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**From:** Matt Colangelo <mcolangelo99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 6:10 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] August 25th Public Hearing  
**Attachments:** Email\_Rennie Scott Childress\_Support for traffic light.pdf; Golden Hill Nursing Home Administrator\_Jeff Hoffman\_Dangerous roadway conditions.pdf; Public Comment\_Impacted Resident\_D\_Smedman.pdf; Email\_Ken Ronk\_Roadway Jurisdiction.pdf; Newspaper Article\_Former Ulster County Planning Director\_1969.pdf; Newspaper Articles\_Glen St Concerns.pdf; Petition\_Impacted Residents.pdf

Good morning Ms. Tinti

Attached are documents that I am requesting be added to the official record of the upcoming August 25th public hearing for the spot zoning request for Golden Hill property.

I have included the following documents:

1. An Email from former Ulster County Chairman, Ken Ronk; which states the roadway network serving the Golden Hill property is under the jurisdiction of the City of Kingston
2. An email from current 3rd Ward Alderman, Rennie Scott Childress, supporting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Route 32 & Golden Hill Drive due to the dangerous roadway conditions that currently exist.
3. An email from the former administrator of the Golden Hill Nursing home outlining his support for improvements to the roadway network serving the facility.
4. A newspaper article from the September 17, 1969 Daily Freeman regarding the rezoning efforts made previously in which former Ulster County Planning Director, Hubert Heckler, stated the roadway along route 32 and golden hill drive is beyond its capacity and is dangerous for motorists due to its design.
5. A total of 15 separate newspaper articles from 1971 to 2020 outlining the numerous complaints from residents regarding the infrastructure challenges caused by the Golden Hill Complex, most notably, dangerous traffic volume along ill-equipped residential roads.
6. A petition signed by **89** impacted homeowners and residents it pertained to the 4/2/22 public hearing regarding the transfer of the golden hill property due to numerous infrastructure challenges (traffic, run off, etc.) that have gone unaddressed by County and City officials since the complex was built in the 1970's.
7. Written comments from Donna Smedman, a Glen Street resident for nearly 47 years to which she explains she has endured damage to her home due to water runoff, traffic volume complaints and numerous other challenges caused by the golden hill complex.

I respectfully ask that each document be printed and attached to the official record and provided to all members of the council for their review and consideration.

Thank you

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**From:** [matthew Colangelo](#)  
**To:** [Cahill, Suzanne](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Traffic Light New Jail  
**Date:** Friday, April 01, 2022 4:55:20 PM

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Good afternoon Ms Cahill

Below is an email to me from 3rd Ward Alderman Rennie Scott Childress dated 9/28/20 to which he states that he supports the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Route 32 and Golden Hill Drive.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Scott-Childress, Reynolds" <rscott-childress@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Date:** September 28, 2020 at 5:04:42 PM EDT  
**To:** matthew Colangelo <mcolangelo99@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Traffic Light New Jail

I have and will continue to advocate for a traffic light at 32 and GHD.

If Golden Hill is sold as is the current plan for a housing development, a traffic study is likely to be undertaken as a standard procedure.

Best wishes,  
Rennie

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**From:** [smedmans3@aol.com](mailto:smedmans3@aol.com)  
**To:** Cahill, Suzanne  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Comments on Proposed Penrose Development on Golden Hill  
**Date:** Sunday, April 10, 2022 3:44:43 PM

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Hello Suzanne Cahill. My letter for the Planning Board is here. Kindly respond to let me know you received my email.

To the City of Kingston Planning Board

Donna Smedman  
112 Glen St.  
Kingston NY 12401

RE: Proposed Penrose plan for old County Jail site on Golden Hill.

I have lived here almost 47 years and have been fighting and dealing with the runoff issues from the county complex since I moved here. My husband and I endured multiple overflowing of the county water tower, a water main break which led to the water tower emptying onto our property, and heavy storm water runoff. We had no problems with water in the cellar or yard when the large culvert was closed up in the late 70's. The water runoff has amplified since 4 or 5 new culverts were installed around the old one 30 years later and then hidden.

