

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GARDENS
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
HELD AT THE MANHASSET LAKEVILLE FIREHOUSE COMPANY 4
JAYSON AVE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

Members of the Board present: Andrew Belfer, Eddie Nassim, Robert Leighton, Al Rudorfer, Norman Roland, Ken Ng and David DiJohn.

Mr. Belfer called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm. The calling of the roll was waived. Minutes from the 2010 Annual meeting were distributed; a motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Belfer introduced the members of the Board, including newest member Ken Ng and invited guests, Legislator Judi Bosworth, Councilwoman Lee Seeman, Tom Tiernan Superintendent of Highways, Igor Sikiric Commissioner of Solid Waste, Supervisor Kaiman, and Auxiliary Police Captain Maria D'Ameilo.

Legislator Bosworth addressed the three important topics:

(1) the importance of understanding the Nassau County home assessment and appeals processes; her office sponsors free seminars for residents (2) informed residents that the proposed merger of the 2nd and 6th police precincts has been abandoned and (3) provided an update on the Great Neck Intruder. Legislator Bosworth's office will provide the Board with a picture and other details to be posted on the ugpoa.org site.

Councilwoman Lee Seeman introduced Tom Tiernan who spoke briefly about the completed road repaving. Mr. Tiernan reported that UG roads are not included in the 2011 plans, but if time allows other roads may be included, and all are to be completed by 2013.

In response to residents concerns about the snow at the corners of the entrances on Northern Blvd, Mr. Tiernan offered to follow up and have them removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Tiernan advised that with help from Auxiliary Police Captain Maria D'Ameilo all of the UG street signs have been replaced. The signs are brown with 4" inch reflective lettering and have a personalized tree logo to capture the University Gardens trees as well as 54 decorative brackets. Based upon feedback from residents at the meeting, additional signs will be placed at the Northern Blvd entrances. The Board also acknowledged and thanked Captain D'Ameilo for being instrumental in the successful completion of this project.

Igor Sikiric Commissioner of Solid Waste spoke about University Gardens joining the Great Neck Refuse & Sanitation District. Mr. Sikiric reaffirmed that joining the District should not alter the current services and based upon prior analysis residents would pay nearly the same current rate but the advantage would be in gaining deductibility for this payment as a tax. Residents were invited to attend the Town meeting on March 8 at 7:30 pm, where a referendum will be voted on to allow UG to join the district.

Supervisor Kaiman addressed residents about the following programs sponsored by the Town of North Hempstead and encourages residents to call 311 for more information.

- Michael J. Tully Pool - the new Aquatic Activity Center is equipped a new slide and three separate swimming zones, as well as a brand-new exercise room and party rooms to host special events. Please call 311 to get more information.
- Project Independence - assists and enables aging residents of the Town to remain in their own homes and familiar surroundings as they grow older.
- The North Hempstead Composting Cooperative - Is educating the community and creating awareness on the importance and the ease of composting. The Town of North Hempstead has purchased the composters and will charge the residents the nominal fee of \$50.00 including a composting class at the Clark Botanic Gardens Facility.
- Pharmaceutical Drop Off - Partnering with Nassau County, North Hempstead unveiled a drop-off program for residents' expired and unwanted medications.
- Town of North Hempstead roads are being repaired using recycled asphalt. Residents should call 311 to report potholes.
- Pet spaying and neutering initiatives - low-cost spay and neuter clinic at the town's animal shelter.

Tree Report

Mr. Nassim introduced Gary Cabocci and Steve Rodler from Goldberg & Rodler Inc., certified arborist who has represented the community for many years. Mr. Carbocci distributed data to show the importance of trees in University Gardens; there are currently 1,500 street trees in UG. Mr. Carbocci continues to work with the Town's arborist to catalog the trees in UG and develop the Master Plan. The Plan will be used to direct the Town for annual planting, and pruning, while ensuring the canopy and health of current trees are maintained.

Dr. Roland advised residents of a potentially serious threat to some of North America's most beautiful and popular trees is the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Trees favored by the Asian Longhorned Beetle are predominantly maples, but infestations have also been discovered in horsechestnuts, poplars, willows, elms, mulberries and black locusts. Currently, there is no known chemical or biological defense against the Asian Longhorned Beetle and, in North America, they have few natural predators. In all cases of infestation, although none have been detected in UG, the affected trees are cut down and the wood is burned.

Community Message

Mr. Belfer on behalf of the Board and residents presented a plaque to Dr. Sy Coopersmith for his many years of serving on the Board. Dr. Coopersmith resigned from the Board during 2010 and will be missed.

Treasurer's Report

The Board of Directors presented and distributed the proposed 2011 budget. The distributed document also showed the previous year's budget and the actual operating numbers realized during that year. A major expense in 2010 was the replacement of the pool house roof.

Mr. Leighton reported that there was \$XX.XX in University Gardens bank accounts for the year ending December 31, 2010. Net income for 2010 totaled \$XXX,XXX.

Pool Report

Mr. Belfer reported that the 2010 season went well, with membership of 100 families. The Pool and Tennis Club remain an added value to the community. Larry Quinn and some of the staff will be returning in 2011. The interior roof of the pool house which had been damaged by water was repaired and locker-rooms were painted.

Tennis Report

Dr. DiJohn reported that condition, and continue to be maintained by Century Tennis. Due to overgrown vines, sprinkler will need improvement in 2011. And as usual, courts are expected to open in early May 2011.

Home Security Tips

In response to the recent home invasions in our community, Capt. Maria M. D'Amelio; Nassau County Aux. Police offered the tips on what burglars look for and things residents should do to protect themselves and their homes. Information discussed will be posted on www.ugpoa.org.

2011 Initiatives

The Board is asking others to get involved and become an active member of a committee, all working to keep our community beautiful and informed. For example, residents interested in helping with the web-site, the Master Tree Plan, or with the Pool, were asked to email the Board at ugpoasecretary@yahoo.com.

Election of Board

A motion was made and unanimously approved to reelect the members of the Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and all were in favor.