



VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE

Open Letter to Scarsdale Community

COVID-19 Update: May 20, 2020

Dear Scarsdale Community,

This week is Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SVAC), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has always delivered exemplary care but they have never been more critical to our community than they have since the onset of this pandemic. SVAC's volunteers are residents of Scarsdale and its neighboring communities. These men and women are models of selflessness and Scarsdale's motto of *non sibi*.

Many in the community mistakenly believe that SVAC is funded by the real estate taxes we pay to the Village. This is false. SVAC is primarily run on the generous donations of Scarsdale's residents through tax deductible donation. In a typical year, SVAC relies upon such donations to respond to approximately 1,500 emergency calls.

Thank you hardly seems enough for the life-saving work of our EMS workers, and I would like to offer a way we can demonstrate our gratitude to our treasured ambulance corps, now and every year during SVAC's annual fund drive.

To learn more about [SVAC](http://www.scarsdalevac.com) or to make a much-needed contribution, please visit: <http://www.scarsdalevac.com>. Donations may also be made by mailing a check to SVAC, P.O. Box 92, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Thank you in advance for supporting our ambulance corps.

To all of our EMS workers and your families, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your sacrifice and dedication have helped our community immeasurably over the past 50 years and never more so than today. Scarsdale and each of its residents owe you an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

Assessment Roll

The Assessment Roll will be published on or before June 1, consistent with standard practice. Please review your property's assessed value carefully, as it is the basis for the real estate taxes that you pay to the School District, County, and Village. Please note that the valuation date for the 2020 Assessment Roll is July 01, 2019. We are afforded one opportunity per year to grieve our assessed values, [Grievance Day](#), which falls on the third Tuesday of June, or June 16, 2020.

Please feel free to contact our Assessor's Office with any questions about your property assessment either by phone at 914-722-1133 or by email using assessor@scarsdale.com. Review the [press release](#) for important dates and other information related to procedural changes made in connection with COVID-19.

Recreation

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department issued a [press release](#) yesterday announcing the latest updates regarding the status of our park facilities, programs, and activities.

The good news is that Governor Cuomo has authorized tennis courts to reopen on a statewide basis, subject to certain public health mandates focused on social distancing and sanitization measures. Village personnel have prepared an operating plan that responds to each of the requirements and will be accepting [court reservations online](#). Permit holders are required to make a reservation at least one day ahead of play and be sure to read and comply with all rules, as we wish to be able to maintain public access to the courts as we head into summer!

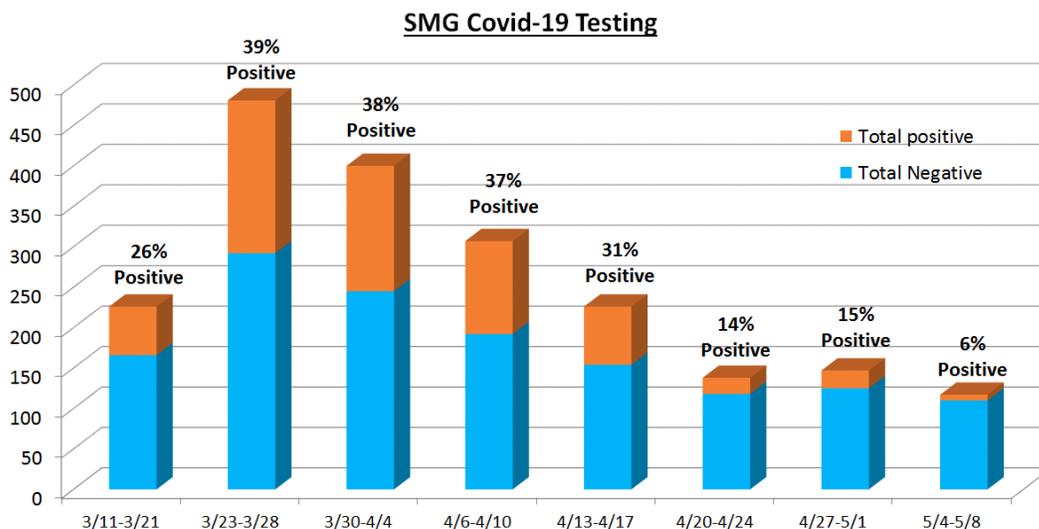
The bad news is that our popular Summer Camps (Sagamore, Lenape, Wapetuck, Pathunke, Sports, Soccer, and Teen Travel) have all been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we are still planning to offer select weeklong camps in August or sooner, if possible. In addition, because the Municipal Pool Complex closure has been extended, we will be unable to offer this year's Fireworks Spectacular.

Please review the [press release](#) for more detailed information about our facilities, programs, and activities.

COVID Update

The graphic below depicts results from COVID-19 testing performed by one of our local physician groups, Scarsdale Medical Group (SMG). The chart relates their weekly facility testing volumes over the period spanning March 11, 2020, through May 08, 2020, and proportions found to be positive for COVID-19. As the chart clearly illustrates, our collective actions are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 at a local level. Keep up your vigilance – we will all benefit.

Thank you to the medical workers and staff at SMG for caring for this community during this difficult time.



Important Reminders

Please continue to social distance, wear a face covering, wash your hands, and help your neighbors, especially those most at risk. Perhaps most importantly, stay home when you are not feeling well. We remain in this together and all of our actions matter – they determine the future path we will face.

Closing Remarks

Memorial Day is upon us, and as we recall the adversity this country has faced throughout its history, we also remember the strength and unity repeatedly displayed. We think of those who have lost loved ones and their sacrifice, and we thank them for their service to our nation. While we will not have our annual parade this year, please set aside a few minutes on Monday to remember the sacrifice of those who preserved our freedom – freedom that we can have greater appreciation for as a result of the current restrictions that we are using to fight COVID-19.

While we are still firmly in the grasp of this pandemic, we must continue to have hope – hope for health, safety, and freedom. We will come out of this together as a stronger community and country.

Please take care of one another, continue to do your part to stem the tide of this disease, and be well.

Sincerely,



Marc Samwick
Mayor