



Wee Play Community Project

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Dedication of the Wee Play Children's Park ☞ Saturday, April 8, 2006 ☞

The official dedication of the Wee Play Children's Park is set for April 8, 2006 in conjunction with the Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt in Memorial Park for children up to age 8. The festivities begin at 10:00 am at the pavilion. There will be raffles, candy, and other fun stuff for the kids, plus the chance to experience what the new playground looks like and to see what is being planned for the Children's Garden component.

Although the playground will not be quite finished, we do hope to have the stepping stones laid in time for the dedication – weather permitting. If you still have your stepping stone at home, or have a question about the stepping stones, please contact Kelly Ellenwood at 831-4318 or kelly@weeplayproject.org.

Shout Out to Volunteers for our annual "Ree-Play Sale" – Saturday, April 29

Because of last year's success with this great grass roots fundraiser, it looks like we are at it again! We need all sorts of volunteers to help with pick-up, sorting and pricing, and help with putting it all together the day of the sale. **Your donations of gently used children's items are welcome too!** More information on the reverse of this newsletter. The money raised will go directly toward funding the landscape and garden component of the playground, as well as funding for future kids' programs and other goodies. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 – please help us make it happen!

If you are interested in helping this year, please get in touch with Volunteer Coordinator Claire Browne at 440-6072, or chbbeacon@aol.com. If you would like to donate kids' items, please contact Kelly Ellenwood at 831-4318 or kelly@weeplayproject.org. *For safety and health reasons, we cannot accept car seats or stuffed toys.*

If a child is to keep his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.
-Rachel Carson

FundingFactory (still) Adds Up!

Old cell phones and used printer cartridges are piling up in our boxes all over town...and we love it! So far we have been credited \$226.60 for our FundingFactory returns. You can keep track of our FundingFactory earnings on our website's home page. For more information or for fliers about this program, contact Laura Hecker at 831-3129.

Transitions

Congratulations to Julann Cobb upon her appointment as Director of Beacon's Recreation Department! Julann has officially stepped down as the Director of the Wee Play Community Project, although she will continue to be involved and occasionally lend her wisdom and wit as "Founder." Kelly Ellenwood has taken over Julann's previous role with the Recreation Commission as the Volunteer Director for the Wee Play Children's Park. Additionally, Claire Browne has graciously agreed to serve in a leadership capacity, with her focus on Outreach and Volunteer Coordination.

You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers. -John Plomp

"Come & Play" is now on Wednesday!

"Come & Play," a joint effort between the Howland Public Library and the Wee Play Community Project, has been a great success! Join us in the Community Room from 10:30 to noon as it transforms into a large playroom where moms and kids can meet to play and socialize. The purpose is to provide a fun destination during cold weather for active play. Come & Play is open to all babies, toddlers, and young children accompanied by an adult. There is no cost, although a donation of \$1.00 is suggested. All donations received will be shared 50/50 with the library and used to purchase playthings for "Come & Play." There is no registration required--come and go as you please.

"Come & Play" is intended to be an open play date and doesn't have activities planned. As the weather warms up we may be moving to the new playground, so stay tuned for more information as spring comes to the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Other kid & caregiver - friendly programs at the library are

- **Baby and Me** – Tuesdays, registration required;
- **Toddler Tales** - Wednesdays;
- **Pre K** - Fridays.

All programs begin at 10:30 and end at 11:15 am. Please contact **Ginny at 831-1134, x.103** for more information. You can also email her at howlandlibrary@hotmail.com.

Baby Announcements

Welcome to the World! Noelle Hudson Young was born on February 15, 2006 at 10:39 pm. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 5 oz. and measured an even 20 inches. Congratulations to mom Robin, dad Serge and sister Lila Liv. Can't wait to see you at the playground!

