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### **Sing Sing Remembrance & Upcoming Construction, and Leaf Blower Legislation**

On Friday, municipal and state officials joined the Ossining Police Department and the Sing Sing Correctional Facility in the annual remembrance ceremony

honoring Ossining Patrol Officer James Fagan and Sing Sing Prison Guard John Hartye who lost their lives on April 14, 1941 during a prison break. This moving program each year reminds us to be grateful everyday that the people protecting us arrive home safely to their families.

At last week's Work Session, we were joined by Sing Sing Superintendent Michael Capra and members of this team to learn about their plans for construction of a new firing range happening this year at the facility. [Click here to view that portion of our recent meeting.](#)

Also at last week's Work Session, we had a presentation from a pediatrician and public health physician regarding leaf blowers. The Village Board has engaged in a number of public discussions about the potential for limiting use of gas powered leaf blowers. We have also spoken with local businesses and residents who may be impacted by any potential legislative changes. Green Ossining sent a letter to both the Village and Town Boards requesting we follow the lead of several other Westchester municipalities and consider banning gas powered leaf blowers during, at least, summer months. [The presentation from Dr. Lucy Weinstein linked here, focuses on the health and safety risks associated with use of gas powered leaf blowers.](#) Stop by the Town & Village booth at this Saturday's Earth Day Festival to share you ideas and opinions about, among other things, leaf blowers.

### **Connecting This Week**

Join me for **Open Office Hours** tomorrow, Tuesday from 10am-12noon in the Board of Trustees office at Village Hall. No appointment is necessary, and all are welcome to discuss any topic, concern or idea of interest to you.

Have a burning question or idea, at any hour of the day or night?... 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)).

### **This Week's Legislative Session**

This week's Legislative Session includes a couple more cabaret licenses. The Trustees and I

are delighted to grant and renew more of these each year as the opportunities for live entertainment in the Village continue to expand. [Click here to read the full agenda.](#)

Because this week is a Legislative Session, it includes a number of invitations for community members to publicly comment. If you would like to spread the word about an upcoming event, please take up to two minutes during Organizational Announcements. Folks who would like to comment on the resolutions included on that night's agenda may do so for up to four minutes at the start of the Village Board Resolutions portion of the meeting. The meeting closes with an invitation for community members to comment for up to three minutes during Visitor Recognition about any topic of relevance to the common good of the Village. We invite community members to reach out to us by email ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) anytime.

And we look forward to seeing you on Saturday at the Ossining waterfront for [Green Ossining's Eighth Annual Earth Day Festival](#). Join us at the largest Earth Day celebration in Westchester County from 10am-5pm for live music, delicious food and drink, and local vendors and organizations.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



### **Nita Lowey Fighting for Childcare**

Last week Congresswoman Nita Lowey came to the Ossining Children's Center to make remarks heralding record increases in federal funding for several early childcare programs.

Congresswoman Lowey is a fierce advocate for working parents and early childhood education. As the ranking member of the the House Appropriations Committee, her work on this issue led to historic investments in childcare and early childhood learning in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018.

