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Holiday Fun, this Week and Beyond

Were you one of the hundreds of folks who dared to visit the Forest O' Fears last Friday? If you were sorry to miss it, the good news is that Saturday's weather postponed the second night of the event until this Friday, November 2. So we'll keep the Halloween spirit going through the end of the week. [Click here for tickets](#) to the Haunted Hayride or Halloween Village. There's fun for kids of all ages.

At last week's Work Session, we discussed funding for the second year a program called BEAMS (Be Excellent at Middle School) that is a partnership between the Village and the Ossining Public Library. This program was initiated last year as an extension of our goal to support healthy youth development in Ossining. This program will be included in the proposed 2019 budget.

We also considered options for drawing shoppers to downtown this holiday season. Manager McDonnell will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce this week to ask for their insights on what pathways would be most effective. There was support among the majority of Village Board members to continue this program, learning from last year's initial experience. We also discussed the potential for replacing the carefully maintained, though somewhat aging, decorations we currently own. Additionally, we are exploring a proposal for a holiday light show in the heart of downtown.

Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** tomorrow from 10am-12noon in the Board of Trustees office on the first floor of 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).

Fifth Wednesday

There will be no Village Board meeting this week. At next week's Legislative Session, the Village Manager will unveil her proposed 2019 budget. It will then be available online for the public to review. Join us the following Wednesday, November 14 at Village Hall. Village Manager Debbie McDonnell will open the hearing with a presentation about what is included in her proposed budget. Bring your questions and comments to the Public Hearing at 7:30pm on November 14 at Village Hall.

The next step in the process will be a series of public budget meetings when the Village Board

will review each department with its respective department head. The Ossining Village Board is more hands on than many elected boards. The Village Manager has spent months meeting with department heads to create her proposal. The final budget will be a reflection of the Village Board's priorities for the coming year. We have maintained a 0% tax rate increase for the past two years. Whether or not we are able to continue that trend depends on a number of factors. I encourage you to attend or tune in on November 14, and let us know what you believe the Village Board should prioritize in the 2019 budget.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Trunk or Treat

Families are invited to join the Ossining Police Department, local businesses, and community organizations for tons of fun on Main Street. Join us on Halloween night, this Wednesday from 6-8pm.

There will costumes, music, dancing, snacks, a bounce house, and of course, candy!

