

The President's Message

Dear Neighbor,

The tragic events of September 11th have deeply shocked and saddened our community and our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with our residents who may have lost a loved one or acquaintance. The FSA has made a donation to the victim relief fund and we encourage our residents to join with us, if possible.

In this issue you will read about our success in gaining unanimous agreement by the Huntington Town Council to move to condemn and forever preserve as a buffer the eleven acre property on Pulaski and Townline earmarked for a cement plant and sand mining operation. We also are working with Smithtown to correct the zoning violations on the truck and building material storage site directly opposite. Our preservation efforts are focused on saving an historic turn of the century Italian Villa on Old Bridge Road which is slated for demolition. We have featured this home in our Historic Home section of the newsletter which has become a popular feature.

We continue to advance our case against the proposed power plant with elected officials at all levels. While we have been unable to date to halt the plans, in concert with neighboring civic associations, we have extracted several concessions. Storage of petroleum distillate, originally proposed at 300,000 gallons has been reduced to 80,000 gallons. This may mitigate the threat to our drinking water aquifer which runs directly under the site. However, the recent terrorist attacks have added a whole new dimension to the risks associated with a gas fired plant with a large gas pipeline running directly through the heart of our community. The letter we sent to Senator Lack is included and we encourage our residents to join us in a letter writing campaign to alert our politicians to the potential threat this plant represents to our community.

We were gratified at the good turnout of residents at our recent wine and cheese party for newcomers to our community. If you are new to Fort Salonga and we overlooked you, we apologize. Please complete the enclosed application and we will include you next year. I also encourage all our residents to use this application form to pay your annual dues which support the efforts of your hardworking volunteers. The mailing label indicates your membership status.

Frank Konop

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VICTORY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER.

In our summer newsletter we reported that our recent scholarship winner from Northport High School, Alyssa Acompora, had undertaken a mission to provide public access to automated external defibrillators (AED). Alyssa's brother, Louis, the goal tender for Northport's junior varsity lacrosse team, died two seasons ago after being hit directly in the chest with a shot. The location and force of impact caused ventricular fibrillation of the heart. An ambulance with a defibrillator was called to the scene but arrived too late. Since that terrible day Alyssa and her family have worked tirelessly to educate the public and petition our lawmakers to provide access to these lifesaving devices.

In the wake of her brother's tragic death, the Suffolk County Legislature voted unanimously last year to form a task force to study public access to these devices. On August 28th the findings were announced and seven bills introduced aimed at making these devices standard equipment in public places. In addition to pending county legislation, the Town of Huntington has unveiled its own program. Supervisor Petrone and Councilman Cuthbertson joined the Acompora family in front of Town Hall on August 28th to dedicate the program in the name of Louis Acompora. The program will also include the training of 20 town employees in the use of these life saving devices

We salute Alyssa and her family for their dedication to saving other families a similar loss.

NEW RESIDENT WELCOMING PARTY

Several years ago we began the tradition of welcoming our new residents to the community through a wine and cheese party at a director's home. Our Treasurer, Paul Naumann, once again, offered the hospitality of his home and we invited all our paid members who checked off "new resident" on their membership application. A large number of residents responded to Paul's invitation and a good time was had by all. The FSA officers in attendance introduced themselves and shared information on our community over a glass of wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a giant hero. This was topped off by delicious cream filled pastries and cookies.

If you are a newcomer and paid member and we omitted you, we apologize. Drop us a line and we will include you next year. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to Paul who hosts this annual event.



BUFFER ZONE ACQUISITION APPROVED

In prior newsletters we discussed our efforts to convince the Huntington Town Council to pursue acquisition of the 11 acre property at the southwest corner of Pulaski and Townline Road. This land was originally to be acquired as a buffer when the East Northport incinerator was built but this promise, made by a prior administration was never kept. The current administration under the direction of Town Supervisor Frank Petrone voted at a council meeting on September 25 to proceed with condemnation and acquisition. We applaud them for this unanimous vote.

The current owner had planned to construct a cement casting plant for cesspool rings and also to sand mine the property. In addition to the destruction of vegetation, noise, airborne pollution and increased truck traffic this would bring to our community, the owner has demonstrated an unwillingness to adhere to the restrictions the town had imposed pending review of his special use permit. This suggested a very litigious future in trying to insure compliance with town codes.

