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### Shopping Local & Early Tax Payments

This year we are piloting a new strategy for encouraging folks to shop local for the holidays--Ossining Bucks! You can pick up your own \$5 coupon at Village Hall, the Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce, or at the Ossining Public Library. Or you might just run into me or a Village Trustee handing out Ossining Bucks like these folks did at the Farmers Market! 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.](#)

Two noteworthy discussions from last week's work session--first regarding the early payment of Village property taxes, and second regarding a proposed zoning text amendment. The Village tax bills will be dated and mailed this week. 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. 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.

At the recent public hearing regarding a proposed text amendment that would open the possibility of the Snowden Woods project, we heard from attorneys for both the developer and owners of nearby properties, the Ossining School District, and community members. Members of the Ossining Fire Department were also present at the meeting. Anyone who would like to submit comments in writing at this stage may do so until the end of business on December 27. To access [documents related to this proposal click here.](#)

### Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** this Tuesday from 10am-12noon in 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 Thursday, December 21 at 11am. Let's meet on

Narragansett Avenue in front of Bethel Nursing Home. 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](mailto:mayor@villageofossining.org)), the Board of Trustees ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell ([dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org](mailto:dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org)).

### **Special Location this Week**

This Wednesday's meeting will take place at the John-Paul Rodrigues Operations Center. [Click here for the full agenda.](#) The focus of our work session will be an overview of Village owned buildings. The Village Trustees and I will arrive early to tour the Ops Center with staff and discuss proposed upgrades to make this facility ADA accessible, energy efficient, and make improved use of the space. The formal agenda, which will be recorded for viewing on television and online, is scheduled to begin at 7:30pm.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



### **Gratitude & Generosity**

Last night the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corp hosted their annual installation dinner at the picturesque Briarcliff Manor. OVAC is one of the outstanding organizations that serves our community.

In this season of giving, we are particularly reminded of the generosity and kindness that makes Ossining special. Thank you to all the first-responders, the service organizations, the activists and educators, coaches and business-owners, neighbors and friends, who make Ossining such a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family, and give back.

