

‘Walpole Co-operative Bank gave us the kick we needed to reach our goal.’ – Paul Falvey



Congratulations to everyone who has helped make the Walpole Community Athletic Complex a reality!



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The Walpole Community Athletic Complex, completed this summer, isn't just a wonderful recreational facility—it's a tangible symbol of Walpole's community spirit.

But five years ago, when a group of dedicated volunteers formed the Friends of the Walpole Community Athletic Complex (FWCAC) to realize their vision, achieving their ambitious goal was far from certain.

“Initially, some people were skeptical that we could raise our goal of \$1.9 million, so they were reluctant to contribute,” recalls FWCAC volunteer and treasurer Paul Falvey. “We needed to show that we could pull it off.”

It was at this critical moment that the FWCAC received a major contribution from Walpole Co-operative Bank. “That support gave us instant credibility,” Falvey says. “The Bank's contribution at the time that it came was huge. It motivated the volunteers working on the project, and it certainly spurred other businesses and families to step up and contribute to the project.”

The rest is history. Donations poured in from local businesses, families and individuals. The FWCAC was able to reach its goal and complete construction of the magnificent, new complex. With the second phase, installation of lights to allow night games and practices, now complete, the Walpole Community Athletic Complex is the largest privately funded project in Walpole history.

“This has been a community-wide initiative that benefits everyone, from age eight to eighty,” Falvey says. “Walpole Co-operative Bank played a crucial role when it mattered most. The support they have shown for the project and the community is unbelievable.”