

Playground needs a name

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“We’ve heard really positive feedback from the community, including children – just an excitement around the park,” he explained. “I think there’s a lot of buzz out there right now about it, and we just are super-psyched now that we see the site work complete. It’s starting to get assembled – it’s all becoming real.”

Doktor said a pavilion is still in the plans for next year, but funding is still being worked out.

There’s a contest to name the new playground, and the winner gets a \$250 gift card. The contest is open to the public – including students. The survey is live now, runs through Sunday, Oct. 15, and can be found on the town website, www.wheatfield.ny.us.

Doktor said there have been over 50 submissions so far. The winner will be unveiled at the grand opening. He said they hope to put up a gateway sign at the entrance of the playground and at the road, because there are several entrances to Fairmount Park.

Parkitects, a playground design-and-build company based



Workers with Gardenville Landscaping of West Seneca assemble the components of the inclusive playground being built in Fairmount Park, Wheatfield.

in Buffalo, was selected to build the playground. Their subcontractor, Gardenville Landscaping of West Seneca, is in the process of assembling the equipment.

Gardenville Project Manager David Schwalenberg said his company has been on the job for about a week.

“We’re installing the all-inclu-

sive playground, and that includes slides, swings and some other play activities,” he said.

One of the special features is a Sway Fun Glider, a wheelchair-

accessible glider that meets all safety standards.

“We’ve been installing playgrounds for approximately 10 years now,” Schwalenberg said. “There’s a lot of different components to these playgrounds, which makes it sometimes challenging to build them because there’s different elevations and different dimensions.”

He added that the playground will have artificial turf, one of the few playgrounds in the area to use turf. Wheatfield Recreation Director Mike Ranalli, who has coordinated the project, has said that the turf has anti-static and antibacterial qualities for greater safety and health.

The playground also will have an adaptive, anti-static roller slide; double-wide, two-way ramps instead of stairs; swings; a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round; and other special features to make it inclusive and fun.

American Rescue Plan funds covered the fees of the entire project. The estimated cost for the playground, itself, is \$208,000, and the special turf is expected to cost an estimated \$218,000.

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Most notably, while the general fund will see an increase, the town’s highway fund (\$1.5 million) spending will decrease about \$100,000 from the current year.

Increases hit the other special funds, with water (\$1.2 million), sewer (\$2.4 million) and fire

(\$700,000) seeing slight bumps from current-year levels.

Funding these special fund changes will be a tax levy (the total amount collected) of about \$3 million.

Next Town Board Meeting

Town officials are expected to consider changing the zoning code regarding self-storage

units in commercial zones at the Town Board meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Town Hall, 7105 Lockport Road.

A public hearing – one of two set for the night – will precede any decision and allows for anyone to speak on the matter.

The change will restrict new self-storage facilities, includ-

ing all warehousing, from being built in commercial zones throughout the town and, instead, forcing them into industrial zones. It’s a reversion to a previous zoning code that closes a loophole a previous town board created, town officials said in September.

Officials are also expected to

decide on site plan approval and State Environmental Quality Review of the proposed Uniland Development project at 3401 Military Road, near the railroad overpass.

A public hearing was held at September’s regular meeting regarding the project.

IN THE NEWS

Clarity Group Medicare Center to host ‘Medicare 101’

Clarity Group Medicare Center will host a “Medicare 101” event from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at the Lewiston Stone House at 755 Center St.

The company stated, “No one can explain Medicare better than Clarity Group. We give you all the answers you need. Whether you already have Medicare, or you’re just turning 65. Learn about all your options including Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement plans and prescription drug coverage.”

For more information or to RSVP, call Yvette M. Angel at 562-243-8240.

Niagara County Central Rotary Club ‘Auto Parts Swap Meet & Car Corral’

The Niagara County Central Rotary Club will host its “Auto Parts Swap Meet & Car Corral” from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Frontier Firehall, 2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls.

The indoor auto parts and automotive-related swap meet will have 30 vendors, a basket auction and food for sale. There is a \$5 admission fee for guests above the age of 12.

All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club scholarship fund.

Kiwanis Club meat raffle

The Northern Niagara County Kiwanis Club is holding a meat raffle and basket raffle on Nov. 18 at Shawnee Volunteer Firehall, 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of eight. Presale tickets are available by contacting Viola Farr at 716-302-3758. Tick-

ets will be available at the door. Each entrance ticket includes beer, wine and pop, and a chance to win beef, chicken and pork. Cash prizes are also available, along with materials for the basket raffle and special-ticket items.

For more information or tickets, contact Jan Boyer at 716-799-3839

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