

Love to Charlottesville, mentors wanted and support Enclose Cass!

September 2017

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Street art by Big Brothers Big Sisters

This spring Big Brothers Big Sisters was selected to paint an **electrical box mural** in downtown Ithaca! Our idea was to create an illustrated map of our city based on the places that our Bigs and Littles hold dear to their hearts. We called the mural "Big Little Ithaca: A Kid's Eye View."

We asked Bigs and Littles about their favorite places, collected their Ithaca memories, and invited them to paint. As the project got going, other kids from the Youth Bureau joined the mural making and soon excited passers-by and friends jumped on board to paint with us as well. Special thanks to Anna Adler of BBBS for leading this initiative, and to Marsha Acerra from the IYB recreation department for her help.

Go check it out the mural in person on the corner of Aurora and Court streets!

IYB sends love to Charlottesville; you can too!

After the recent violent rally in Charlottesville, the Youth Bureau staff came together to focus on kindness, encouragement and love. IYB staff members decided to join the nationwide Big Brothers and Big Sisters post card initiative to send messages of love and encouragement to children in Charlottesville.

We invite you to join our staff and program participants! Go to <http://www.hatefreeiyb.org> to download free postcard designs. Print them at home or send to your favorite print shop, add a personal message, and send to P.O. Box 814, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

YES teens wrap up summer jobs

Congrats to all the teens who worked through the Youth Employment Service (YES) Summer Jobs Program.

More than **180 teens** in Ithaca and Tompkins County worked a combined total of over 20,000 hours and earned more than \$200,000!

Check out the [YES web site](#) to learn more about the program and get involved.

Wanted: Youth mentors and tutors

The **College Discovery Program** is looking for volunteer tutors and mentors to work with local middle and high school students. The program is hosting a **volunteer orientation** at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 16. If you're interested in attending, contact Linda at lbarr@cityofithaca.org. For more information about the program, check out the [CDP's web site](#).

In addition, the **Paul Schreurs Memorial Program** is looking for after-school tutors at Boynton and Dewitt middle schools and Ithaca High School. For more information, contact Eloise Barrett at EBarrett@cityofithaca.org or go to www.psmfithaca.org.

This is your chance to make a difference in the lives of young people!

Keep rollin' at Cass Park

Cass Park Rink will host two more **rollerskating parties** on Friday nights in September.

Roll along to the hits from 7 to 9 p.m. on September 8 and 22. The cost is \$7 per person with skate rental and \$5 per person without skate rental. For more info, check out the

[Cass Park Rink Facebook page.](#)

Sign up for Recreation Support Services

Recreation Support Services supports people with disabilities in the Ithaca community. RSS **after school programs** begin on September 11. To sign up, call [\(607\) 273-8364](tel:6072738364). RSS staff will answer your questions and send you registration forms and information. Once you complete and return the forms, a staff member will set up an appointment for a short interview to meet you.

In addition, any RSS participants interested in **learning to ride a bike** should contact Brandon at [\(607\) 273-8364](tel:6072738364).

Get moving and making with fall rec programs

Don't miss your chance to sign up for fall rec programs.

It's time to register for **cross country**, which runs from September 5 to October 4 at rotating locations. The program is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 13 who can comfortably run a mile.

Learn-to-swim lessons will be at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. on Sundays from September 17 to October 29 at Ithaca High School. Lesson descriptions are available on our registration site.

Other offerings include **art classes, basketball, cheer, drama, fencing, climbing, football and Tae Kwon Do**. Some programs have deadlines and some fill. Register soon to reserve your spot.

Read about all of the offerings and register, visit www.IYBrec.com.

News you can use

- Do you know someone who would like updates from the Youth Bureau? They can **sign up for this newsletter** for using [our sign-up form](#).
- **Save-the-date:** The College Discovery Program Boosters will host its 7th annual Music & Wine Happy Hour from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 2 at Coltivare. The event will include wine, nibbles, music and a silent auction. Learn more at <http://collegediscoveryboosters.org/>.

- **Recreation Support Services playgroups** will resume for the school year from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 16. The playgroup is for children ages 3 to 11 with developmental disabilities. For more information or to sign up, contact Joanie Groome at jgroome@cityofithaca.org.
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- **Ithaca Bike Rental** is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The program offers adult comfort bikes, kids' bikes and adults tricycles for hourly or daily rental. Find out more at www.ithacabikerental.com.

Updates from Friends of the IYB

Ithaca businesses: Donate this year for gift-matching

Ithaca area businesses are encouraged to become sponsors of the Cass Park Arena Enclosure Campaign by the [Incodema Initiative](#).

Sean Whittaker of Incodema wants to inspire the Ithaca corporate community to support the enclosure project by matching their gifts. **Every dollar pledged in 2017 by businesses will be matched** by Incodema's generous multi-year commitment. Other incentives to contribute to the campaign include arena [naming opportunities](#), tickets to the Sept. 30 Celebrate Cass! event and [dasher board display advertisements](#) .

Celebrate Cass! Party on Sept. 30

Enclose Cass Extravaganza on Nov. 4

Two fundraising events for the Cass Park Arena Enclosure Campaign are planned for this fall. Committee members, event volunteers, event sponsors, and prize donors are needed as well as event participants.

On Saturday, September 30, **Celebrate Cass!**, a festive 45th anniversary party for adults is planned at the Country Club of Ithaca. Guests will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and dessert. Music by The Blind Spots and dancing will continue until 11 p.m. Many prizes will be offered through balloon bursts, silent auction

and a raffle.

On Saturday, November 4, the second annual **Enclose Cass Extravaganza** will feature activities for participants of all ages including a skate-a-thon, silent auction, bake sale, broomball and refreshments - all to benefit the enclosure capital project.

Details will be posted at friendsiyb.org/cass and on Facebook and Twitter. Online registration and donations can be made at <http://gvgb.co/celebratecass>

Give the gift of time: Join the FIYB board

The Friends of the Ithaca Youth Bureau is looking for **new board members** to join our talented team of dedicated citizens. Our board members have participated in IYB activities themselves, have kids in IYB programs, or just believe in the right of access to recreation for all youths in our community! You are a great fit if:

- You are passionate about the mission of the IYB, and want to support it with your time and talents.
- You are looking for a behind the scenes role that grows the financial support FIYB provides to Ithaca Youth Bureau.
- You are interested in working with a great group of engaged community members for Ithaca area youth!

For more information, e-mail friendsiyb@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for Corn Hole!

The Friends of the Ithaca Youth Bureau's corn hole tournament will be postponed until a later date. Watch for more information on the [FIYB Facebook page](#).