

# VILLAGE OF OSSINING

## **Municipal Building**

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### **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

Thank you to the Ossining Fire Department for yesterday's program honoring volunteers that have helped protect generations of Ossining residents.

The Memorial Day Parade begins today at 9:30am. We will wind down Croton Avenue, Main Street, and Spring Street, then ultimately gather in Nelson Park 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 Work Session, Building Inspector, Joe Agostinelli and Deputy Corporation Counsel, Sonia Tanksley, joined us for a discussion of progress regarding code enforcement. Four years ago, we changed the way the Village talked about code enforcement--shifting from denial, to recognition, of real challenges. We followed this acknowledgement with legislative changes to strengthen the tools available to our staff to enforce laws related to sanitation and building codes. With investment in new staff for the legal and building departments, and better coordination between these departments, we are seeing tangible results. Enforcing codes in overcrowded housing remains one of the most intractable challenges. Fortunately, as was discussed at last week's meeting, the next steps for a more proactive approach to addressing overcrowded housing are now getting underway.

### **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).

#### Fifth Wednesday

This week is a fifth Wednesday. There is not a meeting currently planned. Join us at the courthouse next Wednesday, June 6. We will begin with a Public Hearing on proposed update to the affordable housing law.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



## **Deadline on Friday!**

The Village is hiring! Do you know anyone who is a qualified planner? If so, <u>please share this link</u> which provides details about the positions of <u>Director of Planning & Development</u> and <u>Planner</u>. 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. Our new planning staff will be critical in guiding us forward.







