

# *Kings Park Neighbors 'Association*

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Dear Neighbor,

We hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the summer.

KPNA has remained busy these last few months. This is particularly true when it comes to the Kings Park Psychiatric Center property. On April 12th, I and KPNA Director, Robert Trotta, met with NYS Parks Commissioner Carol Ash to discuss the KPPC and outlined for her the many important reasons that this property must remain state parkland and stressed the importance of immediately starting to utilize the 25 million dollars earmarked for cleanup of the property. This last week, I met with Empire State Development Corporation Chairman Patrick Foye with the same message. We are continuing to work with Senator Flanagan on this issue.

We have also been active in our "St. Johnland Swap Campaign." St. Johnland Nursing Center is seeking to build a continuing care retirement facility, consisting of approximately 200 units, on 50 acres of pristine woodlands across from their current facility. KPNA has advocated that St. Johnland utilize already developed property at the KPPC site instead. This would not only save woodlands and wetlands, but help clean the former hospital grounds while bringing money into the KP school district. We continue to work with Senator Flanagan to reach this goal and we have recently sent close to 1000 signatures in support of this idea to the Town Board, asking for their help in this matter. If you have not yet signed this petition and would like to, please visit our web page at [www.KPNA.org](http://www.KPNA.org) to sign our online petition.

When you visit our web page, you will also find our newest project, "KPNA Asks . . .". During this campaign season we are asking candidates running for the Town Council and County Legislature, 13th District, a question every month. This month's questions deal with open space and the St. Johnland Swap. If you would like to recommend a future question, please feel free to e mail us. We are also excited to announce that we are holding our second **Meet the Candidates Debate** on October 16th. As a result of membership feedback, we will be holding this event in the evening and there will be a question and answer session from the audience. The debate is scheduled for 7:15 PM at Kings Park High School, room 101. We hope the Q&A and debate will be helpful to residents in deciding who they would like to support.

On June 6th, we were proud to present this years KPNA \$500 dollar scholarship to Kings Park graduating student Jacalyn Dillon. Jacalyn has not only excelled in academics and sports but has also proven herself to be a community minded young woman who has a deep concern for children, volunteering at the Family Counseling Service. We wish Jacalyn, and all KPHS graduates, the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Finally, our September meeting is scheduled for September 25th, 7:15 PM in the RJO cafeteria. Our guest speaker will be Library Director Robert Lusak who will discuss the proposed Smithtown Library expansion. If you are interested in reviewing the proposed building designs and floor plans prior to our meeting, you can view them at the Library's web site at [www.smithlib.org](http://www.smithlib.org).

We look forward to seeing you at our September meeting on the 25th and again on October 16th for our second Candidates Debate.

Best Regards,

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