



## REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF THE KEMPTON SPRING SALE

The Kempton Community Center (KCC) is a not-for-profit organization that functions only because an ever-changing group of community leaders – all volunteers – have come together for 60 years solely for the purpose of creating and sustaining a social epicenter for this community.

KCC gets no sustaining funding from any governmental entity. Most of our revenue comes from events like the Spring Sale, the Kempton Fair, and other such happenings. If we cannot get people to come to our events, if we cannot get volunteers to prepare and serve the food or to handle cash and paperwork with thousands of people involved, if we have to throw away purchased food because we can't sell it, if we rent equipment that the cost of which is not covered by event revenue – we lose money. Know that the decision to cancel the Kempton Spring Sale was a *business* decision pure and simple, and the vote by the board of directors to cancel was unanimous.

Last year was tough for this organization. Happily, our community generously came forward to help us. That, along with extraordinary frugality, has kept KCC afloat so far, just waiting for conditions to improve. Beyond that, we are still busy. A local community organization gifted KCC with five large windows and a large entry door. Volunteers have been working for months to install these units in KCC's Banquet Hall. Other cash donations have helped to cover the cost of installation materials. Eventually, these improvements, which dramatically improve the appearance and ambiance of the building, will result in more income-producing use of the facility. KCC continues to move forward.

It's never good for a non-profit entity to lose money, but to lose it on an event when our nose is just barely above water would constitute poor management. This board of directors will continue to make sound business decisions, like the one regarding the Kempton Spring Sale.

The board's monthly meetings (the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at KCC) are always open to the public, if you would like to lend a hand.

Thanks for your interest in and support of KCC.

Kempton Community Center Board of Directors

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