



# Wee Play Community Project

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## Wal-Mart grants Wee Play \$1,000

Wal-Mart has presented the Wee Play Children's Project with a \$1,000 check to match funds raised at its Ree-Play Sale. Grant funds will go towards the Children's Garden component of the playground. This is the second \$1,000 matching funds grant that the organization has received from Wal-Mart. This brings the total raised this spring (Ree-Play, stepping stones and grants) before expenses to almost \$4,500. Well done!

## “Tick Talk” at Wee Play Children's Park on Wednesday, September 6

Christen Hertzog from the Dutchess County Department of Health will be on hand at the Wee Play Children's Park to discuss tick-related issues on Wednesday, September 6 beginning at 10:30 am. For those of you who need some good information on how to prevent ticks, how to check for ticks, or how to remove them from yourself and your kids, this is for you! No reservations necessary, but if you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Claire Browne at [volunteer@weeplayproject.org](mailto:volunteer@weeplayproject.org).

## “Mommy & Me” Yoga Class

We are now gauging interest in forming a “Mommy and Me”-type (Dads welcome too!) yoga class at Hearts to Heaven studios, for either Monday or Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30. The cost would be around \$10/class. If you are interested, please e-mail Margaret Calvert-Cason at [megsnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:megsnyc@yahoo.com)

*A three-year-old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a fifty-six dollar set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm.*

-- Bill Vaughn

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## Phase II Update

**Sandbox:** The supplies are in and we are now looking at installation to occur sometime toward the beginning of September (pinch me!), courtesy of the Beacon Highway and Parks Department. The sandbox will be bigger than the original Phase II design, which means that we will need to return to the proverbial “drawing board.” We are planning to provide lunch to the workers at least once while they are installing the sandbox – when we know the exact date, we’ll send out an e-mail asking for volunteers to help out.

**Children’s Garden:** The beautiful bountiful barrels made it through the summer! Thanks to the following volunteers who helped out with watering duties throughout the summer:

Marisa Ashmead  
Emily Beldon Burke  
Claire Browne  
Nicole Corneyea  
Kelly Ellenwood  
Nicole Golay  
Margarita Kersher  
Janet Perles  
Gail Robinson  
Joann Schiller  
Jennie Ward  
Tracy Way  
Robin Young

**Volunteers will be needed for site prep and some planting – trees & shrubs – before winter sets in! E-mail Claire if you want to get your hands dirty!**

*One generation plants the trees;  
another gets the shade -- Chinese Proverb*

**Shade:** Kelly has identified a potential grant for a permanent shade structure that will be due at the beginning of next year. Meanwhile, research needs to be done on what kinds of structures would be possible and their costs. The budget for the grant is a maximum of \$8,000. E-mail or call Kelly with your thoughts and suggestions! Meanwhile, a temporary shade structure will be erected over the sandbox at its completion.

## The Last Word: Toys and Playground Abuse

Discouragingly, most of the new ride-on toys have been damaged beyond repair due to use and abuse by older kids. In addition, the red handicapped swing (at a cost of over \$1,000) was damaged over Memorial Day Weekend due to 4, 5, or more older kids and adults “playing” on it at the same time. Consequently it has been removed

permanently, and we hope to replace it with another baby bucket swing. Going forward, donations of used Cozy Coupes and other sturdy toys are always welcome – just drop them off! If you see someone abusing the playground, or rough play by kids older than six, please don’t hesitate to approach them or their caregivers. The signage supports you. Thanks.

## Da Rules

*Please -*

- ☞ No Smoking
- ☞ No glass bottles or containers
- ☞ Children must be supervised at all times
- ☞ For safety's sake, only children age 6 and under
- ☞ Absolutely no dogs or other pets allowed
- ☞ Please shut the gate behind you
- ☞ Have fun!

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