

GUILDERLAND TOWN VS. CROSSGATES

Your voice opposing Crossgates is needed again. On Wednesday July 29, the Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals will continue its public hearing on a special use permit and a parking variance. These were requested by the Pyramid people. The hearing will be held at 7:30 PM at the Farnsworth Middle School on State Farm Road (Route 155).

At the beginning of this hearing a couple of weeks ago, a large number of good citizens turned out to oppose the mall and filled the meeting room way beyond capacity. For this reason the continued hearing will be moved to the Middle School.

Last time, early arrivals at the hearing found a number of organized proponents already sitting in front row seats. Many of the proponents had potential personal gain to be made from Crossgates. The citizen opponents merely wanted to save the quality of our town and region.

Even though speaking publically does not come naturally to most of us, Town zoning officials need to hear from the hearts of the ordinary citizens. Since they must consider the issues of the quality of life, the traffic, and town character, and since these are the things being threatened by Pyramid, citizens should simply speak about their feelings. When you arrive at the hearing, please ask to put your name on the sign up list in order to exercise your right to be heard.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has the ability to stop Crossgates. This is without respect to what the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation does about the permits requested of them. Hold your Town Officials accountable to represent the citizens. Eighty percent of the citizens oppose Crossgates. All Town Officials must represent the people, not the rich out-of-town corporate interests. If the Crossgates monster is not stopped, we will all loose a lot more than a summer evening attending a hearing.

In addition to the hearing, you are encouraged to write to: Richard Murray, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals, and to Sal Amato, Chairman, Guilderland Planning Board. Write both at: Guilderland Town Hall, McCormicks Corners, Guilderland, NY 12084.

CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST CROSSGATES
489-7771; 438-1629; 489-3909; 465-1733

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