

Richlandtown campaigns for park matching grant

The Richlandtown Parks and Recreation Committee has begun a fund-raising campaign to benefit the borough's park land and grounds surrounding the community building known as Benner Hall.

The goal is to match an anticipated grant from the Bucks County Open Space Program, with a total of \$73,000 to be raised by the community for the full match.

Councilman and committee member Matthew Sheetz says, "The impact this fund-raiser can have on our community park is astounding. We have the potential to turn \$73,000 of fund-raiser money into \$292,000 with the grant matching.

"Witnessing the impact our volunteers at Benner Hall have accomplished with a fraction of that amount, I'm excited about what can be accomplished with over a quarter million dollars. When you're talking about quadrupling your investment, every dollar counts."

Special Committee member

Jocelyn Myers believes the campaign is an opportunity to build on the community spirit in the borough.

"We would love to see this project bring our little town together to work towards a common goal. We're a community of hard-working regular folks, and we deserve to take full advantage of the benefits this opportunity can provide for us."

Among the major improvements that are in the works for the land is a new playground and resurfacing of the baseball field.

The first events to benefit the fund will take place this fall including: a personalized tile wall sale; paid events during the annual Borough Community Day on Sept. 19; restaurant or shopping nights each month featuring Quakertown's Friendly's, Burger King and Five Below; the Benner Hall Craft Shoppe on Nov. 7; and the yearly New Year's Eve Party.

For information, visit bennerhall.com or e-mail fundraising@bennerhall.com.