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Name: Janet O'Brien

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Subject: Motorcycle mayhem

Message: I would like to register a formal complaint about the motorcycle ride that took place in the village of Rhinebeck on Sunday 19 May. While I realize it's a civil liberty to gather and proclaim a concern (which I am told is what the cyclists were doing) I think that that liberty should be harnessed to some extent. Clearly some town official or governmental agency must have given permission for 200+ motorcyclists to rage through the village of Rhinebeck, since all 200 cyclists were allowed to stay together in a massive pack which made it impossible for other vehicular traffic to enter the roadway. Furthermore while this pack of motorcyclists raged through the village they continually revved their motors creating an extreme amount of noise pollution and deafening sounds. Those of us who are on the sidewalks were unable to escape from the sound onslaught, and were impeded in simply crossing the street. The reason I believe that some sanctioning must of been given towards this activity is that I witnessed at least two different men in safety vests one of whom was situated in front of the Townhall. Rather than helping pedestrians and calming the motorcycle fury this traffic monitor was taking photos of the cyclists. The photo taking moment only elicited more inappropriate behavior since then several of the cyclists decided to take their hands off the handlebars and wave at the patrol person photographing them. If these cyclists were riding for some sort of cause then they should have been required to break for a regular vehicular traffic, be led by a guide car or truck that proclaimed their mission, and been clad in some sort of identifying T-shirts so that we understood what it was that they were riding for. As it was, what I witnessed was pure mayhem - a bunch of old men on motorcycles raging through our community, impeding commerce, creating noise pollution, and driving recklessly. If this is a regular, or annual event, perhaps in the future granting permission for this ride could be modified so that those of us who are in the village when they ride through are not startled, inconvenienced, or feeling violated by their presence. Thank you, Janet O'Brien

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