I am very concerned about the **storm water runoff** from the Penrose site as they propose to use gravity to alleviate the drainage.

A drainage manhole will be left in place on the southerly side for runoff which flows down the swale on the side of the road accessing the Nursing & Rehab center which runs right into the hidden culverts that lead to my land.

As of now, most of the water runoff from the county sites on Golden Hill drains onto the opposite side of the Drive that follows a path down to my property. It runs onto my yard and in my basement. After hurricane Elsa came through, there was a huge raging stream next to my property where it went onto my yard, driveway and Glen St. I wonder how much went into my basement. There are many hidden culverts leading to this hill. My property abuts county land so I get the brunt of the runoff. My back yard is devastated since new culverts (hidden afterwards) were installed and the land was readjusted for a roadway supposedly by the Kingston Water Dept. I just don't need or want more water runoff. Apparently there has been more storm water runoff during the past 8 years as I heard my neighbors saying they have big problems with the water as do I. And the proposed water retention areas on the plan can overflow and follow suit.

We already have a **large volume of traffic** during shift changes at the Golden Hill Nursing and Rehab Home. Some vehicles speed on the street and do not slow down for pedestrians or animals. Still some ignore the "Do Not Enter" signs using Golden Hill Drive. There were two deer killed last fall on this road due to careless drivers and my cat run over a few years back. Once when Rte. 32 was detoured this way, I couldn't pull into my driveway due to the volume of traffic. It also gets noisy in the morning and evening when they hit the bumps in the road.

Another concern is the **blasting**. As others stated previously, most of the "hill" is shale and bedrock. Some of the footings on my house are only two feet down to the rock and we have felt a tremor from an earthquake in CT. There is a lot of rock and shale in this area so it may be felt widespread. Some shale may shift as a result and cause more underground water such as in the area next to my property.

I was very surprised to see on the last proposal from the April 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing, that Family of Woodstock will be involved. I had not seen this before. **Originally this was housing for low income working people and seniors.???**

Considering all of the above, the **safety, ambiance and integrity of our neighborhood** would like to be maintained by the residents on Glen St. I am in accord with all the previous statements made by my neighbors regarding the fallout from the Penrose Project.

As my neighbors said, **Penrose has schemed and mislead all of us since this started.** I need a tax break too.

On the positive side, the housing plans do look nice and it would be good for working families and seniors if some problems can be alleviated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,  
Donna Smedman

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# Lawton Housing at Crossroads

**KINGSTON**  
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- According to Herbert Heckler, county planning director, this would "increase the trip generation to roughly 1,600 vehicles per day, an increase we consider reasonable at this time."
- That the Common Council has assurance that the primary access to the site be derived from either Klingburg Avenue or Washington Avenue. The intersections of either of these roads with Route 32 have more reasonable site distance than the present prime entrance.
- That the Planning Board of the City of Kingston, through its review of the site plan for the development of Lawton Park, reserve space at the curve of Route 32 to provide for the future widening and improvement of Route 32.

Dr. William H. Lawton seeking the zoning change took a number of things into consideration. According to Heckler, Lawton Park presently derives its primary access directly from Rt. 32. The entrance is at the crest of the hill and a reverse curve with a result that visibility in either direction is severely impaired. Secondary access to the park is presently from South Washington Avenue. The intersection of South Washington Avenue and Rt. 32 has a far superior sight distance, he said.

**Needs Improvement**

Heckler said that Rt. 32 in this area is in need of improvement and is presently congested. While ideally all facilities should have adequate capacity to accommodate proposed development, he thinks it would be unreasonable to prevent all future development because of the inadequacy of existing public facilities. The question, however, becomes one of degree.

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**BULLETIN**

## Nixon to Ask Benefits Hike

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Nixon announced today he will propose a 10 per cent increase in social security benefits, effective next April 1.

He said he would send a special message to Congress next week outlining his request.

He made the statement while signing into law an amendment to the 1965 Older Americans Act.

