



Sample Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Much has been said and printed about the problems here in the Smithtown Community over the last year. Seldom, however, do we hear about the positive actions of local residents.

Just last week you ran an article titled "No Place to Play," about the sad state of the playground at the Monroe School, where children have only a single set of swings and asphalt to play on. At the Smithtown Manor housing development, residents are organizing to change a similar situation. From Wednesday, May 22nd through Friday, May 24th, Smithtown residents will unite to build a playground that was designed by the children and will be built by families and other neighborhood residents at the Jones Elementary School. The money for this project was raised through donations and fundraisers planned by neighborhood groups and churches. Residents from the Jones Neighborhood Association and employees from Acme, Inc. are the lead groups in the planning, design and construction of this amazing project.

I heard about the project through a friend at church and wanted to share it with others. Here is an opportunity for all of us to invest in positive change in Smithtown. Volunteers have formed teams for volunteer recruitment, food donations, fundraising and tool collection. They are now soliciting donations and volunteers to ensure that the park and playground are built on schedule.

I invite you to join me in this project to build a better future for our children. We all have something to offer and your contribution is needed by the children of Jones Elementary. Please call Felicia Frolic at 222-234-1234 to make a donation, volunteer, or just find out more about how you might be able to help.

Sincerely,
Paul Playground