

## **From the Mayor's Desk...October 4, 2016**

### **Priorities**

Each year, for the past seven years, the Village Board has set their priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Our year began on June 1 and we have, once again, developed our priorities. This year, we have taken a slightly different approach to organizing our priorities. We are still focused on 6 broad areas of concern (in no particular order): (1) Comprehensive Planning Review; (2) Sound Fiscal/Budget Planning and Service Efficiency; (3) Quality-of-Life Enhancement; (4) Support for Affordable Housing; (5) Improvement of the Downtown Environment & Economy; and (6) Support of Sustainable Policies & Practices. However, this year we have presented our priorities to show those areas where we will focus our efforts, ongoing initiatives that we will continue to work on, and long-term goals that we will keep in sight.

Our priorities are posted online {link here} and they include more details about how we plan to address these areas of focus.

### **Rocktoberfest 2016**

I'm excited to remind you that there's less than 2 weeks until Rocktoberfest 2016. This year's event features Irvington's first Food Truck Festival to go along with plenty of beer, wine and live music. The event will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Matthiessen Park (rain date October 16). The feature band is *Tramps Like Us*, vintage Bruce Springsteen music. As you probably remember, Rocktoberfest is a fundraising event lead by the FACE Committee to support Irvington Recreation & Parks Programs.

### **Harvest Dinner**

Each fall we join together to celebrate the harvest and the bounty of our farmers market. The move from Wednesday to Sunday has proved fruitful for both our community and our vendors. This year's event will be held at the Eileen Fisher Leadership Institute at 50 South Buckhout Street in Irvington. This space in the Trent Building serves as the centerpiece of the Institute whose mission is to Promote leadership in young women through self-empowerment, connection with others and activism in their communities.

Please join our Farmers Market Committee for wine, cheese and the Hudson River sunset followed by a family style farmhouse meal of market fresh, local ingredients prepared by Eric Korn of Good Life Gourmet.

To purchase tickets (\$75 each) via paypal please click here [Harvest Dinner 2016 Tickets](#). Seating is limited so please respond by October 10 to insure your place at the table.

Although the Farmers Market Committee is a Village entity, the Village does not provide any funding. The weekly market is funded solely on the fees paid by vendors and the generous support of corporate and individual donors. Your attendance at this event will allow the market to continue to grow in the upcoming year. Thank you for your support.

### **Celebration of the Irvington Woods – Fall Wine and Cheese Party**

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm to 4pm: Irvington Woods Presents a celebration of the grounds and gardens of the O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road. Wine and cheese will be available along with a look at all of the recent improvements to the grounds.

Sincerely,  
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