

FOREWORD

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) prepares *This Is Scarsdale* as a public service to the residents of and newcomers to our community. This is a guide to the current structures of and services provided by our Village government and school district, and the activities and opportunities for involvement in our community organizations, updated as of the time of publication. It is intended to serve as a representative, but not exhaustive, resource for Scarsdale residents.

Note that inclusion in this guide should not be interpreted as an endorsement of a particular organization, program or activity.

Scarsdale takes pride in its excellent schools, its efficient and responsive nonpartisan government, its extensive recreational facilities and its verdant setting. This community's most important resource, however, is its citizens who devote much time and energy to the civic, cultural and economic affairs of the Village and the world outside, and who make Scarsdale a vital and desirable place to live.

Special thanks to all the LWVS members, other residents and Village and school officials who helped to produce this publication.

The League of Women Voters believes that informed and active citizens, joining together to explore common problems and identify shared goals, can resolve the tough issues confronting our community and the nation. LWVS is a nonpartisan, political organization with a rich history spanning over 90 years in the Scarsdale community. We encourage you to join us as we work to promote democracy and political responsibility at the local, state and national levels through voter education, issue advocacy and the active participation of citizens. Please visit our website at lwvs.org to learn more about LWVS and [join the LWVS](#).

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HISTORY

The history of the area we now call Scarsdale is rich and varied. Long before European explorers and settlers started arriving, Scarsdale and its environs were home and hunting grounds to the Native American tribes Siwanoy and Wecquaesgeek, who were part of the Wappinger Confederacy, a large alliance of tribes ranging from Manhattan in the south up along the Hudson River and the Long Island Sound.

In 1660, Englishman John Richbell settled here and purchased from Native American tribal leaders (sachems) a parcel of land that included Scarsdale. Richbell's widow, Anne, sold the land in 1698 to another Englishman, Caleb Heathcote, who was the sixth of seven sons of Mayor Heathcote of Chesterfield in the Hundred of Scarsdale, Derbyshire, England. With the land he had purchased from Anne Richbell and another tract -- called, then and now, Fox Meadow -- bought from area sachems, Heathcote applied for and in 1701 was granted a royal patent creating the Manor of Scarsdale, named after his ancestral home. Scarsdale was the 16th and last royal manor granted by the English kings in the American colonies.

The population of Scarsdale started out small; the first count taken in 1712 listed 12 people, seven of whom were slaves. The manor remained a sparsely populated mixture of small farms, one or two manor houses and wilderness until well after Caleb Heathcote's death in 1721. Caleb's two daughters inherited the manor and continued, with the help of several tenant farmers, to clear and work the land. In 1774 the manor was broken up, and the tenant farmers became the proprietors of their individual farms.

During the American Revolution, both the Continental and British armies passed through Scarsdale. British General Sir William Howe appropriated the Griffen farmhouse, located on the present-day corner of Mamaroneck and Garden Roads, for his headquarters during the Battle of White Plains in October 1776. Wayside Cottage, located at the corner of Wayside Lane and Post Road, is the oldest standing landmark in Scarsdale and one of the oldest preserved residences in the United States, dating back to at least 1729. In 1776, the Varian family who had owned the Cottage since 1761 were forced to abandon it as British and Hessian soldiers moved through the area.

A generation later, James Fenimore Cooper, who had married a great granddaughter of Caleb Heathcote and at the time lived on the Angevine Farm on Mamaroneck Road, gave the story of those turbulent Revolutionary War days a permanent place in literature. Deeply impressed with reminiscent tales he had heard from the aged John

Jay, Cooper, while living in Scarsdale, wrote *The Spy: A Tale of the Neutral Ground*, one of the first American novels.

On March 7, 1788, Scarsdale became a town under New York State law. But it remained a small, sleepy little village. According to the first federal census in 1790, Scarsdale had only 281 inhabitants. Lacking access to navigable waterways, Scarsdale fell behind the growing towns that bordered Long Island Sound and the Hudson River. Scarsdale's fortunes improved, however, after 1846 when the New York and Harlem Railroad (later a division of the New York Central Railroad) began service in the Bronx River Valley.

As New York City grew and became more crowded, residents of the city who could afford the cost of commuting began to consider living elsewhere. During the 1850s, Scarsdale included several homes, a post office, a livery, a school, and two churches, in addition to the all-important stop on the railroad, but there were no stores, street lamps, or paved streets. It was the Arthur Suburban Home Company that began Scarsdale's transformation from a rural town to a residential suburb. In 1891, the company purchased a 150-acre farm and turned it into a row of one-family houses. Covenants included in every sale prevented the use of any lot for commerce.

By 1900, Scarsdale's population was 885, and the village, as we now know it, began to take shape. In 1904, the Heathcote Association, the first neighborhood association, and the Town Club, the predecessor of the Town and Village Civic Club and the Scarsdale Forum Inc., were formed. In order to prevent Greenacres from being annexed by White Plains, Scarsdale was incorporated as a Village in May 1915. The population then was almost 3,000. Later that year, the first President of the Village (the office we now call Mayor), Frank Bethell, commissioned E. Maitland de Gogorza to design the Village seal. The seal features a Native American figure on the right, similar to the one on the New York City seal and representing the original inhabitants of the area, and a farmer on the left, representing the agricultural beginnings of Scarsdale. Both figures are resting their hands on the Heathcote family crest in the center and at the bottom is "1701," the year Caleb Heathcote was granted the Manor of Scarsdale.

The Scarsdale Woman's Club was organized in 1918 and one year later took over publishing *The Scarsdale Inquirer*. For the next forty years, this prize-winning paper was owned, managed and staffed primarily by women. In 1921, the year after enactment of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote, the Scarsdale League of Women Voters was formed with Mrs. F.H. Bethell, a founding member of the Scarsdale Suffrage League, as its first President. The Scarsdale High School and Greenacres Elementary School were built in 1917 and Edgewood Elementary School was completed in 1918.

During the 1920s, Scarsdale experienced a building boom and its population tripled to 9,690 by the end of the decade. In 1922, the Village Board adopted a Village-wide zoning plan, the first zoning law passed in New York State by a suburban community. Court challenges to the code have been met successfully, and Scarsdale has remained primarily a residential community of single-family detached houses. The Bronx River Parkway, the first parkway in the country, was opened in 1924. Fox Meadow Elementary School opened its doors in 1928.

Another building boom occurred in Scarsdale after World War II, with Quaker Ridge experiencing the greatest development at that time. Quaker Ridge Elementary School opened in 1947, Heathcote Elementary School in 1953, and the Junior High School

(now the Middle School) in 1956. The Village and School District purchased land for both public use and open space. Community recreation projects included public tennis and paddle courts, public day camps, a swimming pool complex and a vast array of programs.

Scarsdale residents have enjoyed success in many fields and over the years have included distinguished scholars, authors and artists, university presidents, Nobel and Pulitzer prize winners, a U.S. Vice President, state legislators, members of Presidential cabinets, a New York State Governor, an astronaut, a New York State Commissioner of Education, and presidents of large corporations. Many residents have given and continue to give their time and talents to serve Scarsdale by accepting positions as trustees of the Village and School Board and as leaders of myriad organizations in the community.

For more information regarding the history of Scarsdale, please visit the Scarsdale Public Library.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911 (provide your location to dispatcher)

For regular business and non-emergencies:

POLICE - 914-722-1200

SVAC (SCARSDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS) -

914-722-2288

FIRE - 914-722-1215

To receive emergency notifications from the Village, please subscribe to the Village's email list at

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/InformationTechnology/SubscribetoNews.aspx>.

