

BE A DONOR TO "FIELDS FOR OUR YOUTH"

The Town Board, local youth sports leagues, and community members have been working for many years toward the development of a multi-use athletic field at the Thomas Thompson-Sally Mazzarella park. It is with great enthusiasm that the Rhinebeck Park Committee is shifting from planning, to a capital campaign!

"Fields for Our Youth, is a fundraising campaign to help bring this important community effort to fruition.

Rhinebeck Porchfest was created to bring local musical talent to our historic village porches. Each year this one day event uses the uplifting spirit of music to unite our community. Over the years the proceeds from this event has helped to enhance the recreational amenities at The Thompson- Mazzarella Park.

Leadership from our local soccer, baseball and other sports teams, along with the park committee has accomplished the planning and permitting for a state of the art field. This multi-use field will be built to allow for sports activities nearly the entire calendar year. This lengthy planning process has also included identifying resources needed to maintain the field, and develop amenities associated with all sports that will be played on it.

The Rhinebeck Porchfest Committee's team of volunteers is planning a community celebration for Saturday September 24th. "Rhinebeck Porchfest 2022" will kick-off the "Fields for Our Youth " campaign. The event will highlight the park, and allow for a safer environment that addresses the challenging times we live in. We are excited to announce that the Porchfest committee is pledging \$100,000. toward the construction of this multi-use field and we are urging the community to join them to help support this important community initiative. Visit www.rbkporchfest.com to learn more about the "Rhinebeck Porchfest 2022" celebration and sponsorship for the event.

During the kick-off event the Park Committee will announce the progress of the early phase of the “Fields for Our Youth” campaign , as well as share the development plans and timeline for its commencement. Future signage will illustrate the design, specifications, timeline and progress of the campaign.

What about the rest of the park? Comprehensive planning has been initiated to work on developing a new master plan for the entire community park, with its initial emphasis on the pool, and its accessory uses.

The Thomas Thompson Sally Mazzarella Park is an important community asset. It offers the children and families of our community a diversified array of activities, which include a trail network, the Trailhead Pavilion, basketball and tennis courts, a children’s playground, a little league field, a community garden, a pool and concession stand , as well as open space and agricultural lands. We are fortunate to also have our premier, Starr Library integrated into the site.

Now more than ever, these community resources are essential to the well-being and health of every individual, both young and old. We as a community are needed to help support the growth, development and care of these essential community amenities.

The Rhinebeck Park Committee along with Rhinebeck Porchfest is reaching out to our community and urging everyone to consider being a part of and supporting “Fields for Our Youth”.

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