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Trails, Planning & Housing

The inaugural ride of the MOGO trail took place this weekend, led by Ossining residents and members of the Westchester Cycle Club, Kate and Victor. While formal designation of the MOGO Trail is still a ways off, these

organized tours are a way to encourage cycling in our community, while exploring the proposed routes with a group of riders at various levels of experience. Expect more opportunities to be scheduled in September. [Click here to learn more about the MOGO Trail](#), an initiative led by the Town of Ossining, that the Village is pleased to be participating in. This was also a great way for folks to get in the spirit of [Car Free Day happening on September 21](#) which Ossining will be participating in this year. Finding greener, healthier, and more cost efficient ways to connect our community is a priority for Ossining leaders and stakeholders.

Last week's Work Session began with a presentation regarding a proposed development on the site of the former Brandreth Pill Factory. This property has had the same owners for many years, during which time there have been a variety of proposed developments. The current proposal for 137 units is before the Village Planning Board. The developer came to the Village Board to introduce the first step in our role of potentially granting a special permit to provide a narrow piece of Village owned property needed for a roadway on North Water Street providing adequate access to the development. The next step in this process will be the Village Board making a formal request of the Planning Board for their opinion on this special permit. [Click here to view the presentation and discussion](#) that followed regarding this proposed development.

The second item on last week's agenda was a continuing conversation of proposed changes to Local Law 3, an update to the Affordable Housing Policy. Members of the Board considered aspects of the proposed law in greater detail, and with a new suggestion of percentage of units to be set aside depending on the size of the development, as well as a lower Area Median Income requirement. In August, we will welcome a new planner to the Village staff, and we will seek her input on this law particularly in regards to parking requirements and ratios of density and bulk requirements in given zoning districts. It was also noted that once the language of the proposed local law is determined by the Board, it will enter a SEQRA process. An environmental impact study may be undertaken that will analyze impacts of the proposed changes on aspects ranging from storm water runoff and traffic, to public resources and school population. [Click here to view the discussion](#) of proposed changes to be considered in a next draft of LL3.

We also reviewed the status of proposed Local Laws 4 through 9. Corporation Counsel Stuart Kahan has diligently and thoughtfully been moving forward requested draft legislation with

remarkable competence and efficiency. See below for public hearings that will be called for as the next step in consideration of several of the proposed local laws.

Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** tomorrow, Tuesday from 10am-12noon in the Board of Trustees office at Village Hall. No appointment is necessary, and all are welcome to discuss any topic, concern or idea of interest to you.

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).

This Week's Legislative Session

Wednesday's Legislative Session will include calling for Public Hearings for the following proposed local laws. The actual Public Hearings will take place at future meetings as noted below. Calling for them in advance provides the public time to review the proposals and determine if they would like to comment on them.

Item D refers to Proposed Local Law 9 regarding dog tethering. Click here to view the July 18 discussion of this proposed local law. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 9 will take place on August 15.

Item E refers to Proposed Local Law 5 regarding several proposed updates to Building Housing/Property Maintenance and Building Code Administration. The updates include strengthening our ability to address vacant properties. Click here to view the July 18 discussion of updates to this proposed local law. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 5 will take place on September 5.

Item F refers to Proposed Local Law 6 regarding a one-day cabaret. Click here to view the July 18 discussion of this proposed new option. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 6 will take place on August 15.

Item G refers to Proposed Local Law 7 regarding restricting the use of gas powered leaf blowers. Click here to view the the July 18 discussion of this proposed Local Law. Click here to view the July 11 meeting where the proposed update to the Village Noise ordinance was discussed in greater detail. It is anticipated that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 7 will take place on October 3. We are announcing it well in advance to allow time for notice to be made to a variety of stakeholders who have expressed interest in this proposed law.

Item H refers to Proposed Local Law 8 regarding how we may streamline the process for permitting parades and public gatherings. Click here to view the July 18 discussion of this proposed local law. We anticipate that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 8 will take place on August 15.

Because this week is a Legislative Session, following the Public Hearing are a number of invitations for community members to publicly comment. If you would like to spread the word about an upcoming event, please take up to two minutes during Organizational Announcements. Folks who would like to comment on the resolutions included on that night's agenda may do so for up to four minutes at the start of the Village Board Resolutions portion of the meeting. The meeting closes with an invitation for community members to comment for up to three minutes during Visitor Recognition about any topic of relevance to the common good of the Village. We invite community members to reach out to us by email (bot@villageofossining.org) anytime.

With Regards,

Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Firefighters Parade on Friday

Join us for the annual Ossining
Fire Department Parade!

Friday, August 3 at 7PM

The parade winds down Croton
Avenue, to Main Street, then Secor
Road to the waterfront. OFD welcomes
departments from across our region to
join in this annual celebration!
Come out to support our volunteers!

