

**From:** [Angelo Bochanis](#)  
**Subject:** Tonight's Glenbrook Community Center vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 6:02:46 PM

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Hello,

My name is Angelo and I'm a resident of Stamford (District 6). I just wanted to write a brief email to encourage you to vote for the redevelopment of the former Glenbrook Community Center into workforce housing.

This proposal would provide the city with much needed affordable housing at zero cost to taxpayers such as myself, a rare opportunity in today's day in age. Many people I know are being priced out of the city, and need affordable housing now, or worse yet, they needed it years ago. This proposal would also preserve the historic building which the community holds so dear, and keeps the neighborhood's aesthetic intact, another rarity. Stamford has been vaguely gesturing about the need for affordable housing for years, and tonight's vote offers us an opportunity to prove we're serious about it.

The only alternative to this would be to let the building go into disrepair, and turn into a blight and an eyesore. The proposals the city received to continue operating the building as a community center were already explored, and found to be unviable. There is no new option being proposed by anyone, despite rumors of it, and the existing options simply aren't feasible. Should the Board vote tonight to prevent the building from being converted into workforce housing, then the building will fall into further disrepair and become unsalvageable. We need more affordable housing for Stamford's families, but we don't need an abandoned building.

Please consider the city's need to provide housing for those who desperately need it, and vote in favor of the workforce housing tonight. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope you consider it when casting your vote tonight.

Best,  
Angelo

**From:** [Beth Ann Cody](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook Community Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 6:02:19 PM

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I am writing to you in an attempt to delay the vote on the Glenbrook Community Center sale until we have more information on the community space that is listed in the proposal.

- What is the size of the space?
- How many rooms will it have?
- Will it be ADA compliant?
- What hours will this community space be available?
- And to whom?
- Who will manage the space?

There are still too many questions left unanswered to bring this vote to a close.

Thank you,

Beth Ann Cody

**From:** [Valerie Doyle](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook Community Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:57:36 PM

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Glenbrook needs a Community Center!

My vote is to keep The Glenbrook Community Center.

Thank you.

Valerie H. Doyle

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Esther Giordano](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook Community Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:04:20 PM

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This resource should not be sold but used for our seniors waiting on lists for housing. How many years must a person who has lived here most if not all their life get to live here in their community until death?

What is Stamford doing with all the money from developers? I have yet to see any new housing for seniors.

This is an ideal place for them - the neighborhood is close to grocery, hardware stores, restaurants and other services. Why not keep this property for our citizens and long time taxpayers and not for developer profits?

Esther Giordano

## Rosenson, Valerie

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**From:** eva maldonado <evamaldonado1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 6:26 PM  
**To:** Board of Representatives  
**Subject:** Save Glenbrook Community Center

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
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Honorable members of the Stamford Board of Representatives,

I forwarded an email to the representatives of District #8, because I live within this district, however each and every Representatives should support saving the Glenbrook Community Center. By supporting the big \$\$\$ you will be supporting another facility that promises to give back to the community and in essence doesn't at the end. The big \$\$\$ have transformed our City and not necessarily for the betterment of all.

There were a number of community centers in Stamford which served respect community/districts. Now you will find in these centers,/organizations with board of directors that serves themselves with a line on their resumes and eventually just serves the administrative salaries and not even crumbs to the community.

The centers were safe haven for young adults to be together, be safe and stay out of trouble, where family supported each other, where needs were met, where dreams became reality. Read about the famous people that made STAMFORD their home. AND gave to STAMFORD not just took and took, while sleeping in other communities.

Stamford doesn't have that any longer.  
Many who came before us were involved in the centers to give a hand up to the community and to make the community better for all not just a few.

By saving Glenbrook COMMUNITY Center you are also saving history, saving dreams and saving families.

