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**Date:** April 21, 2020 at 8:34:10 PM EDT  
**To:** Bal1998 <[bal1998@aol.com](mailto:bal1998@aol.com)>  
**Cc:** Clerk's Department <[clerk@scarsdale.com](mailto:clerk@scarsdale.com)>  
**Subject: Re: From Susan Levine...About Leaf Mulching and Not Raising Taxes**

Hi Susan,

I hope you and your family are well and are managing through this difficult time.

Thank you for your email.

The Village Board is committed to managing the Village budget as prudently as possible. We always seek ways to do things more efficiently and to reduce the tax burden of residents. Over the past few years, we have sought public input on Village services including rear-year pick-up of trash and leaf collection (as you mentioned). Resident input was clear on each of the items brought to discussion - namely, to maintain the level of service.

Today, however, is a different challenge. There are widespread health, fiscal and emotional strains and yesterday's answers may not be the right course for today. Accordingly, the Village Board has taken immediate action to fill potential revenue gaps and to provide some degree of taxpayer relief (as was done last [Tuesday night](#) when we proposed a reduction in the increase in the tax levy to 1.46%). The Village Board has pledged to continue to review the Village budget for potential savings throughout the fiscal year. We will hold ongoing budget work sessions and will investigate a wide range of potential savings measures, including future leaf collection.

The Village Board is very aware of the plight of many residents and we will continue to work hard to provide savings in the Village budget.

Wishing you and your family good health.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 5:24 PM, Bal1998 <[bal1998@aol.com](mailto:bal1998@aol.com)> wrote:

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Hello Mayor and Board of Trustees..

First...I echo Bill Stern's letter in The Scarsdale Inquirer about having our Gardeners Mulch our Leaves in the Fall rather than paying to have them collected by the Village...and Leaving grass Clippings on our Lawns instead of Bagging them for Collection by the Village...

I have been having my gardener to do both for 3 years and it is wonderful not to have piles of leaves at the curb damaging my lawn... or bags of grass clippings falling over in the rain...grass clippings that could be fertilizing my lawn instead...

I have huge trees and tons of leaves and it all works out just fine. The benefit to lawns is remarkable and the reduction in the cost to the Village of Leaf and Grass Collection can also be appreciated. Residents who do not try it are unable to understand or enjoy the benefits of Mulching and Recycling Grass Clippings.

Second...I urge the Mayor and the Trustees to explore Every Available Method of Saving Money in order to keep our Taxes from increasing in these difficult times... You are very smart ..and you can find a way...We are depending on you.

Thanks for all that you do and for listening.

Sincerely,  
Susan Levine  
Ardmore Road