

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 2:03 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for

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**From:** Jennifer Rossano <jennifer@jenniferrossano.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Support for

Dear Mayor Hochvert:

I am writing to express my support for recommendations coming from the CAC regarding the Scarsdale Sanitation department.

In particular, I want to express my gratitude to the village for supporting the work of the volunteer residents who have brought recycling food scraps to our town. My family has been recycling food from the very beginning and I have seen an ENORMOUS reduction of regular trash in my house (I'd venture to say 50% reduction) since recycling scraps. It only took a matter of a few days for my entire family to get on board and into the habit of scraping their dinner plates into the food scrap bin — making this a way of thinking about our personal connection and responsibility to the earth is important and dovetails with the multiple curricular components that the school district is implementing in all of its buildings. I would be grateful for curbside pick up! Although it doesn't stop me from participating in the program, I know of others who simply don't have the inclination or focus to bring scraps to the recycling center but who would like to participate.

Best,

Jennifer Rossano  
Chef, Food Writer, Consultant  
jennifer@jenniferrossano.com

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: I want curbside food scrap pick up

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**From:** Denisse Norman Stainfeld <denisse.norman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** I want curbside food scrap pick up

Dear Major,

I believe the food scrap program is great, the children do it at the schools and we should have the whole town doing it as well.

I did start doing it but had to stop as it is difficult and inconvenient for me to grow to the recycling center twice a week to dispose of it.

I will start doing it again if the sanitation dept starts collecting the scraps like the do the garbage. It will help the environment and the town should implement the pick up.

Thank you for your help.

best,  
Denisse Stainfeld  
21 Morris Lane

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Curbside scrap pickup

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**From:** bbecca26@gmail.com <bbecca26@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:31 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** juditheperkins@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Curbside scrap pickup

Hello Mr. Mayor!

I am a new resident of Scarsdale as of July. My sisters and their families as well as my parents also all live in town. I was very excited for them when the food scraps program started as it's such an important way to reduce food waste. However as a working mom, I haven't been able to participate because I can't carve out the time to deliver the scraps. If they were to be collected, I would be so excited to participate. As would the additional 12 people in my extended family. And I am sure you would see a huge uptick in participation from non-Perkins'.

Thank you for taking the time to consider it!

Best,  
Rebecca Perkins

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:51 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Weekly pickup compost Heathcote

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**From:** Renee Schuster <reneeschuster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Weekly pickup compost Heathcote

Hello,

Just writing to let you know as a parent of three children in Scarsdale's Heathcote area I care deeply about composting. Going to the dump all the time is not an option for my family. Weekly curbside pick up of composted food makes so much sense and could help teach the children as well how to better care for our environment. I hope this is up for consideration.

Please feel free to email me any questions.

Renee Schuster Weingrad  
917-750-9462

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food Scrap / Recycling Program and Sanitation Study

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**From:** Ylva Cavalli-Björkman <ylva319@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Michelle Sterling; Ron Schulhof  
**Subject:** Food Scrap / Recycling Program and Sanitation Study

Dear Mr. Hochvert

My name is Ylva Cavalli-Björkman. My husband Willard Ahdritz, myself and our three children have been residents since 2008 in Heathcote.

We are very impressed and grateful for the K-12 education and services provided to residents by the Village of Scarsdale, and, in particular, by the recent improvements of the waste and recycling programs. We are committed to this program.

We are Swedish nationals and have lived in Sweden, the UK and Germany, all advanced recycling nations, and the recycling program in Scarsdale is now almost in line with what is in use in those countries. Well done!

I have just read the Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council Sanitation Study.

*I am writing today to urge the village to implement the recommendations of the Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council Sanitation Study which I agree with fully as a resident and 100% adopter of the current recycling, compost and waste guidelines.*

We participate fully in all your recycling programs and I also take my bottle deposit cans, glass and plastic beverage containers down to the machines near DeCicco twice a month. I have also been a food scrap volunteer in the lunch room at the SHS and am so happy that the changes are implemented in schools, faith based meeting places and other public venues in Scarsdale. And also upstream, in the purchasing decisions made at the schools towards more compostable plates, glasses, cutlery and food containers!

