

SALL Field Fundraiser

At the end of the 2010 season the League was informed by the school district that the concession stand was no longer up to code and would not be issued an operating certificate. It could no longer be used by the League. Numerous meetings ensued and there was no way to salvage the existing structure and provide the same services that would generate the required revenue necessary to support league operations. The board put together a task force to work on the issue. What makes the East Side Field, where Saratoga American Little League plays so unique, is the fact that the fields are owned by the New York State Education Department and they are maintained by the City of Saratoga Springs. The task force had to work not only with the city, but also with the school board in order to determine what, if anything could be done by April 2011 to insure continuation of services for the 2011 season, as well as, long term answers.

The board proposed a long term plan to the State Education Department which would build a new structure, meeting all State Education and City requirements. Much needed storage would be a part of the structure, a larger concession stand and the ability to maintain the menu in which the players and fans have become accustomed. In looking at the configuration of the fields, the Board determined that the major and minor league fields were in need of reorganization also. No common fence (a possible safety hazard for the players) and better bleacher positioning were some of the changes. Each field will be re-graded and grass will replace the fields now laden with holes and weeds. The city is committed to assisting the league in maintaining the fields so that we can proudly host the annual Mayor's Cup, All Star Tournaments and other tournaments to service our community.

The League received approvals for the project from the Saratoga Springs School Board and State Education Department. Now the hard work begins. In order to accomplish our goal, fundraising will need to occur. Our goal to redo the fields in time for the 2011 season was accomplished, but we still need to raise funds to complete the project as planned. Donate a square foot a grass, help fill in our field or consider the many other levels:

Hall of Famer Donor-\$25,000 (10 year sponsorship, with plaque remaining forever)

➤. Major Field Name ➤. Minor Field Name ➤. Concession Stand

MVP-\$7,500 (7 Year sponsorship, plaque remains forever)

➤. Major field dugout
➤. Minor field dugout

All Star- \$2,500 ➤. Recognition at Concession Stand

Golden Glove- \$1,000 ➤. Name on Wall Plaque

Triple Crown- \$500

Silver Slugger- \$100

Friends of the League- <\$100

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated by many generations of our Saratoga American Little Leaguers.