While many residents joined with the FSA at prior council meetings, we needed a good turnout on September 25th to reinforce our commitment since this was the last day for the town to vote on the acquisition. With help from the residents of Gull Hill Drive we mobilized a number of speakers including Allen Leon, Townline Association President, and our arguments carried the day. Thanks to all who participated and to our responsive Town Council.

The FSA has been invited to join a coalition of Huntington civic organizations which have formed an umbrella organization to give the community a stronger voice on matters of common concern to all residents of Huntington. We welcome this coalition since we have been somewhat disappointed at a recent decision at the ZBA where they approved a five acre subdivision on Old Bridge Road where each plot was less than the one acre minimum. This type decision is clearly not consistent with our one acre zoning. Also, we have been frustrated in our efforts to do something about the two derelict new homes on Old Bridge Road which are turning into a blight on the entire community. A new resident to our community, Jason Zwibel, has been actively involved with the board and he will be our representative with the coalition.

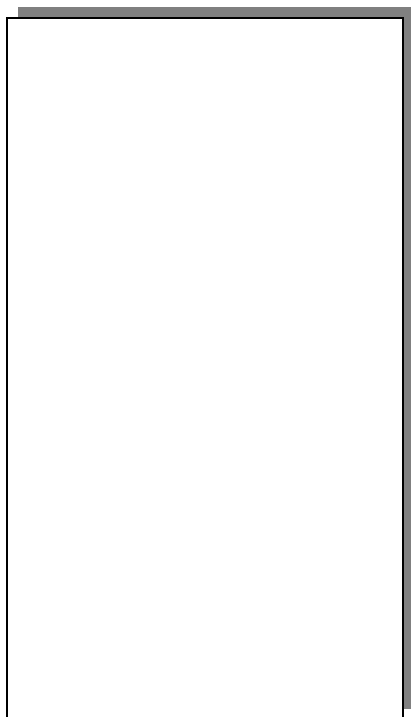


SMITHTOWN AFFAIRS

Several new subdivisions have been approved. The Oaks are a 5 home subdivision located on 10 acres with access from Woodhollow (parallel to Meadow Glen Rd.). A 20 acre subdivision has been approved on the west side of Meadow Glen Rd. near Sunken Meadow Rd. This is the church property where we conducted our holiday caroling for many years .It will be developed by Forestbrook Developers. They are planning 15 homes with access onto Meadow Glen and a cul de sac at the south end of the property until such time as the adjoining 7 acre Cahill property is developed.

A number of residents have contacted us regarding the unsightly sand mining and truck storage operation on the south east corner of Pulaski and Townline Road. There is a large gate onto Pulaski which is left open providing a unwanted look into a heavy industrial operation. In addition there are illegal signs, a display of outdoor furniture and destruction of a required berm designed to provide screening. Several Gull Hill Drive residents have visited the Smithtown Planning Department to express their concerns and the FSA has been in contact with both Public Safety and the Planning Department. Site visits have been conducted and the owners have been advised that the property must be brought into compliance. As we go to press significant improvements have already been made We will continue to monitor this situation to insure this operation conforms to our zoning laws.

We announced at our Spring brunch that the Waldbaum's store which closed last year would reopen soon as an IGA (Independent Grocers) and be owned and managed by a local Fort Salonga resident. We regret to report this reopening has been delayed due to complications in renegotiating the current lease arrangements between the landlord and Waldbaums. This has frustrated the new owner as it has the entire community. We hope this can be quickly resolved as our community desperately needs a new store and the shopping center needs an anchor store. We also are very disappointed in the state of disrepair of the parking lot which is an embarrassment to our community. Despite repeated assurances from the landlord to repave the lot and landscape the islands, time marches on and nothing is done. This situation is only made worse by the repeated flooding that occurs whenever we get a heavy rain. Our community deserves better!





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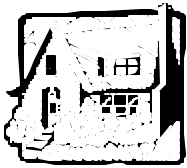
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HISTORIC HOMES OF FORT SALONGA

We are again featuring an historic section and would like to make this a regular feature. To do so we depend on our residents sharing their homes' stories with the community. Please contact Frank Konop on 261-8976 if you have a story to share with us.

PIETRO DINELLA HOME

In 1917 Pietro Dinella, an Italian immigrant, constructed a home at 529 Old Bridge Road modeled after an Italian Villa he had long admired in his homeland. With the limited resources available to him he built the house with less expensive materials, using cinder block on the exterior walls and painting it white to give it the illusion of a stuccoed-plaster look. The architectural style, Mediterranean Villa, was restricted to the front (with rounded window arches on the first floor level and a small balcony off the second floor master bedroom). The rear and sides of his home are regular cinder block with double hung windows.