I am very impressed by the work of Cafeteria Staff, Custodians, Scarsdale Sanitation to make this a success and not the least by the tireless and impressive work of Michelle Sterling and Ron

Schulhof and all others who have volunteered their time to this important project. Bravo! I know that it is not easy.

I wanted to share with you how these changes have affected and improved the lives of my family members:

When the improved recycling program and food scrap programs were introduced this year, our family of five

\* went down from about seven 13 gallon drawstring trash bags a week to two (!! ) bags per week, only enough to fill about one third of our 50 gallon outdoor trash container. We no longer need 2 pickups each week of regular trash. One would be enough. There is no smell coming from this trash anymore as we do not have pets and as all the food waste goes in the compost.

\* fill to the rim a 50 gallon recycling container every 2 weeks, and it would be more than full if I did not separate out the bottle deposit containers. A weekly pickup would be more appropriate and appreciated

\* generate five to six 13 gallon biodegradable food scrap bags worth of compost each week

A weekly curbside pickup of compostable waste would be very helpful, and it would be much easier for us to remain fully committed to the program!

We quickly moved from the small countertop food scrap container sold by Scarsdale Sanitation to 13 gallon bio bags that we keep under the counter next to the regular trash. To accommodate all these food scraps we had to buy an outdoor 31 gallon aluminum trash can with lid and, in a typical week, we fill it.

I take the aluminum trash can to the recycling center each week (it fits in the back of my car with 1 inch to spare!) but it is heavy and smelly and the weekly trips have become a nuisance to me. I often do not make it before 3pm when the center closes. Also, often, the food scrap containers at the center are full, the traffic patterns of residents dropping off are erratic, and, almost always, some of the juices of the partly decomposed food drips down onto the mats in my trunk. Sadly, sometimes, when we are going away for the weekend, or on holiday, I have had to throw the compost waste into the regular trash as we run out of time to drive to the center...

I am not alone in wanting this program to move to curbside pickup:

***I have asked some friends why they do not yet compost, and the reason is nearly always the lack of curbside pickup!***

In my opinion, the village needs to sell two compost kits to residents. The current kit with a countertop and green 13 gallon compost container but also a 13 + 30 gallon solution for

households with more than 2/3 people. If you could bulk buy and sell to residents at a discount, large designated outdoor wheelie compost cans of approx 30 gallons, similar to the drop-off ones at the center, that would be very helpful to get people to opt in.

I would even consider donating money to subsidize the cost for other residents of buying these containers! I am sure there are others who would do the same. It would also look better driving or walking past if each household used similar ones if they are to be placed down by the street in full view each week.

Also, the proposed weekly pickup of recyclables would be helpful so that my can does not overflow.

I think Scarsdale can go further:

\* It would be good if Scarsdale could also sell blue 50 gallon wheelie recycling bins to make the rolling down to curb side for pickup easier for residents.

\* We would welcome containers at the sanitation center where residents can drop off old toner cartridges and batteries, even for a fee (I pay \$60 each year for a container that I ship off via ups with batteries and cartridges!).

\* We think the village should implement recycling at the center also for soft plastics and plastic bags! That would cut down my waste to 1 bag each week!

\* There should be a fee in Scarsdale for using plastic shopping bags at stores. In many countries, stores charge a fee of 10 cents for the purchase of each paper or plastic bag. This is very effective to change behaviors and wean people off all the plastic bags that often immediately go in the trash after coming home. It is shocking by international standards that people double bag and still use plastic shopping bags here.

What the village is doing to encourage responsible waste habits is very important for future generations and in my opinion we owe it to our kids. I predict that our current behavior around waste and consumption will be seen as reckless and frowned upon in 10 years, much like smoking is by our generation.

Keep up the good work!

