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A Pewaukee resident will donate \$250,000 to name a splash pad after his nephew, who died in 2006

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To honor his nephew who died nearly 16 years ago, a Pewaukee resident will donate \$250,000 for the naming rights to the city's proposed splash pad project at the Pewaukee Sports Complex.

The City of Pewaukee announced the 10-year sponsorship agreement with Rick Fuhry, who is Garrison Adams' uncle. In January 2006, Garrison, who lived in Mequon, drowned at a pool party.

He was 8 years old.

Fuhry said his nephew enjoyed the water, so he thought naming a splash pad after Garrison was fitting.

"He was such a wonderful kid," Fuhry said. "Always smiling. He just loved things like splash pads and water parks."

The official name will be Garrison's Splash Pad.

"I really enjoy the community here, and I've been fortunate to have some money that I wanted to give to the city for naming rights," Fuhry said. "I chose a 10-year naming rights to memorialize Garrison Adams, my beloved nephew who loved water. Also, I did it because it's going to bring joy to so many children in the community here."

The splash pad will be easily accessible to those with disabilities.

"It's not part of a pool, so it will be shallow," Fuhry said. "It's going to be open for all ages, and there are no fees involved. ... I think it will be a wonderful way to cool off in the summer for children and a play area to go with your friends."

The overall project includes an all-inclusive playground and is estimated at \$1.5 million. It will be at the northwest corner of Lindsay Road and Redford Boulevard.

The funds donated by Fuhry will be spent on the construction of the splash pad, according to Nick Phalin, the director of the parks department. Phalin said the city has about \$312,000 in commitments so far for the project.

Phalin said the project could break ground in spring 2023 and open later that summer.

The Friends of the Parks of Pewaukee, in partnership with the City of Pewaukee, is continuing to fundraise for park improvements, which includes naming rights for the playground and other sponsorship opportunities.

Additional information is available at friendsofpewaukeeparks.com; donations can be made on the Friends GoFundMe page or by sending a check to Friends of the Parks of Pewaukee, PO Box 257, Pewaukee, WI 53072.

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