Respectfully,

Eva A. Maldonado  
District #8 resident - former Stamford Police Officer

- On Sep 6, 2022, at 4:57 PM, eva maldonado <evamaldonado1@yahoo.com> wrote:

Rep. Figueroa and Rep. Sherwood,

Please vote and support our community not the big \$\$\$\$. Glenbrook Community Center is truly the ONLY Community center in Stamford. The other facilities are rented out by outside agency with board of directors that dictate what services are given and NONE are for the community.

PLEASE SUPPORT A TRUE COMMUNITY CENTER. THIS WERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GOOD AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

Eva

203-969-5125



Stamford  
Neighborhood  
Coalition

**URGENT NOTICE**

**Board of Representatives  
Meeting and Public Hearing Tonight**

**Sale of Glenbrook Community Center**

**Tuesday, September 6, Time: 8:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**Agenda**

*The meeting can be accessed by computer, tablet or smartphone  
at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470541826> or at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) – Webinar ID: 814 7054  
1826 or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656 Webinar ID: 814 7054 1826.*

**Please Join This Meeting**



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**RFP #828 Glenbrook Community Center  
35 Crescent Avenue**



Sale of Property Located at 35 Crescent Street to  
Crescent Housing Partners, LLC.

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## **35 CRESCENT STREET**

### ***Proposal***

Offering Price, **Payment of \$700,000**

Cash equivalency of \$5,261,240, as a credit for 51 units of housing

Parking spaces: 75

Property size: .96 Ac

### ***Issues***

**Traffic and Congestion**

**Density**

**Selling of City Assets at Firesale Prices**

**Loss of a Sorely Needed Glenbrook Community Center**

**Limited Neighborhood Input**

**Departure From City Standards of 10% BMR Housing to 100%**





**From:** [Susan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook community center  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 6:21:18 PM

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To whom it may concern;

Glenbrook community Center should remain A community center..... Stanford has too many infrastructure problems.

Last week we made National news due to the fact we are in a drought situation. Our water infrastructure is very poor. Has anyone been to the water reserve and seen the islands instead of water? We cannot afford to build any more residential buildings at this time. Community centers use less water than residential. Is anyone listening?

We also have a sewer problem. Apparently our sewer system can only handle a few more apartments and that's it! What is being done about this situation?

The roadway infrastructure cannot handle 75+ more cars in the Glenbrook area.

The city of Stanford cannot handle any more cars on the road infrastructure.

Has anyone tried to drive down Hope Street in the morning afternoon , late afternoon, or early evening it's a disaster!!!!

Where is the basic common sense?

What research has really been done on this out of touch development?

What about taking this concern for a vote to the taxpayers. THEY PAY the BILLS!!!

We have lived here over 33 years and never seen our taxes go down but UP!!!  
Something is very wrong!

We have too much development going on right now. It is out of hand. We have problems on the south end, too much construction, buildings falling apart, too much traffic, and air quality is awful.

We need a moratorium on building permits, until our infrastructure problems are resolved! !!! Enough is enough...

Where is the basic common sense?

Why do we need another development?

We need a community center, where people can meet and activities can happen, we do not need more residential housing!!!

John and Susan Pace  
Hope Street  
Stamford, CT 06907

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Daniel Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Stamford Land Use](#)  
**Cc:** [Simmons, Caroline](#); [Mayor's Office](#); [Stamford Town Clerk](#); [Building Department](#); [Rosenson, Valerie](#); [Pankosky, Valerie](#); [Meyer, Lauren](#); [Freeman, Janeene](#); [Miller, Aaron \(SPD\)](#); [Fox, Bridget](#); [pro-blt@prosek.com](#); [info@bltoffice.com](#); [DiBlasio, Daniel](#); [Nash, David](#); [DaRos, Robert](#); [Williams, Chuck](#)  
**Subject:** Grocery Store - Harbor Point  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:53:38 PM

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To whom it my concern,

During the pandemic boom when it seemed like a mass of individuals left New York City to greener pastures. The pasture myself and my girlfriend chose was Stamford CT, for obvious reasons. It's close to the city, train nearby, larger rental units, by the beautiful Long Island sound, and the vibrant downtown area. While we moved during the pandemic we noticed the grocery store, Fairway, closed down. On the assumption it was only because of the pandemic we were hopeful something would fill its place almost immediately following the mandates being lifted. To our surprise, two years later, this massive grocery store situated in the Harbor Point area of Stamford is still not occupied by a grocer.