Kind regards

Ylva  
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319 Heathcote Road

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: CAC Sanitation Report Recommendations

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**From:** Lee Gross <lee.gross08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** CAC Sanitation Report Recommendations

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

We are writing this brief note as long-time Scarsdale residents, and new business owners in the Village. Having worked closely with Ron Schulhof and Michelle Sterling to implement a food scrap collection and composting program at our food store, Organic Farmer, we can personally attest to the benefits of this effort on a commercial scale. Thanks to Ron and Michelle's guidance, we have successfully implemented the program without increasing our weekly expenditure on overall waste collection.

As residents, we actively participate in the municipal food scrap collection program. Our close proximity to Secor Road means that transporting, emptying, cleaning and returning our container to our house is a relatively quick 10 - 15 minute process once a week. Having curbside pick up of these items would make the process that much easier, and coupled with weekly pick-up of co-mingled recyclables would mean increased participation in both of these programs, especially from those residents who live further afield from the Recycling Center.

We can also attest to the benefit of a Furniture Sharehouse collection, having worked with the White Plains Eco-Neighbors, and learning about the success of their TiLi ("Take It or Leave It") Shed program.

We wholeheartedly encourage you to support and endorse the CAC recommendations.

Most Sincerely,

Lee and Darleen Gross  
14 Coralyn Road



From: Jeewon Park <[jeewonpark123@yahoo.com](mailto:jeewonpark123@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:30 PM  
To: Mayor  
Subject: Weekly home food scrap pickup

Dear Mayor,

My name is Jeewon Park and I reside at 13 Richbell Road in Scarsdale. I am writing because I understand that the CAC is meeting shortly to discuss Sanitation issues. I ask that you very seriously consider picking up food scraps from homes (or else curbside). I've been hauling food scraps to the Sanitation dept on a regular basis since the food scrap program started. Since my family started saving our food scraps, we produce significantly less garbage, rarely use our garbage disposal (reducing needless electricity usage), and are much more cognizant of food waste. And when the Village made free compost available, we very happily collected a bucketful to use in our garden. I feel very strongly that composting food waste makes us better global citizens. All the food scraps that would normally end up wasted and taking up space in landfills is being used productively to create useful, nutrient-rich compost which can be used in our gardens.

On so many levels, the village composting program is something that I'd like our village to support but having to haul myself all the way over to the Sanitation dept on a weekly basis is a drain on time, a waste of gas and is as inefficient as having homeowners haul their recyclables and/or garbage over individually on a weekly basis. In the winter months, food scraps typically keep longer in the garage so I can even stretch my visits longer but in the summer months, when our garage is overheated it becomes unpleasant to hold onto compost any longer than a week.

It took some reminding at first but all our kids have gotten good about composting. I think it has to become a part of our everyday lives going forward in the same way that recycling comingled recyclables and cardboard have become. But without home or curbside pickup, I think many of us who were eager at first will fall off. So I ask that we really try to collect the scraps from homes and/or curbside.

Thank you,  
Jeewon Park  
(914) 722-1443

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

As a longtime resident of the community, I thought it would be important to share my experience with the food scraps program.

We started last winter after talking to Michelle Sterling before one of my daughters Rec Baksetball games. She spoke with such passion and her points about giving back to the earth what you take from the earth really resonated with my wife and I.

The first thing we noticed it that was so easy to do and made us think more about when discarding trash, why it is important to separate trash by how it could be recycled.

At first it definitely took some brain training and I kept finding myself out of habit just throwing some things into the trash like empty splenda packaging, but now I couldn't ever imagine not using the food scrap program.

We no longer throw food down the drain or in the garbage disposal, which we know is better for our pipes and sewage system.

What is even more amazing is that the actual trash is virtually nothing. I probably struggle to have more than 1 bag of actual trash per pickup and the weight of those bags is virtually nothing.

What is even better is the raccoons who seemed to find their way to my cans in the past, never come by anymore, because there are no food scraps around for them to feast on.

I would even consider going to 1-day per week garbage pickup because the truth is, two times a week is really overkill at this point in time for our family.

