

'Scare tactics'

My husband, Ric, and I live in Old Hill and we use Partrick Road to get to Route 33 many times each day. Some of our neighbors have been saying that Route 33 will have unbearable traffic if the Westport Weston Family Y builds a new facility at its Mahackeno site. These claims are just scare tactics and are not based on facts.

I want fellow Westporters to know that there are people in Old Hill who strongly support the Family Y's planned move to Mahackeno. Despite what is being said by some, there is no other place in town for the Y to go. All other options have been explored and carefully evaluated. Through my involvement at the Y as a member and swim team parent board representative, I know that there will be no Y in Westport if the planned move to Mahackeno fails. Period. What a travesty that would be for our town!

I don't want to imagine my kids going to another Y but that is what will happen if the Westport Y closes. My husband and I will end up driving miles up Route 33 to the Wilton Y. We will not be alone, so traffic on Wilton Road will likely increase.

I also worry about what will happen to the land at Mahackeno if the Westport Weston Family Y closes. I don't see how it can remain open space. After all, who will manage the property if there is no Family Y in town?

My husband and I hope that reason and the facts prevail and that P&Z approves the Family Y's plans.

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