

Improving Recreation

Marathon City is finalizing plans for a new and expanded park in the Village. The new park will include a new 4 diamond baseball / softball complex, two outdoor basketball courts, two public pavilions, a challenge course playground and supporting infrastructure.

The park will replace the current Veteran's Park and will be the new home of the Annual Marathon Fun Days.

The Need

The Current Veteran's Park Facility is undersized for the needs of the community. At only 4.2 acres, the park has 1 regulation softball field, no playground, limited parking and no opportunity for expansion. Additionally, Veteran's Park is located between two of the highest traffic streets in the Village. The annual Marathon Fun Days requires street closures and detours around the park area.

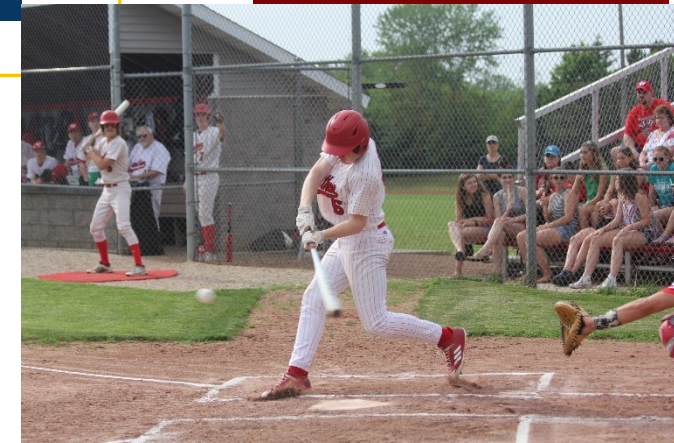
Nearly 500 area children ranging from tee ball to high school Varsity Softball utilize the current facilities. Over 550 games and practices occur annually at Veteran's Park.

The new facility would provide increased access for practice, games and tournaments. The 14.5 acre site provides room for Fun Days expansion and increased flexibility for event planners. The new location moves the park complex away from busy streets separating spectators and participants from traffic issues.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Marathon City has been awarded a \$45,000 matching grant by the Dwight & Linda Davis Foundation. We are launching a Community Capital Campaign to secure the full matching grant and to contribute to the project funding.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made directly to the Village.





Community Support

\$1,500,000 In Corporate Donations

\$1,045,000 Of Capital Contributions

- Revenue from Village Land Sales
- Intergovernmental agreement with the Marathon School District

\$510,000 In Grants Received

- Goldbach Foundation
- Judd S. Alexander Foundation
- B.A. & Ester Greenheck Foundation
- Dwight & Linda Davis Foundation
- Marathon County Parks Foundation

\$45,000 Community Capital Campaign Target

Continuing the Legacy

Both the Varsity Baseball and Softball programs have their foundations in the Marathon youth programs. The conference, regional, sectional, state appearances and championships of the Varsity teams can be traced back to the youth programs. From Tee Ball to Minors to Majors to travel teams, thousands of Marathon kids have had the opportunity to learn the game, develop skills and grow relationships with their teammates.

The new facility will expand the opportunities for local youth programs and will continue to contribute to the successes at the Varsity level.



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Pat Richter,

Former UW Athletic Director and 9 time UW Varsity letter winner in football, basketball, and baseball says this, "The Marathon City Baseball / Softball Complex Project expands outdoor recreational opportunities for youth in the community to compete and learn through athletics. This is a exciting project and I endorse their efforts."

How to Donate

Tax deductible donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Village Hall located 311 Walnut Street PO Box 487 Marathon City, WI 54448.

Donors will be recognized on a donor recognition wall which will be located on the central concourse of the new baseball / softball complex.