We are very excited about the idea that home pickup of food-scrap will soon be a reality for our community and feel it is an important next step to getting even more residents to participate.

With regards to Curbside only pickup, this is something I wish could be changed, because I do struggle with a physical disability and dragging the bins up and down the driveway myself is not optimal. But if the sacrifice for it is to have once per week of all recycling, then we are on board.

All the best,

Henry J. Handel  
22 Hamilton Rd

**From:** Horner, Geoff <[Geoff.Horner@westin.com](mailto:Geoff.Horner@westin.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 11:58 AM

**To:** Mayor

**Subject:** Food Scrap program

Good Morning,

As a resident of Scarsdale for 12 years, we would embrace a food scrap program to further make our town environmentally friendly. By reducing the overall poundage of overall waste would be a big win for our community. Look forward to placing our town as a leader in environmental practices. We also fully support battery and light bulb collection as this would be a great benefit instead of driving to Staples (batteries) and Home Depot (light bulbs) to drop off these items.

276 Mamaroneck Road.

**Geoff Horner**

Revenue Manager

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Recycling and Food Scraps Pick Up

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**From:** Judith Perkins <juditheperkins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Recycling and Food Scraps Pick Up

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I am writing to endorse all the recommendations in Michelle Sterling's Sanitation Report. I would especially like to see curbside pick-up of food scraps. I have been attempting to compost all of my food scraps, but knowing that I have to schedule time during the sanitation departments hours with three young children means that if I know I have a busy week, I don't compost that week. Given what we know is happening with the environment, that feels terrible. I would love to have the program become a more town-wide endeavor and I think pick-up is a key to doing that. I can easily move my other recyclables curbside to make this affordable.

Thank you for helping Scarsdale to be a leader here!

Judith Perkins Schiamberg  
19 Elm Road

From: Ines Rodrigues <[inesinus@gmail.com](mailto:inesinus@gmail.com)>

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 2:56 PM

To: Mayor

Subject: Curbside scraps pick up

I've been doing compost for a while and I think the town would benefit a lot from it if the program increases with curbsite pick-up. We are a town with a majority of well educated people, we should be ahead of other places regarding environmental issues.

Sincerely,

Ines Rodrigues

> From: Midori Sonoda <nymidori@aol.com>

> Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:10 AM

> To: Mayor

> Subject: Food scrap program

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> Hello Mayor Hochvert,

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> I have been participating in the food scraps recycling program since its inception. I am amazed at how much our family has generated in food scraps and the resulting reduction in trash. This has complimented the education my children have received in school about caring better for our environment!

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> I sincerely hope that the recommendations from the recent Conservation Advisory Council will be adopted and that we can have a weekly pick up of food scraps. I go to the Secor facility three times a week but would love to eliminate the driving of my minivan for that purpose, which feels a bit counterproductive. Plus I have spoken to a number of friends and neighbors who like the idea but do not feel they have the capacity to add trips to Secor to their weekly routine.

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> Thank you very much for your time, and I hope we at Scarsdale can once again be leaders in sustainability in our county!

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> Sincerely,

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> Midori Im

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> Sent from my iPhone

> From: Carrie Lederman Barotz <[carrieledermanbarotz@gmail.com](mailto:carrieledermanbarotz@gmail.com)>

> Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:06 PM

> To: Mayor

> Subject: Compost pick up

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> Dear Mayor - I am writing to ask you to add weekly home pick-up of food scraps. WE are recycling but, as 2 working parents, we find it difficult to find time to get to the dump weekly.