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**Daily Freeman, September 17, 1969**

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widening and improvement of Route 32. Heckler advises that this be discussed with the New York State Department of Transportation.

Plans for the Lawton Housing were first revealed in the summer of 1967. Kingston obtained the site in March 1936 and it had been used as a park for several years but in recent years was not included in the city's park program.

Planning board deliberations concerning the application of Dr. William B Lawton seeking the zoning change took a number of things into consideration.

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In a letter to Thomas Lyle, Clerk of the City of Kingston, Hecker said, "even though the sketch plan proposes 396 dwelling units on this property, we think that ay evaluation of the impact of the development must be based upon the maximum permitted development which might take place if the property were rezoned to R6, namely 900 dwelling units.

State Transportation Department data indicates a traffic volume on Route 32 of 6,500 vehicles per day based upon 1966 road counts. This according to the State this exceeds the design capacity of this road. "Our personal experience in seeing congestion confirms this conclusion." Heckler said.

"If we make a conservative estimate of four one way trips per dwelling unit per day, traffic generation by 900 dwelling units would amount to an increase of 3,600 vehicles per day or more than half of the total present load on this congested highway. In our opinion, this is an excessive demand to place on this road at this time.

"The second issue is that of the prime access at Route 32. Existing vehicles at this point, we think, would cause an extremely hazardous condition. Though the developer indicated that traffic control and improvements such as deceleration lanes would be needed, there was no detailed information on how this would be accomplished. Without this information, no reasonable evaluation of the sight problems could be made."



**COVER SHEET**  
**PROTEST PETITIONS TO: City of Kingston Planning Board**  
**For Virtual Public Hearing Monday, April 4, 2022 At 6 PM**

Attached please find signatures from residents and stakeholders who live near the former Ulster County Jail located on Golden Hill in the City of Kingston who previously went on record during the Ulster County Legislature's public hearing held Tuesday, August 11, 2020 opposing the sale and/or transfer of the former Ulster County Jail and lands owned by Ulster County, located at 63 Golden Hill Drive until traffic safety issues are resolved before the housing project moves forward and opposed rezoning certain public and private parcels contiguous to the former Ulster County Jail property from RRR Single Family Residence to O-2 Limited Office at the City of Kingston's Public Hearing scheduled Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (which was subsequently cancelled).

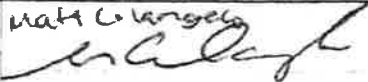

We hereby request that these petitions be accepted and become part of the official record of the virtual public hearing to be held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6 PM for Site Plan/Special Permit/Subdivision/SEQR Reviews of 63 Golden Hill Drive, former Ulster County Jail site, for construction of intergenerational, affordable mixed income, 164 unit housing community and day care center.

**Submitted by:**

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	Linda Hulsan	163 Glen St.	845-331-5956
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	Joseph D. Salvo	66 Glen ST	845-331-7497
	Ms. Kerry Tsou	62 Glen ST	845-331-1069
	Keith R. Marsil	111 Marius St.	845-332-9905
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	Kathleen Paez	177 Glen St	339-5150
	Jackie Hefay	181 Glen St	339-6427
	Jessie Gade	135 Glen St.	594
	Ann Husby	105 Glen St	
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	Patricia I. Johnson	53 Marius St.	417-8748
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	Daniel Dermody <i>Daniel Dermody</i>	93 Glen St	845-331-2019
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	Viktor VONDRAČEK <i>Viktor VONDRAČEK</i>	64 Glen St.	845-217-7683
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	Jane Wechsung <i>Jane Wechsung</i>	12 Glen St.	339-2474
	Joan Smedman <i>Joan Smedman</i>	112 Glen St.	338-8588
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	<i>Nancy Brando</i> <i>Judy M.</i>	107 Marius St	(845) 430-2307
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**From:** [matthew Colangelo](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Traffic Pattern  
**Date:** Friday, April 01, 2022 4:51:04 PM

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Good afternoon Ms Cahill

Below is an email from the Jeff Hoffman, the Administrator of the Golden Hill Nursing Home dated 10/2/20.

