

Imagination Station build day nears

Community built playground Imagination Station is zeroing in on its final phase – the build. Construction is scheduled for June 2 through 7. More than 200 volunteers of all ages and skills will be needed each day to transform the park land into a universally accessible playground.

Funding for the project is the most important step of the process from now until build day. Ziemann and Derse Foundations have sponsored a \$50,000 community challenge grant. The group will match every dollar raised for the playground up to \$50,000.

To make a tax deductible donation to the creation of the playground, make checks payable to, OJWC CB Playground Fund. Mail checks to Oconomowoc Community-Built Playground, Michele Fuehrer, Treasurer, PO Box 704, Oconomowoc, 53066.

The community and the Imagination Station team have coordinated some upcoming public events that

serve as fun, alternative fundraising efforts.

• **Concert for Kids and Kids at Heart.** Madison songwriter Ken Lonquist who performs a wide variety of musical styles for all ages will play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 145 E. Lisbon Road. Cost: 3 and under free, \$5 kids, \$10 adults or \$25 family maximum. All proceeds benefit the playground. Purchase tickets at Books & Co., ISB, First Bank and Piggly Wiggly.

• **Chili's Voucher Fundraiser.** Chili's of Oconomowoc will donate 10 percent of pretaxed sales to Imagination Station when a playground voucher is presented May 11-14. Visit, oconomowocplayground.org and click events to print a voucher.

• **Walk, Roll & Stroll.** Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at Silver Lake Intermediate School, 555 Oconomowoc Parkway, and the event will start at 10 a.m.



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DIGGING IN – A Brinkmann Construction dump truck backs up for another load of topsoil that was being excavated at the site of the future community built playground, Imagination Station, in Roosevelt Park. John Brinkmann was at the site all day Friday, April 24 prepping the base area. Lake Country Engineering is also working on the project to make sure erosion control is in place.

Saturday, May 30. Participants will walk 1.5 miles on county park trails to Roosevelt Park. For more information, call Cindy Pagenkopf, (262) 719-2869 or e-mail, cindypagenkopf@gmail.com.

• **Tree fundraiser.** Planning on doing some landscaping this spring or summer?

Mapleton Lake Nursery, N71 W35498 Mapleton Lake Drive, will donate the full cost of trees purchased from the nursery will be donated to the playground. The trees are priced at \$20 a foot and stock includes White Pine, Colorado, Norway, Black Hills and White Spruce. To participate

in the program, place your tree order with Sara Schowalter, (262) 617-2163. When you place the order, let Schowalter know you would like your purchase to go toward Imagination Station.

For more information visit, oconomowocplayground.org.