

“Field of Dreams”

Mascoutah, IL. The City of Mascoutah and the Mascoutah Little Indians Youth Football Program have teamed up to build a football field as part of an Annex to Scheve Park. The field will be built on the west side of North 6th Street, between the Berger-Keil House and the community center on a 10 acre section of current farm field. The project will include a game field, concessions stand and restrooms, bleacher seating, an announcing stand, and a parking lot large enough to support overflow parking from Scheve Park during its annual activities. The field is designed with football in mind, but it is intended to be able to support any activity requiring a large pitch, such as soccer, field hockey, or rugby. Access to the site will be through the current drive adjacent to the Community Center.

In addition to setting aside property for the field, the City has applied for matching grants from both the State and St. Clair County. The Little Indians have committed funds to support any grant that may be approved, and they have formed a committee to bring together volunteer resources to build the field. Committee members consist of faithful football parents and local people who have a vested interest in seeing the growth of youth sports and activities in the City of Mascoutah.

Ground-breaking is expected after harvest this fall, and the goal is to complete the field in time to begin play in September 2012.

The Mascoutah Little Indians Youth Football Program is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, recognized as an *IRS 501(c)(3) Public Charity*. The program was established to teach children in the local area the game of football and is geared toward children ages 5 through 14 in elementary and middle school. More than 360 children participated last year, and the organization will start its third season in August.

The City of Mascoutah and the Little Indians intend to build a facility that will serve the community for generations to come. This will be an all-volunteer effort, and interested organizations, businesses, and individuals are welcome to get involved with any resources they may have to offer.

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