> I believe recycling is vital for the health of our planet. I think if

> we add pickup then more Scarsdale residents will recycle their food

> scraps Thank you Carrie Barotz Edgewood

From: HOLLY GILBERT <[luem315@msn.com](mailto:luem315@msn.com)>

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:12 PM

To: Mayor

Subject:

Our environment and the continued health of our planet is very important to us. Thus, we were thrilled when Scarsdale started composting. We go to the dump every week but would love it if composting could be picked up.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Home pick up of food scraps

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**From:** Paulina Schwartz <paulinaschwartz@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 9, 2017 7:59 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Home pick up of food scraps

Dear Mayor Hochvert

I saw in this week's Board agenda that the CAC is proposing home pick up of food scraps. This is a GREAT idea and I fully support it. I have been participating in the program since January and I love it. I am working on having less food waste but to the extent I still do I am so happy that it is at least being made into useful compost. The only problem is that it is often difficult for me to get to the recycling center on a weekly basis. If it could be picked up at home I would surely be able to continue doing it. I also have many friends who I know for sure would do it if there was home pickup. Please approve of this extremely worthy idea proposed by our CAC.

Sincerely

Paulina Schwartz  
Oakstwain Road

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: New sanitation pickup options

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**From:** Leah Dembitzer <ldembitzer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 7:02 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** New sanitation pickup options

Hi Mayor Hochvert,

We've been composting for the past year and have been eagerly awaiting the moment that the compost would be picked up by sanitation. I hope that you approve all of the recommendations of the CAC; all of which will help improve the quality of life and services in Scarsdale. Composting has completely altered my family's routine in the most positive way; I have young children who compost at school and to be able to carry it into the home has been incredible.

All of the CAC suggestions will make life better for so many people and will help our environment as well.

Thank you.

Best, Leah Dembitzer

Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Comments on CAC's Sanitation Operations Study

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**From:** Elizabeth Magidson <lizmagidson@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 9:36 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** lizmagidson@aol.com  
**Subject:** Comments on CAC's Sanitation Operations Study

Good Morning Mayor Hochvert,  
I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Liz Magidson and I currently live at 67 Greenacres Ave.

I just wanted to send a quick note to let you know I have read the CAC's Sanitation Study report and I am in favor of their proposed three additions to the sanitation services (especially the weekly pick up of food scraps).

I have to be honest that at this point in time, I do not compost since I find it very inconvenient for me to drop off my food scraps at the recycling center on a regular basis. If Scarsdale offered a weekly pickup, I know I would definitely be able to add composting into my family's daily routine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Liz Magidson

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Weekly curbside pick up of the food scraps

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**From:** Hulya Sener <hulya\_nyc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Weekly curbside pick up of the food scraps

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to ask you for the approval of the curbside pick up of home compost. My family has been participating this program last 6months. It has been great. My four kids (aged 3 to 11) have learned what to compost what to recycle and eagerly participating the process. My kids do same at school too.

A curbside pick up will definitely make it much easier to participate. In fact many families I know have been on and off the program because, they don't have time to drive the compost to the site. This is a problem for me too. There are weeks, I am not able be drive the compost to the site.

Thank you for your considerations

Thanks

hulya O'Doherty  
cell:732-259-5600

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Supporting the recommendations of the Conservation Advisory Council

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**From:** Stephanie Simon <stephiebsimon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Supporting the recommendations of the Conservation Advisory Council

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I was forwarded a copy of the recent study by the CAC, and wanted to add my support to the recommendation to move to weekly pickup of recyclables as well as the curbside pickup of food scraps.

I have been a participant in the food scrap initiative since its launch, and have seen how drastically our regular trash load is reduced by diverting our leftovers, peels, egg shells, flowers and paper towels to the food recycling bags. I feel we are doing a small part to reduce overall landfill trash, and our vegetable garden has been a beneficiary of the rich compost that was the result of our community's food recycling efforts. Adding weekly pickup of the food scraps would make this process so much easier, and hopefully encourage many who are not participating now to give it a try.

I also strongly support the shift to weekly recycling pickup - in the current atmosphere of Amazon box deliveries and so much more being delivered in recyclable boxes and packages to our doorsteps - having a mechanism to recycle these items more regularly would avoid several of these items getting put in weekly trash just to make room for new boxes coming in!

Thank you for your attention and support of these initiatives, and wishing you a happy holiday season.

