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Village Moves to Tackle Public Safety-related Wireless Gaps

The Village Board of Trustees has been actively working to close Scarsdale telecom gaps, a high priority matter of public safety. A broad cross-section of community stakeholders including the Board of Education, parents, students, and residents have voiced concerns about wireless gaps, particularly in the area surrounding Scarsdale High School, Fox Meadow School, and the athletic fields. The community is invited to attend a presentation from the Village Attorney and representatives from Verizon about addressing wireless gaps on Tuesday, February 14, during the Manager's report at the [Board meeting](#) beginning at 8 pm.

Village representatives in partnership with the Technology Advisory Council and the Village Attorney have been meeting with Verizon and AT&T to ensure that our residents have readily available and reliable cell phone service, especially in the event of an emergency. The Board of Trustees is negotiating leases with Verizon to co-locate antennas on the roof of Village Hall and the existing monopole at the Public Safety Building. Village Hall already has an existing AT&T facility on the roof at an elevation of 48 feet. A second carrier abandoned its facility and Verizon proposes replacing that carrier, at an elevation of 49 feet. The top of Verizon's antennas proposed at the existing monopole at the Public Safety Building would be at a height of 103 feet, 17 feet below the top of the existing Village antennas. AT&T is also exploring co-locating with Verizon on the existing monopole at the Public Safety Building, which supports existing Village emergency services antennas.

By using existing infrastructure, which the FCC refers to as Eligible Facilities, the Village is minimizing impacts to the community and ensuring the cellular installations can be installed in a timely fashion, with the goal being to have these sites online for the start of the new school year in September.

On Tuesday evening, the Village Attorney will provide an overview of the lease, the two locations, and the timeline for approval and installation. Representatives of Verizon will also be present to describe their two proposed installations and answer questions from the Board and the public. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting, virtually or in person.

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