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Water & Filming

Last week we celebrated the completion of the Indian Brook Dam Rehabilitation Project. Safe reliable drinking water is at the heart of a healthy and thriving community. Ossining is very fortunate to have our own drinking water source. Taking

good care of it is the right thing for the environment, for the people of Ossining, and it's the fiscally wise thing to do.

Did you notice a sudden influx of 1970s cars parked around the Village? Ossining has been a key location for the new Spike Lee feature film production in recent weeks. As with any film/tv production that comes to town, the Ossining Police Department and Village Management work to be film friendly while minimizing interruption and inconvenience on the community. While folks are generally excited about the benefits of having our Village highlighted in this way, we've also received a number of concerns about some of the impacts experienced by residents, businesses and commuters. One report estimates that Westchester County took in \$30million from film/tv production in 2016. We like seeing Ossining access a portion of that investment, but we also need to improve our process so that film/tv productions do not unreasonably impact our community.

Connecting This Week

There will be **No Open Office Hours** on Tuesday because of Election Day. I'll return to the Board of Trustees office at 16 Croton Avenue next week, ready to hear from community members on any topic, concern or idea of interest to you. No appointment necessary.

Join me for the **Weekly Walk** this Friday, November 10 at 10:00am. We'll meet at Veterans Memorial and walk toward Collyer Drive. While Office Hours take place at a consistent time each week, stay tuned to the Monday Mayor's Message where I announce the time and location for that week.

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?... Email me (mayor@villageofossining.org), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell

Budget Priorities

At last week's Legislative Session Village Manager Debbie McDonnell presented her proposed 2018 budget. This week the Board of Trustees begins our in-depth review of each department's proposed budget.

A budget is a reflection of values and priorities. We spent much of 2017 soliciting input from the community. This feedback has been memorialized in the report from the Downtown Revitalization Working Committee and the analysis by Kevin Dwarka LLC Land Use & Economic Development Consultants. The proposed 2018 budget includes pathways for moving forward recommendations from these reports, including an action plan to address parking challenges, an individual focused on economic development, and a year-long review and update of the Comprehensive Plan.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Election Day!

Tomorrow is Election Day! The polls are open from 6am until 9pm.

Not sure what will be on the ballot? [Here's a link to a Voter's Guide for our area.](#)

Not sure of your polling place? [Here's a link to the Westchester Board of Elections website.](#)

