

Ms. Conkling: Please distribute. Thank you.

Mayor Hochvert, Village Board of Trustees,

In this first communication with this new Board first I want to congratulate you all on your new positions and wish you the very best.

Having said this, I am sure you know my position on development issues in our Village and how unhappy I am with all the building going on. I was very critical of our volunteer system during the past elections, simply because I fail to understand how resident-volunteers can do so much harm to our very own Village.

1. Trustee Samwick and I had a brief conversation the other day while on the Freightway walk with BFJ Consultants. He was concerned about the state of the downtown. I did not have an answer then, but thought later the following might help:

Just make parking free the first 15 days of the month for the next six months and see how business will flourish. I think this is definitely worth a test. Give some, to get some. Some show of goodwill, a nice gesture will go a long way, I think. At least, it is definitely worth a try given the sorry state of the Village Center. Add to this, if you can free wifi and business will go through the roof...

Which brings me to my pother point:

2. Living so close to the Village Center, my neighborhood is very concerned about 7-11 moving to Scarsdale Avenue. This simply cannot be allowed. On Garth Road this store attracted an unwelcome crowd. We do not need it to move closer to become our 24 hour headache.

Please stop this.

3. Further you have to address the Big House, Old House problem as I am calling it. Old houses cannot go on being demolished and huge houses cannot go on being built on tiny lots. I hope this Board is capable of handling this challenging, prescient issue.

With best wishes,

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