

CASTLE FIELD ASSOCIATION (CFA)

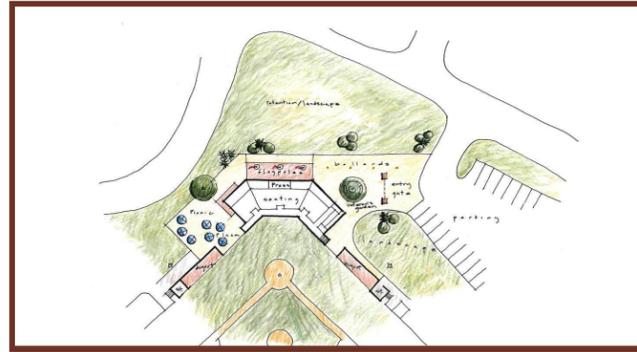
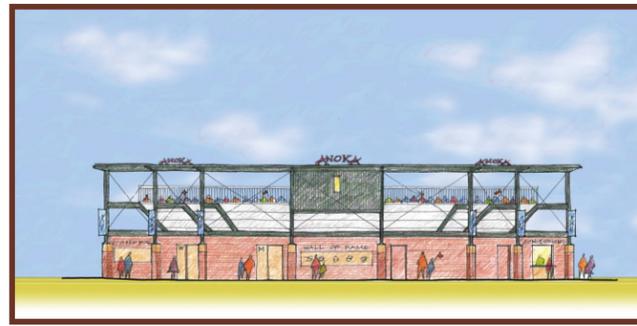


The Castle Field Association (CFA) was formed to lessen the financial and labor burdens of the City of Anoka in regard to the relocation, construction and future maintenance needs of Castle Field.

CFA Board Members represent the individual athletic organizations and teams that have historically played on Castle Field. CFA includes representatives from Anoka High School, the Anoka American Legion and City of Anoka Park & Recreation Advisory Board. CFA will coordinate on field advertising, scheduling, field maintenance, game day preparations, and operate the concession stand.

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4001 7th Avenue, Anoka

Future Home of CASTLE FIELD

CASTLE FIELD THEN AND NOW...



On July 25, 1950, the first game was played on Anoka's lit baseball field, Greenhaven Park. Over 1200 people gathered in the stands and along the baselines to watch the games that evening. Two local peewee teams played the first game of the night, playing the last two innings under the lights. It was Anoka vs. Nowthen for the main event.

Anoka was successful in building this field through community donations and the sale of stock. A donation of land from the Anoka American Legion helped make the field possible. Baseball enthusiasts and City leaders worked together to build the "finest lighted field" in the state. The field was of a novelty design; being lowered an additional eight feet below the property's original grade so that bleachers could be erected into the hillside.

The bleachers wrapped around home plate extending down the baselines. Spectators were also able to watch the game from cars with uninterrupted views from the parking lot.

In 1953 the field was named Castle Memorial Field after Willard E. Castle, an excellent baseball player, Veteran, and former employee of Anoka Electric. His memory lives on through all the people that have played on this community baseball field.

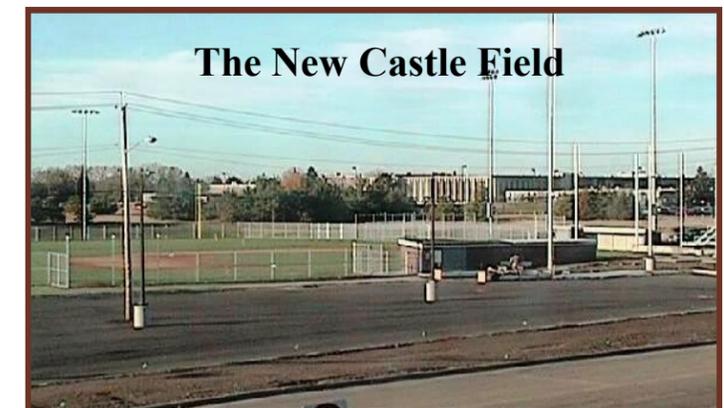
In addition to the name, the new Castle Memorial Field will continue with all the classic traditions of Anoka baseball. Plans for the new field include a 250-seat stadium bleacher with overhead canopy, press box, concession stand, and restroom facilities. Continuing Anoka's tradition of a sunken field, the first row of bleacher seats will be nearly eight feet above the field.

As with the first field, the Anoka American Legion, Anoka-Hennepin School District 11, City leaders, and members of Anoka's baseball community have worked together for the past two years to make this new field a reality.

WORK IN PROGRESS



The New Castle Field



Construction of the field is underway, but it will not be complete without your support! Our goal is to raise \$500,000 through contributions from local businesses, grants, and community member donations for the construction of the plaza area and the concession and restroom building.

