

= Scarborough (Metro @-@ North station) =

The Scarborough Metro @-@ North Railroad station serves Scarborough @-@ on @-@ Hudson and Briarcliff Manor , New York , via the Hudson Line . Trains leave for New York City every 25 to 35 minutes on weekdays . The station is 28 @. @ 7 miles (46 @. @ 2 km) from Grand Central Terminal and travel time to Grand Central is about 42 minutes on the express and 61 minutes on local service . The Scarborough station is within walking distance of most houses in the hamlet . As of 2007 , daily commuter ridership was 865 . Trains stop at the station every hour , except during peak hours , when trains stop there two to four times per hour .

Construction of the Scarborough station dates back to the 1860s , when the first station building stood along the Hudson River Railroad , which was completed in 1851 and served areas from New York City to Rensselaer . It became part of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 's Metro @-@ North Railroad in 1983 , when the service was created . The station was included in a revitalization plan in 2007 to help serve its commuters . The 1899 station building has housed the Scarborough post office since 1961 .

= = History = =

The first station building was built by the Hudson River Railroad sometime before 1860 , and acquired by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad in 1869 . The station was named " Scarborough " until 1867 . On July 16 of that year and until November 26 , the area was officially called Weskora . The Scarborough station was accordingly changed by local government officials to " Weskora " , and changed back in December 1867 .

The Scarborough post office dates to December 3 , 1864 , when the U.S. Postal Service established a " catch and throw " office there in the same small building as the earlier established station . A hook was installed along the tracks to hang mail bags to be grabbed by workers on the passing trains for outgoing mail distribution ; in turn workers threw mail bags off the train for incoming mail distribution . The first postmaster of the Scarborough Post Office facility was James Van Velsor who had an annual salary of \$ 200 (\$ 4 @ , @ 000 in 2015) in 1873 .

A large thunderstorm occurred in the area on August 4 , 1898 ; the newly renovated station building , built in 1893 , was struck by lightning and burned to the ground . At the time , the building also housed Scarborough 's post office . Mail was destroyed although registered mail and money was being kept at the postmaster 's house each night ; damage amounted to \$ 5 @ , @ 000 (\$ 142 @ , @ 200 in 2015) and the post office opened the next day , with mail being held in a pushcart . The building was reconstructed identically to its predecessor .

In 1909 , after the community of Scarborough was incorporated into the village of Briarcliff Manor in 1906 , the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad put up a sign reading " Briarcliff West " at the station . Soon afterward , attributed to the neighborhood 's pride over their name , that sign was thrown into the Hudson River and replaced with the original Scarborough sign .

In April 1931 , Siamese King Prajadhipok and Queen Rambai Barni traveled from Bangkok to Ophir Hall (currently Reid Hall of Manhattanville College) . The couple had flown from Japan to Vancouver and took a train to Chicago . From Chicago , they took another train , departing at 10 : 30 a.m. on the 21st and arriving at noon on the 22nd , and the trip took 25 hours ; the king had requested the train travel slowly , as he was recovering from bronchitis and malaria . The train arrived at the Scarborough station , where journalists , spectators , and video and still photographers met them , along with one of their hosts ; they were later driven across the county to stay at Ophir Hall for about six weeks in order for a cataract operation could be performed by a New York doctor on the king 's left eye . State troopers and a squad of New York Central policemen were stationed at Scarborough to ensure a smooth transfer . At the time , the king was an absolute monarch ; he later became the country 's first constitutional monarch .

The Briarcliff Manor village government purchased the 1899 station building in 1961 to house its Scarborough post office . The building was used as a filming location in 1966 , in the first episode of the television soap opera Dark Shadows as the Collinsport train station .

As with the rest of the Hudson Line , the Scarborough station became a Penn Central station once the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads merged in 1968 . Penn Central 's continuous financial despair throughout the 1970s forced them to turn over their commuter service to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority . The station and the railroad were turned over to Conrail in 1976 , and eventually became part of the MTA 's Metro @-@ North Railroad in 1983 . In 2007 , the MTA overhauled the station , installing new systems such as platforms , canopies , shelters , enclosed staircases , lighting , and benches . The station 's overpass was demolished and a replacement was built with elevators on either side . The new overpass was designed in a less modern style and now has glass @-@ sided elevators . During the construction , Metro @-@ North built a temporary wooden station to the station 's south .

In 2010 , Metro @-@ North began a program called Arts for Transit . As part of the program , an art installation was created for the station . The work , titled Untitled with Sky , comprises six stained glass windows and twelve seats covered in mosaic tiles . Liliana Porter and Ana Tiscornia worked with Willet Hauser Architectural Glass to create the installations . The windows were originally intended for the overpass , where they were installed for a short time . Around 2011 , the windows were moved to the southbound platform . Also in 2011 , Hurricane Irene caused a mudslide onto the tracks near the Scarborough station ; it damaged 300 feet (91 m) of third rail .

Local community members have been maintaining the inside and outside of the building through labor and monetary donations under the group name " Save Scarborough " , and brought attention to the post office 's 150th anniversary , celebrated on December 3 , 2014 . About twenty members began their work around 2010 , concerned that the downsizing United States Postal Service would close the Scarborough post office , which is a branch of the Briarcliff Manor post office . As of 2014 , the group has spent almost \$ 4 @ , @ 000 in various renovations , upkeep , and improvement costs .

= = = Notable passengers = = =

Ridership is moderate , relative to the other Hudson Line stations , with an average of 865 inbound passengers on weekdays and 233 on weekends in 2007 . Historical ridership included many notable passengers , including William Rockefeller , John D. Rockefeller , C. C. Clarke (the First Vice President of the Hudson River Railroad) , Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt Shepard , Walter William Law , and the Webb family .

= = Facilities = =

= = = Station layout = = =

At the Scarborough station , the railroad has four tracks . The two inner tracks not next to either platform are used by express trains ; Track 1 is usually used by northbound express trains , while Track 2 is usually used by southbound express trains . All of the tracks are powered with a third rail , except Track 1 . The station has two high @-@ level side platforms , each eight cars long . The west platform next to Track 4 is for boarding southbound trains , while the east platform next to Track 3 is for boarding northbound trains .

= = = Parking = = =

The station 's parking lot has had a valet service since the station overhaul in 2007 . The ongoing construction took up parking spaces , which spurred the village government to institute valet parking . The parking service has remained since the construction finished . A private contractor has an agreement with the village for three employees to manage that part of the lot . An additional section of the station parking lot is privately owned . The valet service has no extra charge .

= = Gallery = =

