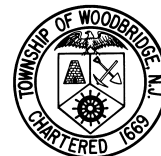


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COUNTY FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR CRABIEL & MAYOR McCORMAC ANNOUNCE COUNTY TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF "BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND"

\$250,000 Dedicated to Multi-Use Playground for Challenged & Handicapped Youngsters

WOODBIDGE – Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders have approved \$250,000 in County Open Space funding to construct a "Boundless Playground" at Matthew Jago School #28 in Iselin. A "Boundless Playground" is a fully-accessible playground designed specifically for challenged and handicapped children of all ages and abilities.

Joining Mayor McCormac and Freeholder Director Crabiel at the Matthew Jago School #28 "Boundless Playground Groundbreaking" were Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina and members of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Parks Director Ralph Albanir, members of the Woodbridge Township Municipal Council and First Ward Councilman Charles Kenny, members of the Woodbridge Township Board of Education, Dr. John A. Crowe, Superintendent, Woodbridge Township School District, parents, families and youngsters from P.A.C.E. (Parents' Organization Program for the Advancement of Children's Education), School 28 Principal Robert Patton, and neighborhood parents and students.

"We truly appreciate the county's consideration and funding assistance that will allow the Township to move forward with the construction of a 'first-of-its kind' "Boundless Playground" at Matthew Jago School #28 – a magnet school for challenged and handicapped students as well as home to Camp P.A.C.E. for autistic and challenged youngsters," Mayor McCormac said. "By funding this innovative and unique project, Freeholder Director Crabiel and the Board of Chosen Freeholders have demonstrated their commitment to provide recreational facilities to all Woodbridge Township children and parents."

“The Freeholder Board dedicates Open Space dollars for projects that have wide-ranging benefits to the community. We are pleased to move forward with the School #28 “Boundless Playground” project, knowing that children of all ages and all abilities will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy a fully-equipped playground designed especially for them,” said Freeholder Director Crabel.

According to Mayor McCormac, the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously approved \$250,000 in Open Space funding to construct a fully-accessible “Boundless Playground” at School #28. The County Open Space funding will allow Woodbridge Township, in conjunction with the Board of Education and Matthew Jago School #28, to construct the Township’s first (and only) fully accessible playground designed to provide handicapped and challenged youngsters of all ages, skills and experience with many and varied play events.

The custom-designed “Boundless Playground” boasts more than 60 different and challenging pieces of equipment, including wheelchair access ramps, swings, platforms and seats; monster sliding boards; tube slides; tree, snake, coil, and centipede climbing ladders; a crazy maze adventure area; benches and tables – all handicapped accessible. The “Boundless Playground,” designed by J.J. Ryan of Sewaren, pays special attention to safety and is fully compliant with federal, state, county and municipal playground safety standards.

Dr. John A. Crowe, Superintendent, Woodbridge Township School District, said “with the construction of the “Boundless Playground” on Township property at School #28, students of all ages, abilities and experience will be able to enjoy a fully accessible play area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Woodbridge Township Board of Education, the County Freeholders and the Township Administration for their efforts to secure funding and to make the “Boundless Playground” a reality.”

Members of the Woodbridge Township Board of Education include Brian Molnar, President, Brian F. Small, Vice-President, and Board members Diane C. Acquisto, Thomas “Skip” Garley, Pat Hardiman, Lewis C. Huber, Judy Leidner, Lawrence G. Miloscia and George Yuhasz.

“I am pleased that Freeholder Director Crabel, Freeholder Dalina and the entire Freeholder Board have approved funding for this very special playground. The county continues to support open space and recreational projects in the First Ward and throughout the Township,” said Councilman Kenny.

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