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New Fire Apparatus & Innovative Housing Solutions

Last week we welcomed the arrival of our newest fire apparatus. Engine 101 is housed and operated by Independent Hose Company #6, located on Campwoods Road. On behalf of all of us who depend on the Ossining Fire Department to keep us safe, thanks to the team of volunteers and staff who worked together to research, design and take delivery on this beautiful new engine.

At both of the January work sessions, we discussed how best to approach updating the Village's Affordable Housing Policy. As we continue to work out the details, the Board is united in our intention to establish a policy that is founded on the proposed recommendation of the Housing Needs Assessment. Creating a policy that is consistent with the character and needs of the Village, while enhancing our economic development strategy, demands innovative thinking. This proactive approach to addressing the longstanding challenge of affordable housing, will be the most progressive policy in the county.

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 a **Weekly Walk** this Thursday at 9:15am. We'll begin at the corner of Sunset Drive and Ryder Road--let's make it the lower Sunset/Ryder intersection, located across from Park Drive. We'll be walking to the northeast corner of the Village, aka Brookside School. Next week, we'll visit Donald Lane. I'm fairly certain that will be the final block needed to complete my goal of walking every block of the Village. If you live on a private road, I may not have walked through your development. A few folks have inquired about me visiting their condo communities, and I would welcome an invitation. Some of my favorite experiences walking these 44 miles of Village roads have been when residents join me in their neighborhood. It's the best way to learn about hidden gems, chronic frustrations, and local history. I'm grateful to everyone who has joined me on this journey through our Village on foot.

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).

This Week

There is no Board of Trustees meeting planned for this week. It's a fifth Wednesday. While the Trustees, staff and I enjoy a rare Wednesday evening with family and friends, why not catch up on your favorite local reality tv programming by checking out some [past meetings on YouTube](#)? Better yet, if you haven't watched the video presentation [Historic Downtown Ossining: Rediscovering the Heart of Our Village](#) brought to you by Village Historian Dana White, that is a don't miss for anyone who loves Ossining.

Our next Village Board meeting is scheduled for February 7. It's a Legislative Session, and will take place at the Birdsall-Fagan Police Court Facility.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Thanks for coming by Troop 1209! These girls were the most recent scouts to visit us at Village/Town Hall. Introducing future leaders to their local government, is a favorite part of my job. Being a Girl Scout was a significant part of my childhood, beginning as Brownie and into my early teens.

Did you know that most departments in 16 Croton Avenue are run by women? It's not just Ossining's Mayor and Supervisor, but also our Village Manager, Clerk, Tax Receiver, and many more. Women make up a majority of Ossining's elected representation, and are critical in making local government function everyday. I'm proud to be able to demonstrate some of the exciting opportunities for leadership and public service open to Ossining's leaders of tomorrow.