To receive emails related to the Scarsdale Public Schools, please subscribe at

<http://www.scarsdaleschools.org//cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=587>.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

<https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/PoliceDepartment.aspx>

<https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx>

50 Tompkins Rd.

Patrolmen and firefighters are trained in Red Cross first aid and CPR and are qualified to give emergency treatment. Every police patrol car carries first aid equipment. The Fire Department has an Emergency Rescue Vehicle.

For more information on the Police and Fire Departments, please refer to the Public Safety section.

SCARSDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (SVAC)

<http://www.scarsdalevac.com>

5 Weaver St.

Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps provides the Scarsdale community with advanced life support ambulance service to individuals of all ages experiencing a medical emergency 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

SVAC is staffed by a combination of paid paramedics and volunteer emergency medical technicians, and other appropriately trained volunteers. SVAC's volunteers are residents of Scarsdale and its neighboring communities, dedicated to serving their neighbors despite their busy schedules as parents, business executives, lawyers, teachers, accountants, tradespeople, engineers, health care providers and the like. It is this selfless dedication to helping one's neighbors that makes the difference in the personal care provided by SVAC. SVAC also holds classes on CPR. For more information, please see Classes [FAQs](#) on its website, send an email to cpr@scarsdalesvac.com, or call SVAC.

NEIGHBORING HOSPITALS with acute care and emergency room services

Montefiore Medical Center - Bronx	914-632-5000
New York-Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital - Bronxville	914-787-1000
PM Pediatrics (www.pmpediatrics.com) - Mamaroneck	914-777-5437
PM Pediatrics - Yonkers - 24-hour pediatric emergency	914-337-5437
St. John's Riverside Hospital - Dobbs Ferry	914-693-0700
Westchester Medical Center - Valhalla	914-493-7000
White Plains Hospital	914-681-0600

OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION

For emergencies call 911 OR:

Regional Poison Control Center (emergency)	800-222-1222
Crisis Prevention and Response Team	914-925-5959
National Suicide Hotline	800-273-TALK or 800-723-8255
Westchester County Dept. of Social Services (weekends, after hours)	914-995-2099
My Sister's Place (Shelter, 24 hours toll free)	800-298-7233
MHA of Westchester – Family Abuse Services (24 hours)	914-347-4558
Hope's Door - Domestic Abuse Services (24 hours)	888-438-8700
NY State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (24 hours)	800-942-6906
NY State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Hot Line)	914-345-9111
Pace Women's Justice Center (Helpline; also handles adult abuse)	914-287-0739
NY State Adult Protective Services (to report adult abuse)	800-342-3009 (press option 6)
United Way Helpline	211

EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE

The Veterinary Emergency Group 193 Tarrytown Rd.
White Plains

914-949-8779

Note: Information in this section relating to private providers has been included for the benefit of residents and should not be construed as an endorsement by the League of the providers or their services.

WASTE COLLECTION/RECYCLING

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/Sanitation.aspx>

110 Secor Rd.

Phone: 914-722-1294

Office Hours: 8am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Yard access on Saturdays is for residents only.

The Village of Scarsdale Sanitation Department is responsible for the removal of the following solid waste and recyclable materials from residential locations within the Village of Scarsdale:

1. Municipal Waste/Garbage
2. Recycling
 - Papers
 - Commingled Recycling (cans, bottles, & plastics coded 1-7)
3. Bulky Trash
4. Yard Waste (excluding fall leaves – see below)
5. Electronic Waste - Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) - All televisions, computer monitors and other electronic equipment utilizing CRTs will not be collected and must be brought to the Recycling Center (see below) for proper disposal. All other computer related items (mouse, keyboard, printers, as well as any other electronic household goods with a plug) may be brought directly to the Recycling Center and disposed of in the appropriate marked container.

Please refer to the sanitation manual available on the Village website or at Village Hall for the detailed schedule for collection, preparation and placement of the different forms of waste. No material shall be placed at the street for collection prior to the day preceding the scheduled collection except yard organics.

The Village also operates a Recycling Center at 110 Secor Road. It is open weekdays and Saturdays 8am to 3pm. The Recycling Center accepts any recyclable collected as part of the Village recycling program.

Many items excluded from collection by the Village may be disposed of during a Westchester County Recycling Day. For more information, go to www.scarsdale.com/Portals/0/specialwastes.pdf or contact County Household

Material Recovery (HMR) Program: 914-813-5425 or visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling for more information.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

October through December

For current information and leaf collection schedule, please go to the Village website. It should be noted that the Village Board is considering amending its leaf collection program of vacuuming leaves to the curb. Options being considered by the Board include requiring homeowners to place leaves in biodegradable paper bags and left curbside for municipal collection, having landscapers haul the leaves from the property and disposing at the Village Leaf Transfer Station, and encouraging homeowners to mulch mow the leaves on-site.

HOW TO OBTAIN LEAF BAGS: Biodegradable, recyclable paper bags are available for purchase on weekdays from 9am to 5pm in the Coordinating Office at Village Hall. Bags may also be purchased at the Recycling Center, 110 Secor Road, from 8am to 3pm including Saturdays. Please note that there are no restrictions on the number of bags purchased by residents. Landscapers are not permitted to purchase the biodegradable, recyclable paper bags from the Village.

WATER SERVICE

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/Water.aspx>

For Service & Emergency: 914-722-1138 9am to 5pm weekdays
(For **after hours emergency**, call Scarsdale Police at 914-722-1200)

The Village purchases water from New York City utilizing roughly half of our budgeted expenditures for this purpose. The balance of expenditures fund the operation and maintenance of the water pumping and distribution system.

New York City charges the Village separate base and excess water rates based on consumption that are passed along to homeowners based on usage.

Sanitary Sewer Fee: In order to comply with the federal, state and county guidelines on sanitary sewer systems, Scarsdale established a Sanitary Sewer Fee, based on water usage. The revenue from this fee is expended solely on the maintenance, repair and improvements of the sanitary sewer system.

Water meters are read and billed quarterly, along with the sanitary sewer fee, except for large water users, which are billed monthly. Quarterly bills are mailed to users on February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st of each year and are due no later than the end of each of those months.

TRANSPORTATION

TRAIN

Service is provided by Metro-North Railroad, Harlem and New Haven Lines. For information: http://as0.mta.info/mnr/schedules/sched_form.cfm.

Tickets for Metro-North trains may be purchased at automated ticket machines at Metro-North train stations and online at <http://ec0.mta.info/mnr/tickets/chosestation.cfm>. MetroCards (to ride the subway or bus in the New York City Transit system and Westchester County Bee-Line buses) may also be purchased at automated ticket machines at Metro-North train stations.

Amtrak makes stops in New Rochelle and Yonkers. For information: <http://www.amtrak.com/home>.

BUS

For information about the Westchester County Bee-Line Bus System: <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/bee-line/>.

Bee-Line ParaTransit is a shared ride service for which appointments must be made from one to four days in advance. Although ParaTransit currently provides some services beyond those required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the future goal is for ParaTransit to more closely mirror regular Bee-Line bus service. For information: <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/bee-line/paratransit> or 914-995-7272.

MetroCards for use on Bee-Line buses may be purchased at Metro-North train stations.

