



Village of Scarsdale

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Municipal Services: Status of Programs and Facilities

Fortunately, no Village personnel have tested positive for COVID-19 at this time. However, in order to practice social distancing and support official requests that all New Yorkers stay home to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all non-essential personnel have been directed to stay home and be able to assist with tasks, as requested.

It should be noted that *all* New York local governments are *mandated* by [Executive Order 202.4](#) to have no more than 50% of their employees required to report to work, and the Village of Scarsdale is in compliance with that mandate.

Please also note that telephone messages left on any department's main telephone number are being returned by staff presently working remotely from home.

The Village understands the importance of the full suite of municipal services we provide to the community and we regret both the inconvenience and any actual hardships that service interruptions may contribute to or cause. Your Village staff and elected officials are working very hard under difficult circumstances to keep you informed of important news and information while at the same time endeavoring to provide the highest possible level of service under challenging circumstances, conditions under which public health, safety, and welfare are paramount.

A status summary for all Village facilities, programs, and services follows.

Police and Fire

All public safety buildings and services are uninterrupted, operating under normal 24/7 schedules with all services available. Effort is being undertaken to migrate the "[RUOK?](#)" program to an online registration system in order to accommodate remote sign-up by interested seniors and persons with disabilities. Additionally, appropriate measures are in-place to support continuity of service should members of our public safety team become ill with COVID-19.

Scarsdale remains fully protected and our public safety staffing is at full strength.

Village Hall

The existing Village Hall closure is being extended through the end of March 2020. During this period, no public use of Village Hall is authorized.

During the Village Hall closure, all services normally available in-person at Village Hall have been suspended; however, to reiterate, any telephone message on a department's main telephone number is being returned. If you have a question or concern, please leave a telephone message or send the department an email and a staff person will contact you. All departmental phone numbers and email addresses are available at www.scarsdale.com.

Please note the following special notices related to Village Hall services and activities.

Village Board Meetings

During the Village Hall closure, and consistent with the language and intent of Governor Cuomo's [Executive Order 202.1](#), any Village Board meeting scheduled to take action(s) authorized by law, including conducting the routine functions of government necessary to protect public health safety, and welfare and to ensure the continuity of governmental operations, may not permit public in-person access to the meeting. Depending on prevailing circumstances, Village Board meetings may be held at Village Hall while it is closed, or remotely by conference call or similar service, but in each instance the public will have the ability to view or listen to any such proceeding. Each meeting notice will be updated to include relevant information, including instructions on how members of the public may view or listen to any Village Board meeting for which public, in-person participation is not authorized.

Westchester County Tax Bills

Westchester County tax bills are being mailed out early this year. Residents are encouraged to remit payment [online](#) or by personal check, bank certified funds, or money order, either by way of postmarked United States Mail or by placing your envelope in the Village Hall dropbox located to the right of the Village Hall front entrance. If you have a question or concern, please call the Village Treasurer's Office at 914-722-1110 or email treasurer@scarsdale.com.

Property Tax Exemptions

Please note that no tax exemption is due prior to May 01, 2020. However, both new and renewal exemption applications *must* be received in the Tax Assessor's Office or postmarked by that date; applications may also be placed in the Village Hall dropbox located to the right of the Village Hall entrance. If you have any questions or need copies of the exemption applications, please call the Assessor's Office at 914-722-1133 and leave a message or simply email your request to assessor@scarsdale.com.

Public Works and Sanitation

Sanitation Services

With the exception of the curbside food scrap recycling program, which is discussed below, all sanitation services, including the Recycling Center, are operating as usual – schedules and

operating hours remain unchanged, but for the Administrative Offices at Village Hall, which are closed.

Also, as we rotate new staff into sanitation operations, please note that they may be unaccustomed to collecting garbage at a particular home. Therefore, residents should make sure that their garbage and comingled is visible to DPW staff on their collection day.

Curbside Food Scrap Recycling Program

Effective Monday, March 23, weekly Food Scrap Curbside Service is being suspended until further notice. However, residents may still access and use the food scrap drop-off facility at the [Recycling Center](#), which continues to maintain normal operating hours and services.

In order for the Recycling Center to remain open to the public, we ask that all visitors to the Recycling Center practice social distancing while there – please maintain at least six feet between one another. Hand sanitizer will also be available for visitor use while at the facility.

Suspension of the popular curbside program is necessary to help maintain continuity of the balance of our sanitation services amidst staffing changes necessary to comply with the NYS mandate that we operate at or below 50% staffing levels. We look forward to starting the service back up and watching enrollments continue to grow!

Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Facility Closures

All Parks, Conservation and Recreation offices and buildings are presently closed through the end of March 2020. If you have a question or concern, please leave a phone message for Parks personnel at 914-722-1160 or email recreation@scarsdale.com.

While our parks and playgrounds remain open for passive public use at this time, all visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and to *refrain from using park equipment*, as no equipment disinfection protocol is available for our outdoor playground equipment.

Please also note that both Weinberg Nature Center and the Girl Scout House are included in the facility closures.

Also, Independent Sports Organizations are prohibited from using Village Fields until April 13, 2020, conditions permitting.

Canceled Programs, Organized Activities, and Events

All programs, organized activities, and events are canceled through April 12, 2020, though exceptions are noted in the sections that follow.

Canceled programs include:

- Remaining REC Youth Basketball League and Clinic
- All programs scheduled at the Girl Scout House (including Senior programs and trips) until further notice

- Animal program at Little House Day Care – March 12th, 15th, 26th
- Young Sprouts at Weinberg Nature Center (WNC) – March 13th & 27th
- Mindfulness: Animal Yoga at WNC – March 17th
- Cancer awareness at WNC – March 21st
- Horticulture at Hitchcock School -- March 23rd
- Jewelry & Beading Workshop – Girl Scout House (GSH) March 25th
- Animal program at STEAMtastic – March 27th
- Birthday Party at WNC – March 29th
- 50th Annual 15K/4 Mile/Abe Simon Fun Run – March 29th
- Spring Eggstravaganza & Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4th
- Minds in Motion – GSH – April 6th & 7th

Postponed Programs

The following programs are postponed at this time (and missed dates will be rescheduled):

- Indoor Tennis lessons at Harbor Island/Lake Isle via Sportime Tennis
- Platform Tennis Clinics at Brite
- Men's Platform Tennis League Team
- Adult Open Gym Basketball, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Total Body Fitness

Programs Still On-Schedule – Please Continue to [Register!](#)

- All Summer Day Camp registrations
- Pool Permits and program
- Tennis permits
- Girls Youth Softball League
- Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Youth Running Club - Mondays and Wednesdays
- Movement & Mindfulness at WNC
- Cheerleading Clinics K-8th
- Earth Day Concert at WNC
- All outdoor tennis programs/lessons
- Spring Squirts Soccer & Squirts Multi Sports
- All August Camps

Other Facility Closures

The following facilities are closed until further notice:

- [Library Loft](#) (Please follow link to the Library's elegant notification)
- Girl Scout House
- Wayside Cottage

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