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From: Mayor
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To: Donna Conkling
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From: Julia Schonfeld <jdschonfeld1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: CAC Sanitation Study

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I am a Scarsdale resident and I write to voice my strong support for the Scarsdale CAC's recommendations regarding compost and recyclable curbside pickups.

My family has been participating in the compost program since January 2017. Composting is something I had always intended to do, but hadn't gotten around to. The village's program changed that for me, and I was grateful.

But I never imagined what an impact it would have on our garbage - which has shrunk! Between recycling and composting, our actual garbage (landfill) production has gone from about 2 bags 2X/week to less than 1 bag 1X/week! It is truly remarkable. And while we always try not to waste food, it is heartening to know that when it inevitably happens, at least that waste is being turned into soil - and something positive.

In addition, my whole family has become involved. My teenage daughters and husband all participate, and it has made them additionally aware of the garbage they produce outside our home. The kids compost and recycle at school. We all now try to use reusable cups and packaging whenever possible. And when not possible, we try our best to recycle, wherever we are.

I'm grateful to Scarsdale Village for supporting the recycling and compost efforts, which are so critical given global events, and I am proud of Scarsdale for leading the way here in Westchester. I think Scarsdale residents who don't yet participate due to inconvenience or being unaware would be enticed to start if these additional pickups are enacted. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,
Julia Schonfeld
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