TAXI

There is taxi service at each train station, including:

Scarsdale Central Taxi - Scarsdale train station	914-723-0016
Westside Taxi Service - Hartsdale train station	914-761-2227
Paramount Taxi & Limousine - Mamaroneck train station	914-698-2100

POST OFFICE

SCARSDALE MAIN BRANCH

29 Chase Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583-9998
Phone: 914-723-6481
Mon. 8:30am - 5pm
Tue. - Fri. 8:30am - 6pm
Sat. 9am - 4pm

Passport Photo and Acceptance Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 10am - 3pm, Sat. 9:30am - 1:30pm (please call ahead
to confirm times)

HEATHCOTE ANNEX

1112 Wilmot Rd. (Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center)
Scarsdale, NY 10583-6860
Phone: 914-725-8142
Mon. - Fri. 9am - 5pm
Sat. 9am - 4pm

HARTSDALE (Scarsdale Carrier Annex)

441 Central Park Ave.
Scarsdale, NY 10583-9997
Phone: 914-472-7164
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 5pm
Sat. 9am - 1pm

Passport Photo and Acceptance Hours (appointment required):
Mon.-Fri. 10am - 3pm, Sat. 9am - 11am (please call ahead to
confirm times)

MEDIA

The Scarsdale Inquirer – print newspaper, published weekly

www.scarsdaleneews.com/

P.O. Box 418, 14 Harwood Ct., Scarsdale, NY 10583

Phone: 914-725-2500

Scarsdale10583.com: www.scarsdale10583.com

The Scarsdale Daily Voice: www.scarsdale.dailyvoice.com

Scarsdale Patch: www.scarsdale.patch.com

Scarsdale's HamletHub: www.hamlethub.com

The Journal News, print and online newspaper covering Westchester County, published daily

www.lohud.com

1133 Westchester Ave., Suite N110, White Plains, NY 10604

Phone: 914-694-9300

VILLAGE WEBSITE and SCARSDALE PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION

Village Website: www.scarsdale.com

Village News: <http://scarsdale.com/CableTV.aspx>

Cable TV Office: 914-722-1107

cabletv@scarsdale.com

Public Access Television: www.scarsdalepublictv.com

Scarsdale Public TV Office: 914-722-1107

info@scarsdalepublictv.com

The Village of Scarsdale is the Franchising Authority for both Cablevision and Verizon for cable television service. The Village of Scarsdale's Government Access channel, managed and operated by the Cable TV station, can be found on Cablevision channel 75 and Verizon channel 43. The Scarsdale Public TV station can be found on Cablevision channel 76 and Verizon channel 42.

School District Website: <http://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us>

School District News: <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org/Page/83>

Scarsdale Public Schools Education Television (SPS-TV)

Scarsdale Schools Technical Support Services Dept.

Cablevision channel 77 and Verizon channel 27

Mamaroneck residents who are Cablevision subscribers can view Scarsdale School District programs on LMC-TV, channel 77 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday from 4pm – 7pm (some programs begin earlier). Click the Overview tab to see the schedule. You must have a digital box, or a TV with a digital tuner, to see LMC-TV.

In Mamaroneck, SPS-TV can be seen on Verizon channel 27 by *most* of the "Mamaroneck Strip" households. Contact Verizon for more information. Be sure to request that your home receive the Scarsdale local channels.

Selected School District programs are available on its website ([VOD-Video On Demand](#)).

LICENSES

Village Clerk

Phone: (914) 722-1175

Fax: (914) 722-8315

Email: clerk@scarsdale.com

The Village Clerk's Office issues the following licenses:

Marriage Licenses - For information, please contact Village Clerk.

Dog Licenses - For information, please visit:

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Portals/0/Clerk/dog%20brochure.pdf>.

PARKING

<http://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/Parking.aspx>

PARKING REGULATIONS are clearly marked throughout the Village. Parking is prohibited on Village streets and Village-owned street lots from November 1 through March 31 between the hours of 2am and 6am and when a snow emergency is declared. On Saturdays, there is free parking in the 2-level Christie Place Garage, from the East Parkway entrance.

Street meters are monitored between the hours of 8am and 6pm, Monday through Saturday.

PARKING PERMITS – applications available in June of each year

Permit applications are available through the Village website and at Village Hall. Christie Place Garage Permits (by lottery only), are awarded annually to residents only. Freightway permits are available annually or semi-annually. Scarsdale Long-Term Meter Permits are available annually.

VILLAGE REGULATIONS

The Village Code, comprised of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions adopted by the Village of Scarsdale, may be found at www.scarsdale.com/villagecode.aspx. Areas of regulation include engine idling, pooper-scooper, rights of way, signage, tree removal, and visual obstructions.

PERMITS

Most home repairs and alterations require permits and/or inspection to insure safety and compliance with building codes. This includes fences; sidewalk, walkway, patio work; roof work (other than the replacement of shingles); bathroom and kitchen renovations; repaving driveways; installing a pool or tennis court (which in addition requires a Special Use Permit from the Board of Appeals); television satellite dishes that are more than one meter in size; and emergency generators.

It is the resident's responsibility to meet the current standards and to file for the proper permits and/or variance. Applications are required for security alarms, building permits, zoning board, planning board, architectural review board and stormwater permits. See www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/Building/GeneralForms/tabid/106/ItemId/803/Default.aspx. Alarm system permit applications can be downloaded from the Scarsdale Police Department.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (Y.E.S.)

<http://web.scarsdaleschools.org/yes/>

Scarsdale High School
Brewster Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-723-7343

Scarsdale Youth Employment Service, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit organization that brings together Scarsdale teens looking for jobs and local residents and businesses looking for part-time help in their homes and offices. The services of Y.E.S. are provided to students and employers at no charge.

Students and employers can register and search for, and list, jobs online. Y.E.S. maintains an office at Scarsdale High School. During the school year the office is open to students Monday through Friday from 11am to 2pm.

SOCIAL SERVICES

[The following is a sampling of area programs and is not intended to be an exhaustive list.]

SCARSDALE § EDGEMONT FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

www.sfcsinc.org/

14 Harwood Ct., Suite 405
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-723-3281

The mission of Scarsdale § Edgemont Family Counseling Service (SFCS) is to support family life and contribute to the well being of the Scarsdale

and Edgemont communities. SFCS is a nationally accredited, non-profit family service agency.

Programs include:

Counseling Services

Individual, family and couple counseling services, groups for children and public programs relating to family life. For more information, please contact James Genova, LCSW, at 914-723-3281.

The Scarsdale Community Youth Service Project

A partnership of Scarsdale Village, Scarsdale Schools and SFCS. The Youth Service Project includes placement of Youth Outreach Workers in Scarsdale Middle School and Scarsdale High School, parent support groups and leadership initiatives for teens. For more information, please contact Lauren Pomerantz, LCSW, at 914-721-2468 or lpomerantz@sfcsinc.org.

At Home in Scarsdale Village

A membership-based program for those 60 and over. At Home provides group trips and cultural events in the NYC metro area and individual transportation. For more information, contact Susan Gilbert at 914-723-4529 or sgilbert@sfcsinc.org.

Older Adult Service

A partnership of Scarsdale Village and SFCS, OAS is a program of emotional support, outreach and advocacy for Scarsdale seniors who may be isolated or home bound. Additional services include the Vital Aging series, Bereavement Groups, and inter-generational activities. For more information, contact Patricia O'Malley, 914-723-3281 or pomalley@sfcsinc.org.

VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE SENIOR PROGRAMS

<http://scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/Recreation/SeniorCitizens.aspx>

Senior Citizen Coordinator - Kathy Hurwitz

914-722-1160

recreation@scarsdale.com

WESTCHESTER COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAMS

<http://seniorcitizens.westchestergov.com/>

SCARSDALE MEALS ON WHEELS INC.

1 Heathcote Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583

914-723-4342

SCARSDALE COMMUNITY SUPPORT COUNCIL

Jay Genova, co-chair, Jgenova@sfcinc.org
Linda Hillman Chayes, co-chair, lehchayes@aol.com

OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

United Way of Scarsdale-Edgemont

Telephone 2-1-1 Helpline (a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral service) open 365 days a year, 9am - 7pm, for

- Food assistance
- Housing assistance and shelters
- Abuse prevention
- Elder care
- Mental health services
- Recycling regulations
- Services for people with disabilities
- How to become a foster parent
- Where to get medical help and more

United Way of Westchester and Putnam

www.uwwp.org

336 Central Park Ave.
White Plains, NY 10606
914-997-6700
info@uwwp.org

WJCS – Westchester Jewish Community Services

A non-sectarian, not-for-profit, human service agency dedicated to helping people of all ages cope with emotional, cognitive, environmental, physical, social and educational challenges.

www.wjcs.com

845 North Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603
914-761-0600

Family Services of Westchester

A private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian agency offering a broad range of innovative programs custom designed to meet particular needs of children, teens, adults and the elderly through seven Family Centers.

www.fsw.org

Main/Corporate Office
One Gateway Plaza, 4th Floor
Port Chester, NY 10573
914-937-2320

DOROT Westchester

Programs designed to combat social isolation among older adults with food deliveries, weekly volunteer visits, intergenerational celebrations, youth programs, teleconference classes and support groups.

www.dorotusa.org

171 West 85th St.

New York, NY 10024

212-769-2850

My Sister's Place

Works to end violence in intimate relationships and combat the effects of domestic violence and human trafficking on women, men and children throughout Westchester County.

www.mspny.org

One Water St.

White Plains, NY 10601

914-683-1333

Hope's Door

Seeks to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence and healing from the trauma of abuse.

www.hopesdoorny.org

39 Washington Ave.

Pleasantville, NY 10570

914-747-0828

Alcoholics Anonymous

www.simeetings.com/LA/NY/ScarsdaleMtgs.html

Al-Anon

www.al-anon.alateen.org

12 Ridgeview Ave.

White Plains, NY 10606

914-946-1748

HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN THE SCARSDALE AREA

[The following is intended as a representative, not exhaustive, list of area houses of worship.]

ARMENIAN

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North St., White Plains
914-428-2595
www.krikor.us

BUDDHIST

Shinnyo-en Buddhist Center NY
370 North St., White Plains
914-421-1111
www.shinnyo-ny.org

BAPTIST

Scarsdale Community Baptist Church
3 Autenrieth Rd.
914-723-1734
www.scbcnny.org

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ Scientist
34 Maple Ave., White Plains
914-949-8949
www.csnyc.com/church-detail.asp?id=30

CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
60 Wayside Ln.
914-723-4105/914-725-7212
www.mormon.org

EPISCOPAL

The Church of St. James the Less
10 Church Ln.
914-723-6100
www.stjamesthelesscarsdale.org

ETHICAL HUMANIST

Ethical Culture Society of Westchester
7 Saxon Wood Rd., White Plains
914-948-1120
<http://ethicalsocietywestchester.org>

FRIENDS (Quakers)

Scarsdale Friends Meeting House

133 Popham Rd.

914-472-1807

<http://scarsdalefriendsmeeting.org>

GREEK ORTHODOX

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

10 Mill Rd., New Rochelle

914-235-6100

www.htgocnr.org

HINDU

Hindu Temple of Tristates

390 North St., White Plains

914-289-1988

www.hindutempleoftristates.com

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Kingdom Hall

575 Stratton Rd., New Rochelle

914-633-1654

www.jw.org

JEWISH

Bet Am Shalom Synagogue (Reconstructionist)

295 Soundview Ave., White Plains

914-946-8851

<http://betamshalom.org/>

Chabad of Scarsdale (Chabad Lubavitch)

616-225-8354

www.chabadofscarsdale.com

Congregation Kol Ami (Reform)

252 Soundview Ave., White Plains

914-949-4717

www.nykolami.org

Congregation M'vakshe Derekh (Reconstructionist)

133 Popham Rd.

914-725-3064

www.mvakshederekh.org

JEWISH continued

Magen David Sephardic Congregation (Sephardic)

1225 Weaver St.

914-633-3728

www.magendavidscarsdale.org

Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El (Reform)

2 Ogden Rd.

914-725-5175

www.sstte.org

Shaarei Tikvah Scarsdale (Conservative)

46 Fox Meadow Rd.

914-472-2013

www.shaaretikvah.org

Temple Israel Center (Conservative)

280 Old Mamaroneck Rd., White Plains

914-948-2800

www.templeisraelcenter.org

Westchester Reform Temple (Reform)

255 Mamaroneck Rd.

914-723-7727

www.wrtemple.org

Young Israel of Scarsdale (Modern-Orthodox)

1313 Weaver St.

914-235-3714

www.yisny.org

LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church

59 Grand Blvd.

914-472-4369

www.gracelutheranscarsdale.org

Trinity Lutheran Church Scarsdale (Missouri Synod)

25 Crane Rd.

914-723-1998

<http://tlcscarsdale.org/>

PRESBYTERIAN

Baek-Min Presbyterian Church
2 Murray Hill Rd.
914-472-7090

Hitchcock Presbyterian Church
6 Greenacres Ave.
914-723-3311
www.hitchcockpresby.org

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Church of Saint Pius X
91 Secor Rd.
914-725-2755
www.saintpiusxchurch.com

Immaculate Heart of Mary
8 Carman Rd.
914-723-0276
www.parishesonline.com/scripts/hostedsites/org.asp?ID=2332

Our Lady of Fatima
5 Strathmore Rd.
914-723-7421
<http://olfatimachurch.com/>

Sacred Heart Church of Hartsdale
10 Lawton Ave., Hartsdale
914-949-0028/29
<http://sacredhearhartsdale.com/>

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation at White Plains
468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains
914-946-1660
<http://www.cucwp.org/>

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Scarsdale Congregational Church
1 Heathcote Rd.
914-723-2111
www.scc-ucc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

	<u>DATE</u>
School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) Election	January
Village Trustees and Mayor Election	March
County and Special District Taxes Due Date	April 30
School Board Election and Budget Vote	May, 3rd Tuesday
Town Grievance Day (last day to file)	June, 3rd Tuesday
Village Taxes Due Date	August 1
School Taxes Due Date	September 30
General Election	November
Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC) Election	November

The Town is the collecting agent for School and County taxes.

BOARD MEETINGS

Organization	Time and Location
Village Board	8pm, Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month
Town Board	2nd Tuesday, following Village Board meeting
Board of Education	8pm, Room 170-172, Scarsdale High School generally, 1st and 3 rd Mondays each month generally except July (one meeting) and August (no meeting)
Board of Appeals	8pm, Village Hall, 2nd

Planning Board	Wednesday every month 8pm, Village Hall, 4th
Board of Architectural Review	Wednesday every month 7:30pm, Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Mondays every month
Committee for Historic Preservation	8pm – check Village website for dates
Library Board	Once every month on date announced

Residents are encouraged to check the website of the particular organization to confirm dates and times of meetings. In addition, residents may go to <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org/Page/12996> to view the Scarsdale Community Calendar prepared by the Scarsdale PT Council.

