

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 10:07 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: Food Scrap Recycling Program

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**From:** Patty Koo <koopatty@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Food Scrap Recycling Program

Dear Mayor Hochvert,

I am writing to support the sanitation schedule changes that will allow food scraps to be picked up curbside. As I look at my kitchen garbage, I realize that the vast majority of it is compostable, and that is one of the reasons we have not been composting. We would have no problem filling the larger container each week, and we don't have the time (nor the inclination, honestly) to bring a pail of the smelliest garbage to Secor Road in a car.

I understand that bringing recycling to the curb can be difficult for some people. But I have lived in several towns and cities in several states (including a house with a long driveway and steep hill) and the only other time I saw back door pick up of garbage was in Glencoe, IL. And even there, the recycling went (single stream) to the curb for the robotic arm truck to pick up.

In San Jose, CA (and other cities in CA that I have visited), trash, recycling, and lawn trimmings all go to the curb once a week, and the robotic arm trucks would pick up. In San Jose, residents paid only for trash pick up, and paid based on the amount of trash they generated, which helped the city send over 50% of it's pickups to recycling. This was as of 2002, when I moved to Illinois.

I recognize how special Scarsdale is, and how superior our services are. It's easy to leave my recycling bins outside and ignore when the pick up is. My driveway is fairly short and flat, so it will also be easy to roll the bins to the curb, certainly easier than carrying the paper and cardboard is.

The win-win of increasing composting and reaping the financial benefits of selling it means that it's time to add a service that moves us into the future, rather than holding us back in the unsustainable past.

You are free to share my comments, but please keep my name and address private.

Thank you.

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