

Scarsdale Pool

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To whom it may concern,

The Scarsdale pool is a beautiful facility in its present form. Please leave it alone. The pool is one of the few places in town that is reasonably priced and where people of all ages can spend quality time, especially those of us who can't readily fund expensive country club memberships, pools in our own backyard or summer houses in the Hamptons. Yet many of these "money no object" types seem to always advocate spending taxpayer money to improve facilities they rarely even use themselves.

It has been reported that the town needs to perform structural repairs/replacement on the pool to preserve the crumbling physical plant. Nobody is objecting to that. But we fear a slippery slope - that necessary repairs of infrastructure will be a pretext to then add many additional unnecessary features that will radically drive up the cost of membership and involve the protracted closing of the pool on a 95 degree humid day just when so many people will need it most.

On a larger note, although Scarsdale residents are among the wealthiest and most privileged people on the planet, many of them still never seem happy with what they have. Everything constantly needs to be 'upgraded', whether it needs it or not. Another example of this is the building of the new library facility, which, while certainly nice, was not necessary - and it will be some time before that project is paid off. Unfortunately, the town of Scarsdale itself seems less interested in preserving the distinctive character of Scarsdale than with increasing tax revenues any way they can. What is going on here? Could it be that many of these people constantly clamoring for upgrading everything are really just trying to keep up with the neighboring towns of Bronxville or Greenwich? What's the point of running on that pointless treadmill? Where does it end?

Please do not casually spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money on projects that we don't need. We don't need to hire expensive consultants for a common sense question. Moreover, although the pool survey sent to citizens was touted as statically valid, it included a number of hidden assumptions and leading questions in its multiple choice questions. For example, the list of possible answers offered for the multiple choice questions conveniently left out the option of keeping the facility as it is, beyond making infrastructure repairs - even though this is precisely the question at issue!

Fix the infrastructure of the pool if needed, but don't sneak additional expensive and unnecessary bells and whistles in through the back door. Let those who absolutely need to have these glitzy features go on vacation to Disneyland instead!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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