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Board

Please vote against the proposed grass clipping ordinance. It is a real waste of time and has no real value to be achieved.

In other words there is no real gain and a lot of heartache. This is special interest group who are passionate about their cause.

I am a proud "I cut my own lawn" in Edgewood and have no plans to change. I have been cutting lawns in this town since I was 12 years old.

Questions:

- How do you enforce this if it for only "grass clippings"
  - How does the garbage men know if there are grass clippings or hedge clipping in a brown closed paper bag. Will they be opening and checking? **You have not explained this.**
  - What happens when it is mixed?
  - There is no dollar reduction in sanitation expense b/c of this change. They still need to pick up branches and every other form of non-grass clipping. **I believe Benny said the savings are minimal at best. With enforcement this could be an additional cost in time.**
- The "green" benefit is lost by people like me and gardeners who will bring the clipping to Secor Rd. Any "recycling" benefit is offset by this. **What is worse car emissions or continuing grass pickup?**
- Why should I incur cost to change the blades of my lawn mower to satisfy a few on a special interest group. **Why not give out free blades as an incentive. Oh wait they cost money!**
- Harrison NY is not comparable to Scarsdale as THEY WERE FORCED TO DO THIS because of their proximity to NYC water shed property. It was not voluntary. Basically they had no choice.
- Why has no other Westchester community instituted or considered instituting this change.

If you pass this, serious consideration should be given to enacting an ordinance for correct toilet paper placement on a roller in all houses in Scarsdale. In Edgewood we do top side and in Heathcote they do it bottom side. You should decide the proper way and enact a code change.

The point is the toilet paper change is comparable to the grass recycling. It might make sense to a few but really has not tangible value and it is hard to near impossible to enforce. A few vocal people might support it but most will just scratch their heads and ask "WHY"?

Finally, I do not have a problem with **VOLUNTARY** grass clipping recycling. I do have a problem with an ordinance to support this especially when it is useless and really unenforceable without creating more work for the sanitation department.

You missed the mark on the REVAL. I ask you to try not miss the mark on grass clippings. I can only ask as many told you about the REVAL problem and you ignored their words.

Thanks,

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