

The Belmont Park Community Coalition (BPCC)

March & rally on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 2:00pm
2150 Hempstead Turnpike & Locustwood Blvd.
Elmont, NY 11003. Bring signs. Invite neighbors.



Some points to think about from The Belmont Park Community Coalition (BPCC):

- The **New York Arena Partners (NYAP)** will pay **\$40 million dollars for a 49-year lease** with renewal options (\$816,326.51 per year). This is a complete **sweetheart lease deal** for some of the most developable real estate in the entire world.
- The cost to **make the LIRR a viable mode of transportation** to and from the Belmont Park Racetrack will likely be **"hundreds of millions of dollars,"** according to Mitchell Pally, a Metropolitan Transportation Authority board member.
Source: <https://libn.com/2018/05/02/more-questions-than-answers-in-belmont-arena-plan/>
- The Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum was recently upgraded with private financing in the amount of **\$165 million**, and recently received **\$6 million** (from the State), **\$3.9 million** from the Islanders and **tax breaks** from the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to make it NHL ready .
We are not against the Islanders coming home to Long Island. In fact there is a perfectly brand new viable home at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.
- Research shows, that professional sports arenas and stadiums are not economic engines of economic growth and they are **a drain on local economics** and do not fulfill the economic promises made to communities.

**Please join the campaign to protect
our properties and community!**

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The Belmont Park Community Coalition (BPCC) was formed to ensure that smart growth-oriented, community and environmentally-friendly development takes place at Belmont Park. As the State of New York plans to take up a major redevelopment project for our community, we are concerned by its complete disregard for our concerns about the current redevelopment proposal.

In representing the neighborhood of Elmont and its immediately surrounding communities, the BPCC aims to (1) establish a meaningful dialogue at the redevelopment table where all of the community's voices, not just those of the State and redevelopment corporations, can be heard; and (2) have a voice in comprehensive planning and rezoning (**Master Plan**) of our community in order to preserve and enhance the historical Belmont Park Racetrack and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Our mission is to work with the members of our neighborhood, community partners, leaders, and development partners to bring tax revenue, high paying jobs, increased retail, recreation, and green space beautification to the historical Belmont Park Racetrack. The key to doing this is inclusiveness and transparency. We want all of our residents to benefit from redevelopment, and the way to do so is when we can make our voices heard. We want transparency in our backyard, not shady back room deals that hurt the prospect for community-friendly smart growth development that helps all of our community members.

We aim to achieve these goals by:

- **Creating a transparent forum** where all of our community members can speak openly with their neighbors and political leaders, and the prospective agents in the redevelopment process;
- **Educating community members** on redevelopment proposals so that everyone remains informed and up-to-date on the issues that might affect the neighborhood;
- **Serving as a body** that will hold our politicians, government agencies, and redevelopment partners accountable to all state and local laws, rules, and regulations; and
- **Shifting the balance of power** away from those who look to capitalize on backroom deals and cronyism, and place the power back in the hands of the community.

We encourage our residents to make their voices heard on Facebook, Twitter and other social media using the hashtag **#TIMBY** (Transparency in My Backyard).

We hope you will join us in redeveloping Belmont Park for us all to enjoy.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.-Margaret Mead