



Wee Play Community Project

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Ree-Play Sale

Thanks to everyone who participated, either as a volunteer, donor or buyer (or all three)! The sale – in our third year – was an unqualified success, and building on our experiences from the previous 2 years, we raised more money for the park than ever before:

	Estimated	Actual
Total income	\$3,250.00	\$3,529.00
Total expenses	\$550.00	\$762.07
Total funds raised	\$2,700.00	\$2,766.93

We have applied for a \$1,000 matching grant from WalMart. We have received the same grant for the past two years in conjunction with Ree Play, and anticipate that we will be successful again this year!

Heartfelt Thanks:

ArtTalk
Artisan Wine Shop
Beacon D'Lites
Beacon Natural Foods
Beacon Pilates
Beacon Self Storage
Echo
Homespun Foods
JonCar Realty
Paper Presence



I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.

~ Harry S. Truman

A limited number of stepping stone kits will be available for your \$20 donation! Please e-mail or call Kelly with your interest by July 9. Order forms are available on the website at www.weeplayproject.org

Phase II Update

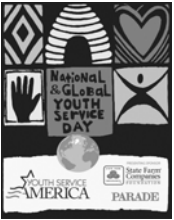
Well, it's been a busy last 2 weeks in the garden! If you have been at the playground, you've obviously seen some progress. Although there are many elements of the final design that still need to be finished, our dedicated guys at the Highway & Parks Department did some excellent work on the custom paving at the entrance, installing the caterpillar crawl tube, one of the benches, and grading the area. Re-installing the fence and gates is our number-one priority right now, so as much work was done as possible in the time allowed to make that happen. Three fence company bids are in, and we should see that fence back up by mid-July!

Stepping Stones: During this process it was discovered that we could use more stepping stones. Many of the 165 stones haven't been returned, and the design calls for around 200 total to be installed, so a limited number of kits are now being made available!

Give Kelly a call or an e-mail to express your interest in receiving one. Talks with representatives of the Bricklayers Union indicate that that installation will happen before the end of the summer, so now is the time to make your stone if you haven't already.

Shade: The deadline for the shade structure grant is in December, and until then we will continue to research and come up with a reasonable solution to this ongoing problem. Meanwhile, don't forget to pack your sunscreen and a hat and take a break under the tent over the sandbox.

Watering Schedule: Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to keep the trees, shrubs and barrels watered throughout the summer. We could still use some help in August, so give Kelly a call or e-mail if you would like to help out.



The Wee Play Community Project receives \$500 “Minnie” grant for a Youth Service America service learning project with Brownie Scout Troop #313

The Wee Play Community Project and Brownie Scout Troop #313 participated in the 19th Annual National and Global Youth Service Day, Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22.. Millions of youth in the United States and 116 other countries planned community service projects and special events to celebrate the 19th annual National and Global Youth Service Day.

The Brownie Scouts , led by youth applicant Rhiannon Parsaca and the Wee Play Community Project, were awarded a Disney “Minnie” grant to carry out their project, which also included a planting day at the planned Wee Play Children’s Garden on May 1, 2007. They learned about designing a children’s garden and what it requires to plan and implement a project of that scope. Diane Sabellico from Sabellico’s Greenhouses in Hopewell Junction assisted the children in choosing perennials, shrubs and trees for the garden, as well as instructed the young gardeners on how plants grow and how to plant a tree. To celebrate National & Global Youth Service Day and Earth Day, Rhiannon led volunteers from several different community groups in a clean up of the Green Street and Riverfront Playgrounds in Beacon on April 22. On Tuesday, May 1, Brownie Scout Troop #313 led students from the Beacon Rehab School and other Wee Play volunteers, in planting their chosen perennials, annuals and trees in the new Wee Play Children’s Garden located adjacent to the Wee Play Children’s Park in Memorial Park. Beacon Mayor Clara-Lou Gould joined the children, as well as New York State Urban and Community Forester Lou Sebesta. Also on hand were members of the tree protection committee of the Tioronda Garden Club. A proclamation was issued by the mayor celebrating Arbor Day and Beacon’s designation as a “Tree City.”

Ongoing of maintenance of the garden will be shared by Rehab School students and other Wee Play volunteers throughout the growing season. Troop members are: Emily Butcher, Jessica Culp, Elyse Fox, Emma Henderson, Allyson Hockler, Gabby Lucas, Samantha Medina, Rhiannon Parsaca, Taylor Schnetzler, and Caitlin Storminger. All of the members were in the second grade at JV Forrestal Elementary.



We would like to thank the City of Beacon Highway & Parks Department, and Superintendent Zep Thomaselli for their continued dedication and guidance as the playground nears completion; and for everything you do to help make Beacon a great place to live.



COB Highway Department workers & friends of Wee Play, Ippy & Dave.

When you see them at the playground or on the street, please give them a wave and a thank you!