Stephanie Simon  
28 Wynmor Road

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food scrap pick up

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**From:** Amy Song <ajkimsong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food scrap pick up

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

My family has lived in Scarsdale for 14 years and recently became active participants in the food scrapping programs offered at the Sanitation Center and Scarsdale schools. We fully support a weekly, curbside food scrapping pick up service in the name of reducing trash and making Scarsdale a more sustainable, eco-friendly community. My three teenagers compost their lunch at the high school everyday and my entire family makes the conscious effort to food scrap our meals at home. Unfortunately, the dump is not always convenient for us to travel to which results in more trash than necessary. With weekly food scrap pick ups, we would definitely decrease the amount of garbage carted away and increase compost used for a healthier environment. Just like recycling, food scrapping will become more accepted and automatic in mindset if we see neighbors leaving their food scrap bins out at the curb every week (I'm happy to start the influence :)

We hope that the recommendations made by the Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council will be seriously considered and thank you in advance for making a local difference toward greater sustainability.

Sincerely,

Amy Song  
43 Lockwood Road  
Scarsdale, NY

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support residents helping the earth!

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**From:** Claudia Uribe <claudia.uribe.galeano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Please support residents helping the earth!

Mr. Mayor,

I have been with the food scraps program since it's inception. It was just a no-brainer for me; I am true believer of small actions making huge differences in the world and this is the perfect way to teach my kids to be responsible and caring citizens.

However, it has been difficult for some of us with busy schedules to get the scraps to the recycling center. I even bought two huge green bins to help me accumulate more, before doing the trip.

Please support us, helping to be more environmentally conscious in our community and let's make the curbside pick up a reality! So many more people would join the program I am sure...

Thanks for the attention you can provide to this matter!

Claudia Uribe- Galeano  
162 Brewster Rd

Claudia Uribe-Galeano  
917.697.2541

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food scrap collection proposal

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**From:** Jason Kofman <jason.kofman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:51 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food scrap collection proposal

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I am writing in support of the Conservation Advisory Council's recommendation to start curb-side collection of food waste. My family has been an active participant in this program since inception. Our solid waste generation has fallen from approximately 3 bin bags per week to less than 1 bag per week. In addition, storing the food scraps in the dedicated containers which we keep outside has eliminated foul trash odors in our garage. In our view, the food scrap program has been a success. What would make it an even bigger success would be curb-side food scrap collection. We are not always able to make it to the Recycling Center on Saturdays and during such weeks we have to limit our food scrap collection based on the capacity of our green food scrap bin. Not only would we find curb-side collection convenient but it would increase our use of the program, further reducing our solid waste generation.

Thanks for your consideration of this proposal.

Jason Kofman



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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Please approve the CAC report's recommendation

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**From:** Jennifer Love <jloves@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 3:19 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Please approve the CAC report's recommendation

Dear Mayor Hochvert,  
We have been participating in the food scrapping program for several months. My entire family is now actively engaged in collecting the food and fortunately I have a SHS senior who can drive it over to the recycling center. I am writing to ask that you approve the recommendations for curbside pickup so that we can continue to participate after he graduates.  
I think participation would significantly increase if curbside pick up is added.  
Thank you.  
Jennifer Love

Jennifer Love  
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**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Curbside pickup of food scraps

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**From:** Veenarangaraj <veenarangaraj@yahoo.com.sg>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Curbside pickup of food scraps

To,

The Mayor of Scarsdale

Dear Sir,

Our household has been collecting food scraps since early this year and it has been quite challenging for our whole family not to throw food into the trash can. As a result, our household trash has reduced tremendously - in fact we hardly require the garbage truck more than once a week. We also have more to recycle and collection once in a fortnight seems less.

We would appreciate if you could arrange for curbside pickup of food scraps - once a week is more than sufficient for us.

Thanking you  
The Rangaraj family  
14 Ridgecrest E  
Scarsdale

Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Composting and recycling in Scarsdale

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**From:** Aggy Shawn <ashawn1@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Composting and recycling in Scarsdale

Dear Mayor,

My name is Aggy Shawn and I serve as the Head of the Sustainability Committee at Heathcote School. As I make my school community aware of the different ways that they can recycle the things they use everyday, I see a genuine desire in people to do more for our environment. People want to recycle and are thankful to have the tools that make it easy to do so. A big way that we could help our residents is by creating a weekly curbside compost pickup and increasing commingled bottles and cans pickup to once a week.

