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## Friends of Sussex Parks and Recreation FAQs

- **What is a Friends Group?**

The purpose of this organization is to form an association of persons to support parks and recreation beyond what public dollars can support, through advocacy, volunteerism and fundraising. The Friends Group will begin operating for charitable, educational and benevolent purposes. The group would take on the extra projects that the Recreation Department cannot fulfill on its own. This group will gain 501(c)(3) status and create bylaws to be governed by.

- **Who can be a part of this Friends Group?**

The group would be comprised of adult supporters of the Village of Sussex's Parks and Recreation. Specifically, we are looking for those that have an interest in the Village of Sussex's Village Park Master Plan; as well as, future projects. The Village's Director of Recreational Services will work with the group as an advisor. This group is a separate entity from the Village, but synergy with the Village will be essential to ensure a shared vision of the goals and mission. A wide variety of talents is beneficial to the success of a Friends Group, and strong leadership as well.

- **What is the time commitment?**

This group will allow members to be as involved as they would like to be. A board will need to be formed to have a core group of members that are committed to meet when needed to discuss events, projects and fundraising efforts. Other members will be able to participate on an as needed basis, when they are available.

- **What are the benefits of joining the Friends of Sussex Parks and Recreation?**

As a Friends Group member, you can get hands-on experience with helping make Sussex an even better place to live. You will join others who cherish the parks and want to have a say in the future use for generations to come. Members will meet new people, participate in gathers/outings, make a difference in the community and be a part of important issues and decisions affecting the future of Sussex Parks and Recreation.

- **How do I get involved?**

Interested parties should contact Sasha Darby, Parks and Recreation Director at [ssnapp@villagesussex.org](mailto:ssnapp@villagesussex.org) or 262-246-5200.