

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

November 20, 2014

Dear Neighbor:

Will you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us create a town athletic/community recreation area that can be enjoyed by residents of all ages?

Now that the \$13 million renovation of the Wilbur-McMahon School has been completed and the temporary classrooms have been removed from the Peckham Lot, the Town is ready to begin work on the final parts of the project:

- the conversion of the Peckham Lot into an athletic/community recreation field;
- the construction of two new tennis courts;
- and the completion of the partially constructed walking path.

A rendering of the completed project is shown on the other side of this page.

What type of facilities will Little Compton residents enjoy once the project is completed?

- **ATHLETIC/COMMUNITY RECREATION FIELD:** The Peckham Lot will remain a grass field, but will be reconstructed to create a level and dry field that can be used for athletics for all ages and as a community gathering place for events such as the annual fireworks and performances of the Ocean State Summer Pops Orchestra. Many people are surprised to learn that Little Compton is the only town in the State without a soccer/lacrosse field, which not only limits our children's ability to learn and participate in these fast growing sports but also puts them at a competitive disadvantage as they enter high school and later compete for college scholarships.
- **NEW TENNIS COURTS:** The new tennis courts will be a much-needed improvement over the current courts that have severe cracking across their surfaces. These are the only public tennis courts in Little Compton and are used by residents of all ages from our school children to the Little Compton Senior Tennis League.
- **WALKING PATH:** The third piece is the completion of the partially constructed figure eight walking path which will also tie into the Dundry Brook Trail. This one-third mile path will be the only off-street walking/jogging venue in Little Compton.

How much will this cost?

The total project will cost approximately \$650,000 including the establishment of a maintenance endowment. However, with local and state grants that have already been secured and \$65,000 donated by a group of several local families, the town now needs to raise only \$150,000. Thanks to the generosity of Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard and several more local families who have agreed to match our fundraising efforts, we need to raise just half that amount \$75,000 with this mailing. *Please see the sidebar to the right for more details on this incredible fundraising initiative we have in place.*

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact either of us at the phone numbers listed below.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration in helping the Town with this very important project!

Respectfully,

Bob Mushen
President, Town Council

Scott Morrison
Former Chair, Budget Committee

What is our fundraising goal for this project?

The Town has already secured over 85% of the money required for the Peckham Lot project through a combination of public and private sources. We now need to raise the final \$150,000 to complete the financing.

We are excited to announce that we have secured \$75,000 in 1-for-1 matching funds through the generosity of several families and individuals from Little Compton.

As a result, every dollar up to \$75,000 raised through this mailing will be matched by a dollar from the matching funds!

- If you give \$25, the project will get \$50.
- If you give \$100, the project will get \$200.
- If you give \$2,500, the project will get \$5,000.

Donors giving \$3,000 or more have the option of making one, two or three payments to fulfill their pledge.

Donations should be mailed to:
Town of Little Compton
ATTN: Bob Mushen
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837

Please make checks payable to Town of Little Compton and include "Peckham Lot Project" on memo line.