

## **From the Mayor's Desk...June 20, 2019**

### **North Broadway Re-Zoning Public Hearing Continues...**

At our meeting this past Monday, we held our second public hearing to consider revisions to the zoning for the larger properties along North Broadway, specifically properties commonly known as the "Maxon Property", the "Carafiello Property", Abbott House, and the Holy Spirit Association. As I mentioned in my last email, the zoning changes are coming directly from recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Specific recommendations of proposed new uses include multi-family residential (including single-family attached, but clustered in order to maximize open space), assisted living facilities (of a fixed density), offices, boutique hotels, small practice medical offices, and restaurants. As a reminder, the office and institutional uses that currently exist are through special permits and variances granted many years ago. Currently the area is only zoned for single family residences.

Our planning consultant presented the new zoning at our meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here's a link to the presentation:

<http://www.irvingtonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9290/AKRF-Zoning-Presentation-June-2019>

We will continue to take input from the public over the summer, possibly make some changes to the proposed zoning, and move the process forward September 2019. We are not in any rush to make these important changes and we want to get it "as right as possible" before we vote. The only way that is possible is by hearing the ideas of all interested residents and the property owners themselves. Together, we can preserve this vital portion of Irvington and see the limited development that we decide, as a village, that we want. So, please continue to email your suggestions or comments or come to any of our summer meetings to share your thoughts.

### **Planning Commendation Award**

Speaking of the Comprehensive Plan...

I am pleased to report that The Westchester Municipal Planning Federation recently selected the Village of Irvington for a Planning Commendation Award for its use of a unique "hub and spoke" approach to updating its Comprehensive Plan. This approach allowed the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, working with nearly 40 volunteers from the community, to focus its efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan efficiently, while seeking significant public input throughout the project. Congratulations to all those involved in this important effort.

### **Con Edison Rate Request Public Hearings**

I've been advised that the NYS Department of Public Service will be holding public hearings on proposed Con Ed gas (case [19-G-0066](#)) and electric (case [19-E-0065](#)) rate increase requests. All details are on the [NYS DPS](#) web site. The closest hearing will be held at the Yonkers Public Library on June 25 at 1pm-2pm and 6pm-7pm.

### **Irvington High School Graduation**

The Irvington High School graduation ceremony is scheduled for this Saturday at 11:00a.m. As in the past and assuming the weather cooperates, Matthiessen Park will be the setting. And what a beautiful setting it will be!

If you are attending the event, please be aware that parking will be extremely limited. I encourage you to walk, if you can. There will be virtually no parking over the bridge on the west side of the railroad tracks, so don't bother driving over there. Please utilize Metro-North parking and street parking on the east side of railroad tracks. The Park should be back to normal by late afternoon.

Congratulations to the Irvington High School Class of 2019!

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