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Honoring Law Enforcement; A Change in Village Management

Last week the Ossining Police Department, Supervisor Levenberg and I joined officials from Sing Sing Prison, and the NYS Department of Corrections in a moving service. Sing Sing hosts this memorial every year to honor the sacrifice by Ossining Police Officer James Fagan and Sing Sing Corrections Officer John Hartye who were

killed during an escape by three men from Sing Sing on April 14, 1941. The ceremony is also an opportunity to thank officers today for their dedication to keeping our community safe.

There will be a change in management for the Village. Ossining Village Manager Deborah McDonnell is leaving her position. As we wish Debbie the best in what's next for her, we are grateful to have experienced leadership in our department heads and staff. Ossining residents can be confident that the services they rely on will continue uninterrupted.

We are fortunate that top-notch consultants are already on board to keep big initiatives on track. Rose Noonan of the Housing Action Council has been contracted to lead the process of seeking a developer for a mixed-use mixed-income project on a village-owned lot in the waterfront district. Consultants from the Pace Land Use Law Center have been engaged to facilitate community outreach for the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Community Connections

Open Office Hours with the Mayor will take place tomorrow at a slightly abbreviated time. I will be in the Board of Trustees office on the first floor of Village Hall from 10:30am until 12:00noon. 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) or the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org).

Wednesday Meeting

At this week's legislative session The Village Board plans to appoint Village Engineer Paul Fraioli as the Acting Village Manager until a permanent replacement is hired. Mr. Fraioli has worked in Ossining village government for nearly 18 years, and had stepped up to serve in the Village Manager capacity prior to Ms. McDonnell's appointment. Following the public meeting, the Village Board will enter into executive session to discuss next steps regarding the village management position. <u>To read the full agenda, click here</u>. Because this week is a legislative session, there are a number of invitations for community members to 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.

With Regards,

Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Mobile Shredder Visit!

The mobile shredder will be at the Ossining Community Center on Saturday, April 27 from 10am until 1pm. Each household can bring up to 4 file boxes of confidential papers to be shredded.

Thank you to the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities for scheduling the shredder to be in Ossining. <u>Click here to learn more.</u>

