

Senior Service: Free lunch available weekdays at the community center, or delivered to homebound residents through Nutrition Program; Golden Agers Club #1, a senior social group, meets Tuesdays at the community center; taxi vouchers available at community center, 762-1350.

Service Organizations: Corinthians Lodge #44, 22 State St., 941-9093, Eagles, 7 Old Albany Post Rd.; BPOE 1486 (Elks), 37 Croton Ave., 941-1486, Knights of Columbus, 114 N. Washington St., Tarrytown, 631-9798, Lions Club of Ossining & Briarcliff, www.ossininglions.org. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1460, 37 Croton Ave., 762-0526, Rotary, www.ossiningrotary.org.

Sirens: Sirens mounted on poles are used in case of an emergency at the Indian Point Nuclear Reactor in Buchanan.

Social Clubs: Columbus Lodge, 941-4496, Portuguese Club, 941-1550.

Sports: In addition to the programs at the community center, Ossining has its own AYSO soccer league www.ossiningayso.org. Baseball and softball: Jesse Collyer Youth Sports www.jcysports.org. Little League Football: www.ollf.org. Roller hockey: www.OYHainfo.org.

Swimming Pool: Ossining Community Center. For hours and info. call: 941-3189.

Taxi Service: Service is provided by 11 companies in the Village of Ossining and is available at the railroad station. Taxi vouchers are available for eligible seniors; see senior section.

Teatown: An 800-acre nature preserve and environmental education center at 1600 Spring Valley Road, about 4 miles from the library, offers 15 miles of hiking trails, live animal exhibits, activities and programs. Free, but donations are welcome. www.teatown.org. 762-2912.

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Theatre: Blueberry Pond Theatre ensemble offers avant-garde productions at Cedar Lane Park. www.blueberrypond.org; Yorktown Stage offers

main stage musical productions at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, www.yorktownstage.org, 962-0606.

Train Service: Metro North trains south to Grand Central Terminal and north to Poughkeepsie stop in Ossining and Scarborough. 1-800-638-7646. www.mta.info. Amtrak stops at Croton-Harmon and provides service to New York City (Penn Station), Washington, Albany, and other cities. www.amtrak.com.

Westchester Community College: An extension center offering a broad range of courses, particularly in the health sciences, and a summer science academy for youngsters is in the Arcadian Shopping Center, Route 9. 606-7400. www.sunywcc.edu

Westchester County: The county seat is in White Plains, about 20 minutes south of Ossining. www.westchestergov.com

ZIP codes: Ossining: 10562; Maryknoll: 10545; Briarcliff Manor: 10510; Scarborough: 10510. Mailing addresses are not a reliable indication of the town or village where an address is.

Zoo: The world-famous Wildlife Conservation Society Bronx Zoo is about 25 miles to the south, www.bronxzo.com. Near the zoo is the New York Botanical Garden, www.nybg.org. 15 miles to the north, via the scenic Bear Mountain Bridge over the Hudson, is a zoo of regional animals, including bears, at Bear Mountain State Park.

Ossining - A to Z

A Handy Guide

To the Reader: This is an *experiment* in providing a reference for residents to local services and facilities. Please send your comments or corrections to the e-mail address on the last page.

Ambulance: In an emergency, call **911**. Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps (OVAC) provides service, welcomes volunteers and contributions. 941-3941.

Aquatics Center: Community Center has an Olympic-sized **swimming pool**, with a spray area for kids; open to residents with Recreation Department ID cards. Non-resident permits are available. 941-3189. Louis Engel Park on the Hudson Waterfront has an outdoor spray park, open during summer months. Briarcliff Village pool is open to village residents. 941-6560.

Boards: Local governments utilize boards and committees. To learn about who serves in government capacities for our Villages or Town, see www.villageofossining.org; www.townofossining.com; www.briarcliffmanor.org

Bulk garbage collection: The Village of Ossining picks up bulk trash every week; route and time information are on its website in both Spanish and English, www.villageofossining.org, 941-4660. The Town of Ossining collects bulk household garbage 5 times a year. See www.townofossining.com for schedule and rules.

Bus service: The Bee-Line System links Ossining to the rest of Westchester and New York City. 813-7777, www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus.

Camp: Ossining Community Center runs camps each summer. See www.townofossining.com.

