**$50 MILLION EXPANSION ENHANCES CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AT EMPIRE CITY CASINO**

**GAMING HAVEN FEATURES 5,380 SLOT MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC TABLE GAMES INCLUDING ROULETTE AND CRAPS SINCE OPENING IN 2006**

A just-completed $50 million expansion, fully unveiled in March, 2013, enhances the already-exciting hottest slot experience at Empire City Casino in Yonkers, New York. Attracting millions of patrons from New York’s five boroughs, Westchester County, Northern New Jersey and Southern Connecticut, Empire City features 5,380 slot machines, not to mention video roulette, electronic craps, baccarat, and sic bo tables.

First opened in October 2006 as a state-of-the-art “racino” to the tune of a $200 million renovation to refurbish and revitalize Yonkers Raceway, Empire City features of bevy of daily promotions and entertainment, as well as dining in the trackside Empire Terrace, Italian cuisine in Nonno’s Trattoria, or a quick bite of every variety in the International Food Court. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400.

The casino enhancement, which relocates 700 slots and video table games will include a pair of new restaurants – Dan Rooney’s Bar and Café on the first floor, and Pinch on the second level. In fact, before even opening its doors to the public, Dan Rooney’s aged sirloin beef burger with brie and tangy onions was an award-winner at a recent Burger Battle in Connecticut, as judged by a panel of culinary experts.

Empire City, the largest private employer in the City of Yonkers with nearly 1,200 employees, broke ground on the expansion in July of 2011.

Designed by Studio V of New York City, the 66,000 square-foot expansion includes a new casino entrance featuring a high-tech porte-cochère and 300-foot curved glass wall, a 30,000 square-foot modern gaming floor crowned by a contemporary art piece featuring the NYC skyline, amazingly crafted of countless nails, which is 300-feet long and 27-feet high.

Empire City is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2), and is easily accessible by car, bus and the Metro North. Empire City is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com/).

The third biggest jackpot – $210,349.68 – in the six-year history of Empire City Casino was hit on September 11, 2011 by an anonymous winner. The huge payday was the third to surpass $200,000. The winning bet was a $2.50 denomination placed at the Bally Hot Shots Progressive in the Victorian Room. The prior two jackpots to eclipse the $200,000 mark were both in 2009, a $215,851.87 (Bally/Hot Shots Progressive) payoff on July 17, 2009, and then the record $247,273.07 (Bally/Stars & Bars) just two months later on September 21, 2009.

Giveaways and promotions are the watchwords at Empire City Casino. Popular cars such as Volkswagens and Camaros, as well as Caribbean Cruises have been among the grand prizes. Everyone goes home a winner at the “Jackpot Next Door.”

Free gifts throughout the year, including such special days as Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Memorial Day and July 4th have highlighted the giveaways, while revelers have enjoyed good times on New Year’s Eve and St. Patrick’s Day, just to name a few.

Daily live entertainment for patrons of every age include: the Young at Heart series headlined by such local bandleaders as the Guss Hayes Bandand the Peter Lawrence Orchestra, as well as tribute and contemporary bands, and Latin-flavored music.

Last summer, live major concerts debuted outdoors featuring such top acts as Cornell Gunter’s Coasters, The Platters and Sounds of The Drifters, Eddie Money, The Spin Doctors, The Marshall Tucker Band, Frankie Avalon, The Village People, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, Otis Day & the Knights, and Sara Evans.

Empire City has hosted such sports luminaries as baseball stars Darryl Strawberry, Doc Gooden, Ron Darling, Ralph Branca and Ron Swoboda, former heavyweight boxing contender Gerry Cooney, thoroughbred jockeys Chris McCarron, Angelo Cordero, Jorge Velasquezand Richard Migliore, and broadcasters Dave Johnson (Sirius Radio) and Marc Malusis (WFAN Radio/SNY TV).

Top selling authors Pete Hamill and Brandon Steiner have appeared to sign their books, while celebrity chefs the legendary Mary Ann Esposito(*Ciao Italia*/PBS) and Aaron “Big Daddy” McCargo (Food Network) have shared their culinary expertise.

Comedy Nights are a Wednesday feature as America’s finest funnymen (and women) bring their laughfests to Westchester in the Good Time Room.

Harness fans and casino-goers can watch live racing five nights a week on Yonkers famous half mile oval, including such signature stakes races as the prestigious Triple Crown events – the Yonkers Trot and the Messenger Pace – as well as the Art Rooney Pace.

Boxing fans were delighted that for the third consecutive year in 2013, the iconic *New York Daily News* Golden Gloves returned to Empire City Casino featuring the best amateur fighters in New York competing in the semi-finals of the fabled, 85-year-old amateur boxing tournament.

Yonkers Raceway was founded in 1899, as the Empire City Trotting Club. From 1907 through 1943, thoroughbreds replaced harness racing. Seabiscuit was one of the many famous thoroughbreds that graced this track.

The Rooney Family acquired Yonkers Raceway in 1972 and has maintained live harness racing for over 35 years.

In 2001, New York State enacted legislation authorizing slot machines at eight specific horse racing facilities, including Yonkers Raceway.

Yonkers Raceway closed its doors in June 2005 to construct the new gaming operation. The original six-story club house was renovated on the first two floors to accommodate the slots and restaurants. A new one-story building was constructed to hold- 3,000 additional video gaming machines, the international food court, bars, an entertainment lounge and more.