

Dear Ms Levine -- Thanks for your email. There are a variety of initiatives that are being employed to urge residents to mulch leaves. Among other things, you may have seen the insert in the most recent water bill mailing that discusses both leaf mulching and grass clipping recycling. In addition, the Village sanitation trucks now have magnetic signs attached to them urging leaf mulching.

A presentation given by Chip Osborne of Osborne Organics on October 5, 2015 can be viewed on line on the Scarsdale Public TV web site (link below):

<http://www.scarsdalepublictv.com/video/benefits-of-leaf-mulch-mowing-with-chip-osborne/>

There is also a link on the Village web site that covers the topic (link below):

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Home/LoveEMandLeaveEM.aspx>

Please feel free to pass these links on to your friends.

However, it is emails such as yours that let us know these efforts to educate residents and gardeners are having the desired effect. So, thanks for taking the time to let us know of your positive experience.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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**From:** Bal1998 <[bal1998@aol.com](mailto:bal1998@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2015 11:55 AM

**To:** Mayor

**Subject:** To Mayor Mark...and Trustees...A Miracle on Ardmore Road..from Resident Susan Levine

Dear Mayor Mark...

I live on a small plot in the Heathcote section of Scarsdale...(15 acre)...with huge Maple Trees on my property...

For more years than I can count..my front lawn edge has been destroyed by the Piles Of Leaves gathered and left there by my Gardener..awaiting Village pickup..

For the past few years..leaf pickup has occurred less frequently than in the past..and my leaves..huge piles of them..have remained at the edge of my Lawn..for Weeks..sometimes in rain...and resulting in serious lawn damage

every time.

When I heard about Mulching Leaves in Place on my Lawn.. I thought it was a brilliant idea..a solution to my problem.. and good for my lawn as well..restoring nutrients to the lawn..and getting rid of huge amounts of leaves at the same time.

BUT my Gardener refused to do it . It would be "dirty" he said.. and he refused to do as I asked. Just said No.

So I tried to find another Gardener to Mulch my Leaves. Not so easy. Recommended..they promised to come but never did.

Then today...a Miracle occurred.  
My neighbor's gardener was working on her lawn..and I approached him and asked if I could pay him just to Mulch My Leaves today.  
He said Yes.  
He blew all my Leaves from my beds onto the Lawn.. front and back..ran his Mower over them...and The Leaves Were All Gone! They disappeared like magic.  
To me it was a Miracle. It had to be seen to be believed.

A Miracle on Ardmore Road!  
I am convinced that if more people knew about this how this Mulching Miracle works...Mulching would be standard practice in our town... Right now..residents do not know how much they could benefit from this Mulching Miracle..as I am planning to do.

As you might have guessed...I now also have a New Gardener.

Susan Levine  
Ardmore Road