

PROCEDURE COMMITTEE INVITES CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR SEATS ON THE CITIZENS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Invitation to Join the CNC: The Procedure Committee is now inviting Scarsdale residents to join the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC). As one of 30 members of the CNC, you will interview, evaluate and select candidates who will be on the ballot for Village elected offices in the March 17, 2020 Village-wide election. This unique system gives our community's neighborhood CNC representatives an opportunity to participate in civic affairs and to have their voices heard on who will govern at Village Hall. The Procedure Committee is the nonpartisan group of Scarsdale volunteers who administer the annual elections of a new group of 10 members of the CNC.

CNC Election Process: With a simple application process, residents may seek a place on the ballot in the November 12, 2019 CNC election. Residents representing each of the five elementary school districts (Edgewood, Fox Meadow, Greenacres, Heathcote and Quaker Ridge, called "Election Units") will be running for at least two available positions on the CNC. This year there is an additional one-year vacancy in Quaker Ridge. The application process is simple, consisting of a short Biographical Information form and a Nominating Petition signed by 10 eligible voters from the candidate's Election Unit. The forms and filing instructions for both are attached to this page and may also be downloaded from the Procedure Committee website [here](#). A FAQ sheet about the nonpartisan system is also included in this packet.

CNC Activity: The CNC meets 5 or 6 times typically on weekday evenings at Village Hall beginning at the end of November. CNC meeting dates for 2019-2020 are: Monday, November 25 (Organization Meeting); Tuesday, December 10; Wednesday, December 18; Tuesday, January 7; Wednesday, January 15; and if necessary, Wednesday, January 22. By then the CNC will nominate a nonpartisan slate of candidates for the open positions of three Trustees and the Village Justice. Note: Under New York State Law, contested elections are allowed and candidates outside the village nonpartisan election system may also run for village office by obtaining the prescribed number of signatures on a nominating petition.

CNC Eligibility and Term: A candidate for membership on the CNC must be a qualified voter (U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or older), and a resident of Scarsdale for at least two years. A CNC candidate may not simultaneously be a member of the Procedure Committee, the School Board Nominating Committee, the School Board Administrative Committee, the Scarsdale School Board or the Village Board of Trustees. Each of the three groups of 10 CNC members serve staggered three-year terms followed by one year on the Procedure Committee.

Deadlines: Submission of both CNC application forms beginning this summer is encouraged. The filing deadline for both forms is **Sunday September 30**. After this date, additional CNC candidates will be accepted only if there are fewer than two candidates for each open position in that elementary school district. The CNC election will be held at Village Hall on **Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 7 AM to 9 PM**.

Contact Us: For help in filing the CNC application forms or for more information, potential candidates are welcome to contact the 2019 Chair of the Procedure Committee, Eric Cheng, Quaker Ridge, at chengchoi@optonline.net, or 2019 Vice Chair Sarit Kessel Fuchs, Quaker Ridge, at kessel7@hotmail.com. The members of the 2019-2020 Procedure Committee are: Stephen Baer, Daniel Brown, Eric Cheng-Chair, Marie DiPalma, Madelaine Eppenstein, Sarit Kessel Fuchs-Vice Chair, Dan Gerardi, Judy Wenjing Kerr, Amy Laartz, Jon Leslie, Matt Martin, Barry Meiselman, BK Munguia, ML Perlman, Andrew Sereysky, Greg Soldatenko, Peter Tesler, Amber Yusuf, and Anne Zink.

2019 NOMINEE FOR THE CITIZENS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Biographical Information (to be filled out by the nominee)

This Information Form may be submitted electronically as an email attachment or by hand to the following members of the Procedure committee: **Eric Cheng**, Chair, or **Sarit Kessel Fuchs**, Vice Chair: chengchoi@optonline.net; kessel7@hotmail.com, or by mail to the Procedure Committee, P.O. Box 284, Scarsdale, NY 10583, TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

By signing this form, you authorize and affirm that (a) the information you provide below, and on a separate sheet if you wish to provide more information, is accurate and will be used to support your candidacy for election to membership on the CNC in the Village-wide nonpartisan election on November 12, 2019, and (b) the information will be published, in whole or in part, in an Election Brochure mailed to Scarsdale voters prior to the CNC election on November 12, 2019 and posted on the Procedure Committee website. Your submission will be acknowledged by email. If you cannot submit your form electronically, please print the form and fill it in clearly, and mail it to the Procedure Committee, P.O. Box 284, Scarsdale, NY 10583 for receipt by September 30, 2019.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Years of Residency:

Occupation, including position:

Education and Degrees Received:

Present Civic Activities in Scarsdale (list in order of your priority and give start dates):

Past Civic Activities in Scarsdale (list in order of your priority and include dates):

Professional Activities (list in order of your priority and include dates):

Affirmation:

If elected, I will serve for a term of three years on the Citizens Nominating Committee and one year on the Procedure Committee, and will fulfill all obligations as a member of these committees. The date of the nonpartisan Unit Election is Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Upon my election, I will attend the meetings of the Citizens Nominating Committee in 2019-2022 and the Procedure Committee in 2022 through January 31, 2023. Meetings of the Citizens Nominating Committee in 2019-2020 have been scheduled for these five weekday nights: Monday, November 25; Tuesday, December 10; Wednesday, December 18, Tuesday, January 7; Wednesday, January 15, and, if necessary, Wednesday, January 22. All meetings begin at 8 PM. By my signature below, I certify that my Elementary School District is _____, that I am a qualified voter (U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or older), and that I have lived in Scarsdale for the past two years.