I understand that the Conservation Advisory Council will be speaking before the Board this week. I am writing to you in support of their plan, specifically with regard to weekly curbside compost and commingled recyclables pickup. I currently go to the dump each week to deposit my compost. People have told me they would compost at home if there was a sanitation collection. I believe them as I don't particular enjoy going to the dump for this task myself. I am sure the town would have greater compost participation with a weekly pickup. With regard to commingled bottles and cans, my recycling pail is always overflowing by week 2, whereas the garbage can is half empty at each pickup.

I hope the Village moves forward with this plan as I know it will be well received.

Best regards, Aggy Shawn

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## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Curb side pick up for Food Scraps

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**From:** joteoh@aol.com <joteoh@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Curb side pick up for Food Scraps

Dear Mr. Hochvert,

I am writing on behalf of my family with regards to the Food Scraps project in Scarsdale. We have been very proud to be a part of this ground breaking project, and the first in Westchester county to lead the charge! Since the onset of this program, we have been in full support of it by collecting our food scraps daily and filling our containers to eventually bring to unload at the recycling center in Scarsdale. My children who are 11 and 13, and attend Scarsdale Middle School have been avid supporters, with the full understanding of how composting helps the environment, as well as their future world they are growing into. Returning to the Scarsdale recycling center in the summer to get the compost soil for our garden really made this experience for our family complete, as well as make our organic garden delicious!

*We urge you to support the recommendation for our village curbside pick up of food scraps.* Not only will this elevate the program for all those already involved, but we truly believe it will allow those families who have been hesitant to join because of the need to travel with the bins, to come on board and make this very successful program even better!

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanne Teoh  
Rocco D'Agostino  
Brandon D'Agostino  
Jade D'Agostino

123 Brewster Road

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: food scrap curb side pick up

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**From:** Angela Pereira <brianangela@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** food scrap curb side pick up

hi

i live at 27 kensington road.

i would like to have curb side pick up of my food scraps.

it means a lot to me to compost- i feel like i am reducing my trash and helping the environment.

i think a lot more people would compost if we had curbside pick up b/c driving to the recycling center each week can be difficult and wastes gas.

thanks.

Angela Pereira

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Plesase Add Weekly Compost Pickup

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**From:** Ilanit Blumenfeld <ilanit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:23 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Plesase Add Weekly Compost Pickup

This would be very helpful to my family! We live in a col de sac and we don't even have regular recycling picked up from here at 3 Black Walnut Road.

Thanks-  
Ilanit Blumenfeld

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*"Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself"*

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw:

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**From:** Joseph Sitt <josephsitt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:**

I heard the town of scarsdale is considering curbside food scrap pickup. I think that would be a great idea and very helpful. Thanks.

Joe

Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Curbside pick up

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**From:** Lisa Flicker <lisaflicker@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Curbside pick up

Hello, I write to you as a mother, wife and small business owner. I was one of Scarsdale earliest adaptors of the scraps program. I believe it is very important to preserve our earth and pass on a better environment to our kids. I make weekly trips to the dump and wish I could do more. I must admit, at times my scraps wind up with the regular trash because I just can't get to the dump that week. It would be incredibly helpful to have the scraps picked up from my home (even if it was once a week and I made a second trip on my own). Please help push this through for us. Thanks, Lisa Flicker. 70 Greendale Road.

Sent from my iPhone



## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Curbside Food Scraps Recycling collection

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**From:** Olivia Khang <oliviamkhang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:40 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Curbside Food Scraps Recycling collection

Dear Mayor

I would like to formally request that curbside food scrap recycling collection be made available in our town .

Food recycling is an easy to adopt environmentally friendly initiative and also reduces household garbage waste substantially.

If curbside collection were available recycling would increase and we would really be doing our part in Scarsdale to help our planet survive and nurture future generations.

