

The Kismet Community Association, Inc.

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The KCA FALL MEETING is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 10 A.M. at the Kismet Fire House, Oak Walk.

The Fall Meeting of the Association is the Annual Meeting at which the officers of the Association are elected. The incumbent officers will seek re-election: Marsha Hunter, President; Patti Romanzi Vice President; and Joanne Padovano Secretary.

It is the policy of the Association that only those property owners who have joined the Association and paid dues for the current membership year may attend, speak and vote at Association membership meetings and receive the KCA Newsletter. To date dues collection for 2015 is tracking previous years –that is, 70% pay dues and 30% do not. Joanne Padovano, the Association's Secretary and Membership Chair and her 5 walk captains will provide more information at the meeting on their collection efforts.

The agenda will also include updates from the Fire Department, KLAW, and reports on other community events, activities and proposed improvements for the tennis courts and playground at the Islip Town Park in Kismet.

The most important news is that the US Army Corps of Engineers' FIMI Beach Restoration Project is now a reality. We have received notice from the Suffolk County Attorney's Office that on October 5, 2015 the Corps officially exercised the option to include Kismet and Saltaire in the FIMI dredging contract at the Lighthouse Tract. We have been advised to expect to see work starting the week of October 12, 2015 in the form of staging materials, etc. The dredge vessel is in transit to this location.

General Administration of the KCA:

The KCA provides limited basic municipal services not provided to our Hamlet by the Town of Islip. Each year, the KCA expends its annual dues income, supplemented by carry-over funds from previous years, to keep the community clean and litter free. This includes sidewalk street cleaning, landscaping, and maintenance of the Police Hut, Tennis Courts, Playground and beach areas.

The KCA community maintenance services are provided by Sam Wood, Inc. whose work crews clean the walks, tennis courts and playground and undertake projects and repairs as needed for the common areas. John Altieri provides container carting services to supplement their operations.

Garden Sea Landscaping (Christine and Pete) provide and maintain the common area community plantings downtown at the flagpole, police hut and miscellaneous sites and at the tennis courts.

The KCA coordinates with the Town of Islip Department of Parks and Recreation with respect to equipment and repairs and services for the Town's tennis courts and children's playground in Kismet. The KCA also initiates and coordinates improvements to the infrastructure, for example, the new sidewalk construction completed in 2007. The KCA also communicates on a regular basis with the Islip Town Board, Town Attorney, Town Engineer and Comptroller's and Assessor's Offices; the Suffolk County Legislature and Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau, and with NYS elected and appointed officials and staff. The KCA is represented on the Board of Directors of the Fire Island Association (Marsha Hunter is an Officer and Director of the FIA Board and member of the Executive Committee of the FIA.) The KCA also partnerships with the Fire Island National Seashore to advocate for Kismet's best interests.