



Mayoral Community Update

October 06, 2022

Dear Scarsdale Community,

This village we embrace as our home is a very special place. I take great pride in representing the Scarsdale community and embodying our shared values in my role as mayor. Both our community and our local governance are immensely enhanced through the volunteerism and the level of engagement displayed by our capable, dedicated residents. As a community, we are forward-looking, kind, and respectful of others, and giving of our time and energy for the betterment of Scarsdale and those within our private and public circles of influence. Embracing change, strategically navigating the future, and demonstrating resilience, we nurture our sense of community and cultivate exceptional quality of life.

I recently had the pleasure of participating in County Executive George Latimer's [Westchester Weekly Update](#) and took the opportunity to highlight for the audience Scarsdale's community ambiance, our commitment to supporting excellence in local government, and our many successful projects and continuing initiatives. The Village is grateful for our partnership with Westchester County, and I was pleased to share with others my enthusiasm for the place I love and cherish – Scarsdale, where we are headed into a glorious fall season.

With autumn's arrival, our nights are crisp and refreshing, our world-class schools are back in session, and we are coming off an event-filled summer, ready to tackle challenges ahead. As we consistently state, our goal is to ensure Scarsdale remains the best place to live. We seek to respect what our residents hold dear and evolve to meet changing needs and desires. As we advance important Village priorities, we hope to reflect the dreams and aspirations of our residents.

Opportunities: Major Projects and Initiatives

Pool Complex Study



Public engagement for the [Pool Complex Study](#) was a smashing success, having exceeded our consultant expectations and built a solid foundation for our next steps. Key study findings include:

- Due to age, the pool complex has deteriorated and is at risk of being shut down.
- The Scarsdale community is united on the importance and value of the pool complex.
- We have an opportunity to put the Pool Complex on a sustainable course and better serve the community.

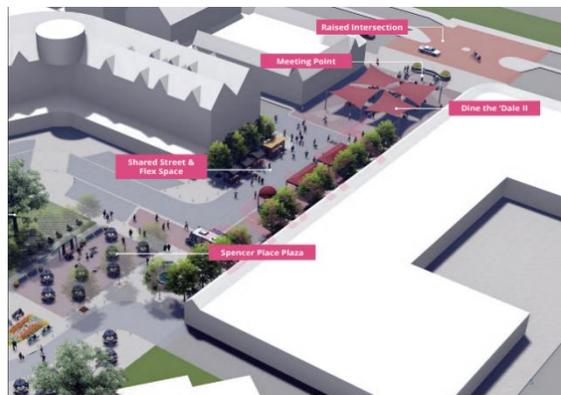
As we progress to the Design and Engineering phase, we are challenged by a finding that, absent consideration of cost, public opinion is roughly split 50/50 on the question of a seasonal or year-round facility, which would include an indoor pool. With costs ranging from \$20M to \$30M for seasonal, and \$40 to \$50M for a year-round facility, we must be cognizant of the tax burden implications of our choice. With the fiscal backdrop of the pool complex, we are headed into the FY 2023-24 budget process with other substantial capital needs and upward pressure on all costs, including operating.

In the weeks and months ahead, members of the Village Board and staff will participate in discussions with community groups, such as our Scarsdale Neighborhood Associations and community-based organizations, to hone-in on the right level of pool complex investment and corresponding facility amenities, whether seasonal or year-round. Thank you to so many for sharing your views, and we continue to welcome individual thoughts and perspective by email using PoolComments@scarsdale.com.

The final consultant presentation, survey reports, pool condition assessment, and other important study documents are available [online](#).

Village Center Strategic Mobility and Placemaking Plan

The [Strategic Mobility and Placemaking Study](#) is scheduled for a final public presentation on Tuesday, October 25, from 6-7:30 pm. Much like the Pool Complex study, public engagement has been a hallmark of this effort. As you may know, the project was initiated to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety, improve traffic flow and circulation, activate public spaces, and increase sustainability. The consultant's work includes the Village Center with suggestions for "tactical urbanism" to test concepts before adoption, consideration of a Complete Streets concept for Fox Meadow Road, and piloting traffic calming strategies for the Sprague Road corridor.



Girl Scout House Reopens



I was filled with joy to celebrate the reopening of the Betty Taubert Girl Scout House on Wednesday, September 28.

Thanks to a renewed partnership between Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson and the Village of Scarsdale, Girl Scouts, Scarsdale seniors, and other facility users will once again be able to enjoy the warmth and convenience of this community asset.

Thank you to our staff and the Girl Scouts for having made the day possible!

Fall Activities

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is holding several festive fall events, including the ever-popular Fall Scarecrow Making Hay Day on October 08 at the Scarsdale Municipal Pool Complex. Other upcoming community favorites include:

- October 08: Apple Cider Jamboree at Weinberg Nature Center
- October 16: Halloween Window Painting
- October 28: Halloween Parade at Chase Park

For more details on these events, please visit our [Parks and Recreation webpage](#). Also, be sure to [sign-up for Parks and Rec emails](#) so you'll never miss-out on their fantastic programs and activities!

Concluding Remarks

As the fall unfolds, we will move forward additional matters of significant community interest. Board and staff are readying materials for upcoming work sessions on many topics including stormwater local laws, quality of life code enhancements, and the telecom gap closure. We will also continue to host pre-budget, department-specific conversations to inform planning as we integrate our strategic priorities and fiscal requirements.

We remain committed to represent you and appreciate your active participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jane E. Veron', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jane E. Veron
Mayor