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Looking Ahead to Spring & Evaluating Storm Response from ConEd

A thousand people gathered at beautiful Louis Engel Waterfront Park this weekend to participate in a nationwide March for Our Lives call to action against gun violence. Students from Ossining High School were joined by peers from Croton and Briarcliff. All the speakers delivered inspiring remarks, and demonstrated great leadership. As spring has truly arrived, we look forward to many

more events at the Ossining waterfront. April 21 is a big one to mark on your calendar- [Green Ossining's 8th Annual Earth Day Festival!](#)

On Friday afternoon, I represented the Village of Ossining at a meeting attended by state and local officials from across Westchester working to hold power companies accountable for poor management of the recent storms. The Public Service Commission has launched an investigation regarding the performance of utility companies. ConEd is among the utility companies that will be evaluated on the effectiveness of their storm preparedness, operational response, and communication. Each year utility companies file an Emergency Response Plan. If it is found that a utility company did not fulfill its plan, there could be penalties imposed, or the company could have its license to operate revoked. Public hearings will be held in our area later this year.

Connecting Village Officials & Residents

Expanding and improving how Village government communicates with residents is a top priority of mine, and all the Trustees I've served with. What method of communication do you find most helpful?

Some folks who now speak during Visitor Recognition, may not realize that for several years, the cameras were turned off before the public was invited to the mic. We changed that policy during my first public meeting as Mayor. And we been introducing more avenues of connection ever since.

This Monday Mayor's Message, designed to keep you informed about happenings in Village government, is now in its second year. We were pleased to launch our new Village website this winter, and continue to post updates on social media. **Open Office Hours** happen every Tuesday. Join me tomorrow, 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), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

This Week's Village Board Meeting

Last week's Legislative Session was postponed due to the storm that didn't quite materialize as anticipated. Most of last week's agenda items will be addressed this week during a combined Special Legislative Session followed by a Work Session. As the last of the snow melts, it's a delight to welcome representatives from Green Ossining to our Work Session where they will propose a Community Garden on a Village parcel located on N Water Street. Join us online, on tv, or at Village Hall for this week's chock full agenda.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Eggstravaganza! **Saturday, March 31st**

Ryder Park at 10:00 am

OR

Nelson Sitting Park at 12:00 pm

Join us on Saturday for a grand egg hunt! Bring your camera to take pictures with the "Big Bunny".

Entertainment is provided by **Annie and the Natural WonderBand!** This event is most appropriate for children Pre-K thru 4th Grade.

Also, our 2018 Spring/Summer Program Brochure is now available! Spring Program registration begins on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 9:00am for both in person and on-line registration.