As stated in Mr Hoffman's email he claims to have spoken with someone from the county about his concerns regarding the dangerous roadway conditions at the intersection of route 32 and Golden Hill Drive.

Mr Hoffman cited several "close calls" involving accidents.

Thank you

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** GHRADMIN - Jeff Hoffman <GHRADMIN@goldenhillrehab.com>  
**Date:** October 2, 2020 at 5:45:56 PM EDT  
**To:** matthew Colangelo <mcolangelo99@gmail.com>  
**Subject: Re: Traffic Pattern**

Mr Colangelo,

I apologize for the late reply as I am out of the office today for a meeting. I did speak to a County representative and described my staff concerns. I have also heard about the proposed changes. Additionally with the road work being completed I observe an increase of traffic heading down glen street from both ways. I have also provided the new owners with the history so they are aware.

As we continue to battle COVID-19 we would like the community to be aware that we have not had a positive resident since April resulting in a total of 3 residents that were positive and of course no resident deaths. As this has been an extremely unique and difficult challenge it directly reflects the commitment and care provided by each GH staff member. Additionally this week GH was recognized by Newsweek as a top 100 nursing facility in the USA

It is disappointing that they will not put lights I. As I have had 4 close calls leaving the grounds. 2 times requiring to stop in front of on coming traffic.

J

Jeff Hoffman, M.S., C.N.H.A.  
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**Cahill, Suzanne**

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Glen St Jurisdiction  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Good Morning

Please see the attached correspondence from former Ulster County Legislature Chairman, Ken Ronk, dated 4/7/16 to which Mr Ronk states that he has confirmed with Mr Dennis Doyle that changes to the traffic flow pattern of, or access to, Glen St lies firmly with the City of Kingston.

Again, I support the housing project but I am very concerned with the safety of everyone impacted.

Thank you and have a great day.

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# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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April 7, 2016

Mr. Matthew Colangelo  
84 Glen Street  
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Mr. Colangelo,

As Chairman of the Legislature it is important to me that Ulster County residents feel their county government is accessible and approachable. I appreciate you taking the time to attend the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss your concerns with the safety of residents and pedestrians on Glen Street in the City of Kingston.

I have spoken with Ulster County Department of Planning, Economic Development and Transportation Director Dennis Doyle about this issue and, specifically, the matter of jurisdiction. Director Doyle was familiar with the matter and informed me that he has discussed this issue with you in the past. While I understand your frustrations with the attention you have received from the City of Kingston, I have been assured that any changes to the traffic flow pattern of, or access to, Glen Street lies firmly with the City.

Regrettably, not all matters brought before the County Legislature are within our purview to address. I have copied City of Kingston Mayor Steven Noble and City Planner Suzanne Cahill on this letter and encourage you to contact your Common Council representative assistance.

On behalf of myself and Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Chairman TJ Briggs, thank you again reaching out to us.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.  
Chairman

Cc: Mayor Noble  
Planner Cahill

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ATTACHED BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF ALL THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES DATING BACK TO 1971 THAT ADDRESS THE DANGEROUS ROADWAY CONDITIONS AFFECTING MARIUS AND GLEN ST IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON CAUSED ENTIRELY BY THE INADEQUATE EGRESS AND INGRESS INTO AND FROM THE GOLDEN HILL COMPLEX.

