## **Donna Conkling**

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To: Donna Conkling

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From: Stephanie Golden <stephgolden@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 12:30 PM

To: Mayor

Subject: Further thoughts on revisions to sanitation and recycling

Dear Mayor Hochvert -

I previously wrote in support of all of the recently recommendations by the Sustainability and Municipal Services Committee due in large part to my great support and participation of the food scraps program. I continue to fully support the food scraps program and would be thrilled if the village added that pick up to its services. If the service is behind the house.

I also fully support the recommendation to increase the frequency of commingled and paper recycling to once a week. If the service is behind the house.

At the time that I previously submitted my letter, I had not realized the extent of the hardship that curbside pick up might cause some of the older or more challenged members of our community.

Additionally, just driving through the village recently on some icy and windy days, I see the dangers that are posed by such a curbside pick up, as well as the unsightliness of recyclables strewn all around the streets after a big wind. I noticed this on the day of a paper pick up and had to literally dodge cardboard boxes in the streets.

Lastly, as a member of the real estate community - I am a home stager who works predominantly in Scarsdale, there is the appeal factor to consider as well. I certainly think that there is a property value component that is enhanced by the back of the house pickup. I would imagine that prospective buyers who visit Scarsdale on a recycling pick up day to find unsightly trash on the streets, might factor this into their decision to not move to Scarsdale. My first piece of advice to all of my staging clients is to make sure their property is debris and trash free and that their garbage cans are hidden.

I hope there is a way for our village to reconcile the need for additional recycling services and embrace the good scrap recycling program while not sacrificing our need to care for the safety of all of our community members, and to keep Scarsdale a beautiful place!

Thank you.

Best,

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