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From: Christine Sciandra

**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2016 3:39 PM

**To:** Donna Conkling

**Subject:** FW: METERS during CHRISTMAS

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From: Ingrid Richards

**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 12:20 PM **To:** 'sal329@aol.com' <<u>sal329@aol.com</u>>

Cc: Steve Pappalardo < spappalardo@scarsdale.com >; Mayor < mayor@scarsdale.com >

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Mr. Gulla,

Thank you for your e-mail. For many years, the Village Board and administration provided two hours of free parking during certain days during the Hanukah and Christmas holiday weeks. The purpose of which was to support commerce while welcoming visitors to our Village Center. This was accomplished by placing 2-Hour Free Parking meter bags over each single space on-street meter in the Village Center. A few years back, we ceased this operation after requests from a number of key stakeholders, including the Scarsdale Chamber of Commerce and other local merchants. They indicated to us that the aforementioned intended purpose was not being met as various merchants and employees were parking their vehicles at the spaces throughout the day making it difficult for patrons to find parking. As a result, they requested that the practice of covering up the meters be discontinued to ensure adequate parking for patrons when visiting the Village Center during the holiday seasons.

Thank you for your concern and please understand that our decision in this regard is in response to the business community and more of an effort to promote local commerce than maximize parking meter revenues. If you wish to discuss, please feel free to call me at (914) 722-1110.

Regards and Happy New Year,

Ingrid

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