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Meet the Manager Tonight & MTA Construction

Last week the MTA began construction at the Ossining train station. Their work impacts parking availability, and eliminates the ability for any cars to pick up or drop off passengers on the top of the bridge.

On a more celebratory note, Village Manager Karen D'Attore will be at tonight's jazz concert at Henry Gourdine Park, happening from 6:30-8:00PM. [Click here for more event details.](#) Karen just celebrated her one month anniversary in the new position, and she's looking forward to introducing herself to more residents. So, in addition to enjoying a great concert, come say hi to Karen and let her know your experiences and ideas involving village government. What better way to spend

a glorious summer evening along the Hudson?

Last week's work session had a heavy agenda. [Click here to read the full list of items discussed, as well as links to relevant documents where available.](#) One topic that raised a surprising number of questions is a proposed mandatory \$5 fee that village dog owners would pay when they license their dog. The fee would cover the cost of a Town permit for the dog park at Cedar Lane and the dog run at Ryder Park. [To view the video of this portion of the meeting, click here.](#) If this proposal moves forward, there would be a public hearing. If you are a dog owner and would like to tell us your thoughts on this now, please email us at the below contact information, or join us at a legislative session.

Community Connections

Open Office Hours with the Mayor will take place tomorrow in the Board of Trustees office on the first floor of Village Hall from 10:00am until 12:00noon. 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), Village Manager Karen D'Attore (kdattore@villageofossining.org) or the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org).

Wednesday Meeting

This week's legislative session includes resolutions related to grants the Village is applying for. One of these is a commitment to participate in the "Climate Action Planning Institute Westchester County" project that will be submitted as a grant proposal to the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program by Westchester County as lead applicant. We are proud to be a Climate Smart Community that was invited to participate in this opportunity.

Once again, this Wednesday opens with a public hearing related to the Hudson Steppe proposal for development of 189 residential units on State Street. Since last month's public hearing there has been progress in response to residents' concerns related to this development, and regarding the land use board approval process for future projects.

Last month's public hearing included comments from community members related to the need for affordable housing, which is much greater than the current proposal addresses. The concerns raised at this meeting highlighted two areas of concern for Village officials: to explore the potential for this developer to incorporate affordable units at a lower area median income (AMI) to make it accessible for most Ossining residents; and more generally, the need for the Village to change our policy for notification of upcoming land use board meetings for proposed developments. Trustees Bazemore and Herrera met with the applicant and Village staff to consider the possibility for expanding access to affordability. [Click here to view last week's discussion](#) of the meeting that took place with the applicant, as well as next steps in a plan for the Village to change our code regarding notification so that neighbors will have greater awareness of opportunities to have their concerns heard. This will allow residents' concerns to be more effectively addressed earlier in the land use boards' approval process.

Following the public hearing, there are a number of invitations for community members to offer comments at the legislative session. 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.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



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Our Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees vary in size and involvement, yet all are designed to help shape and influence critical decisions and services for the Village of Ossining. We strive to fill all open positions with residents who are passionate and enthusiastic to serve. Our staff is available to help you identify what best suits your interests.

There are nine different Boards/Committees. For more information on each, please visit our [website](#).

