

CROSSGATES

Despite overwhelming opposition from the vast majority of Guilderland residents, the Republican Town Board approved the Crossgates Shopping Center project. The Democratic party opposes Crossgates.

The development will destroy nearby commercial businesses resulting in large scale business failures, unemployment and loss of tax revenues.

Crossgates will have a permanent and devastating effect on the water resources of the town, thus effectively putting a stop to planned orderly development.

The shopping center will create havoc in the town's transportation pattern, destroying the peaceful use of local streets.

Increased taxes for all town home owners will result from the need for more traffic control, sewer and water supply, and police protection, while the commercial developers of the center will receive outright tax abatement and tax windfalls.

Crossgates, as have other large shopping centers in the area, will develop into a hangout for teenagers, with resulting problems of delinquency, drugs, and shoplifting.

In short, Crossgates will go far toward turning the Town of Guilderland into a commercial slum, with resulting deterioration in the quality of life for all town residents.

In spite of all these obvious defects, and the clear opposition of the bulk of townspeople, the Republican administration has ignored the wishes of the people and approved the project.

The Democratic party pledges to oppose Crossgates and to repel this threat to the people of Guilderland.