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City of Elmira is Recruiting Volunteers for the Ernie Davis Park Community Build

City of Elmira, Department of Community Development invites the general public to participate in a community build park project by volunteering their time or providing donations. Volunteers will help install a new custom-built custom-made playground at Ernie Davis Park, located at 603 Dickinson Street, Elmira, NY. The City is working with the design companies Play by Design and Design Connect on the project.

Funding for the project comes through the City's annual allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additionally, a generous grant from Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes has allowed for an inclusive orbit merry-go-round to be purchased and installed. Public Facilities and Park Improvements were a part of the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan, and Ernie Davis Park redesign was approved by HUD as a park improvement.

The Ernie Davis Community Build is scheduled from July 7-12; three daily shifts are available for volunteers: 8:00AM-12:00PM; 12:30PM-4:30PM; 5:00PM-8:30PM. You can sign up to be "skilled" or "unskilled" volunteer. A "skilled worker" by definition is one who is comfortable and able to cut a straight line with a circular saw. Children 13 and under MAY NOT be on the construction site, and individuals under the age of 18 cannot use power tools.

If you are unable to join us in one of the build days, you can still make a big difference by offering the use of tools, food, supplies and/or financial assistance to purchase items such as food/water/tools/gloves.

Community members interested in volunteering may sign up at Eventbrite <https://elmiracommunitybuild.eventbrite.com> or contact the City of Elmira Department of Community Development at 607-737-5691 or email lsowers@cityofelmira.net

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