Please consider this request .

Yours Sincerely

Olivia Khang  
70 Catherine Rd.

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## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food Scraps Pick up

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**From:** Manuela Arnal <manuarnal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 11:34 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food Scraps Pick up

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I hope this email finds you well.

As a neighbor of Greenacres I kindly ask you to approve the weekly pick up of food scraps from the curbside.

Our family is a believer in our duty of recycling as much as we can and we hope that our community embraces this program as whole heartedly as we do.

Warm Regards,

Manuela Arnal

4 Fairview Court  
Scarsdale

Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Scraps

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**From:** ena cea <lucreciacea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 8:27 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Scraps

Dear Mayor

I'm collecting scraps , and I really would like you to consider the curbside pick up. My garbage diminished a lot and I think is important to keep doing it .

Thank you for your attention

Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food scrap composting

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**From:** Tracy McCarthy <tracymcc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:31 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food scrap composting

Despite the fact that I did not think we wasted much food, I was an early adaptor of the food scrap program. It was easy because my kids had all been trained at school. It very quickly became evident that we were collecting a lot of food scraps and much less garbage. In fact, my husband reconfigured our cabinets to accommodate our food scrapping. We are a family of 6 and thanks to recycling and food scrapping, we produce one or two bags of garbage per week—It is quite impressive.

We were thrilled to read the CAC's report and I am writing to encourage you approve the recommendations in the report and begin weekly pick up. We would also love weekly recycling pick up. And would be willing to go to just once a week trash pick up.

We are super proud to live in a town that is doing the right thing and we hope that this program will be taken to a whole new level with curbside pickup!

## **Donna Conkling**

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Recycling and Food Scraps Report

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**From:** Astrid Storm <astridstorm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:39 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Recycling and Food Scraps Report

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I'm writing to urge you to approve of the recommendations made in the recent report by the Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Committee, specifically the expansion of the food scraps program to include curbside pick-up, and the weekly recycling pick-up (from bi-weekly).

My family and I are thrilled at how much of a leader Scarsdale is in its waste reduction programs. We hope to see our town continue moving in this direction. These efforts have been a big draw for us to this community, in fact.

Thank you for all your support for this program!

The Rev. Astrid Storm  
Rector, St. James the Less Episcopal Church

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Astrid Joy Storm  
917-621-5153

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food Scrap recycling curbside pick-up

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**From:** Christine Makuch <christinemakuch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food Scrap recycling curbside pick-up

Mayor

I heartily support the implementation of curbside pick-up for Food Scraps. I currently drive to Secor Rd. about once per week to drop off my food scraps, more often in the summer. I am obviously committed to the program if I am willing to make time to do this errand. However, not everyone in this community has the time to fit this into their busy schedules. I have friends that I know would participate in Food Scrap Recycling if they could have it picked up at their home.

I also support the weekly pick-up of recycling. Moving to Scarsdale 2 years ago, I was honestly flabbergasted that garbage pick-up was 4 times more frequent than recycling. Most months, even Large Item Trash pick-up is more frequent than recycling. Having lived in Toronto, San Francisco and Mill Valley, CA, I was surprised that such a well-educated community would not be more progressive in handling its waste.

As a resident who currently benefits from pick-up next to my house, I absolutely would trade that level of service to support more sustainable waste management.

I appreciate that Scarsdale wants to provide a high level of service to its residents. However it is time that as a community we spend our resources to support more sustainable ways of dealing with items we dispose.

To that end, I also support the introduction of a Furniture Sharehouse program. I can already think of 4 items in my home I would donate, that I have been contemplating putting on the curb for large item pick-up. Scarsdale makes it so way to throw things away, instead of helping to find ways to diverting them for reuse. Knowing that I could easily bring them to a location within the community would make it simpler for me to do the right thing and reduce the trash Scarsdale has to handle.

I look forward to hearing the announcements about the next steps Scarsdale will be making for a more sustainable community.

Best, Christine

Christine Makuch-Simpson  
21 Fairview Road

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