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New Trail Dedication

Bravo to the Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy for this weekend's dedication of the Dale Cemetery Heritage Trail. Visitors yesterday were treated to a tour guided by Village Historian Dana White. But you can visit anytime and pick-up one of the brochures to take your own walking tour.

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 Legislative Session

Wednesday's Session will begin with a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 3-2018 regarding an update to our Affordable Housing policy. When the Village implemented our current Affordable Housing program in 2006, it was very progressive for its time. Ossining has now fallen behind most other Westchester communities. There is agreement among all members of the Board of Trustees that we need to update this law which determines the amount, and affordability, of units in new construction that will be set aside for the Village's Affordable Housing Program. On Wednesday, community members are invited to speak on the proposed legislative change. This proposed legislative action is different than another proposed program related to housing that has been a topic of much discussion, ETPA. ETPA is a NYS rent stabilization program. Both approaches to addressing housing challenges in Ossining are examined in the recommendations of the Housing Needs Assessment. [Click here to read the recommended policy framework and strategy for implementation.](#)

Because this week is a Legislative Session, it includes a number of invitations for community members to publicly 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



Exciting Weekend!

Not only is the Village Fair happening in downtown on Saturday from 10am-5pm, it's also the weekend of the Ossining Jazz Festival!

The Ossining Jazz Festival was born last year out of the Village Board appointed Ossining Arts Project. One of the goals of this committee is to be an incubator for arts and culture that will benefit the community long term. We are very pleased to see last year's success has now produced this year's festival celebrating Women in Jazz & Blues.

Perhaps one of the most surprising things about this line up, beyond the incredible talent, is that the majority of these women are Ossining residents! Wow. What a community we are! [Click here for tickets.](#)

