane  
Scarsdale NY 10583

*drandmrssun@gmail.com*



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## Fwd: Crossway Fields

1 message

Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>  
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Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 6:03 PM

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From: Andrew Casden <[acasdenmd@gmail.com](mailto:acasdenmd@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 5:56 PM  
Subject: Crossway Fields  
To: <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>, <[villageboard@scarsdale.com](mailto:villageboard@scarsdale.com)>, Gerald Antell <[gerald.antell@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.antell@gmail.com)>, Cell Jerio Hz <[jericasden@gmail.com](mailto:jericasden@gmail.com)>

All

I have been a Scarsdale resident for almost 30 years and have always appreciated any and all efforts to try to keep our surroundings as natural and beautiful as possible.

Why stop that now?

About 25 yrs ago Westchester County wanted to put in a lighted driving range at Saxon Golf Course - the Town of Scarsdale along with a group of residents ( we stuffed envelopes my dining room) opposed the idea and successfully got the county to cancel the plans!!! Why? The reasons are the same as why we do not need or want lights at Crossway.

Although I live near Crossway I will not see the lights at all from my house. This is not about me or my home. It is about bright lights and towers creating an environment that is detrimental to our community.

Unfortunately we have lost some open areas to developers, I guess not much we can do about that. However, we can preserve our natural surroundings by not permitting these light to be installed.

The drive down Mamaroneck Rd is special, the fields on both sides of the street are beautiful and soothing. Tall lights and a sense of daylight at night time are not.

I am also concerned by installing these light the soccer community will want lights on soccer fields all over Scarsdale. What about the tennis courts, the pool?

Why not use the lights all year long? Why not rent the fields with the lights to other communities? Lets not go down a path that we will later regret.

Thank you  
Andrew Casden  
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## Fwd: Crossway lighting proposal

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I am writing to strongly object to the proposed light poles at Crossway. The night lighting is completely unnecessary. Scarsdale was founded in 1788. Baseball was invented in 1846. In all the years since then the government of Scarsdale has not identified a need for such an extravagance that may benefit a few citizens while being a burden on all the rest. I have virtually attended hearings about the light poles but do not believe that all necessary questions about it were asked, or if asked were properly addressed. In the upcoming meeting I am hoping that the Village Board can address or respond to the following:

1. Has any independent third-party, such as an engineering company, reviewed the plans and advised the Board of its findings? If not, why not? If such a review is to be done will it be at taxpayers' expense?
2. Has there been a review by the NYS Department of Transportation? If not, why not?
3. Has there been a review by the NYS DEP? If not, why not?
4. Has the Board received any input from the Scarsdale Police Department about traffic and potential safety hazards? If not, why not?
5. Are the funds for building the poles held in escrow? If so, is the escrow agreement available for public inspection? If not, how do we know that the initial funding will materialize after incurring the costs to properly assess the feasibility and necessity.
6. Are taxpayers responsible for cost overruns and maintenance?
7. Has the Village's liability carrier been consulted about any possible increases in premiums resulting from creating this hazard?
8. If a liability suit is filed which can, rightly or wrongly, be attributed to the hazardous conditions created by the poles will the Little League cover the defense costs or would taxpayers?

9. What are the budget implications of the proposal? Police, sanitation, utilities, etc. Has this been considered? Are these likewise additional taxpayer burdens?

It behooves the Village Board to consider all of the implications of this proposal keeping in mind the costs and benefits to the entire Village of Scarsdale rather than to just a small biased group that may not even have the funds to underwrite it.

Sincerely,

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**To:** villageboard@scarsdale.com, mayor@scarsdale.com

Dear Board Members and Mayor,

I am writing to voice my ongoing strong opposition to the proposed lights at Crossway Field.

I live at 24 Harvest Drive. In addition to ambient light that disturbs immediate neighbors, lighting the fields at night will create more traffic and noise, and create an undue imposition to those living near the facility.

I remain very concerned about the safety implications of having such bright lights next to Mamaroneck Rd. Drivers may be distracted, and baseballs may fly into the road at night. I have coached Little League Baseball in Scarsdale since 2010. I have coached many games at the field in question. The field has multiple safety issues in daylight. There is minimal space on the sides of the fields leading to balls hit toward spectators at high speed with little time or space to get out of the way. Multiple balls are hit onto Mamaroneck Road causing dangerous situations for drivers. Additionally kids and adults will run across the street to retrieve balls. This is very unsafe during the day given the heavy traffic and rate of speed cars travel on Mamaroneck Road. These issues at night where the area off the field is dark is very dangerous making the risk of tragedy of someone getting seriously injured very high. Why would we take this chance?

I am a strong proponent of youth baseball and have coached for over ten years in the Little League. Playing at night is a great experience for the kids, I support them having the opportunity to have this. However, this is not the right field to place lights on.

Additionally, the proposed poles (80 ft) are incredibly high and visible from so many area houses. From the second story of my house, which is located at the corner of Heathcote and Franklin, I can currently see the traffic light near the soccer fields across Mamaroneck Rd from the pool. While this is not a problem at all, it is clear that the much brighter, and taller, proposed lights will indeed be visible from houses in our area as well as the areas more immediately adjacent to the fields.

We are also able to hear the noise from daytime games, again, not an issue at all -- it's fun and festive to hear -- but going later in the evening and night would prove to be intrusive.

Thanks for your consideration of these issues,  
Jonathan Potack, MD



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Cc: Gerald Antell <gerald.antell@gmail.com>, Carl Finger <carl@fingerandfinger.com>

Dear Mayor Veron and Village Trustees,  
I am again writing to express my deep concern about the Scarsdale Little League's proposal to light Crossway field.

I would first like to point out that the Little League board leadership prior to the current members were working with the Village to "upgrade" Crossway 1 by addressing several safety concerns that I shared previously with you.

The prior Little League board approved a project to move the retaining wall back to create a safe space for appropriately sized dugouts for players, including a safe space for the on-deck batter. Currently, there is no safe space for a batter to warm up without either striking a teammate or coach with the bat. The alternative is for the on-deck batter to move outside the protective backstop away from the players and coaches but now being exposed to foul balls from the current batter.

In addition, the outgoing board also approved upgrading the fencing of the backstop which does not adequately prevent foul balls from leaving the field to surrounding spectators and Mamaroneck Avenue.

Furthermore, the prior board recognized the dangers this field poses to spectators from both foul balls and errant throws, and planned to place a concrete base further down the foul line for permanent bleachers with protective netting.

Lastly, the prior board worked with Brian Gray to have the Village install protective netting along Mamaroneck Avenue to prevent balls from hitting unsuspecting walkers and drivers. Unfortunately, this project was derailed by Covid. Any project to Crossway field must first address safety.

The current Little League board contends that there is a field shortage. I would like to point out that a major problem with the Crossway fields is drainage after a rain. These fields flood and become unplayable. The Little League board has suggested that lighting the fields will help address a field shortage. I believe that lighting up a flooded field after a rain does not solve the field shortage and only lights up an unplayable field. Any project at Crossway field must address the ongoing drainage and flooding problems of the entire Crossway complex.

Regardless, I do not believe that there is a field shortage in Scarsdale. The Little League has yet to share any objective data demonstrating the field shortage. In fact, I observed and have taken numerous pictures during the entire 2022 Spring Little league season (the busiest season) of many open fields at various times of the day, both weekday and weeknight at the Crossway complex. I would be happy to share these pictures with the board.

With my house abutting the Crossway fields, I regularly observe illegally parked cars on Crossway. I have observed many idling cars with parents inside waiting to pick up their kids. In addition to being an environmental concern, there are significant safety concerns with children crossing a double yellow line into oncoming traffic to get into the awaiting car. I have shocking pictures of near misses that I am also happy to share with the Village. While the town/police department may not be aware of this recurring problem, I am happy to call the Scarsdale police every time I see an illegally parked car. However, I do not believe this is the best use of our police department.

I have additional concerns regarding the proposal;  
It does not meet the recommended national Little League standards.

We have only heard from the contracted lighting company regarding the specialized lights. There has been no independent evaluation. In fact, the expert on the lighting admitted that there will be some lights that are facing upwards to the sky for players to see fly balls. In addition, the proposal includes lighting up the back parking lot which I clearly see directly from my family room and primary bedroom.

Short of the perceived field shortage by the Little League, the league has not been able to articulate a clear reason for the lights other than the fields "being nice for the kids".

I respectfully ask the board to reject the Little League's proposal for lighting Crossway field. Thank you for your time and commitment to this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Kaare Weber  
51 Crossway