

Soccer leagues try to raise money for lights

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In effort to raise funds for lighting at two soccer fields at Recreation Park, the Southington Soccer Club and the Southington Youth Soccer League, will be hosting a concert for Beatles tribute band, Number 9.

Ed Baker, who is vice president of the Southington Soccer Club and division coordinator of the Southington Youth Soccer League, has been impressed that the leagues got Number 9 to perform after he watched the band perform on June 30 at the First Congregational Church.

"Everything has come together to make this into a great night," Baker said. "I saw the band perform in June and I know two of the members and we are lucky to have them."

Baker said he and Kathy Fuller, co-chairman for the concert, have been working

tirelessly over the past month on the event.

The concert will be held on Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Recreation Park. Although there is no cost to attend the show, Baker is hoping businesses and residents are able to donate financially to help offset the \$200,000 the soccer organizations are trying to raise to light two of their three fields.

"We're looking to narrow the gap," Baker said. "We are also looking for people to donate their time. We will have sign up sheets for people who want to help install the lights."

The fields will be used by both soccer programs and will allow more time for games and practices for the players. The lights will also provide flexibility for practice times.

"Many of the coaches have to leave work early to start practices at 5," Baker said.

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"But with the lights they won't have to do that. Instead they could schedule practices later."

This is the first of the fundraising events that will be held for this cause and Baker said there is no specific monetary goal for the concert.

"We just want to make the community aware of what we are trying to do," Baker said.