

## **From the Mayor's Desk...November 2, 2022**

I hope everyone enjoyed Halloween as much as I did. The bands were tremendous, and I would like to thank all of them for all their hard work preparing for an unbelievable night of entertainment! It is an amazing Irvington tradition that grew organically from the vision of two talented Irvington residents: John Malone and Douglas McClure. Thanks again to John, Doug and everyone that makes Irvington so special and unique, especially the Irvington Police Department.

### **Irvington Theater HVAC Update**

As you know, the Irvington Theater has been dark since the onset of the pandemic. In order to improve the ventilation and provide comfort for theater-goers year-round, we are installing a completely new HVAC system. I am pleased to report that the engineering work is nearly complete, and we will be ready to go out to bid in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, it has taken longer than expected to properly engineer the new equipment. Besides the complexities of working in an historic building, one of the main reasons for the extended delay is that we are committed to installing energy-efficient heat pumps to replace our oil-based steam heat. Hopefully, the delay now will lead to many years of energy savings and comfort in the future.

None of this would have been fiscally possible without the support of State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, whom I would like to thank for her unwavering support of the arts here in Irvington. With her leadership and that of her colleague in the Assembly, Thomas Abinanti, a total of \$625,000 in New York State funding was secured to bring the lights back on in our precious theater. Personally, I cannot wait to be there for (re)opening night, hopefully soon!

### **Election Day**

As you undoubtedly noticed from the many political ads on TV right now, Election Day, November 8, 2022, is quickly approaching. Besides local elections for Village Trustee, there are also important national and statewide elections including United States Senator, Member of Congress, Governor, State Senator, and State Member of the Assembly.

I should also point out that this year's ballot contains an important proposition known as the [Clean Air, Clean Water & Clean Jobs Bond Act of 2022](#) (Proposition One). This is an important proposition and I urge you to cast your vote by "flipping the ballot over" to the back of the ballot. My colleagues on the Board of Trustees and I are supportive of Proposition One.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For detailed election information about polling locations, absentee ballots, ballots and early voting visit the [Westchester County Board of Elections](#).

Today is a great day for coming up with your plan to vote!

Best,

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