

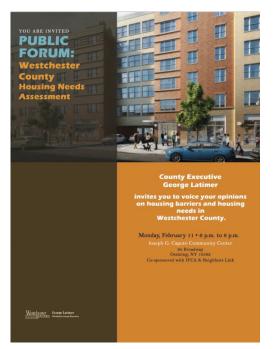
VICTORIA GEARITY Mayor

# VILLAGE OF OSSINING

# **Municipal Building**

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## **County Housing Needs Assessment Underway**

One week from today all are invited to attend a public forum happening on February 11, 6-8pm at the Community Center. This forum was originally scheduled for last week. You'll recall that the village undertook our own <u>Housing Needs Assessment in 2017</u>. Westchester County is now conducting a study on a much broader scale.

Last week was a fifth Wednesday and there was no village board meeting.

### **Community Connections**

There will be **NO Open Office Hours** with the mayor this week. I will be gathering with fellow elected officials to ask Governor Cuomo not to take away AIM funding from municipalities. If the Governor moves forward with his current proposal it would mean an over \$200K shortfall for next year's

budget that the village would have to make up in local property taxes. That equates to approximately a 1% tax rate increase just to make up the proposed loss of state funding.

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).

### Wednesday Legislative Session

This week's meeting begins with public hearings. We anticipate a number of folks will attend to speak about the proposed repeal of the NYS rent stabilization program known as ETPA.

Because this week is a legislative session, following the public hearings there are a number of invitations for community members to comment. If you would like to spread the word about an upcoming event, please take up to two minutes during Organizational Announcements. Folks who would like to comment on the resolutions included on that night's agenda may do so for up to four minutes at the start of the Village Board Resolutions portion of the meeting. The meeting closes with an invitation for community members to comment for up to three minutes during Visitor Recognition about any topic of relevance to the common good of the Village. We invite community members to reach out to us by email (bot@villageofossining.org) anytime.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor

