

**From:** Marc Samwick <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Please mail Absentee Ballots in Cov19 outbreak**  
**Date:** March 5, 2020 at 12:11:15 PM EST  
**To:** Ivy De Dianous <[scl629@yahoo.com](mailto:scl629@yahoo.com)>

Ivy,

As I mentioned yesterday, I reached out to the Village Manager about your suggestion and I learned that it is not feasible for the Village to send the entire community absentee ballot applications in a timely manner.

We are focused on encouraging voting and I will mention absentee ballots in Mayor's comments on Tuesday evening. I will also ask staff to put an announcement about absentee ballots in next week's Scarsdale Official.

Thank you again for your creative approach to encourage voting.

Best regards,

Marc

On Mar 5, 2020, at 11:36 AM, Ivy De Dianous <[scl629@yahoo.com](mailto:scl629@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Samwick:

Thank you for your reply and prompt effort.

I understand that in order to get an absentee ballot, residents have till 3/10 and 3/16, to contact the Village Clerk not-in-person, and in-person, respectively.

First, a lot of the residents may not know this option and deadlines. Second, as we can see in Wuhan, Milan, South Korea, Cov 19 spreads very quickly. 3/18 Election Day may see a tremendous outbreak in the area.

Could the Village be more proactive than just mentioning the option of absentee ballot in its press release? Can the village mail out absentee ballots without residents asking for them?

I am sorry to bother you and sorry to be direct in my writing. To be more careful is better in this environment.

Thanks a lot!

Ivy

On Mar 4, 2020, at 12:15 PM, Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)> wrote:

Ivy,

Thank you for your email and for your creative and thoughtful suggestion of promoting voting during the potential outbreak of COVID-19. I agree that we should look for ways to enhance the ability of residents to vote amid the uncertainty of this public health issue. Accordingly, I have requested that the Village Manager look into the feasibility of sending out absentee ballots to each registered voter given the timing of the Village election on March 18th.

Best regards,

Marc

On Mar 3, 2020, at 6:13 PM, Ivy De Dianous <[scl629@yahoo.com](mailto:scl629@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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Dear mayor Samwick:

It was very nice meeting you at the school legislative breakfast last month.

Thank you for your leadership! May I suggest the following:

In the Coronavirus outbreak environment, could you lead by example: urge Village to mail Absentee Ballots to each resident?

Going to polls without masks, without voting machine being sanitized, could pose Cov 19 danger to community, the volunteer election workers and yourself and your families!

Do the right thing, instead of voting at a church — vote from your home!

Scarsdale residents will thank you!

Thank you.

Ivy de Dianous