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Flourish Arts Community

Kudos to the Ossining Arts Council and all the local artists who opened their studios to the public this weekend. What a treat to speak with artists in the spaces where their creativity comes to life. Pictured here with me are three family members in their studio and warehouse in the waterfront district. You've probably

seen Mary Ellis' paintings of iconic NYC images on a magnet or a mug. Their commercial success is built on artistic talent, and provides the foundation for further creative masterpieces. Let's hope the Open Studio Tour becomes an annual event. There are so many artist studios to visit throughout Ossining!

This weekend's studio tour was another exciting example local businesses, nonprofits and artists finding innovative ways highlight the arts in Ossining. Village government will continue to support our growing artist community, as we did last year when we updated our definition of artisan workspace to expand opportunities for entrepreneurs in a wide range of artisan crafts (LL 1-2016). We also amended the zoning text allowing not-for-profit organizations to open their doors for public performances (LL 3-2016). A local government that creates opportunities for more artists, entrepreneurs, and performance spaces is not just inviting a richer and more vibrant quality of life, we are encouraging the stronger local economy which comes with arts and culture.

Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** at my regular Tuesday schedule from 10am-12noon. I'll be at the Board of Trustees office at 16 Croton Avenue 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, October 20 at 11:00am. We'll meet at the water tower on the corner of Clinton Avenue and Browning 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 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 (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

Housing Policy & Practice

This week's Legislative Session begins with a public hearing on LL 7-2017, Amending the Landlord Tenant Relations Council (LTRC). The proposed changes will expand the membership, more strongly tie the LTRC to the building department, and provide subpoena power. Reestablishing and strengthening the powers of this council is one of the tools we are implementing to improve housing conditions. As we work our way through implementation of recommendations from the LTRC subcommittee, the Housing Analysis from Kevin Dwarka, and the Downtown Redevelopment Working Committee, we are strengthening our local economy and improving the safety of our community for all.

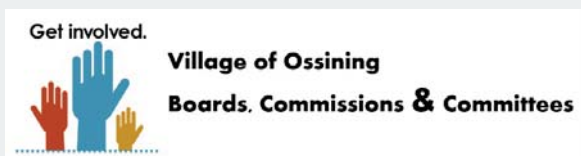
On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Raise Your Hand for Ossining



This week the Village Board will be voting to appoint Rodolfo Moran as the newest member to serve on the Civilian Police Complaint Review Board (CPCRB). Ossining is proud to have this important organization that facilitates proactive communication between law enforcement and community members. We believe this kind of connection is essential for our broader mission of community policing and inclusion of all voices. We think it's crazy that Ossining is the only community in Westchester County with a board of this kind.

Wondering how you can serve Ossining by being appointed to a board/committee? [Click here to learn](#) about the CPCRB and **many more Village committees that are looking for new members**. Right now we are actively interviewing candidates for a variety of committees, and look forward to more appointments in upcoming legislative sessions.

