

## *Kings Park Neighbors' Association*

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Dear Neighbor,

We hope these spring months find you well. We would like to extend our thanks to all our returning members and a warm welcome to our new members.

Kings Park Neighbors' Association has been very busy these days. As you all know from our recent community mailing and meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the third potential buyer of the former Psychiatric Center is The Arker Companies. This new prospective developer has applied to the State for Brownfield money to aid in the remediation of the property, which will cost tens of millions of dollars. In the Brownfield application the potential developer revealed a planned unit development incorporating approximately 1,800 units of residential housing and ancillary uses. The units were anticipated to be a combination of age-restricted, free-market and work force units. As a result of community outcry, including our letter writing campaign, the prospective developer has been said to have moved off this number. We have recently met with the developer but they would not disclose their plan for the property. They have also not amended their Brownfield application. Simply put, we do not know what type of development or how much development they plan.

The land at the former hospital holds much promise for our community and if not developed carefully and with the community's best interest in mind, it could turn out to be a lost opportunity, or worse, a nightmare. This is why we have asked and continue to ask our local state officials to request that the Governor negate the sale and meet with our local representatives to discuss the development of this property. We are now also asking these same officials to safeguard our community by making this sale, if it is not to be negated, subject to town zoning approval prior to the developer closing on this property. This would allow for the community to work with the developer without the fear of being held hostage by the developer. The developer has told us they have "patient money" and have the ability to wait to develop the property. This would be an unfortunate situation for our community.

The whole community must work together to realize this outcome. We must take every opportunity to protect ourselves, our families, our homes. We ask that if you wrote a letter once, please write another. If you sent an e-mail, send another. Inform a neighbor or a relative. We must make every effort to see to it that our community remains a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

On another matter, our membership drive has been extremely successful. To those who have not yet renewed, there is still time. Please remember to visit [kingsparkonline.com](http://kingsparkonline.com) and click on our link to keep abreast of meeting dates and other important information. There you can even find a sample letter to our representatives. Once again, thank you for your membership and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Best Regards,

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President,  
Kings Park Neighbors' Association