

From the Mayor's Desk...December 2, 2016

Holiday Happening

The excitement is building for the Village's annual Holiday Happening, so I thought you might be interested in some of the history behind the event. The Holiday Happening originated in the mid-1980s by Mayor Reg Marra and the Board of Trustees in conjunction with Irvington Chamber of Commerce. Back in the day, the event was marked with active participation from the local merchants along with many special events for children and adults, capped off by a traditional tree lighting. In fact, you might be surprised to know that the event attracted so many people that visitors were encouraged to carpool or walk to Irvington's downtown.

Fast forward to this year's event. I am pleased that the Irvington PTSA and our Recreation Department have worked closely with the newly-rejuvenated Chamber of Commerce to create the largest event in years. Plus, the volunteers on the Village's Beautification Committee have worked tirelessly to "green" the Village while Morabito Electric donated its bucket truck to install the beautiful lighted wreaths up and down Main Street. **The Holiday Happening takes place tomorrow, December 3, with events all day from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, including the tree lighting at 5:00 pm at the Recreation Center on Main Street.**

Please stop down to Irvington's Main Street tomorrow. For more information, visit: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1431>

Purple Heart Village

I am pleased to report that on November 21, 2016, with the support of the full Board of Trustees, I proclaimed Irvington as a Purple Heart Village. What does that mean? It means that, as a Village, we will never forget the sacrifices made by our combat-wounded veterans. In the coming weeks, you will see small signs placed at the entrances to our Village along Broadway to help us remember those brave and selfless individuals who fought on our behalf.

Thanks for reading my email. I hope you have a very safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

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