



Topic: Good Times Park

What makes Central Loudoun unique is that the league owns its own fields-Good Times Park. Our park was created in 1984 under the tutelage of Bill Bohince and Bob Barrett. Along with the generosity of James (J.R.) Wordsworth, Bill and Bob oversaw and shouldered the construction of the complex consisting of three fields (Barrett Field (1984), Bohince Field (1984) and Founders Field (1986)) and a multi-purpose building (Murphy Hall (1986)).

Today, CLLL recognizes its vast history and celebrates the revitalization plans throughout the years. Over time, new dugouts on Barrett and Founders were built, a refreshed Murphy Building with working bathrooms, more hardscape areas on Barrett and Founders, handicapped parking and accessibility near Founders field, 3 new batting cages located near the fields and increased parking. The improvement plan for GTP continued in September of 2013 with the installation of Musco lighting on both Barrett and Founders fields. The project was spearheaded by then President, Kevin Bednoski, who sought to make the complex more useful during the years. A more recent addition to the complex was the replacement of the batting cage on Founders field with a two-lane covered batting/fielding/pitching facility that was donated by the Bolton family in 2018.

In 2019, a major renovation of Founders Field occurred. What started out as a "let's fix the drainage problem" quickly evolved to a total overhaul of the field consisting of laser grading of the surface, adding a grass infield, redoing the drain pipes, adding Bermuda grass to the outfield, adding a new windscreen to the outfield fence, and giving the dugouts and many surfaces a fresh coat of paint. This undertaking took a few more months than intended due to weather, but the end result gave us a new and improved, premier playing field.

Throughout the years, local Eagle Scout members have approached the league to help maintain the park while fulfilling their service projects. Such projects have included the

construction of a new equipment shed, repairing and repainting dugouts, repairing bullpens and parking areas, and repainting the stairs and deck of the Murphy Building.

Owning our park comes with its own set of responsibilities both physically and financially. The day to day upkeep of Good Times Park is overseen by our Director of Facilities. This job would not be possible without the support and help of the league volunteers. Thankfully, when needed, our volunteers step up with a rake and/or shovel to help get fields prepared for practices and games. We are always grateful for our volunteers.

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