ONLINE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Scarsdale PT Council produces the community calendar each year. This calendar is mailed to all residents of Scarsdale each August. Additional copies can be found at Scarsdale Village Hall, our sponsors offices and in the offices of the Scarsdale Schools.

[PT Council / Scarsdale Community Calendar](#)

GOVERNMENT

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Scarsdale was the first community in New York to become a coterminous Town and Village, i.e., two distinct municipalities within one set of boundaries. Important by-products of this double identity have been public convenience, government efficiency and economy. One administration with one set of employees and one elected board, serves both Village and Town.

Scarsdale derives its authority from the State. The State's Village Law, General Municipal Law and Municipal Home Rule Law define the structure of local government and its powers to manage local affairs within stated limits. Scarsdale has operated under a form of council-manager government since 1949, when it passed a local law establishing the office and duties of Village Manager.

The Village Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of the Village and consists of the Mayor and six Trustees, three of whom are chosen annually. Traditionally, the Mayor serves one two-year term and the Trustees not more than two consecutive two-year terms. All are part-time, unsalaried officials. The Village Board adopts the annual budget, determines the tax rate, supervises the collection of taxes and passes local laws to protect the health, safety and property of its residents. In addition, it appoints the Village Manager and Assistant Manager, department heads, citizen boards, committees and advisory councils. The full Board of Trustees meets twice monthly at Village Hall, and a portion of the time at these sessions is devoted to hearing from the public on local issues. Board of Trustees meetings are televised on Scarsdale public access television. For dates and times of board meetings, go to the Village website, www.scarsdale.com.

The office of the Village Manager provides for the administrative body of the Village. The Village Manager is a salaried, full-time, professional administrator. He is appointed yearly by the Village Board and is responsible to it. The Village Manager and his staff bring professional management to bear on increasingly complex government problems.

A comprehensive Village Code was adopted in February 1957, and has been amended and expanded over the years in response to changing conditions with the latest recodification adopted in 1988. The Village Code is posted on the Village website, www.scarsdale.com/villagecode.aspx.

FINANCES

The Village operates on a June 1 to May 31 fiscal year. The budgeting process begins in December when the Village Manager, as Budget Officer, consults with all department heads on their budget estimates for the current year and on budget projections for the next year. By January the Village Manager begins to

outline for the Mayor and the Finance Committee of the Village Board the anticipated operating and capital requirements and estimated non-property tax revenues.

After discussions with the Finance Committee during January, February and March, the Village Manager puts together a tentative budget and proposes a tax rate that will produce sufficient revenue to finance the budget.

The Village Manager files the tentative budget on March 20 and makes copies available to the public. The Village Board must schedule a public hearing on or before April 15 and may amend the tentative budget at any time up to May 1 by which date the Board must officially adopt its budget for the coming fiscal year. Residents do not vote on the village budget.

In the absence of any major industry, the Village relies almost entirely on residential properties for its tax base. The largest expenditures in the budget are for public safety (police and fire protection), public works (highway and sanitation services), and employee benefits. Under a long-standing Village policy, recreation program costs are largely paid for by user fees.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Under a special provision of State law that applies only to very few coterminous towns and villages in New York, members of the Village Board of Trustees also serve as the governing body of the Town, convening once a month as the Town Board to carry out prescribed functions of Town Government. Among these are supervision of elections, tax assessments, sale of tax liens and the issuance of marriage and certain other licenses. In Scarsdale, costs of these Town operations are included in the Village budget.

The Town Custodian of Taxes collects taxes for the County and the school district, although as an agent, the Town has no control over the costs or administration of these units of government, nor any role in their budget making.

ASSESSMENTS

The Assessor is responsible for fixing the value of each building and parcel of property in the Town of Scarsdale. This assessed value is then used by the Village, Town, County and school district to compute real property taxes owed to each governmental unit.

The Assessor, who is a statutory Town officer, prepares an annual assessment roll that includes new subdivisions and buildings, as well as additions and alterations. A value is assigned based on nearly 30 different factors, among them the size and location of the property, the building, its square footage, number of plumbing fixtures, fireplaces and construction type. The Assessor also determines eligibility for exemptions.

The Assessor is appointed by the Town Board for a six-year term. The office and records are open to the public every weekday during Village Hall business hours. Homeowners may discuss adjustments in their assessments with the Assessor at any time of the year. In the case of unresolved differences, they may apply for a reduction from the Town Board of Assessment Review, an entirely independent body, which meets on the third Tuesday in June (Grievance Day). Forms for such appeals are available at the Assessor's Office in Village Hall. The location and time of this meeting are advertised in the legal notices in The Scarsdale Inquirer during the month prior to the meeting.

In 2014, all real property in the Town was revalued. (The prior revaluation occurred in 1969.) Each parcel was assessed at 100% of market value. Westchester County applies an equalization formula to determine Scarsdale residents' portion of County taxes.

JUSTICE COURT

The Village Justice is nominated under Scarsdale's nonpartisan procedures and is elected to a four-year term at Village elections held in March. An Acting Village Justice is appointed annually by the Village Board to serve when the Village Board requests.

As a town-village that conducts all its business as a Village, Scarsdale's judicial proceedings take place exclusively in Village Justice Court. State law requires towns to elect Town Justices even though the Town Court does not meet and in essence, is ceremonial in nature. Town Justices, nominated by their respective political parties, are elected in the General election held in November. Town Justices are available to perform marriage ceremonies.

Justice Court is in session every Wednesday. Traffic and parking summonses are answerable at 9am, the Criminal Calendar is called beginning at 9:30am and traffic trials are held from 1pm until 5pm. Small Claims trials are generally scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. Extra civil and traffic trial days are scheduled as needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

<https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/PoliceDepartment.aspx>

50 Tompkins Rd. (corner of Post and Fenimore Roads)

Scarsdale, NY 10583

<mailto:police@scarsdale.com>

Emergency or a crime in progress, call 911

Non-emergency or regular business, call 914-722-1200

To submit an anonymous tip via text message to the Scarsdale Police Department, text VSPDTIP and your tip to 847411

The Scarsdale Police Department responds to emergency calls for service, operates the communications system, conducts school crossing and animal control operations and is responsible for emergency planning and coordination of special events.

If you plan to be away from home for an extended period of time, be sure to use electric timers to turn interior lights on and off, arrange to have newspapers and mail taken in and register with the Scarsdale Police Department by calling 914-722-1200.

Homeowners and tenants must obtain a permit from the Scarsdale Police Department to install, operate or modify an alarm (security) system. Visit [https://www.scarsdale.com/Portals/0/SPD/Alarm Application.pdf](https://www.scarsdale.com/Portals/0/SPD/Alarm%20Application.pdf) for the permit application and instructions for filing.

