

## SKATE PARK STREET SIGN PICK UP UPDATE!

The Skate Park Committee held the distribution of retired Livingston street signs on Saturday, December 20. More than 400 people came to pick up their signs which were purchased through an online auction. As a result of this fundraising endeavor, close to \$20,000 was raised to help finance the construction of a community Skate Park. The sign distribution was a joint effort between the Skate Park Committee, comprised of youth and adult volunteers under the HCHY umbrella, and members of the Township of Livingston Public Works Department.

People who missed out on the first auction will have the opportunity to participate in a second online auction, which will be held in January -- the date will be announced after the New Year. In addition, those who were unable to pick up their purchased signs Saturday will be able to do so at the next sign distribution.

The Committee is also in the process of compiling the amazing stories behind the signs. Committee members were touched by the anecdotes that were shared during the Saturday pickup. We heard from individuals who had purchased one sign from each Livingston street they had lived on in the past 61 years! Committee members learned that many streets had been named to honor children who used to play by the these signs many years ago. According to committee member Margie Karpas, "it was wonderful...I loved seeing the smiles on the people's faces as they were leaving the cafeteria after picking up their street signs."

### **Please send us your stories!**

Please call Martha Ackermann at (973) 535-9679 or by e-mail at [marthacack@aol.com](mailto:marthacack@aol.com) if you would like to be interviewed to share your story.

Thank you for all your support! The street sign sale was a tremendous success, raising just under \$20,000 through your efforts!