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Inspiring Ceremonies & Public Input

May weekends are filled with ceremonies celebrating achievements and marking transitions to a new season. Assemblywoman Galef, Supervisor Levenberg and I were invited to share in the recent Girl Scout ceremony which this year included over 30 graduating seniors. Ossining is fortunate to have so many community members who volunteer to serve and inspire Ossining youth.

Will we see you at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28? The parade begins at 9:30am, winding down Croton Avenue, Main Street, and Spring Street, then culminates in Nelson Park where we gather for a ceremony honoring our veterans. A special thank you to the Central Committee of Organized War Veterans of the

Town of Ossining for organizing this special event every year.

At last week's Legislative Session, we called for a Public Hearing to take place on June 6 regarding Local Law 3-2018, an update to our Affordable Housing Law. Residents are encouraged to read the proposed changes in preparation for the Public Hearing. Many of the elements of the proposed update are drawn from the Housing Needs Assessment policy recommendation #5. To read the proposed legislation, click here. When the Village passed our existing Affordable Housing Law in 2006, establishing that 10% of new residential units would be set aside for residents in the 80% area median income range, we were at the forefront of progressive housing policy. In the past dozen years, other communities have surpassed us. The Trustees and I are united in our desire to more effectively encourage affordable housing opportunities in the Village. Exactly how best to achieve that goal is being determined now, and we'd like to hear from you at the June 6 Public Hearing or in writing in the days following.

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), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

This Week's Work Session

This week's meeting begins with a Special Session when we plan to appoint a volunteer to represent the Village on matters associated with the Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) program, as a Community Development Advisory Group (CDAG) representative. There's still time to submit your letter of interest. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Work Session discussion will begin with a focus on improving the technology used for recreation programming. We will welcome Superintendent of Recreation & Parks Bill Garrison to present the new approach he proposes.

We will then transition to discussing a number of topics related to code enforcement from both a legal and operational perspective. We will be joined by Building Inspector Joe Agostinelli and Deputy Corporation Counsel Sonia Tanksley.

As always, Work Sessions are an opportunity for the Trustees and me 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) anytime, or to speak during Visitor Recognition at Legislative Sessions on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



THE VILLAGE OF OSSINING, NEW YORK IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNER

The Community: Ossining is an historic village located in Westchester County, approximately 30 miles north of midtown Manhattan. With a population of approximately 26,000 residents, it has the cultural diversity of a city within a 2.5 square mile footprint. The Village offers a wide range of services and amenities, including a vibrant walkable village center with an award-winning public square and historic architecture. The community's growth is based on its rich cultural and economic diversity, as well as its natural beauty as a village of hills on the Hudson River.

The Village: is an ancient step on the Hudson North to Grand Central Terminal, and connects across the Hudson River by ferry. The Ossining school system and many programs are ranked as one of the top in the country, and the public historical town is a national tour attraction.

To apply for either the Director of Planning & Development or the Planner position, please submit your resume and cover letter to hr@villageofossining.org by June 1, 2013.

For more information, please contact the Village of Ossining Personnel Department at 914-941-7500.

The Village of Ossining is an equal opportunity employer.

Organization: The Village of Ossining is in the process of reorganizing its Planning and Development Department. There are opportunities for a permanent full-time position, management planning as well as seasonal planning opportunities for a seasonal park system with connections to regional trail work and other amenities.

Candidate Profile: The Village of Ossining is seeking an individual who will oversee all aspects of the Planning Department as well as coordinate all project planning, including land use planning, regional planning, historic preservation, economic development, and park and recreation planning. The successful candidate will have a minimum of 5 years of experience in the field of planning and development, with a strong knowledge of the general principles and techniques used in planning and development. The successful candidate will also be responsible for community presentations and education at town and regional events.

The Director of Planning and Development & the Planner: will be responsible for assisting customers with applications, provide development services as well as assist in the planning process, including economic development and assisting the planning approval process. The Planner will also provide technical assistance and information services for community presentations and education at town and regional events.

Calling all Planners!

The Village is hiring! Do you know anyone who is a qualified planner? If so, [please share this link](#) which provides details about the positions of [Director of Planning & Development](#) and [Planner](#). The deadline for applying is June 1.

This is an exciting time to join the Village planning team. Last year was a significant one for the Village in clarifying our planning and development goals. [The Housing Needs Assessment](#) we undertook with Kevin Dwarka Consulting

produced a comprehensive and strategic policy framework through the lens of housing, recognizing the first step is a clear economic strategy. [The Downtown Redevelopment Working Committee](#) was a community led process that envisions a further revitalized downtown with a series of recommendations which overlap and complement the recommendations of the Housing Needs Assessment. Our new planning staff will be critical in guiding us forward from this foundation.