MORE STUDIES ARE NOT NEEDED; THIS IS ALREADY A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

REZONING THE FORMER ULSTER COUNTY JAIL TO ALLOW FOR 300+ UNITS OF HOUSING WILL MAKE AN ALREADY DANGEROUS SITUATION WORSE

EXITING LEFT FROM GOLDEN HILL DRIVE ONTO ROUTE 32 IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AS THERE IS NO TRAFFIC LIGHT AND POOR SLIGHT LINES. COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE NEW OWNERS OF THE GOLDEN HILL NURSING HOME REGARDING THIS ISSUE – NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE BY EITHER CITY OR COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Article #	Date	Article Title
1	October 15, 1971	Glen Street Hearing A familiar Scene
2	October 05, 1971	Mills Opposes Glen St Proposal
3	March 16, 1972	Mayor Issues Traffic Order
4	April 05, 1973	Alderman Explains Entrance Closing
5	February 20, 1974	Glen Street Project Opposed
6	February 24, 1974	Glen Street Chain Removed
7	May 22, 1974	Smith Continues Chain Fight
8	August 20, 1974	Lawmakers Hear Glen Street Request
9	July 26, 2015	Kingston officials to investigate excessive traffic complaint into Golden Hill
10	January 27, 2016	Kingston alderman proposes gate to ease traffic complaints on Glen Street
11	February 26, 2016	Kingston aldermen seek to determine legality of nursing home access road
12	September 30, 2016	Kingston, Ulster County at odds over road jurisdiction
13	October 04, 2016	Kingston gets petition asking for one-way designation near golden hill
14	August 12, 2020	Listen to residents of the neighborhood
15	August 17, 2020	Affordable Housing at Old Ulster County jail Opposed by Neighbors

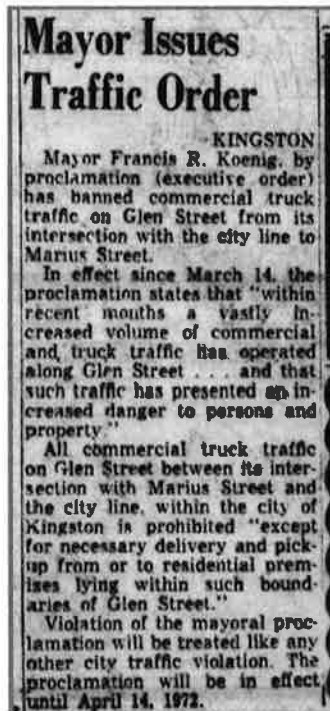
## ARTICLE #1: Glen Street Hearing A familiar Scene



## ARTICLE 2: Mills Opposes Glen St Proposal



## ARTICLE #3: Mayor Issues Traffic Order



## ARTICLE #4: Alderman Explains Entrance Closing

### Alderman Explains Entrance Closing

KINGSTON of Glen Street" considered a being laid along the street and that "the street is being torn up in the process."

Alderman Brian D. Smith (R-Third Ward) told The Freeman today that county officials closed the Glen Street entrance to the new infirmary on Golden Hill two weeks ago because of what Smith and "numerous residents

Smith said "there has been trouble with traffic on Glen Street since the infirmary opened last fall," due in a large part, Smith added, to the fact that new storm sewer lines are

Smith said he met with Mayor Francis R. Koenig, Police Chief Julius M. Glassman, City Engineer Thomas R. Wickman and the contractor, Donald Gregory about two months ago for a review of the situation. Glassman surveyed the traffic situation and set up radar surveillance for a time, Smith said.

Another meeting was set up on March 14 with Douglas V. Dye, chairman of the Ulster County Legislature's Social Services Committee, where it was agreed that the county would place a chain baricade across the Glen Street entrance to the infirmary parking lot.

The chain will remain there until at least the sewage and street work is completed on Glen Street, probably some time this summer. In the meantime, Smith says he "hopes people get used to making the other route to the infirmary, up Route 32 and through the old infirmary road." The county has constructed an extension to that road from the old infirmary to the new one.

Glen Street will be open to emergency equipment servicing the infirmary, Smith said.



## ARTICLE #5: Glen Street Project Opposed

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#### Glen Street Project Opposed

BY BOB REYNOLDS

The city of Kingston is facing a major battle over a proposed project to close Glen Street to traffic between the old and new infirmaries. The project, which would involve the construction of a chain baricade across the street, has been met with strong opposition from local residents and business owners.

The city officials claim that the project is necessary to improve traffic flow and safety in the area. However, many residents argue that the project will cause significant inconvenience and disruption to the community. They claim that the closure of Glen Street will force them to take longer routes to work and school, and that it will also impact local businesses that rely on the street for access to their customers.

