



Wee Play Community Project

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Call for Volunteers:

Fall Clean Up & Planting Party at the Playground!

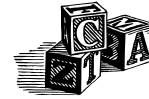
Please join us in our annual fall-clean up of the playground, and as we begin to implement the planting design for the children's garden!

We will be at the playground working on the following dates and times – please RSVP to Claire Browne, Volunteer Coordinator at chbbeacon@aol.com or (845) 440-6072

Friday, October 26 – 10:00 am – 12:00;
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 11 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (weather permitting)

"Come & Play" with us!



Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12 noon
Howland Library, 313 Main Street,
Beacon
Through February 2008

Ask the young, they know everything!

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Phase II Update

Bridge Building: Things are starting to happen! We just received word that the good people at **Strober King Lumber** will be donating the materials for our garden bridge. We will be using a composite (reclaimed wood and pure plastic resin) decking material. It should last a very, very long time and hold up to all of the abuse it is sure to get! Our thanks to **Strober King** and Stew Malcom for this wonderful donation. Empire State Carpenters Apprenticeship Coordinator Walter Krupa and the apprentices of **Carpenters Local 19** will be building the bridge for us pro bono as well. This project would cost well over \$5,000, so we are VERY grateful. The bridge will be built the week of October 15, and installed shortly after with the help of the **Beacon Department of Public Works** and the Local 19 apprentices.

Kelly has been gathering proposals for some of the heavy work in the garden from local landscaping companies. The scope entails installing cedar post (or another equally safe, equally weather resistant material) edging around the caterpillar area and preparing the planting beds. The approximately 6" diameter posts will be installed at varying heights, similar to the telephone poles surrounding the play area at River Side Park. Cedar is expensive, but it is safe (i.e. no arsenic or other chemicals added to make it weather-resistant) and will last a very, very long time, not to mention fun to play on and beautiful to look at and smell! The work done will make it possible for us to plant selected shrubs and perennials on our two scheduled work days (see info above).

The Beacon Department of Public Works and Supervisor Zep Thomaselli, will assist us in delivering the soil for the planting beds, as well as picking up and delivering the completed bridge to the playground from Rock Tavern, NY, where the Carpenters Union headquarters is located.

Stepping Stones: If you still need to make your stepping stone, please do so! I have received word from Beacon Recreation Commission President Pat Kerr that the **Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 5** are definitely on board and will be doing the work. We are still trying to get it scheduled, but it could happen in the next few weeks, so get your stones to Kelly as soon as you can!

Thanks to all who helped keep the trees and barrels watered this summer!

*Emily Beldon-Burke
Nicole Corneyea
Jennie Ward*

*Claire Browne
Yunice Heath
Tracy Way*

Rehab School Students and Teachers

Thanks also to **Denise Shay of Seeds Design**, Robin Young, Nicole Golay and Gail Robinson for their expertise in determining next steps for the garden and suggestions for planting. We hope to keep Denise on as an advisor as we continue to refine and implement the plan.

Fun Fall Stuff for you and the Kids!

Pre-School Art Classes

Join educator/Wee Play Volunteer and mom Nicole Paoli-Ramos for some fun-filled Family Arts Workshops geared towards children ages 2-5 years and their accompanying adults.

Classes are held at **Echo** located at 484 Main Street in Beacon, NY. Participants will receive a 10% discount on Echo's merchandise when they shop that day after class.

For information or to make reservations for your family, please call Nicole at (718) 938-2386 or e-mail nicolepaoli@yahoo.com

Hooray for Fall!

Saturday, October 6th
11:00 AM-Noon

Families explore autumn and the beautiful colors of the changing leaves through story and song, then go on to make festive autumn leaf wreaths, rubbings and collages.

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended.
\$10 per child

Shake Your Bones!

Monday, October 29th
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Families join us for a reading of *Shake Dem Halloween Bones* by W. Nikola-Lisa and then make their own "boney" creations.

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended.
\$10 per child

Pumpkins, Gourds and Autumn, oh my!

Monday, November 19th
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

We'll read festive autumn stories and make crafts to take home, including a real gourd, festively decorated for the season (just in time for Thanksgiving!)

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended!
\$10 per child

Have You Seen My Mitten?

Saturday, December 1st
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

BRRRR! Families, join us for a warm reading of the Ukrainian folk-tale, *The Mitten*, then practice your hand at "sewing" using yarn and fabric to decorate your own cardboard mittens.

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended.
\$10 per child

Winter in the Woods

Saturday, December 8th
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

We'll begin with a reading of Robert Frost's poem, *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening* and then make beautiful, seasonal collages using natural, shimmery and "snowy" materials.

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended.
\$10 per child

Harvest Season at the Farm

A Preschool Program for 2-4 year olds
(with a parent/care provider)

Thursdays in October
10:30am to 11:45am
\$5 per child

We will explore the garden at Common Ground Farm, discovering vegetables, flowers and plants, tasting and touching, learning about the many parts of a plant (the roots, stems, leaves, fruits, seeds) and how they nourish our bodies. Along the way we may encounter the bugs and birds of the garden and learn about their role in the world of the farm. Be prepared to learn some new songs and take home something special from the farm!



Sign up for one or all four programs.

To pre-register, or for more information, please call Jen Clapp at (845)838-1822.

Common Ground Farm is located on the grounds of Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center, on Route 9D just north of Beacon, NY.

Classics for Kids

Howland Cultural Center
November 10, 2007 3:00 pm
\$10 per adult/children are free

Madera Vox

Oboe, Bassoon, Piano & Percussion

Coordinated by Beacon oboist Nicole Golay, the unique combination of instruments in **Madera Vox** brings a lighthearted program of works by Britten, Poulenc, Chick Corea and others. Don't be surprised to encounter a toad and a lobster along the way!

Children's Programs at the Howland Library

all programs are free unless otherwise indicated.
Parent or other caregiver must also attend

Baby & Me – Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:15. 6 week session from October 2 through November 6. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies up to age 24 months to the Library for a story and lap time program.

Toddler Tales – Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:00. This program introduces 2-3 year olds to the library through books, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts.

Pre School Story Time – Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:15. Ages 3 & up. Stories, songs, games, crafts, and other theme related activities.

Song Circle – Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:45. October 2 – through November 20. One time \$25 fee for materials

Families are invited to participate in the **Song Circle**, presented by Chris Ruhe, professional musician and retired elementary school teacher. The eight-week program will consist of a series of song-fests centering on old songs depicting our nation's history. Each week participants will learn new songs and practice old ones.

Musical parents are invited to bring their own guitars. Participants will receive song sheets and CD's. The program will end with a community concert. Call the library at (845)831-1134 for more information and to register.