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Holiday Wishes & Early Tax Payments

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating today! What a gorgeous scene we woke up to this morning! Special thanks to the Public Works teams who began their holiday with plows and shovels. Fingers crossed that the snow management is now wrapping up in time to enjoy Christmas dinner with loved ones.

Last Monday, I signed the warrant for the 2018 Village taxes. The bills were mailed, and most residents will have received theirs by now. While the Village cannot offer tax advice, we are doing what we can to provide options that *may* give residents the ability to claim this State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction on their 2017 tax return. Many residents have asked whether they can pay their 2018 tax bill now--the answer to that question is, yes. The question of whether the prepayment will be tax deductible for 2017 before any new federal SALT deduction limits take effect, remains to be seen. As you may have read, Governor Cuomo recently took action in an effort to allow for prepayments to be deducted this year. Property owners who would like to pay their taxes before the end of the year, may do so in person at Village Hall before 12noon on Friday, December 29.

Ossining Bucks are available for use at participating local businesses through January 8! You can pick up your own \$5 coupon at Village Hall, the Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce, or at the Ossining Public Library. Special thanks to the Ossining Chamber of Commerce for partnering with the Village on this program. [Click here for more details, including the growing list of local businesses that are participating in the Ossining Bucks program.](#)

Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** tomorrow, Tuesday from 10am-12noon in the Board of Trustees office at 16 Croton Avenue. I'll be ready to hear from community members on any topic, concern or idea of interest to you. No appointment necessary.

Join me for the **Weekly Walk** this Tuesday, December 26 at 1pm. Let's meet at the corner of Audubon Drive and North Highland Avenue. It'll be a brisk walk, so dress warmly. While Office Hours take place at a consistent time each week, stay tuned to the Monday Mayor's Message where I announce the time and location for that week. We only have a handful of

weeks left before I accomplish my goal of walking every block of the Village. Time is running out to participate!

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?... Email me (mayor@villageofossining.org), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

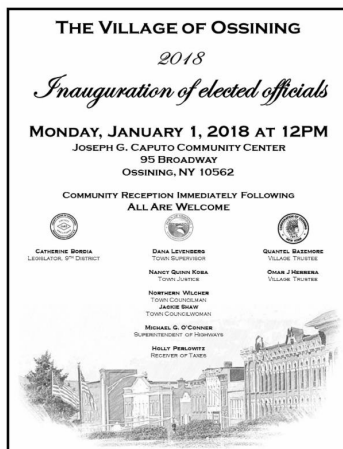
Holiday Week

There is no Village Board meeting planned for this week. Municipal Offices will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and until noon on Friday. If you are planning to pay taxes in person this week, take note of Friday's early closing time.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



New Years Day Inaugurations

Please join us at noon on New Year's Day for the inauguration of local officials. By Village charter, elected officials begin their new term at this time. The ceremony will take place at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.

New members will be joining both the Village Board and the Town Council, as well as the newly elected Town Tax Receiver. We look forward to continuing to work together in 2018 to serve Ossining.