The city has responded to the opposition by stating that the project is a long-term solution to a traffic problem that has persisted for years. They claim that the project will ultimately benefit the community by creating a safer and more efficient transportation network. However, the city has also expressed its willingness to listen to the concerns of its citizens and to explore alternative solutions if necessary.







## ARTICLE #8: Lawmakers Hear Glen St Request

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### Lawmakers Hear 'Glen Street Request'

**KINGSTON**—Kingston Alderman Brian Smith (R-3rd Ward), appeared before the 4 p.m. session of the Ulster County Legislature Wednesday to ask that Glen Street be closed to traffic for the new County Infirmary on Golden Hill.

Smith noted that the Legislature's Social Services Committee had met with Third Ward residents before construction began on the infirmary and a decision was reached to close Glen Street to infirmary traffic and to build a concrete structure to keep vehicles out.

"Unfortunately, this never came about," Smith said. "For what reason, I don't know."


Smith said that a later meeting with Mayor Francis R. Koenig and the Social Services Committee a decision was made to open the street and a chain stretched across it was removed.

"This decision didn't meet with my approval, the residents of the Glen Street area, or with most of the elected officials of the city, including city legislators," Smith said.

He asked why county legislators had built an entrance in the infirmary off Route 52 at an estimated \$175,000 which wasn't being fully utilized. He said that Glen Street is narrow in many spots, is in constant need of repair, has numerous blind spots, and runs through a residential area "overpopulated with young children."

Smith chided legislators, particularly the Social Services Committee, for "releasing the taxpayers in the Glen Street area the hearing or meeting I requested for them. I was truly embarrassed when I had to tell these people they couldn't voice themselves. What were you afraid of?"

Smith invited legislators to visit the area on a Sunday afternoon to see "what the people in this area have to put up with" and called on them to help ease the situation by closing the street.



## ARTICLE #9: Kingston officials to investigate excessive traffic complaint into Golden Hill

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Golden Hill Health Care Center Tony Adamis photo

By Ariel Zangla, Daily Freeman

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**KINGSTON** >> City aldermen have agreed to continue investigating a complaint of excessive traffic using Glen Street to access the Golden Hill Health Care Center.

## ARTICLE #10: Kingston alderman proposes gate to ease traffic complaints on Glen Street

# Kingston alderman proposes gate to ease traffic complaints on Glen Street

By Ariel Zangla, Daily Freeman

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**KINGSTON >>>** The city's fire chief and other officials have been asked to consider measures to address an ongoing complaint of excessive traffic using Glen Street to access the Golden Hill Health Care Center.

## ARTICLE #11: Kingston aldermen seek to determine legality of nursing home access road

# Kingston aldermen seek to determine legality of nursing home access road

Kingston City Hall (Photo by Tony Adamis)

By Ariel Zangla, [azangla@freemanonline.com](mailto:azangla@freemanonline.com) [ArielAtFreeman on Twitter](#)

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**KINGSTON >>>** Aldermen want the city Planning Board to review the site plan for the Golden Hill Health Care Center to determine whether it includes an access road for traffic from Glen Street.

As he had at previous meetings, Glen Street resident Matthew Colangelo told the Common Council's General Government and Public Safety Committee Wednesday night that it's illegal for motorists to use his street to access the privately-owned Golden Hill property. He said the traffic going to Golden Hill does so via an access road over county-owned property. Colangelo said the state Department of Transportation never authorized that access road to be connected to Glen Street and that, at one point, the access road was blocked to traffic. No one knows why or how it was reopened, he said.

The city needs to close that access and correct motorists' habits, Colangelo said.

"I really do believe this is behavioral," he added.

