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**Visiting Consulate** On Saturday the Ecuadorian Consulate visited the Ossining Library. She and her staff served over 200 people. I was pleased to participate in the program alongside Trustee Manuel Quezada and the Ossining Library's Cultural Programming Specialist, Carry Cubillos. The three of us opened the program with a public reading, for the first time in Spanish, of the resolution the Board of Trustees passed this spring affirming Ossining's values of inclusivity, and our dedication to serving all members of our community.

At last week's Work Session, quality of life concerns related to sanitation and property maintenance were the focus of two anticipated improvements. [Click here to begin viewing the meeting](#) as Corporation Counsel Stuart Kahan leads us through the next steps in moving forward proposed modifications for the local law regarding Property Maintenance (Chapter 88), and the final steps needed to issue tickets for violations of the Sanitation Code (Chapter 225).

At this week's Legislative Session, we will be calling for a public hearing in consideration of Proposed Local Law 6-2017 Amending Chapter 88 ("Brush, Grass and Weeds"). Mr. Kahan has identified several local laws in the region that have similar approaches. Our goal is to strengthen the Village's ability to enforce property maintenance codes, and keep overgrowth from infringing on sidewalks.

With regards to Sanitation (Chapter 225), most folks are not at risk for receiving the soon to be issued tickets. Last year we passed a law to enable the Village to better enforce the codes related to refuse pick up. If you are following the recommendations of when and how to put out your trash and recycling, you won't see these new tickets. However, you will hopefully notice an improvement in the cleanliness of sidewalks and curbsides throughout the Village!

### 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.

Because school is out this week for Rosh Hoshana, we'll take a break from the **Weekly**

**Walk.** We'll be back hitting the pavement next week! While Office Hours take place at a consistent time each week, the Weekly Walk is scheduled to (hopefully) select a good weather day.

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?... Email me ([mayer@villageofossining.org](mailto:mayer@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)).

### **TUESDAY Legislative Session**

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE! Because of Rosh Hashanah, this week's **Legislative Session will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30 at the Courthouse.** Shanah Tovah! May this be a good year for all in our community!

At this week's meeting, I look forward to appointing a new member to the Environmental Advisory Council. Have you ever considered serving your community in a new way? [Click here to visit our website and learn more](#) about the many boards and committees that play an essential role in making our community function. There are vacancies or expired terms on nearly every committee, so let us know which may interest you!

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



### **Ossining's Global Connections**

Asahi Ishizaki of Yokkaichi, Japan recently visited Village Hall as part of his visit to Ossining. He is pictured here with Maryknoll Sister Jean Fallon.

Wondering what drew Mr. Ishizaki to Ossining? His mother was a student at a school in Yokkaichi that was founded by Maryknoll Sisters. She grew up to become a welfare counselor in her home city. It is Mr. Ishizaki's family appreciation for municipal services that inspired him to visit 16 Croton Avenue.

