

**Village of Irvington
Board of Trustees' Priorities for 2019-20**

To All Our Fellow Residents,

At the beginning of each fiscal year, your Board of Trustees establishes its working priorities for the next twelve months. While the focus of our activities is subject to modification if major new developments emerge, we want to provide as clear a picture of our goals as we can at the outset of each year.

For the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 the Board has outlined six broad areas of work:

- Implementing Comprehensive Plan Recommendations
- Sound Fiscal/Budget Planning and Service Efficiency
- Quality-of-Life Enhancement
- Support for Affordable Housing
- Improvement of the Downtown Environment & Economy
- Support of Sustainable Policies & Practices

Each of these areas are encompassed in the outline below. We sincerely encourage your thoughts on our priorities and how best to implement them, and invite you to attend Board meetings and work sessions. The schedule and agendas are posted on the Village website, and all meetings are recorded and available for view. We also invite your participation as a volunteer on one of the Village's various committees, or in some other capacity appropriate for you.

The BOT's Priorities and Specific Activities

Areas of Primary Focus

1. Continue to implement aspects of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.
2. Publicize the new regulations and the way to apply for conversion to In-Law Suites and Accessory Apartments. Publicize the availability of affordable units in, or soon to be in, Irvington.
3. Address special constraints at the Irvington Fire House and the DPW and begin relocation investigations.
4. Support the development of plans for an improved Irvington Town Hall Theater entranceway and provide a budget for air-conditioning to expand the use of ITHT during the summer.
5. Continue to implement changes to operations, technology and policies that will improve sustainability, efficiency and delivery of services to the public. Specifically, streamline the land use application process by utilizing paperless submissions.
6. Complete the Matthiessen Park improvements.
7. Support sustainable initiatives such as the installation of EV charging stations and the incorporation of dark sky requirements into the Village Code.
8. Implement a system of performance reviews for all department heads to encourage active, two-way feedback.
9. Commence and complete collective bargaining negotiations with the CSEA union.

Ongoing Initiatives

1. Implement a public education effort on currently available tax and business advantages available in the Historic District and advantages of the Local Landmark and Adaptive Re-use of Historic Properties Laws for qualified properties.

2. Continue efforts, such as Slow Down Irvington and Walk Safe Irvington, focused on improving traffic and pedestrian safety through education, physical changes to roads, sidewalks and paths and the enforcement of these initiatives.
3. Continue land use and infrastructure projects:
 - o Continue with efforts to improve parking availability and pedestrian and automobile safety near the Stanford White building (50 South Buckhout Street).
 - o Complete the installation of enhanced crosswalks at Broadway/Heritage Hill and Broadway/Main Street intersections.
 - o Update park rules and regulations.
 - o Implement advanced crosswalk technology.
 - o Advance the Station Road Sidewalk and Main Street ADA project.
 - o Advance the Hudson View Park Culvert Replacement project.
4. Review and enhance Village emergency preparedness.
5. Continue to support efforts to communicate to residents, workers and visitors in our Village that we value diversity of cultures, ideas, and traditions.
6. Expand on our reputation as a film friendly Village to continue to attract film opportunities.
7. Strengthen enforcement of the sidewalk maintenance law.
8. Update the process for building/renovation permits and site approvals.
9. Review, update, prioritize and track status of Village's Environmental Action Plan on a continuing basis.
10. Encourage increased volunteerism on committees, boards and working groups. Periodically review the mission and work of volunteer committees and provide support as needed.

Long-term Goals

1. Support inter-municipal and regional sustainability and climate-change planning efforts.
2. Undertake a phased, fiscally prudent implementation of recommendations contained within the Main Street Streetscape Design report beyond the current projects.
3. Continue to expand zoning and other regulations and approaches that will help moderate-income individuals and families to be able to afford housing in Irvington.
4. Enhance long term Departmental planning and execution through improved communication with the Board of Trustees.
5. Support the activities of the business district by setting-up regular two-way communication with business groups (Chamber of Commerce and others).
6. Maintain and upgrade Village infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, storm drainage, and the water and sewer system.
7. Pursue connection to the County's RiverWalk and explore enhanced public access to the waterfront.
8. Work closely with local and regional tourism and development organizations, such as Historic Hudson River Towns and our neighboring villages, to develop programs and initiatives that will bring more visitors to Historic Irvington. Encourage on-line, Smart Phone apps and other technology efforts.
9. Review Village operations to ensure conformance with sustainability goals.
10. Support the efforts to implement appropriate measures recommended in the Route 9 Active Transportation Corridor study, including ways to leverage the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge Shared Use Path.

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