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Honoring our Veterans

Thank you to the Central Committee of Organized War Veterans of the Town of Ossining for conducting yesterday's Community Veterans Day celebration. Thank you to Councilwoman Liz Feldman for capturing this image. As we officially acknowledge Veterans Day today, it is another opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces.

Ossining is fortunate to have a number of active organizations that support our local veterans and help ensure we never forget their service. Looking for ideas of how to honor veterans? [Click here for a list of things you can do](#). The list includes simple things like hanging out an American flag, or taking a quiet moment to thank a veteran. Among the most lasting suggestions are how to engage children in activities to learn about the experiences of veterans. One of the most inspiring projects I've seen is the [Living History Veterans Projects: Telling Stories](#)

Visually spearheaded by Ossining High School photography teacher and US Veteran Ron Whitehead in partnership with his fellow OHS art teacher Harry Quiroga.

Last week we celebrated outstanding contributions from folks who serve our community every day in the Village, Town, School District and Library. Thank you to the Ossining Rotary for hosting this annual event which serves as a fundraiser for their scholarship fund, and an opportunity to celebrate some outstanding men and women who contribute to making our community special. Congratulations to all the honorees. We are especially proud of Ossining Police Officer Emily Hirshowitz who is our Village Employee of the Year! Officer Hirshowitz has particularly distinguished herself in leading community outreach events, most recently the Halloween celebration on Main Street.

At last week's Legislative Session the Village Manager delivered to us her proposed 2019 budget. [It is available for all to read by clicking this link](#).

Community Connections

Open Office Hours will take place 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).

This Week's Village Board Meeting

This week's meeting opens with a presentation by Village Manager Debbie McDonnell about what is included in her proposed 2019 budget. Bring your questions and comments to the Public Hearing immediately following her presentation at 7:30pm on November 14 at Village Hall.

The Work Session that follows will include a discussion of the legal and budgetary process for enacting SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption) & DRIE (Disability Rent Increase Exemption). These programs are extensions of ETPA, the NYS rent stabilization program recently approved by the majority of the Village Board and currently being implemented.

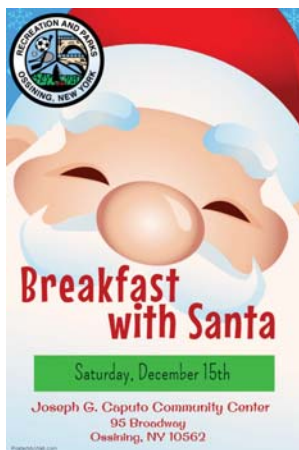
The public budget meetings begin Tuesday evening, and then continue with a full day of meetings on Thursday. [Click here for the budget meeting schedule, including the intended times for each departmental meeting.](#) During this process the Village Board will review each department with its respective department head. The Village Manager has spent months meeting with staff to create her proposal. The Ossining Village Board is more hands-on than many elected boards. 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.

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) 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



Breakfast with Santa

Come have breakfast with Santa! Get a small gift and turn in your wish list to the Jolly Elf from the North Pole. Entertainment will be on hand to delight the youngsters.

The event is free, but you must register to attend on Saturday, December 15. Register now to reserve a space for either the 10:00am or 11:00am seating. There is a limit of 100 per session. [Click here to register online](#) or call the Recreation Department at 914-941-3189 for more information.