This to me seems like a huge oversight by the government of Stamford for not pushing to get ANY sort of grocery service in this location. It's a prime location with a built in audience of what I understand to be tens of thousands of customers in walking distance to this location. Not to mention the already built facility to house said grocery store.

I understand you are all very busy and have much more important tasks to take on as a governing body. I would just love to know what your board is actively doing to fill this grocery store and if this is the correct department to reach out to.

Thank you!

**Dan Wilson**

845.803.9160 cell

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4472412/>

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**From:** [Anne Marie Martich](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Cc:** [Simmons, Caroline](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook Community Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 8:48:41 PM

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My name is Anne Marie Martich, I live at 104 Courtland Ave in Stamford and have been here for 14 years.

I am writing to implore you to stop the sale of the Glenbrook Community Center, located at 35 Crescent Street .

The center is an important part of our neighborhood for so many reasons and we would love to see the building restored to a vibrant and functioning community center.

I thank you for your time.

Anne Marie Martich

**From:** [Dan Martich](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Cc:** [Simmons, Caroline](#)  
**Subject:** Glenbrook Community Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 7:58:58 PM

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Dear Board of Representatives,

I strongly oppose the sale of the Glenbrook Community Center. More housing will not improve our quality of life, but re-opening the center will. We need to keep this treasure in our community.

Thank You,  
Dan Martich

**From:** [ab.mcnichols](mailto:ab.mcnichols)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** Re: LR 31.024  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 6:08:12 PM

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SELL IT...do not give it away!

*At the time that the City of Stamford executes the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, we will provide an escrow in the amount of \$70,000 in cash to be applied to the purchase price. That amount becomes non-refundable upon firm commitment for tax-exempt bonds and 4% Low-Income Tax Credits ...*

One rep told me he is in favor of selling (giving away) the property because he is for free enterprise! How insulting! JHM is gaming the system, and ask yourself this question... How much tax revenue will come back to the city after the project is completed? My guess is very little. Or perhaps the number of affordable units will change, much like the size of the community space.

Workforce housing? Ms. Simmons clearly had "staff" growing up, but packing serfs into an already congested neighborhood is far less positive than maintaining a community center that has served the community for a very long time in spite of management issues.

Our Finance Board seemed to have given the transaction the nod BUT Mr. Freedman should have recused himself from the matter as he and JHM have a bit of history.

Hold this matter indefinitely or continue to shop the parcel for a higher price, which should not be too hard to do.

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 4:46 PM ab.mcnichols <[abmcnichols666@gmail.com](mailto:abmcnichols666@gmail.com)> wrote:

--Stamford let 35 Crescent Street fall into disrepair. **Fix it or sell it. Don't give it away to JHM.**

The price is laughable. One rep told me he is in favor of the proposal because he is for free enterprise. The only thing that is almost free is the sale price!

--Walton Place (first Congregational Church) sold in 2018 for \$5,000,000. GCC should sell for way more than JHM is willing to pay...and JHM is not even putting up that much cash!

--Review JHM's involvement with the train station contract that Malloy tried to push through and ask yourself if you really want to do business with them? McClutchy passes out a lot of cash to politicians...do it buy him price improvement on developments?

<https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Developers-of-Stamford-station-project-gave-big-6107781.php>

--Ms. Simmons telling the Glenbrook community what they need while she sits in her \$2,250,000 Shippan manse is objectionable. Typical Greenwich arrogance.

--Back to the drawing board! This is a horrible proposal, and an absolute give-away!

**From:** [L Lapolla](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Cc:** [Simmons, Caroline](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 8:28:15 AM

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DEAR SIRs, PLEASE DO NOT SELL GLENBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER. LL