Celebrities: Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist John Cheever lived in Ossining from 1961 to his death in 1982. Actor/director Peter Falk is a 1945 graduate of OHS. Jackie Norris, former chief of staff to First Lady Michelle Obama, is a 1988 graduate of OHS.

Chamber of Commerce: Sponsors the annual **Village Fair** on the second Saturday in June, and other activities to promote businesses in the area, 941-0009, www.ossiningchamber.org

Communities That Care: Ossining CTC is a coalition of concerned individuals and organizations from all sectors of the community working together to improve the health and well-being of Ossining's young people and families. The coalition's immediate goal is to prevent and reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by young people through education, positive youth development, support for parents, and collaborative community-wide efforts. 502-1304. www.ossiningctc.org

Community Action Program (CAP): Operating community programs to combat poverty and its adverse affects by teaching and assisting persons to become self-sufficient. 81 Croton Avenue, 923-6380.

Community Calendar: Lists events from the school district, library, town, village and other local organizations. www.americantowns.com/ny/ossining/events. Village puts out a weekly web blast with items of interest and activities in the area; subscribe through www.villageofossining.org or call 941-3554. Subscribe to Town's e-mail news at www.townofossining.com.



Community Center, named for former Mayor Joseph Caputo, offers recreational programs for youngsters, seniors and others. 95 Broadway, near the intersection of Croton Avenue and Route 9, 941-3189.

Concerts: The Ossining Public Library hosts free concerts from jazz to classical music. Major acts play the Tarrytown Music Hall www.tarrytownmusicall.org, 914-631-3390 and the Paramount Center for the Arts, Peekskill, 739-2333, www.paramountcenter.org.

Crisis services: Call United Way's 211 for immediate help. The 211 call can redirect you to the following separate lines. Rape hotline: 345-9111; Runaway hotline and shelter: 1-888-997-1583, teen dating violence: 747-0828, domestic violence: 238-2800, 1-800-298-7233, suicide prevention 1-800-273-8255.

Day Care: Ossining Children's Center offers subsidized day care. 941-0230 www.ossiningchildrenscenter.org. Westcop St. Matthew's Day Care Center, 50 N. Malcolm St, 941-1715; provides subsidies & scholarships. Many other services are available.

Day Laborer Site: Workers for hire gather daily in the parking lot off Broadway near Community Center. Wage rules are enforced.

Dogs: Ossining Dog Park is located at Cedar Lane Park. There is an annual "Bark in the Park" in June. www.ossiningdogpark.com

Duck Race: The Great Duck Race of Ossining, down the Kill Brook, is sponsored each May by the Ossining Rotary to raise funds for local charity work. www.ossiningrotary.org

Early Childhood Education: Ossining Children's Center is the region's oldest daycare. It offers daycare and early childhood education from birth through age 11 including income based fees. 90-92 South Highland Avenue, 941-0230. There are many other daycares and nurseries in the area.

Educational Cable Programming: Cablecasting Board of Education meetings and other school events and information handled through the

Communications Department at Ossining School District. Channel 88 on Cablevision; 42 on FiOS.

ESL Classes: Project Literacy at Park School, St. Ann's Church, First Presbyterian Church, Westchester Community College-Ossining Extension Campus. English conversation offered at Ossining Public Library. Literacy Volunteer Program available at the Warner (Tarrytown) Public Library.

English as a Second Language classes: Offered at several Ossining locations through the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, 248-2416.

Farmers' Market: fresh local produce, fish and meat, and baked goods - Saturdays 8:30 am – 2 pm, late May through December, at Market Square, corner of Spring and Main streets, 923-4837. Winter market at Briarcliff Congregational Church, corner of Elm and S. State St. in Briarcliff Manor. www.communitymarkets.biz.

Ferry Service: Ferries run between Haverstraw and the Ossining Train Station during morning and evening rush hours. For information 1-800-53-Ferry.

Fire: In an emergency call **911**. Non-emergency: 941-0215.

Food Pantry: Open to residents of the greater Ossining community. Food is distributed on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and on Friday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon out of the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church on 7 South Highland Avenue. For those who are physically unable to come to the Pantry, there is a Home Delivery Program and also an Emergency Delivery service for clients who cannot wait for the weekly distribution times. www.ossiningfoodpantry.org 762-5510.

