

**Village of Irvington
Board of Trustees' Priorities for 2020-21**

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, 2020 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. Conduct a comprehensive review of the Police Department in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order no. 203.
2. Continue to implement aspects of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
3. Publicize the 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.
4. Begin planning for an expanded Fire House facility.
5. Address spatial constraints at the DPW and continue relocation investigations.
6. 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.
7. Complete the Matthiessen Park improvements.
8. Support sustainable initiatives such as the Climate Smart Communities Certification program..
9. Ensure Village departments are trained to identify and implement sustainable practices throughout their operations.
10. Commence collective bargaining negotiations with the Police (PBA) union.
11. In order to maximize communication between Village and residents, and encourage residents' participation in the decision making process, encourage residents to register for the Village e-mail list.

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 Update park rules and regulations.
 - o Implement advanced crosswalk technology.
 - o Complete the Station Road Sidewalk and Main Street ADA project.
 - o Advance the Town Hall Clock Tower Restoration project.
4. Review and enhance Village emergency preparedness.
5. Continue and expand efforts to communicate to residents, workers and visitors in our Village that we value diversity of cultures, ideas, and traditions. Explore various ways to engage in active dialogue with a wide-range of individuals in the community on ways to move toward a fuller accomplishment of this goal.
6. Continue a system of performance reviews for all department heads to encourage active, two-way feedback.
7. Expand on our reputation as a film friendly Village to continue to attract film opportunities.
8. Strengthen enforcement of the sidewalk maintenance law.
9. Update the process for building/renovation permits and site approvals.
10. Review, update, prioritize and track status of Village's Environmental Action Plan on a continuing basis.
11. 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 Astor Gateway Project, especially a review of the placement of our approved design of way-finding signage in the Astor-Buckhout-Main-Broadway-Waterfront Historic District ..
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. Work closely with efforts related to regional tourism vis a vis the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge bike and pedestrian path, with special attention to the needs of our small businesses and restaurants .Continue to encourage and implement on-line, Smart Phone apps, such as TravelStorys, 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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