For more information about the Scarsdale Police Department, visit

<https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/PoliceDepartment.aspx>.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

<https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx>

50 Tompkins Rd. (corner of Post and Fenimore Roads)

Scarsdale, NY 10583

<mailto:fire@scarsdale.com>

Emergency, call 911

Non-emergency or regular business, call 914-722-1215

The Scarsdale Fire Department is a combination department, operating 24 hours a day and consisting of career members and the members of three volunteer fire companies. The Fire Department provides emergency fire, rescue and hazardous condition stabilization services for the Village and its residents, conducts fire and safety inspections, and responds to resident requests for voluntary home inspections or guidance in the placement of smoke detectors. To request a home inspection, call 914-722-1215. Department personnel are

also available to speak to groups on fire prevention and to arrange station tours.

Three fire stations are strategically located in the Village: Headquarters Station, at Fenimore and Post Roads; Popham Road Station, at Popham and Post Roads; and Crossway Station, on Crossway near Mamaroneck Road.

For helpful information about testing and changing the batteries in your smoke alarms, marking and clearing fire hydrants for winter and other fire safety tips, visit <https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx> and look under the "Links" heading.

For forms and other information relating to obtaining permits from the Scarsdale Fire Department for activities including erecting tents, business operations, petroleum bulk storage tanks or propane tanks, fireworks or assembly operations, visit <https://www.scarsdale.com/Home/Departments/FireDepartment.aspx> and look under the "Permit Applications" heading.

Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Companies

Scarsdale's volunteer firefighters are residents who lead active lives and still find time to be real "hometown heroes". They are accountants, doctors, lawyers and business executives, teachers, commuters and local trades people. To get more information about becoming a Scarsdale volunteer firefighter, contact the Fire Department Training Officer at 914-722-1215, extension 4, or visit the websites of the three volunteer fire companies:

Volunteer Company One - <http://scarsdalefire1.com/>

Volunteer Company Two - <http://www.sfdco2.com/>

Volunteer Company Three - <http://scarsdalefireco3.com/>.

RECREATION

Scarsdale Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department
1001 Post Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-722-1160
www.scarsdale.com/recreation

The Department is responsible for the use and care of 22 parks and recreation facilities including pools, tennis courts, platform tennis courts, playing fields, parks and the Weinberg Nature Center. Two times a year, brochures are mailed to each household and posted online, describing a broad array of recreational opportunities for the approaching season. These opportunities include athletic and other specialized activities for all age groups, including pre-school, youth, teens, adults and seniors. Summer camp programs are offered for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade. The Department and the programs it offers are funded through Village taxes, State aid and user fees.

JCC Mid-Westchester
999 Wilmot Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-472-3300
www.jccmw.org

YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester
515 North St.
White Plains, NY 10605
914-428-1130
www.ywcawpcw.org

White Plains YMCA
250 Mamaroneck Ave.
White Plains, NY 10605
914-949-8030
www.whiteplains.ymca-cnw.org

CITIZEN BOARDS AND COUNCILS

The Village Board appoints citizen boards with independent policy-making authority, advisory councils and committees. Members serve without pay. A Village Trustee serves in a liaison capacity to all boards, councils and committees. Descriptions of all the boards, including the Board of Appeals, Board of Architectural Review, Planning Board and Board of Ethics, councils, including the Advisory Council on People with Disabilities, the Advisory Council on Environmental Conservation and the Advisory Council on Parks and Recreation, and committees, i.e. the Committee on Historic Preservation, are available on the Village website, www.scarsdale.com. There you will find the description of each board, council and committee as well as the appointment requirements, responsibilities, term of membership, meeting dates and application form. The Village Board posts a list of all prospective vacancies by January 1 of each year and encourages community members to apply.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Scarsdale Public Library

54 Olmsted Rd.

Scarsdale, NY 10583

914-722-1300

www.scarsdalelibrary.org

scaref@wls.org

The Scarsdale Public Library is located at 54 Olmsted Road, at the corner of Post and Olmsted Roads, just north of Scarsdale High School. The library's mission is to be an integral part of the cultural, intellectual and educational life of the community. In addition to housing a large collection of printed materials, the Library provides cardholders access to digital sites to download music, movies and e-books. Cardholders may also borrow books and materials directly from any of the 38 member libraries of the Westchester Library System. The Library sponsors a range of activities and programs for adults, teens, children and children with special needs. The Library is planning a major interior renovation that will enhance traditional services, as well as provide additional programming and technology to meet the community's changing needs. The Library is funded by the Village of Scarsdale, individual contributions and the participation of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library. For complete information, visit the Library's website, www.scarsdalelibrary.org.

EDUCATION

SCARSDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Scarsdale School District Office
2 Brewster Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-721-2400
www.scarsdaleschools.org

The Scarsdale Union Free School District serves the Village of Scarsdale and a portion of the Town of Mamaroneck adjacent to Scarsdale. The District includes seven schools: Scarsdale High School, grades 9-12; Scarsdale Middle School, grades 6-8; and five neighborhood elementary schools, grades K-5 -- Edgewood, Fox Meadow, Greenacres, Heathcote and Quaker Ridge.

To receive emails related to the Scarsdale Public Schools, please subscribe at <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org//cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=587>.

SCARSDALE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

2 Brewster Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-721-2400
<http://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us>
mailto: boardofed@scarsdaleschools.org

The Board of Education comprises seven unpaid citizens elected to staggered three-year terms. The Board of Education establishes broad goals and policy, delegates to the Superintendent of Schools and professional staff the authority to achieve those goals, and broadly evaluates progress.

Meetings occur twice monthly during the academic year and are open to the public. For dates and times of meetings, go to www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us and click on Board of Education, then Board Calendars. The public portions of Board of Education meetings are videotaped and are replayed on Scarsdale Public Service TV, channels 77 (Cablevision) or 27 (Verizon), or may be viewed online for a limited time on Video on Demand at <http://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/domain/14>.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Director of Special Education Office
2 Brewster Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-721-2445

Special Education addresses the education needs of children in the District who have identifiable disabilities, from age 3 until age 21, or until they receive their high school diplomas. The population of students who may qualify for Special Education includes both those who have disabilities requiring specialized

instruction, and those who do not require specialized instruction but who have certain medical conditions (such as cardiovascular or neurological conditions or severe allergies), and need an environment or assistance that addresses their physical limitations.

For more information visit the website at <http://scarsdaleschools.org/page/65> or call the office of the Director of Special Education.

Scarsdale C.H.I.L.D. (Children Having Individual Learning Differences)
C.H.I.L.D. is a committee of Scarsdale PT Council and provides a network of resources, information and support for parents and teachers of children who have special educational needs. For more information visit the website at www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/domain/61 or send an email to scarsdaleCHILD@gmail.com.

BOCES SERVICES

There are 37 regional Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), created by New York State to provide school districts with opportunities to share educational services and obtain the benefit of purchasing in a cooperative. The Scarsdale School District is a member of the Southern Westchester BOCES. Southern Westchester BOCES offers a broad menu of programs and each member district purchases a different selection of those programs, depending on its needs.

The list of Southern Westchester BOCES services purchased by the Scarsdale School District is approved each spring by the Board of Education. Chief among these are some highly specialized programs for children with disabilities. In addition, Scarsdale teachers may borrow materials from the Southern Westchester BOCES library, and the District may send students to Southern Westchester BOCES vocational training programs. Referees for interscholastic sports are hired and managed by Southern Westchester BOCES and staff development programs are offered for teachers, administrators and support staff.

For more information about Southern Westchester BOCES services in Scarsdale, visit the Board of Education District Program Reports page on the Scarsdale Schools website at <http://scarsdaleschools.org/Page/15946> and scroll down to the report on BOCES Services.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Kids' B.A.S.E.
307 Mamaroneck Rd., Scarsdale NY 10583
914-472-5409
<https://www.kbls.org/>

Transportation is available to participating children from each of the Scarsdale School District's elementary schools.

