

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Christine Sciandra on behalf of Manager's Department  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:41 AM  
**To:** Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** FW: Back of the house pickup  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rona Shamoon [mailto:ronasrules@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:02 AM  
To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>  
Cc: cferris@scarsdaleneews.com; Manager's Department <manager@scarsdale.com>  
Subject: Back of the house pickup

Dear Mayor Hochvert and Members of the Village Board,

Since I understand from your remarks yesterday that you really do enjoy visual aids, attached are photos of our recycling bin and garbage cans. We truly do have a raccoon problem and my husband and I have over the years, devised a system of stakes and bungee cords to keep the garbage cans' lids on and prevent our raccoons from knocking them over.

I also offer a shot of our driveway from Edgewood Road. I note that the cans are not visible and do not obstruct the road.

I do also commend you and the entire Village Board for your patient listening last night. I do support all recycling programs and hope you can devise a solution that would enable safe, rodent-proof pickup of food scrap recycling WITHOUT eliminating back of the house pickup of recycling and garbage.

I was, however, troubled by your remarks that one alternative to elimination of back of the house pickup that you are considering is going to be once weekly trash pickup. I note that only the 300-400 households who are already participating in food scrap recycling may have cut down sufficiently on their trash to find this acceptable. I would respectfully suggest that the best way to make a food scrap recycling program acceptable to our community is to devise a food scrap pickup program that does NOT cut back on the existing services upon which this community relies.

If in fact, as Mr. Pass so confidently predicts, 50% or more of the Community embraces food scrap recycling in the future, the trash pickup schedule can then be re-examined. I am skeptical that this will happen, but would be delighted to be proven wrong (assuming that our very resourceful raccoons do not figure out a way to get the lids off the food scrap recycling containers leaving them open to rodents).

I thank you again for your time and attention.

Rona Shamoon  
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