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Paving Season Continues

The Village paving team wrapped up the work on John Street last week. Progress with the County's efforts on Snowden Avenue were interrupted last week by some problems with the old sanitary sewer line. We are optimistic that this long awaited project will be back on track this week. The County's final step will be the paving of Snowden Avenue from Matilda to Water Streets.

Village government has been busy this summer moving forward legislation. This week's Legislative Session opens with Public Hearings on three proposed local laws which will support local businesses, streamline event permit processing, and protect animals. On September 5 we will have a Public Hearing to strengthen code enforcement, and on October 3 folks are invited to speak on proposed limitations to

usage of gas powered leaf blowers.

Summer Schedule

There will not be **Open Office Hours** this week. Open Office Hours will resume on Tuesday, August 21. No appointment is necessary, and all are welcome to discuss any topic, concern or idea of interest to you.

The next **Open Office Hours on the Road** will happen on Saturday, August 25 from 10:00-11:30AM at Good Choice Kitchen at 147 Main Street. All are encouraged to stop by my table, and just like regular Office Hours, feel free to share any topic, concern or idea, and no appointment is necessary.

Have a burning question or idea, at any hour of the day or night?... Email me (mayor@villageofossining.org), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

Updated August Village Board Calendar

This week's meeting opens with Public Hearings on three proposed local laws. The following two weeks are both Work Sessions that include presentations of significance to our water system, economic development, and the potential for enabling ETPA. Take note of the alternate time and location for the August 29 meeting.

August 15, Village Board Legislative Session, 7:30PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility on Spring Street: This meeting will begin with Public Hearings on proposed Local Laws #6, #8 and #9. [Links to all proposed local laws are available here.](#) Local Law #6 opens the door for venues that may want to apply for a one-day cabaret permit. Local Law #8 streamlines the process for parade and public gathering permits. Local Law #9 is related to animal tethering.

August 22, Village Board Work Session, 7:30PM at Village Hall: This meeting will include an update on progress with designs for updating the Operations Center and well as constructing a new Water Treatment Facility. We will also hear from Pattern for Progress and IFCA about a series of recent charrettes with community stakeholders and financial investors focused on the Broad Avenue corridor.

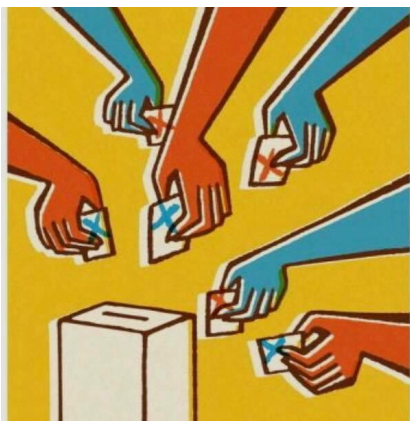
August 29, Village Board Work Session, 7PM in the Ossining High School Library: The focus of this meeting will be the results of the Vacancy Study. This study was undertaken to learn if the vacancy rate is low enough to permit the Village Board to vote on whether to enable the NYS rent stabilization program known as ETPA (Emergency Tenant Protections Act) for residential buildings with six+ units that were built prior to 1974. To read more about the potential [pros and cons about implementing ETPA as a tool for improving housing conditions and affordability in Ossining](#), scroll down to page 20 of the Village's Housing Needs Assessment [linked here](#).

Thank you to the Ossining School District for opening their facility for the August 29 meeting. As we anticipate significant interest in the results of this study, we wanted to secure a space that would allow for ample seating as well as a slide presentation.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Voter Registration & Absentee Ballots

Is there a student heading off to college from your home? Now is a good time for anyone who will not be able to vote in person during the Primary or General Election to [apply for an absentee ballot](#).

This is the **final week** to register or update voter registration in order to participate in the September 13 State/Local Primary Election. [Click here for voter registration forms.](#)

