



# Moss emphasizes opposition to Crossgates

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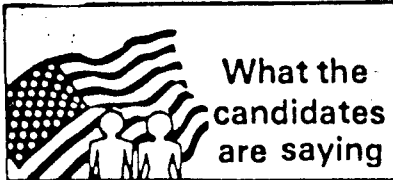
GUILDERLAND — Kevin Moss, Republican candidate for town supervisor, has reiterated he is firmly against the \$85 million Crossgates Mall project in the town and says he is disappointed the Zoning Board of Appeals has delayed further hearings on the issue.

At a meeting Thursday of *The Knickerbocker News* editorial board, Moss cited two primary reasons for his views: the potential traffic problems that would be created by the mall and the people's overall rejection of it.

"I don't have any faith in these traffic studies," Moss said. "The experts said the rotary at Latham Circle would work, too. And look at it now. It's totally unacceptable."

He said he doubted the claims of the Pyramid Crossgates Co. that the development would place no undue stress on the surrounding highways, especially Western Avenue.

As far as the residents of Guilderland



are concerned, Moss said, "I am certain the vast majority don't want this mall. I base this on my door-to-door campaigning and talks with residents over the past few years."

Moss also questioned the need for another mall, citing the vacant department stores in the Northway Mall and the closing of the GEX complex in Latham and the King's department store at 20 Mall in Guilderland.

"Once these shopping malls are dead, they become white elephants," he said.

Moss, a former assistant district attorney in both Rensselaer and Albany counties, said his credentials for the supervisor's job are based in part on his 3½ years of experience as Guilderland town justice, a position he resigned in June May when he announced his candidacy.

"I've learned as a lawyer and town justice to make decisions," he said. "I like working with people in local government. As town supervisor, I'll be making more varied decisions."

Some of those, Moss said, would be in the area of planning.

"This town has grown faster than any other except Clifton Park in the Capital District," he said. "It will take careful planning in the decades ahead to ensure a proper development."

Moss said he believes the Crossgates issue will eventually end up in the courts, no matter how the Zoning Board of Appeals rules.



Kevin Moss  
... Guilderland candidate

"I think the final decision will be a while in coming," he said.