Date: _____ **Signature of Nominee:**

2019 NOMINATING PETITION FOR THE CITIZENS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Procedure Committee:

Date: ____/____/2019

We, the undersigned 10 qualified voters* residing in the Elementary School District listed below in the Village of Scarsdale, do hereby submit this Petition to the Procedure Committee for the purpose of: **NOMINATING** _____, of _____ Elementary School District, a qualified voter and resident of said Elementary School District, who has resided in the Village of Scarsdale for not less than the past two years, for voting membership on the Citizens Nominating Committee for the nomination of candidates for election to the offices of Mayor, Trustee of the Village and Town Boards, and Village Justice, as such offices may be filled at the Village and Town Elections held in each of the next three calendar years, as provided in the Non-Partisan Resolution adopted on December 11, 1930 and amended from time to time thereafter.

Signature	Printed Name	Address
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

*A qualified voter eligible to sign this petition is: (i) a United States citizen, (ii) 18 years of age or older, (iii) a resident of the Village for at least 30 days prior to the occurrence of the CNC Unit Election, and (iv) a resident of the candidate's elementary school district. No qualified voter may sign petitions for more candidates than positions to be filled.

This Petition may be submitted electronically as an email attachment or by hand to the following members of the Procedure committee: **Eric Cheng**, Chair, or **Sarit Kessel Fuchs**, Vice Chair: chengchoi@optonline.net; kessel7@hotmail.com, or by mail to the Procedure Committee, P.O. Box 284, Scarsdale, NY 10583, TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

SCARSDALE'S NON-PARTISAN ELECTION SYSTEM EXPLAINED

How can I participate in the village nonpartisan election system? Scarsdale volunteers have many ways to participate meaningfully in civic life through village appointed boards and councils, non-profits and other volunteer organizations. One of the most impactful of these is Scarsdale's nonpartisan election system, which provides a unique vehicle for civic involvement of voters through membership on the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC).

What is the CNC? The CNC is a group of residents elected by the voters of their neighborhoods in village-wide elections that are held the second Tuesday of November each year. Members of the CNC research, deliberate and, through a process of extensive, thoughtful due diligence, select a slate of nominees for open positions in the offices of Mayor, Village Trustee and Village Justice. Once the CNC has chosen its slate of candidates, they are placed on the ballot in a village-wide election held the third week of March every year. The 2020 village election will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to select three Trustees and the Village Justice.

Who may run for elected public office in Scarsdale? While the CNC identifies potential candidates for open positions in the offices of Mayor and Trustees, and the Village Justice, Village residents may also apply for the CNC's consideration. Under New York State Law, candidates outside the village nonpartisan election system may also run for village office by obtaining the prescribed number of signatures on a nominating petition or by running a write-in campaign.

What is the time commitment of CNC members? The 30 members of the CNC serve staggered three-year terms and meet over a period of only 5-6 evenings in November, December and January. Each of the three staggered classes of the CNC have 10 members, with two representing each of the village elementary school districts (Edgewood, Fox Meadow, Greenacres, Heathcote and Quaker Ridge). Members of the third-year graduating class then serve one year on the Procedure Committee, except for the two members of the graduating class elected by the CNC to serve as the next chair and vice chair of the CNC.

How do I become a member of the CNC? Two simple forms are required to run for a place on the CNC – a brief biography and a 10-signature petition signed by a candidate's neighbors. The 2019 CNC application forms and instruction packet are posted [here](#) on the PC's website. The 2019 CNC election, in which voters choose their CNC representatives, will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at Village Hall from 7:00AM to 9:00PM. If necessary, run-off elections will be held one week later.

When can I begin work on the CNC? The CNC begins its work in late fall with a public session for part of its first meeting at the end of November, followed by closed meetings for the rest of its schedule. Meetings are usually held on weekday evenings at Village Hall. The CNC's confidential executive sessions are designed to encourage members of the public to run for village office without the pressures inherent in typical partisan politics. The CNC's Organization Meeting will be held on November 25, 2019. Subsequent business meetings are scheduled for: December 10, 2019; December 18, 2019; January 7, 2020; January 15, 2020; and January 22, 2020 only if needed.

Why does Scarsdale have a nonpartisan election system? The system began in 1911 as a way to create a more civil process that would avoid the pitfalls of partisan politics, campaign financing and electioneering promises. The administration of the nonpartisan election system and the expenses of running the CNC election in November are publicly funded through contributions by residents.

What is the Procedure Committee? The Procedure Committee administers the village nonpartisan election system guided by the Non-Partisan Resolution, a document that has been amended from time to time since the system was formalized in 1930. The PC is tasked with recruiting candidates to run for the CNC, conducting the annual CNC elections in November, and proposing amendments to the Resolution as needed.

THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE – PARTICIPATE, GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Find more information about the village nonpartisan system by the Scarsdale League of Women Voters [here](#).