



## **Do It For Our Children, Make Mahackeno Happen!**

It is so frustrating for me to watch the well-funded fat cats opposed to the new Y at Mahackeno, force the

YMCA to use its money to defend the need to build at Mahackeno. The Y's money, which could be used to build a first-rate facility for our children, seniors and other Westport residents, is being spent to defend the Mahackeno Y proposal. The selfish, rich, well-funded opposition have mounted a campaign to prevent our kids from a facility they desperately need. The opposition spreads lies and neglects to inform people that a vote against the Y at Mahackeno is a vote for "no YMCA at all," as there is no other option for the Y. The best option was to have the Y at the same location as the senior center, but that option is no longer available, it was squandered by incompetent politicians and town officials. Now the wealthy home owners who live near Mahackeno, want to prevent our children from having a YMCA. This should come as no surprise, as with their oversized wallets they can build swimming pools, gyms and other facilities the Y offers in their basements and backyards. They do not need the YMCA, so they do not care if they prevent the many children, seniors and residents who use and need the Y from having the facility. Shame on these selfish

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home owners. I know the type well as I consult in the hedge-fund industry and money is all that matters to these people, their homes and their money, not the children of Westport. They could care less about the average child and the access that child has to the great programs our YMCA offers. No other institution creates the sense of community and adds to the overall well being of the town as the YMCA does. I urge the P&Z to support the building of the Y at Mahackeno and not be persuaded and influenced by these wealthy home owners at the expense and detriment of the children of Westport.

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