A long admirer of gas lamps but with no gas mains in the area, Pietro devised his own home-grown approach. Constructing an enclosed tank in the cellar, he mixed water and calcium carbide and piped the gas produced throughout the house. During the Prohibition era in the 30's he proved equally resourceful, bringing truckloads of grapes from his five acre vineyard into Brooklyn, earning a handsome profit.



In the 1930s Pietro enclosed the front porch and changed the entry from the south side to the front. Guests had to pass through the enclosed "sun porch" for access. Several additions were also undertaken during these years. In 1943, Pietro sold the house to Louis Radoczy, who lived in the house for 56 years until his recent death. During his residence a stone fireplace was added and extensive remodeling undertaken. He also planted an orchard of fruit trees and a "grand" garden near the house. As he aged, it became increasingly difficult for him to keep up the high maintenance required and, upon his death in 1999, the estate was sold to a developer who plans on demolishing this beautiful home and to erect five new homes.



On September 25, a Huntington Town Board meeting was held to consider preserving the home under the Town zoning code as an historic landmark. In addition to area residents, both I and Bob Hughes, Executive Director of the Huntington Historical Society, argued on behalf of preserving this unique survivor of Huntington's county seat era. We are keeping our fingers crossed as the Board considers our recommendation.



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To Preserve Fort Salonga

Senator James Lack
State Senate Office Building
Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

August 30, 2001

Dear Senator Lack,

Several months ago I wrote you on behalf of the 2200 families in Fort Salonga expressing our community's opposition to the power plant proposed by Kings Park Energy (PP&L) for East Northport. Our residential community is sandwiched between a number of existing sources of airborne pollution to include a large municipal incinerator, the Northport oil generating plant, two landfills with methane gas venting, as well as a hospital burning medical wastes and two sand and gravel mining operations. Within a 1.5 mile radius there are a total of 21 schools and a number of senior facilities. I indicated in my letter our community's skepticism that, based on PP&L's behavior elsewhere, we had reason for our concerns. You asked for specifics.

In their home state of Pennsylvania, PP&L has been cited for a number of air quality emission violations. At Martins Creek in Northampton County they were assessed a \$62,000 civil penalty and were responsible for at least 169 hazardous spill sites throughout Pennsylvania. Here they plan to store 300,000 gallons of petroleum distillate directly over a major recharge aquifer vital to Long Island's drinking water. Their 10K report recognizes administrative penalty exposures up to \$4.6 million from pending litigation. In the Power Scorecard environmental impact rating, a rating service supported by seven independent agencies, they receive an unsatisfactory rating when compared to other providers in their service area, both from an environmental standpoint as well as from their customers.

PP&L has promoted the large contribution they make to local tax revenues. As reported in an August 21 article in the Wall Street Journal, PP&L has repeatedly challenged local assessments both retroactively and proactively, and can be expected to do so here. In Allentown, PP&L claims plants worth \$7.4 million vs. the \$126 million claimed by the local school district. In Wallenpaupack, it's \$21.5 million while PP&L is claiming \$4.2 million. If PP&L prevails "it's the little guy who is going to get hurt" says the article, and private property owners will pick up the tab. PP&L has also mislead our community about its true capacity plans, scaling back from 600 to 300 megawatts and indicating no plans for expansion while, at the same time, applying to use remaining space in a LILCO right of way to install a new cable to support 600 megawatts. They plan on using ambient air measurements from areas on Long Island that do not reflect the high concentration of emissions we experience from the existing sources described above.

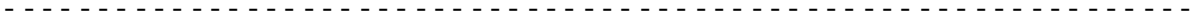
Senator Lack, we are not basing our opposition on a knee jerk 'nimby' narrow minded parochialism but on our belief, we believe substantiated, that our community has been inundated with pollution generators and another plant, however "clean" is more than any community should have to bear. Given PP&L's dubious record and their potential to degrade not only our air but also our water, we feel justified in asking your support to oppose this application.

Very truly yours,

Frank Konop
President Fort Salonga Association



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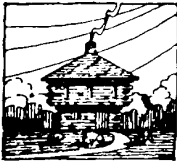
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