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Protecting our River & Prioritizing Housing

This weekend kicked off the Storm Drain Stenciling project that is a partnership between Riverkeeper and the Village of Ossining Department of Public Works. Green Ossining is coordinating volunteers for two more stenciling events in June. Stay tuned for registration information. Public awareness about stormwater runoff is critical to protecting our environment.

At last week's legislative meeting, a majority of the Board of Trustees voted to move forward with a vacancy study which will determine whether the NYS rent stabilization program known as ETPA (the Emergency Tenant Protection Act) could be enabled for eligible buildings in

the Village of Ossining. [Click here to read an excerpt](#) of the recent Housing Needs Assessment focused on the benefits and challenges of ETPA. [Click here to read the eight strategic policy recommendations](#) and conclusions regarding how, and whether, to consider ETPA as part of a comprehensive solution to housing goals.

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 Work Session includes a discussion of the NYS Regional Economic Development Corporation's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant. This is the third year that Governor Cuomo has presented this opportunity to regions across the state. Ossining has applied each year, and we were finalists the first year it was offered. We will discuss some of the priorities and recommendations highlighted by the Downtown Redevelopment Working Committee and the Housing Needs Assessment that may serve as a strong foundation for this year's application. The winning community in each region is granted \$10million for planning and development, so you can imagine there's some heated competition.

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



School Board & Budget Vote

There are two important events happening regarding the upcoming vote on the 2018-19 School and Library Budgets and Board Members.

Tonight at 7pm the PTA will host a Candidates Debate at Ossining High School.

Tuesday, May 15 voters go to Ossining High School to cast their ballot.

