

VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU

BELL PARK UPDATE

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Special thanks to: Mike Lever, Jeff Kreutziger and Cedar Creek Tree Service, Greta White, Joseph Acquario, Frank and Mary Hamilton, Wendy York-Briggs, Linda Dellea, and Liz Hurley for the great park maintenance! Strong Communities WORK!

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE ARE GETTING THERE

As you can see when you drive by Bell Park, things are clean and the bell tower has been brought back home.

The Village has reached out to contractors Rich and Don Goehring to get estimates on raising the tower and setting the bell. Both have put substantial time into providing us information on how to proceed.

Don Goehring was referred to us by a local family as he lives right in the Village of East Nassau. Don brought in the assistance of his brother Rich, who is a restoration expert. Rich has reached out to the many people he does business with for donations and ideas on how to proceed.

It turns out that reattaching

the "legs" to the tower is going to be much more difficult than first imagined. Rich is looking into iron beams for the structure to be secure on the slab as well as a post and beam expert for other ideas.

Rich has also donated a wooden wheel, the same one burned in the church fire, to the project if and when we proceed.

The Goehring's estimate that the cost for the project could easily hit \$15,000.

While we don't have that kind of money on hand to develop the park it doesn't



Bell Park, Brainard, NY, July

mean we couldn't raise it. In the meantime, we are perusing cost estimates on simply setting the bell on the slab and proceeding from there.

If anyone has other contractors that can assist in the effort please feel free to contact the Village of East Nassau.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions can be made out to:

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Bell Park Fund

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SAVE THE BRAINARD BELL COMMITTEE

While the official not-for-profit Save the Brainard Bell, Inc. was dissolved the committee remains in existence.

The Save the Brainard Bell Committee is organized to raise money and

maintain the park.

New members are always welcome and frankly needed.

Volunteers are really needed to mow the park once a week as well as weed the flower garden in

front. In addition, the committee is very involved in designing the park and coming up with fundraising ideas.

A meeting will be called in September and are usually held at the Tsatsawassa Fire House. If you are interested in helping please email or call Adam Acquario at 794-8431

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