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### **Paving, Code Enforcement & Storm Management**

Perhaps the most exciting news of the day is the road restoration happening on lower Snowden Avenue. This is the final step of the Westchester County utility work on Snowden & Water. This project has been a very long time coming. The County's redesign and rerouting of their underground waste water utility line has now been completed to correct an environmentally hazardous condition and the associated foul odor. Mother Nature, the neighborhood, park visitors, and local drivers will all be breathing a little easier.

At last week's legislative session we passed three new laws including substantial provisions to strengthen the Village's ability to improve code enforcement related to vacant properties, oversight for new businesses, and properties with indications of overcrowding. We continue to increase the staff dedicated to code enforcement to improve the safety and desirability of residential and commercial buildings, as well as establishing policies that will welcome and support new and existing businesses. [Click here to read the proposed local law.](#)

We also approved a resolution clearly stating our opposition to the proposals from the Army Corp of Engineers which would have a detrimental impact on Hudson River communities like Ossining. The public outcry to the manner in which this effort was undertaken by the Army Corp of Engineers has prompted them to once again extend the deadline for public comment, now open until November 5. To learn more about the proposals, and to express your opinion, [please click here for information provided by Riverkeeper.](#)

### **Connecting This Week**

**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](mailto:mayor@villageofossining.org)), the Board of Trustees ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell ([dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org](mailto:dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org)).

### **This Week's Work Session**

In our ongoing effort to learn from the volunteers who serve on Village boards/committees, at [this week's Work Session](#) we will be joined by representatives of the Board of Ethics who will present us with proposed updates to the Village Code of Ethics.

On a related note, the Village is seeking applicants for a number of appointments to volunteer boards/committees. [Click here to learn more about openings and how to apply.](#)

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](mailto: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



### **School Taxes Due This Week**

Our friends in the Town Tax Receiver's Office want to remind folks that 2018/2019 School Taxes are due on September 30, 2018. September 30th is a Sunday, so payments can be received in their office on the third floor of 16 Croton Avenue through Monday, October 1st without penalty AND those mailed with a USPS postmark as of October 1st will also be accepted without penalty.

Bills were mailed from the printer on August 21st to school district taxpayers who pay their taxes directly rather than through a mortgage company. The vast majority of taxpayers received their bills, but the Tax Receiver's Office has received some calls from other taxpayers who did not receive their bills. The Tax Office can e-mail a duplicate to any taxpayer who has not received a bill. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR TAX BILL** please contact the office by sending an e-mail to [hperlowitz@townofossining.com](mailto:hperlowitz@townofossining.com) or by calling 914-762-8790.

NYS Tax Law states that penalties must be assessed if payments are not received on time for whatever reason, even if the taxpayer does not receive their bill in the mail. As we have discovered this tax season, municipalities cannot control the mail and property owners are expected to know when taxes are due. Unfortunately, municipalities have no authority to waive any penalties assessed – so please make sure to pay your taxes by the date they are due!

Town Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz and her team have been actively working with the USPS to identify the problem that has caused non-delivery of bills and have notified Senator Schumer's office regarding these mail issues as well, so you should know they are being aggressively investigated.