

Dear Editor,

I am 86 years old, and as a girl I went to Sunday school at the Dutch Reformed Church in the old Mason's hall in Wyckoff. It has since been moved from its location on Wyckoff Avenue and now I have read that it is to be knocked down altogether. In 1944 my husband and I decided to make Wyckoff our home and bought a house here. It was very much a country town then.

As a senior on a fixed income, I am concerned about property taxes. I read the letters from people in the paper and on the www.FriendsOfWyckoff.org website. One of these is from a senior like me who says you can't pay your property tax bills with the assessed value of your house. I agree! I don't want to move from Wyckoff. What bothers me is that the Township seems to approve every development proposal and keeps adding kids to our schools. This drives up school taxes. These are the main part of our property taxes. We need to find other options to development like preserving open space. We are already paying into these open space programs with our county and state taxes but the money doesn't come to Wyckoff.

If paying \$39 a year will not only keep a little bit of country in Wyckoff, but also slow the school tax increase, then I am all for it. I will vote yes for open space in Wyckoff.

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