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## Welcoming Community & Seeking Grants

Thank you to Best of Westchester winner Atria-on-Hudson for the invitation to compete in last week's Chef Showdown. I always welcome the opportunity to connect in fun ways with community members. Given my rather basic skills in the kitchen, I enlisted the help of local Dad and Chef Lex Taylor. Together we made up Team Ossining against the wonderfully talented Chef Julie Lavelle and her team at Atria.

GOTV captured the event on video, so stay tuned to find out if the winner was Team Ossining's tomato tacos or Chef Julie's fried green tomatoes!

At last week's Legislative Session the Village Board voted unanimously to approve a new gender neutral signage policy for single user bathrooms in Village facilities. This is a simple policy that makes a strong statement of inclusivity to transgender and gender neutral members of our community. We also passed resolutions in support of three Consolidated Funding Applications (CFAs) that will be submitted this week. We are applying for CFAs to supplement investment into private properties on the Croton Avenue corridor; rehabilitate and preserve the Village-owned 200 Main Street aka The Bank Building; and install a green roof onto our new water treatment facility.

## 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.

Thank you to Brothers Fish n Chips for hosting yesterday's Open Office Hours on the Road. Thank you to the residents who came to talk about what you are experiencing in your neighborhood. Stay tuned for an announcement of when/where the next Open Office Hours on the Road will happen.

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 Work Session

This week's Work Session will include an update on seven items of legislation currently under consideration. It will be an opportunity to determine how to prioritize these efforts and

understand timelines and next steps. Local Law 3 related to updating the Affordable Housing Policy will be a continuation of the discussion that includes input from the Land Use Boards at the July 10 joint work session.

As always, Work Sessions are an opportunity for the Village Board to have discussions with staff and invited experts regarding potential policy or legislative changes. We invite community members to reach out to us by email ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) anytime, or to speak during Visitor Recognition at Legislative Sessions typically held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor

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### **Crowd Sourcing What's Next**

A Preview Center is the next step in making this unique center for history and education a reality. The Preview Center will be located in a section of the prison's former powerhouse, where the finished Sing Sing Prison Museum (SSPM) will be housed.

The funding for the SSPM is a combination of grants and donations. [Click here to learn how](#)

the public is now invited to participate through crowd funding for this next step of the journey. Learn more about the mission of the Sing Sing Prison Museum, including its vision to become a leader in the national conversation on social and criminal justice.

