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**Paving Update** Snowden Avenue is the most recent paving project in the Village. Sherman Place was completed a few weeks ago. Thanks to the public works team for overseeing this important, and much appreciated, work.

There are a few more roads that will be paved this fall. Coming up will be lower Linden Avenue, Waller Avenue and Croton Street. You may have noticed curb repair is already underway on Linden, a critical step to ensure proper drainage on that road once paving is complete.

### Connecting This Week

Join me for **Open Office Hours** at my regular Tuesday schedule from 10am-12noon. I'll be at the Board of Trustees office at 16 Croton Avenue ready to hear from community members on any topic, concern or idea of interest to you. No appointment necessary.

Join me for the **Weekly Walk** this Friday, October 6 at 11:00am. We'll meet at DD's Diner, then to walk some of the residential streets between N Highland Ave and Cedar Lane. While Office Hours take place at a consistent time each week, the Weekly Walk is scheduled to (hopefully) select a good weather day.

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?... Email me ([mayor@villageofossining.org](mailto:mayor@villageofossining.org)), the Board of Trustees ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell ([dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org](mailto:dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org)).

### Preserving Tax Deductions & Connecting Local Hubs

At this week's Legislative Session, the Board of Trustees will consider a resolution asking representatives in Congress to oppose the elimination of the deduction for State and Local Taxes (SALT). In New York, 34% of taxpayers claim this deduction, with an average deduction of \$7,182. This concern was brought to our attention by the New York Conference of Mayors, who point out that if Congress votes to take away SALT, "millions of family in NYS will be hit with a 'one-two punch' of higher taxes and lower home values. This will harm village bottom lines and hurt our ability to provide key services." To read the

full text of the resolution for Wednesday's meeting, [click here and scroll to Item G.](#)

Come learn more about a grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway to develop a plan for an Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor. Check out the draft maps and offer your input. The Village is pleased to be partnering with the Towns of Ossining & New Castle on a plan to create enhanced pedestrian and bike access between commercial zones and open space. The goal is to connect the Ossining Train Station and waterfront to the business districts in Downtown Ossining and along North State Road, reaching the Millwood Hamlet, as well as connecting the many beloved open spaces in the region. This trail network will be an “Emerald Necklace” for the region, bolstering economic development and the tourism industry, while reducing the community’s environmental impact through the conservation of open space and decreased dependence on cars for transportation.

The first two sessions will be on **Thursday, October 5 at 1pm-2pm or 7pm-8pm at Club Fit Briarcliff Café, 584 N. State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY.** The second two will be on **Thursday, November 2 at 1pm-2pm or 7pm-8pm at the Ossining Public Library Café, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY.** Refreshments and giveaways from Club Fit Briarcliff will be provided to forum participants.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



## Community Conversations

On Thursday, 7-8:30pm, all are invited to the Ossining Public Library to attend the first in a series panel discussions happening throughout October in Westchester Libraries.

The subject is Criminal Justice, Yesterday & Today. Come engage with leaders in criminal justice in a panel discussion moderated by Brent Glass, Director Emeritus of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Kudos to the Sing Sing Prison Museum Project and Westchester Community Foundation for partnering up and working with the Westchester Library Systems to bring this important discussion front and center.

