

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Rona
Cc: Trustee Arest; Trustee Lewis; jvernon@scarsdale.com; Trustee Crandall; Manager's Department; Trustee Waldman; Trustee Ross; Steve Pappalardo; Donna Conkling
Subject: Re: NO! NO! NO! NO!

Hi Rona,

Thank you for your email. The Village Board encourages residents to share their views on all items. This helps the Board understand resident perspectives as it deliberates. We will take your views into consideration as we discuss the future of the Boniface Circle park and the spruce tree.

Wishing you and healthy and happy holiday season.

Berst regards,

Marc

On Nov 28, 2020, at 1:36 PM, Rona <ronasrules@gmail.com> wrote:

CAUTION: External sender.

Never in my 40+ years living in Scarsdale have I seen a more offensive or ludicrous suggestion than that of the Scarsdale Business Alliance (SBA) and the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) [which should perhaps be jointly renamed the Scarsdale Uglification Project (SUP)] to chop down the majestic Colorado blue spruce tree in Boniface Circle.

Far from creating an “unwelcoming space,” the soaring spruce creates a perfect centerpiece for our beautiful village of trees. Moreover, annually replacing this tree with a “temporary tree, like the one in Rockefeller Center” would involve the destruction not only of our spruce, but of an endless number of future trees, and ironically, would constitute the perfect symbol of support for the advancement of climate destruction.

I, for one, am perfectly happy with Boniface Circle in its current iteration as a tranquil green space. Not only is there a much larger park just across the street for those seeking outdoor activities, but I cannot imagine that removal of the tree would provide inviting and meaningful space for anything significant. And, in any event, the cost of sacrificing our spruce would simply be too high.

If the DRC and SBA wish to attract more Scarsdale residents to the Village Center, I would strongly advise providing rent relief to those merchants impacted by the pandemic and lowering rents to enable a more practicable assortment of downtown retail establishments.

But in the meantime, PLEASE LEAVE OUR BELOVED TREE ALONE!!!

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