

SkateSpace NEWSLETTER

Rochester Recreation Committee

November 2022

The Generosity of Community Donors is Inspiring!

The “*Funds for Fun*” campaign is off to a great start! In September, we initiated a direct mailer to the towns of Rochester, Stockbridge, Hancock, and Granville, and got an encouraging response! It warms our hearts to see such a large swath of people willing to give. They’ve set their priorities to maintaining and investing in the future of our vibrant and fun community. We’re hoping to get more investors to join us in the upcoming months.

As of November 6, a total of \$9,790 has been raised from 75 donors (individuals, families, businesses and organizations). This represents an impressive percentage of people in our valley.

The total includes 49 contributors who have sent checks sent directly to the Rochester town hall. That sum has reached \$7,165.

Also included is our GoFundMe SkateSpace account. It has reached a total of 26 donors and raised a sum of \$2,625. The GoFundMe sector represents 35% of all total donors, and 27% of the total donations. Our GoFundMe page can be found online at gofundme.com/skatespace.

Four donors have given a sum of \$500 each. Also, we currently have two “benefactors” who have given \$1,000 each. Their names will be presented on the next SkateSpace sign at the site.



A Big Thank You to Cricket McCusker, PE for her Engineering Skills!

Our local engineer, Cricket McCusker, has generously donated her time and effort in designing the newly proposed Skatespace. She has met with the Rochester Recreation Committee and created a drawing which includes the details and parameters for contractors to follow when they build the space. Her expertise has provided a giant step forward in making our project come into fruition. Thank you Cricket!

Next Steps

We are seeking grants from the State which include the Vermont Recreational Fund and the VOREC Fund. Each of these grants require matching funds from donors like you. We are also seeking Federal ARPA Funds which are dispersed through the Town of Rochester.

The Rec Committee is continuing to gather estimates from paving contractors for the deconstruction of the current surface and the construction of a new asphalt surface. At least three estimates will be considered for each phase of the job. For those interested in submitting estimates, please contact Dean Mendell at deanwmendell@gmail.com

Get Involved!

There is strength in numbers: Rochester’s Recreation Department is always seeking volunteers. A large project such as this requires not only donations, but people to help implement those donations, and stretch these dollars as best we can.

Volunteers are needed to assist in grant writing, working with contractors, and to become involved in other projects beyond SkateSpace. If you are interested or want to talk more about it, please contact Norm at norm@blindpigment.com.