TRANSPORTATION

The Scarsdale School District, unlike many other districts, does not contract out its student transportation services; it owns and maintains its own 90-vehicle fleet.

Transportation is provided to all students in the District to the District schools, and to schools outside the District, provided that the student resides within the Scarsdale School District and resides more than 1.5 miles from the school s/he attends up to a distance of 15 miles. Students attending a pre-K program are not eligible for transportation.

Applications for transportation to private schools must be submitted to the Transportation Office by April 1 for the following school year; new residents must apply within 30 days of establishing residency in the District. To complete an application, visit <http://scarsdaleschools.org/domain/13> and click Request for Transportation Form.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

Each of the public schools in the Scarsdale School District has a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The PTAs are not-for-profit, volunteer organizations, whose members -- dedicated parents, teachers, staff and administrators -- share a common interest in providing the highest quality education for our students. Links to the websites of each school PTA are available at www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/domain/59.

The Scarsdale Council of PTAs (PT Council) is the umbrella organization for the Scarsdale PTA units at each of the seven Scarsdale public schools. PT Council sponsors a variety of speakers, panels and programs that enrich the student and parent community. To contact PT Council, please email scarsdaleptcouncil@gmail.com.

PT Council also prepares the Scarsdale Community Calendar, mailed in hard copy to residents before the beginning of the school year. The calendar is available online and periodically updated at <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org/Page/12996>.

ADULT EDUCATION

SCARSDALE ADULT SCHOOL

914-723-2325

www.scarsdaleadultschool.org

The Scarsdale Adult School is a continuing education program that offers an enrichment curriculum for lifelong learning. All adults are welcome, regardless of where they live. Day and evening courses are offered throughout the year.

The Scarsdale Adult School is supported solely by course fees and tax-deductible gifts. A course catalog is mailed to all Scarsdale residents, and is available on the Scarsdale Adult School website or upon request.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Scarsdale offers its residents a wide variety of civic and cultural organizations, which are listed at the end of this section. The organizations that study and address community issues are the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale, the Scarsdale Forum, the Scarsdale Woman's Club, the Neighborhood Associations, and the Scarsdale Neighborhood Association Presidents (SNAP). These organizations are briefly described below. For updated information on these organizations, please consult the community calendar mailed to each household in August and updated online at <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org/Page/12996>.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCARSDALE

www.lwvs.org

P.O. Box 495 Scarsdale, NY 10583

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS or the League) was founded in 1921. However, the history of the League began seven years earlier with the activities of Scarsdale women suffragists. For the fascinating story of the birth of LWVS, go to <http://www.lwvs.org/ScarsdaleLeagueHistory.html>.

LWVS is a volunteer, nonpartisan political organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate for public office, but it encourages its members, as individuals, to take part fully in the political process. The League is political in that it takes positions on selected issues at all levels of government – local, county, state and national -- after serious member study and coming to consensus. The members select the issues to be studied.

To further its mission, the League plays two vital roles: voter service/citizen education; and action/advocacy.

Voter service provides nonpartisan information on registration, voting, candidates, public officials and ballot issues. LWVS register voters, encourages voting in primaries and general elections, holds candidates' forums, and seeks to promote an understanding of representative government. The League sponsors Youth Services programs, such as Students Inside Albany, to educate young people about the democratic process. LWVS also presents speakers on issues of interest to the community at its fall and spring luncheons.

What makes the League unique is its engagement and advocacy on issues through its consensus process. The League may take a position only after it has undertaken a comprehensive study of the issue and members have come to consensus on the position. LWVS focuses on local issues such as planning and zoning, the nonpartisan village and school board election systems, the village

and school budgets, and the environment. As a member of the county, state and national Leagues, LWVS also participates in the programs of those Leagues, covering a wide array of issues from the county budget and affordable housing, to campaign finance reform and ethics reform, to hydrofracking, health care and human trafficking.

The League is a non-profit organization that funds its activities through membership dues and contributions and community fundraising.

Membership in the LWVS is open to everyone, male or female. To be a voting member, one must be a citizen and at least 18 years old. All others are welcome to join as associate members. Membership in the LWVS automatically includes membership in the Westchester County, New York State, and U.S. Leagues of Women Voters.

For more information, visit the League website, www.lwvs.org, or e-mail president@lwvs.org.

SCARSDALE FORUM

<http://www.scarsdaleforum.com/index.php>

Scarsdale Forum Inc.

P.O. Box 86, Scarsdale, NY 10583

914-723-2829

THE SCARSDALE WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

<http://www.scarsdalewomansclub.org/>

37 Drake Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583

914-723-0024

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

There are 17 Neighborhood Associations in Scarsdale:

- Arthur Manor
- Berkley-in-Scarsdale
- Bramlee Heights
- Colonial Acres
- Drake-Edgewood
- East Heathcote
- Fox Meadow
- Greenacres
- Heathcote
- Murray Hill/Middle Heathcote
- Old Scarsdale
- Overhill
- Quaker Ridge
- Scarsdale Meadows
- Secor Farms
- Sherbrooke Park
- West Quaker Ridge

CONFEDERATION OF SCARSDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENTS (SNAP)

SNAP's membership is comprised of the current presidents of the 17 neighborhood associations and the current and last SNAP chairmen. For a Village map of the neighborhood associations, please see <http://www.scarsdale.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=TCjJovxPTuw%3D&tabid=104&mid=495&forcedownload=true>.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS LIST

American Legion Post 52, 914-723-7218
Boy Scouts of America, Westchester-Putnam Council, www.wpcbsa.org
Friends of Music & the Arts (FMA), www.scarsdalearts.org
Friends of the Scarsdale Parks, www.friendsofscarsdaleparks.org
Friends of the Westchester Band, www.westchesterband.org
Girl Scouts, Scarsdale-Edgemont, www.segs.info.org
Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW),
www.jlcentralwestchester.org
Kids' B.A.S.E. & The Little School (KBLS), www.kbls.org
Maroon & White (M&W), www.maroonandwhite.org
New Choral Society, www.newchoralsociety.org
Scarsdale-Edgemont Family Counseling Service (SFCS), www.sfcinc.org
Scarsdale Adult School (SAS), www.scarsdaleadultschool.org
Scarsdale Alumni Association, www.scarsdalealumni.org
Scarsdale Art Association, www.scarsdaleartassociation.com
Scarsdale Chamber of Commerce, www.scarsdalechamber.org
Scarsdale Community Support Council, Jgenova@sfcinc.org
Scarsdale Democratic Town Committee, www.scarsdaledemocrats.org
Scarsdale Forum, www.scarsdaleforum.com
Scarsdale Foundation, www.scarsdalefoundation.org
Scarsdale Historical Society, www.scarsdalehistoricalsociety.org
Scarsdale League of Women Voters (LWVS), www.lwvs.org
Scarsdale Meals on Wheels, 914-723-4342
Scarsdale New Residents' Club, www.mysnrc.com
Scarsdale Republican Town Committee, www.scarsdalegop.org
Scarsdale Rotary Club, www.scarsdalerotary.org
Scarsdale Schools Education Foundation,
www.scarsdaleschoolseducationfoundation.org
Scarsdale Student Transfer Education Plan (STEP),
www.scarsdalestep.org
Scarsdale Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol, www.scarsdaletaskforce.org
Scarsdale Teen Center (STC) aka The Center @862,
www.scarsdaleteencenter.com
Scarsdale Woman's Club, www.scarsdalewomansclub.org
Scarsdale Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.),
<http://web.scarsdaleschools.org/yes/>

