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# Friends of Schuyler Park formed to raise funds for park construction and maintenance

chuyler Park is a 27-acre recreational park resulting from a partnership between the Towns of Saratoga and Northumberland, as well as the generous donation of land by Saratoga Builders. The park is located on Route 29 across from Farmer's Daughters' Ice Cream. It is governed by the Schuyler Park Committee, which is made up of six appointed volunteers from the Towns of Saratoga and Northumberland. The current members are:

- Daniel Gale, Co-chair
- Laurie Griffen, Co-chair
- Betty Koval
- Ian Murray
- Kevin Peck
- Thomas Reitano-Stayer

If you have questions or comments about the park, please feel free to attend one of the committee meetings, which are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall at the corner of Routes 4 and 29 (the former "Corner School"). Residents can also contact Laurie Griffen at 695-3098 or by e-mail (laurie@saratogasod.com). Online information is available at www.schuylerpark.com.

fficials from the Towns of Saratoga and Northumberland and volunteers on the Schuyler Park Committee are excited to share updated information on the creation of our new recreational park. "The first phase of the park is right on schedule," comments Laurie Griffen, co-chair of the Schuyler Park Committee and member of the Town of Saratoga

Planning Board. "After focusing on quite a bit of 'behind-the-scenes' work, we've started moving dirt and preparing the site."

## Volunteers offer donations of funds, goods and services

"Many business people and individuals have volunteered time, services and funding for this intermunicipal project," Griffen says. "We're thrilled with the enthusiasm we're seeing and, of course, we welcome any help that our community wants to provide."

Business representatives and community members also asked that the Schuyler Park Committee establish a separate non-profit organization focused on fundraising. To this end, the Friends of Schuyler Park was formed. The 501c3 status of this organization means it can receive funds for the construction and maintenance of the park, while allowing businesses and other donors to receive tax breaks for their donations.

#### Friends of Schuyler Park Officers

- Larry Delaney,
  President (Idelaney.personal.gmail.com)
- Jim Burkett,
  Vice President (jrb@bpsrlaw.com)
- Diane Gale,
  Treasurer
  (dgale@nycap.rr.com)
- Kim Delaney,
  President (kdelaney2@nycap.rr.com)

"This allows for another type of fundraising—one that's removed from taxpayers and municipalities. This group is separate from the Schuyler Park Committee, but is working in tandem with committee members for the benefit of the park," Griffen explained. "Any monetary donations to the Friends of Schuyler Park will be used to construct and maintain the park, along with the park and recreation funds set aside by both towns and the school district."

#### Group sets fundraising goal of \$40,000

Friends of Schuyler Park has set a goal to raise \$40,000 by the end of 2008. The group has already raised more than half of that amount and is seeking donations

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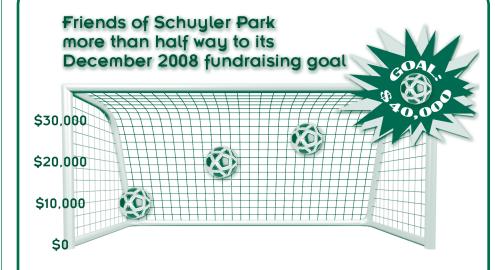
for the remaining \$15,000. "We're grateful for all the support we've received so far. Our residents and business people see a definite need for recreation facilities and they've been very generous so far," commented Friends of Schuyler Park President Larry Delaney. "As we look toward the end of the year, we're setting the goals high because we want to ensure the success of the park."

If you're interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please send it to:

Friends of Schuyler Park P.O. Box 69 Schuylerville, NY 12871

Checks can be made payable to: Friends of Schuyler Park. If you'd like more information on Friends of Schuyler Park, please contact one of the officers listed on the front of this publication or go online to www. schuylerpark.org. "This [Friends of Schuyler Park] allows for another type of fundraising —one that's removed from taxpayers and municipalities. This group is separate from the Schuyler Park Committee, but is working in tandem with committee members for the benefit of the park."





Friends of Schuyler Park has set a goal to raise \$40,000 by the end of this year. We're more than half way there with \$25,000 already donated, thanks to the ongoing generosity of our community. We still have \$15,000 to go. If you'd like to help, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Friends of Schuyler Park, P.O. Box 69, Schuylerville, NY 12871. Checks can be made payable to: Friends of Schuyler Park.

### Kudos

The Schuyler Park Committee wants to thank all volunteers and donors who have given so generously of their time, services and funds. Without their support, the project would not be on track. In particular, we'd like to recognize:

- Galusha & Sons, LLC for initial site clearing.
- Tommell & Associates for providing site surveying work.
- Swartwout Construction, Inc. for the very generous donation of major earth moving and site clearing services.
- Jarrett-Martin Engineers for our stormwater management plan.
- The LA Group for the park's planning and design.
- Our local agricultural community, for its generous donations of mulch to cover the site over the winter.
- Saratoga County Soil & Water Conservation District for funding toward our conservation efforts.
- Saratoga Builders, LLC for donating the land for this initiative.
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