



MEDIA ADVISORY

Village of Ossining Halts Demolition of Brandreth Pill Factory

WHAT: This morning, Tuesday, April 14, the Village of Ossining received a report of the Brandreth Pill Factory building being demolished. Police and Building Departments responded immediately and the report was confirmed. A Stop Work order was issued. The Village believes this action was in violation of any number of laws, including the building's Local Historical Landmark Designation, and will be in court with the building owner this afternoon.

WHO: Victoria Gearity, Mayor of the Village of Ossining
Village of Ossining Board of Trustees

WHERE: Brandreth Pill Factory
36 North Water Street
Ossining, NY 10562

DETAILS: The former Brandreth Pill Factory is a historic industrial complex located on Water Street in Ossining. It consists of several brick buildings from the 19th century in a variety of contemporary architectural styles. In 1980 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Most of the original buildings succumbed to fire in the 1870s, but the oldest, a Greek Revival building possibly designed by Calvin Pollard in the 1830s, remains. Nearby is a corrugated iron structure that may be the earliest use of that material in Westchester County. The main building itself was one of the first to have Otis elevators installed.

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About the Village of Ossining

On April 2, 1813, the Village of Ossining became the first incorporated village in Westchester County to be state-chartered. Today, Ossining is a culturally diverse, affordable place to live, rich in both history and natural beauty. Approximately 25,600 people reside in the three and one half square miles of this historic Village on the Hudson River, which boasts extensive shopping, recreational programs, educational enrichment opportunities, and excellent municipal services. Ossining's role in New York's heritage has been recognized by its inclusion, as one of only 14 areas, in an Urban Cultural Park System designed to attract visitors to the State. Visit www.villageofossining.org for more information.