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**From:** Sheila <sirl4@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** Revaluation!

Attention Scarsdale Clerk,

I have been a Scarsdale resident for the past 38 years. For most of that time I was a single mom and sole supporter of my family. With many changes occurring when my children were young, I decided to stay in Scarsdale and provide some stability for them. I knew the school system was outstanding and that they would receive an excellent education and they did. It was challenging to say the least, and often I worked several jobs a week, for years. My children did well at school and both went on to college and law school. Now that I am a senior and recently retired, I find myself faced with an enormous challenge – an unfair assessment of my home. After the Tyler assessments, my 2100 sq. ft. 1952 ranch, on .4 acre went down \$400. Despite the size of the plot, my property is unique in that it sits below street level, on a slope, situated between two main streets and has a rather large water channel which dissects my property and provides an easement for the town. My home is modest, the rooms small and the land, not very appealing to most. Based on these factors, I thought the Tyler assessment fair. However, after a ride-by, by Ryan Associates, my assessment went up 50% for an additional \$10,000. Just when I thought I could “take a breather,” I am faced with this serious dilemma. Social Security goes up in small amounts (dollars) if at that, and I am now faced with accumulating an amount in the thousands to pay my April tax bill. Please do not turn your backs on the many residents who have been here for decades and have paid their fair share throughout the years. Many of us have been active participants in this community. We served on committees and PTA boards, were Village Club members and school coaches. We helped to build this amazing town. And so, having given of our time and dedication to Scarsdale, we are dismayed and heartbroken hearing that there is **nothing that can be done** to correct the recent assessments. We are living in a world where similar sentiments are echoed daily. But look around, things are certainly not improving. I think the time has come to join together and use our talents, abilities and minds and begin to make things better for all!

Sincerely,

Sheila Stempler