Garbage: For collection and bulk pickup contact local municipality.

Government: People use "town" and "village" interchangeably, but there's a difference. Both the Village of Ossining and the Village of Briarcliff Manor are within the Town of Ossining. The part of the town outside the villages is called "the unincorporated area." The Ossining village and town governments share some services such as parks and the tax assessor, but each has its own police force and public works department. The Municipal Building at 16 Croton Ave. houses the

administrative offices for both the Town and the Village. Briarcliff Manor's government offices are at 1111 Pleasantville Rd. www.villageofossining.org; www.briarcliffmanor.org; www.ossiningtown.com.

GO-TV: Public access television; open for the public to submit programming. www.townofossining.com/info/gotv_schedule.htm.

Health Care: The non-profit Open Door Family Medical Center offers low-cost health care. 165 Main Street, 941-1263. www.opendoormedical.org.

Hispanic Action Coalition: Assistance for issues associated with immigrants. 914-941-7822.

Hospital: The nearest hospital is Phelps Memorial on Route 9 in Tarrytown. 631-7777.

Housing: Interfaith Council for Action (IFCA) provides assistance to families needing low income housing and related services. www.ifcany.org. 941-5252.

History: The Ossining Historical Society's museum and archives are at 196 Croton Ave. 941-0001, www.ossininghistorical.org. The Urban Cultural Park Museum in the Community Center has exhibits on the history of the Croton Aqueduct and Sing Sing Prison. 941-3189. Jug Tavern of Sparta, community-owned historic building, available for meetings, events and open for tours upon request. Contact: 945-0674. Tours of the Old Croton Aqueduct available at Village Fair in June and other times by appointment; call the community center. Historic Hudson Valley operates historic sites in Croton, Tarrytown and Irvington. www.hudsonvalley.org.

Library: The Ossining Public Library has more than 100,000 books, a spacious children's room, a teen room, a reading room named for John Cheever, and the 250-seat Camille Budarz Theater. If you live, work, own property, or go to school in Ossining you are eligible for a free library card. The Footnote Café serves drinks and snacks. 941-2416, www.ossininglibrary.org. Briarcliff Manor Library, 941-7072, www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org.

Ossining Government TV (OGTV): Channel 78 on Cablevision and 43 on Verizon FiOS is managed through Village Hall, cable casting Village and Town Board meetings and other government activities and information including emergency alerts.

Parks and Recreation:

Town/Village, www.villageofossining.org County: 864-PARK, www.westchestergov.com/parks.

Police: Emergency: Call 911. For non-emergencies, Ossining Town Police, 762-6007, 507 North State Rd, Briarcliff Manor, Ossining Village Police, 941-4099, 86 Spring St, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor Police, 941-2130, 1111 Pleasantville Rd.

Poison Hot Line: 1-800-222-1222

Property Taxes: Real property is taxed based on its assessment, which is a uniform fraction of its actual value. Taxes are paid to the school district twice a year (Sept., Jan.) and to the Town, Village and County in April. Each year in June, you can protest your assessment, if you feel it is unfairly high, to a board of citizens. See the Assessor's office for details, 16 Croton Avenue, 762-8274.

Public Schools: The Ossining School District, which includes all of the Town of Ossining and small portions of the Towns of New Castle and Yorktown, educates about 4300 students in five schools: Park (Pre-K and K), Brookside (grades 1 and 2), Claremont (grades 3 and 4), Roosevelt (5th grade), Ann Dornier Middle School (grades 6, 7 and 8) and Ossining High School (9-12). Its "First Steps" program is for infants up to the age of 4. 941-7700. www.ossiningufsd.org.

Parochial Schools: St. Augustine's, Eagle Park, Ossining, 941-3849, and St. Theresa's, 1394 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor 762-1050 - serve students through grade 8. Other houses of worship offer nursery programs.

Sailing: The Ossining Boat and Canoe Club, www.obcc.org.

Scouting: Contact: Jan Yearwood, Manitoga District, Westchester-Putnam Council, Boy Scouts of America 773-1135, ext. 238. yearwood@wpcbsa.org; www.scouting.org. To find local Girl Scout troops email: info@girlscoutshh.org mention your school district and you will be directed to local troops. www.girlscoutshh.org.