INDEPENDENT SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Scarsdale Baseball Club, www.scarsdalebaseballclub.com

Scarsdale Chapter New York Junior Tennis League, proscars@aol.com

Scarsdale Little League, www.scarsdalelittleleague.com

Scarsdale Youth Basketball, www.scarsdaleyouthbasketball.com

Scarsdale Youth Hockey Association, www.scarsdalehockey.com

Scarsdale Youth Lacrosse Association, www.scarsdaleyouthlacrosse.com

Scarsdale Youth Soccer Club, www.scarsdalesoccer.net

Scarsdale Youth Softball Association, www.scarsdaleyouthsoftball.com

Scarsdale Volleyball Club, www.wowtaxi.com

Please go to <http://www.scarsdaleschools.org/Page/12996> to view the Scarsdale Community Calendar prepared by the Scarsdale PT Council for a current list of community organizations and independent sports organizations and the dates and times of meetings and events for many organizations.

VOTING INFORMATION

The following section provides a brief overview of voting information. For more in-depth and up-to-date information, please go to the “Voter Information” and “Useful Links” sections of the Scarsdale League of Women Voters website at: www.lwvs.org.

Other helpful links:

New York State Board of Elections: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/>

Westchester County Board of Elections:

<http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/>

Vote 411: <http://www.vote411.org/>

Citizens Nominating Committee: www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org

School Board Nominating Committee: www.scarsdalesbnc.com

Scarsdale is in the:

16th and 17th Congressional Districts

35th State Senatorial District

88th State Assembly District

9th Judicial District, NYS Supreme Court

5th County Legislative District

Village and school district candidates are elected at large.

Qualifications for Voting

In order to register and vote in a Primary or General election, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 years of age by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote
- Live at your present address at least 30 days before an election
- Not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere

For information regarding eligibility to vote in a Citizens Nominating Committee or School Board Nominating Committee election, please visit

www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org or www.scarsdalesbnc.com, respectively.

ELECTIONS

Scarsdale residents participate in six kinds of elections:

Primary (varies)

General (November)

Citizens Nominating Committee – neighborhood representatives (November)

School Board Nominating Committee – neighborhood representatives (January)

Village – Mayor, Trustees, Village Justice (March)

School – Trustees, school budget (May)

For specific information on each election, please see the relevant section below.

Primary Elections

Primary elections are held to determine a political party's nominee if there is a contest within the party for a public office or post. Primary election dates are set annually by the State Legislature.

Qualifications for Primary Voting

Only those registered voters enrolled in a party represented on the primary ballot may vote in that party's Primary election. Crossover voting is not permitted. Enrollment must have occurred no later than the last day of local registration the previous year. Newly registered voters should consult with the Board of Elections for enrollment deadlines.

General Elections

General elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect national, state or county officials and/or decide ballot issues. Federal and State elections are held in even-numbered years, County elections in odd-numbered years.

The only local election held at the time of the General election in November is for two Town Justices. Each of the major political parties nominates one candidate. They run unopposed for this statutory, non-salaried position.

Local Elections

Village Nonpartisan Nominating Committee Elections: As part of Scarsdale's nonpartisan system (see Village and School Elections - Nonpartisan systems below), eligible residents vote in November for representatives to the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC) and in January for representatives to the School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC), each committee charged with nominating individuals for vacant positions on the committee. Calendars, mail-in ballots and voting instructions can be found on their respective websites: www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org (CNC) and www.scarsdalesbnc.com (SBNC).

Village elections are held on the third Tuesday in March. If you are not registered to vote in the General election, you are not eligible to vote in the Village elections. Absentee ballots may be obtained at Village Hall.

School Board elections are held on the third Tuesday in May. In addition to voting for school board trustees in May, the tax levy to fund the annual school budget is presented to voters for approval. Voters do not vote on the village budget. If you are not registered to vote in the General election, you may vote in the School Board elections by registering at the Scarsdale Board of Education offices located at Scarsdale High School, Brewster Road. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the District Clerk at the Board of Education offices or by calling 914-721-2410.

Village and School Elections - Nonpartisan systems

Background

Scarsdale is one of only a small number of towns and villages in the U.S. that elects its village and school board officials by a nonpartisan (or non-party) system. The nonpartisan system was first adopted after a number of bitter and contentious campaigns for village office waged by the Republican and Democratic committees in the 1920s. Members of both parties got together and developed the nonpartisan system as an alternative system for selecting persons to run for Village elective office, and later for the School Board. The intention of Scarsdale's nonpartisan system is to attract the best possible people to run for village trustee, mayor and school board, while minimizing electioneering, money-, partisan politics- and agenda-driven candidates. Scarsdale's success as a community depends in large measure on its many residents who have given and continue to give their time and talents to serve Scarsdale by accepting positions as mayor, village and school board members and as leaders of over 80 community organizations.

The nonpartisan system identifies five voting districts based on elementary school boundaries. Each elementary school area elects residents to participate on a nominating committee whose mandate is to nominate candidates for election to office. What is most unique about the process is that in both the village and school nonpartisan systems, only one candidate is selected to run for each open position. Historically, the candidate proposed under the nonpartisan election systems has been voted into office. The Democratic and Republican committees traditionally do not promote candidates for the Village and School Boards although opposition candidates have been or may be proposed by other independent parties. These elections are governed by State Election Law and State Education Law.

Running the nonpartisan election systems

The village nonpartisan election system is administered by the Procedure Committee. The school nonpartisan election system is run by the Administrative Committee. Both election systems are publicly funded, primarily through financial contributions by residents to cover the expenses involved, including running the nominating committee elections (discussed below) and the proposal by the committees of candidates for village office and the school board.

Citizens Nominating Committee and School Board Nominating Committee

There are parallels between both nominating committees.

In each of the village and school election systems, a nonpartisan nominating committee is responsible for nominating candidates for village office and the school board respectively. Each nominating committee is comprised of 30 elected members, six from each of the five elementary school areas, who serve

staggered 3-year terms. Accordingly, in both election systems, two seats in each elementary school area become vacant each year.

Getting on the nominating committees. Both election systems have established an annual process in which residents in each of the five elementary school areas propose a fellow resident or themselves to run for election to the nominating committee. In the case of the village election system, residents are candidates to the CNC; in the case of the school election system, residents are candidates for election to the SBNC. In both cases, candidates must meet the legal voting requirements (U.S. citizen, age 18 or older, resident for 30 days). The election systems further require that there be at least two candidates for each vacancy on the nominating committee. Elections are held to determine who will become members of the nominating committee. In each nominating committee election, the two individuals with the most votes in each elementary school area become members of the nominating committee.

Being on a nominating committee. Once the committees select the nominees to run for village office or the school board, as the case may be, the nominating committees become election committees. They must meet State law requirements for placing the names of nominees on the ballot for the elections. It has not been custom for nominees to campaign or to be asked positions on any issues prior to the election since they are expected to make decisions based upon the information available at the time and to reach consensus with their fellow office holders.

For more detailed information on each local election system go to:
www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org for the village election system and
www.scarsdalesbnc.com for the school election system.