



# Village of Scarsdale

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## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Scarsdale Police Department  
914-722-1200

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### It's Bear-ly Hump Day: Local Bear Sighting

Please be advised that a black bear has been observed in the vicinity of Richbell Road and Burgess Road at approximately 10:00 AM today. The New York State DEC has been notified. However, since the bear is not exhibiting aggressive behavior, they do not take action and the bear is permitted to roam freely.



Bears are an important part of New York's ecology and it is uncommon that one would venture into this part of Westchester County. However, one also quietly visited the Rye area recently, where it did not create any public safety incidents. Black bears have large territories and this one will likely move on to another area, particularly if we, as Scarsdale residents and businesses, make food more difficult to locate.

Residents and local businesses are advised to:

- Report any bear sighting to Scarsdale PD at 914.722.1200. PD Will observe and track the bear, not attempt to remove it.
- Stay calm if you encounter a bear – Do not run.
- Make noise to be sure the bear knows you are there.
- Do not approach the bear for any reason. Simply leave the area.
- Secure trash and do not place dog, cat, or bird food in locations where the bear can find and access it. Bears have a great sense of smell and will be attracted to it.

Again, please contact Scarsdale police at 914-722-1200 if you observe the bear.

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