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From: Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>
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To: Clerk's Department
Subject: From Residents Susan and Joe Levine...

To the Mayor and the Trustees:

Having lived in Scarsdale since 1969.. we have become accustomed to tax increases every year.. but felt that living in this Village was worth what it was costing us.

But as Senior citizens ..we can no longer accept whatever tax increases are proposed..based on what others in town would like for Scarsdale to have..with no regard for the cost to everyone.

Having our Library become a gathering place...a place to eat..a place to have group discussions... or a place for teenagers to congregate.. is not something we value.

Bigger is not always better...
..and more can sometimes be less.

I often cannot easily find a parking space when I visit the Library. It is very well utilized right now and is a pleasant place to be a part of. I would not like to think of it as a busy hub for all kinds of activities.

Libraries are meant for books and for reading and studying..and quiet time..and ours should not become something else.

This is even more important now.. in view of the world today and how quiet peaceful time is a rare commodity.

We love our Library for what it has always been..
a quiet place to read and a place to find books..
and movies..and computers..
and a place for children to find books..
and hear stories..and a place for

meetings and performances and presentations..

There is even a soundproof room for group meetings that is readily available..easily reserved for hours at a time..and not used very often.. I have used it myself.

If we need a new Roof for the Library or a new Sound System.. or other similar updates...that we can do.

An additional 10 year tax burden for the necessary Bond issue to fund part of the construction is not something we are able to assume. Not should we be asked to. Our Library should remain our Library.

***On another matter...we do not wish to pay additional Real Estate Taxes to make up for those taxes that are Not paid by others in town who are very happy about where they live... in the Village Center... not in private homes...where we have to worry about snow removal and lawn care and roof replacement and other such matters. We are part of the 55% of Scarsdale residents that do not have children in the schools.

We believe that everyone should pay his fair share. That is our view. The State Law that governed this issue is no longer relevant and should be overridden by our Village government. This is our opportunity to do so.

Thanks very much for listening.

Susan and Joe Levine
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