

TO: City of Hudson Council Members (Hal DeSaussure, President, Keith Smith, Dennis Hanink, David Basil, Alex Kelemen, Dan Williams, Bill Wooldredge)

FROM: Permanent Safety Town Committee (George Roth, Laura Jones, Jay Zedak, Mike Buynak, Gail Royster)

RE: Grant Request

DATE: April 7, 2014

Gentlemen:

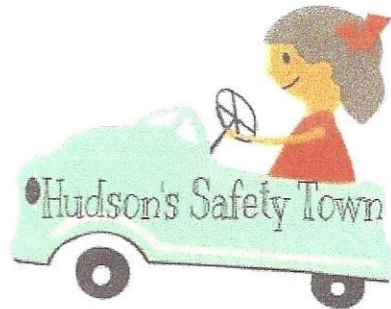
The Permanent Safety Town Committee respectfully requests that Council consider granting the sum of **\$10,000**, payable to Hudson Community Recreation Education (with "Safety Town" indicated in the check memo) in order help the committee's fund-raising efforts.

Attached is information describing the permanent Safety Town project, along with brief "bios" describing the committee members. The total cost of the project is **\$70,000**. We have secured the necessary City of Hudson approvals and Summit County permits. We have the cooperation and blessings of the Hudson City Schools and the Hudson Kiwanis, as the permanent Safety Town will be constructed on Hudson School property via a Deed of Gift from the schools to Kiwanis.

George Roth and Gail Royster, representing the committee, would like to appear at the Council Workshop on **Tuesday, April 22nd**, to answer any questions you may have and to show you our plans.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to sharing details with you!

HUDSON'S PERMANENT SAFETY TOWN PROJECT



From **temporary** *Safety Town* facilities in parking lots to a **permanent** *Safety Town* facility on Hudson Schools property, adjacent to an existing playground at Evamere Elementary, is the goal of an ad hoc committee recently formed to build a 60' x 60' concrete pad with electrical power for lighting, a railroad crossing and traffic signals, all with private funds. The slab will also be suitable for year-round use for other activities. The surface will be painted to indicate roadways, pedestrian crossings, and a round-a-bout as the *Safety Town* is laid out.

Connected to one side of the slab will be a locked storage building with overhead garage doors and interior shelving that will enable easy storage of the little buildings and pedal cars, thus preventing vandalism to the *Safety Town* equipment.

Cost for the entire permanent *Safety Town* project is \$70,000.

There will be 24 mobile miniature buildings forming the *Safety Town*, each of which will bear the name of any organization or business that chooses to support this *Safety Town* project with a donation of **\$1,000.00**. Also being considered is the Little Tikes donated cars could have license plates bearing the name of any individual or business that chooses to support *Safety Town* with a donation of **\$250.00**.

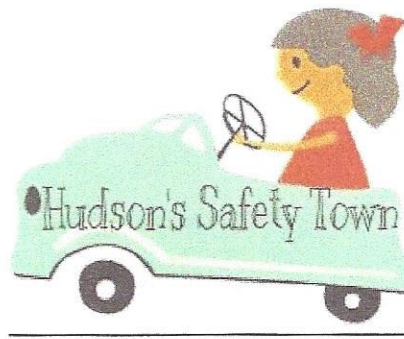
SAFETY TOWN (con'd)

Target date for completion of *Safety Town* is the opening session scheduled for June 9, 2014. The **Permanent Safety Town Committee** is looking for community support at whatever level, and although all donors will be recognized in a Hudson Hub ad, those choosing to donate a **minimum of \$1,000.00** will have their name on a special sign affixed to the storage building.

By most estimates, Hudson's *Safety Town* has been operating between 50-60 years, having been originally started by Hudson Community Service in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Hudson. It is estimated that 90% of all children entering Kindergarten in the Hudson City School District attend the program. In addition, many children attend from legacy family members who attended and now want their children to have the same experience. For many years, classes have been held using temporary structures at Hudson Elementary (now a park) and Evamere Elementary parking lots.

Safety Town's comprehensive program consists of nine half days (compared to the typical five half days in other communities) and at graduation, families are encouraged to attend and learn what the children have been experiencing over the past couple weeks. This is the children's first experience with the school they will attend in the fall for Kindergarten, their first field trip and school bus ride, and for many, the first time away from Mom and Dad and at a school. The *Safety Town* program is operated and funded by Hudson Community Education Recreation (HCER), Grant Aungst, Director, 330-653-1210.

For additional information, contact Gail Royster, Co-Chair, **330-608-4647** or gailfroyster@gmail.com

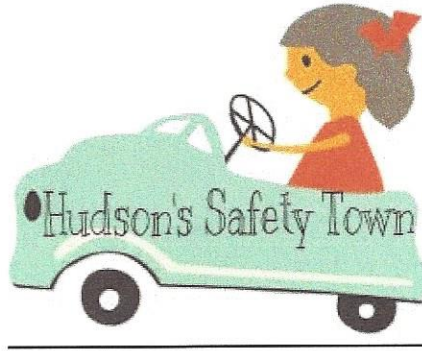


PERMANENT SAFETY TOWN COST BREAKDOWN

April 7, 2014

Concrete	\$18,500
Contingency	\$ 2,000
Electrical	\$ 7,930
Gutters/Downspouts	\$ 347
Landscaping	\$ 600
Overhead Doors	\$ 945
Painting/Striping	\$ 500
Permits and Fees	-0- Donated by Augere Construction
Seeding	\$ 1,500
Shelving	\$ 2,000
Sitework	\$ 7,820
Storage Building	\$19,275
Utilities	\$ 7,250

Estimated Total **\$68,667**



PERMANENT HUDSON SAFETY TOWN COMMITTEE

This committee was formed on October 30, 2013, with the goal of having a permanent Safety Town facility built and ready for operation by June 1, 2014. Each member was selected for his/her specific area of expertise, proven dedication to the Hudson community, and reputation for getting things done!

Co-Chair: Gail Royster. Hudson resident, Owner, The Royster Group, LLC; Past President and/or current Board Member, Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Business Professionals, Rotary Club of Hudson, Hudson Heritage Assn, Hudson Community Foundation, Laurel Lake Retirement Community. 330-608-4647; gailfroyster@gmail.com.

Co-Chair: Jay Zedak. Hudson resident and product of the Hudson Schools, including Safety Town; Owner, BugBuster, a pest control and licensed pest inspection company; Lieutenant, Hudson Fire Department; Director, National Ski Patrol Safety Instruction. 330-958-5800; jay@bugbusterinc.com.

Project Manager: George Roth. Hudson resident, Owner, Augere Construction; Past President, Hudson City Council; Past Chair, Hudson Architectural Board of Review; Hudson Economic Development Corporation; Hudson Community First Advisory Board; 330-518-1414; gwroth@augereconstruction.com.

Treasurer: Mike Buynak. Hudson resident, Managing Partner, Union Capital Mortgage Corporation; Leadership Hudson Class of 2010. 440-533-5901; mbuynak@unioncapmtgs.com.

Community Outreach: Laura Jones. Hudson resident; Hudson Community First Volunteer Board; Hudson City Schools VIP. 440-522-1622; joneslau@windstram.net.

Advisor: Grant Aungst. Hudson resident and product of the Hudson Schools, including Safety Town; Director, Hudson Community Education and Recreation. 330-653-1210; aungstg@hudson.edu.