

Open Space/Wetland Meeting Thursday, May 27, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Java Network in Lakeshore Lanes @ 53rd & Pacific, Albany

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*There is always the chance of a liability claim of some other kind from accidents on our Open Space.

***What happened to the project where some of the adjacent landowners were going to buy Tract I?** This avenue has been looked at beginning in 2002. In 2007, the idea took on new life, but nothing was accomplished. Just recently, we have found out that according to regulations for Open Spaces, Tract I cannot be divided and sold to individuals. Our guest speakers can address those details. In the meantime, the Association is responsible for every tree bill & all liability.

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*A second reading of our proposal to gift Tract I to the city, and the procedures that entails, will be at the 'swings 'n' slides' end of our Doug Killian Friendship Park, rain or shine, Thursday, June 10th, 6:30 p.m. Ballots for the choice of either gifting the land to the city, or keeping it in the Association, will be mailed out within 2 weeks after the second reading.

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