

From: Rona <ronasrules@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 1:39 PM
To: Mayor; Manager's Department
Subject: Grass clippings

To the mayor, board of trustees and Village Manager, I understand that you are considering stopping grass clipping pickup and charging extra if my gardener wants to drop off clippings at the recycling center. The article in the newspaper said that you had been informed that leaving clippings in the lawn was good for the grass. This is most definitely not the case during periods of fast growth (in the Spring), when grass must be cut twice a week for grass-clipping recycling to not damage the lawn. Cutting the grass twice a week is highly impracticable. Also the clippings, unless buried under the grass, do not decompose and add nutrients but just either blow away or sit there and rot.

Also, there are many mature trees on our property and mulching the large quantity of leaves produced in the Fall would be equally impracticable as it would also destroy the lawn. So I equally oppose your attempts to stop bulk leaf pickup.

I am very environmentally conscious, but deeply resent the Board trying to save money for the Village by your poorly-informed efforts that will either cost me more money or ruin my lawn.

My husband and I are over 65 and doing our own grass cutting (or delivering the clippings to the recycling center) is no longer a practical option. I cheerfully pay our school taxes, although we have had no children in the schools in over a decade, but bitterly resent the types of reductions in services that you are threatening, which I feel are based on questionable presumptions and discriminate against senior citizens.

I would greatly appreciate a response to this letter.

Sincerely,

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