It was the second consecutive month aldermen had discussed the traffic issue on Glen Street, though Colangelo had also brought the issue to the committee last year. At last month's meeting, aldermen agreed to allow Fire Chief Mark Brown to discuss the issue with city Public Works Superintendent Michael Schupp and Police Chief Egidio Tinti. There had also been a proposal by Alderman Brad Will, D-Ward 3, to install an automatic,

## ARTICLE #12: Kingston, Ulster County at odds over road jurisdiction

### Kingston, Ulster County at odds over road jurisdiction

By [Ariel Zangla azangla@freemanonline.com](mailto:Azangla@freemanonline.com) [ArielAtFreeman on Twitter](#) Sep 30, 2016

KINGSTON >> City lawmakers want to make "Glen Street Extension" a one-way road to reduce traffic going to and from the Golden Hill Health Care Center, but a county official says they do not have the jurisdiction to do so.

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Discussion about the volume of traffic on Glen Street in the city has come to the Common Council's General Government and Public Safety Committee on several occasions over the past few years. On Wednesday, the committee voted to make "Glen Street Extension" a one-way road, which would allow traffic to exit the Golden Hill complex and travel down that stretch of road to Glen Street itself. The change would prevent motorists from taking Glen Street to enter the complex.

## ARTICLE #13: Kingston gets petition asking for one-way designation near Golden Hill

### Kingston gets petition asking for one-way designation near Golden Hill

By WILLIAM J. KEMBLE [news@freemanonline.com](mailto:news@freemanonline.com) Oct 4, 2016

KINGSTON, N.Y. >> The Common Council has received a petition with 34 signatures asking that a roadway between Glen Street and Golden Hill Drive be designated as one-way for use only by vehicles leaving nearby Ulster County facilities and the Golden Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

But control over the issue may not be in the hands of city lawmakers.

The request was made during a caucus Monday, with several residents saying such a change would alleviate traffic problems that come from use of Glen Street as a thoroughfare between the facilities and Washington Avenue.

"The road is 15 feet wide, there are blind spots," resident Matt Colangelo said. "There have been accidents."

A resolution to declare the section of road — known to residents as Glen Street Extension — as a one-way street was referred back to committee after City Corporation Counsel Kevin Bryant said the section of road is actually part of an easement that was granted to the county.

"Glen Street Extension ... does not exist," he said. "This is actually part of Golden Hill Drive. This would be considered an easement with implied access to Glen Street."

Byrant said any changes in traffic rules would have to be approved by the county.

## **ARTICLE #14: Listen to residents of the neighborhood**

Forty-five stakeholders and residents of the streets near the former county jail on Golden Hill, insisting that our traffic safety issues be resolved and infrastructure improvements be made before the former Ulster County Jail site on Golden Hill moves forward for housing development, presented a petition prior to the public hearing.

The petition stated:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby state that we are opposed to the sale and/or transfer of the former Ulster County Jail and lands owned by Ulster County, located at Golden Hill, to a local development corporation for affordable mixed-income housing development for the following reasons:

"The residents of the Boulevard, Glen Street, Greenkill Avenue, Marius Street and other contiguous streets near the Golden Hill property have been plagued with traffic safety issues attributed to the Golden Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and other county office buildings since 2013. In fact, the excessive traffic volume dates back to the 1970s, when the county operated the Golden Hill Health Care Center, and it has never been resolved. A traffic study that was completed in April 2016 identified an annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 655 vehicles for Glen Street alone.

"We believe serious consideration should be given to infrastructure improvements before the former Ulster County Jail site on Golden Hill is approved for housing development. We, the stakeholders and residents of the streets near the former County Jail on Golden Hill, insist that our traffic safety issues be resolved before this project moves forward."

*Ellen DiFalco*

*Kingston, N.Y.*

**ARTICLE #15: Affordable Housing at Old Ulster County jail Opposed by Neighbors**

## **Affordable housing at old Ulster County Jail opposed by neighbors**

by [Terence P. Ward](#) / August 17, 2020 / Comments closed



The former Ulster County Jail, mostly unused for the last 13 years. (Photo by Will Dendis)

**An August 11 virtual public hearing on the possibility of Ulster County transferring the old jail and its adjacent property to a developer to be used for affordable housing drew comments from**

**neighbors who opposed the plan, citing concerns over traffic and a disproportionate amount of affordable housing already in Kingston.**

