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### Partnerships for Innovative Solutions

I was thrilled to accept the Groundbreakers Award last week with my partner in Ossining leadership, Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg! From the MOGO initiative for cyclists and pedestrians, to the grants we have applied for seeking innovative transit solutions to connect our business, cultural and residential hubs--the Town and Village of Ossining are working together to strengthen our community for generations to come. Thanks Pace Land Use Law Center for this inspiring acknowledgment!

It's official--last week the Village Board voted unanimously and enthusiastically for the 0% tax rate increase in the 2018 budget. We have found a responsible balance of conservative fiscal practices with progressive investment in our community. Smart policies, strong infrastructure, and the resources to guide and implement these priorities are essential for the economic development that makes a diverse, vibrant community. Westchester is one of the most expensive areas of the country to live in. Ossining remains more affordable than many of our neighbors, and we are doing our part to preserve the ability for residents of all income levels to make, and keep, this Village their home. Investing in our community, while maintaining a 0% tax rate increase for the second year in a row, is a big step in that direction. [Click here to read my full remarks on the 2018 budget.](#)

### Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** this 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 Friday, December 15 at 11am. Let's meet at the corner of Narragansett & Ridgewood Avenues. 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.

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?... Email me ([mayor@villageofossining.org](mailto:mayor@villageofossining.org)), the Board of Trustees

(bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

### **This Week**

This Wednesday's meeting has an earlier than usual start time, 7PM at Village Hall. We will be hearing public comments on the Scoping document that will identify relevant issues to be discussed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in connection with the Snowden Woods project. [Click here to learn more about this Public Hearing.](#)

This year we have a new approach for keeping holiday shopping local--Ossining Bucks! Look for the Ossining Bucks logo in store windows, and use a \$5 Ossining Bucks coupon toward your purchase in that local business. Pick up your Ossining Bucks coupon in a number of locations including Village Hall, Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Ossining Public Library. Thanks to the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce for partnering with the Village to make this program happen! [Click here for more details on Ossining Bucks.](#)

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



*Happy Chanukah*

### **Festival of Lights!**

Join us Tuesday, December 12 at 6PM in Market Square as we light the menorah! Everyone is welcome to enjoy music, latkes, donuts and chocolate gelt. We look forward to seeing you there!

