

30TH
1994-2024
ANNIVERSARY



LEAVING IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT



OUR MISSION:

The Ahrens Park Foundation (APF) is dedicated to providing first class recreational and athletic facilities while collaborating with wellness, educational and recreational programs and organizations for the greater good of the community of Grinnell.

AHRENS/PASCHALL MEMORIAL PARK



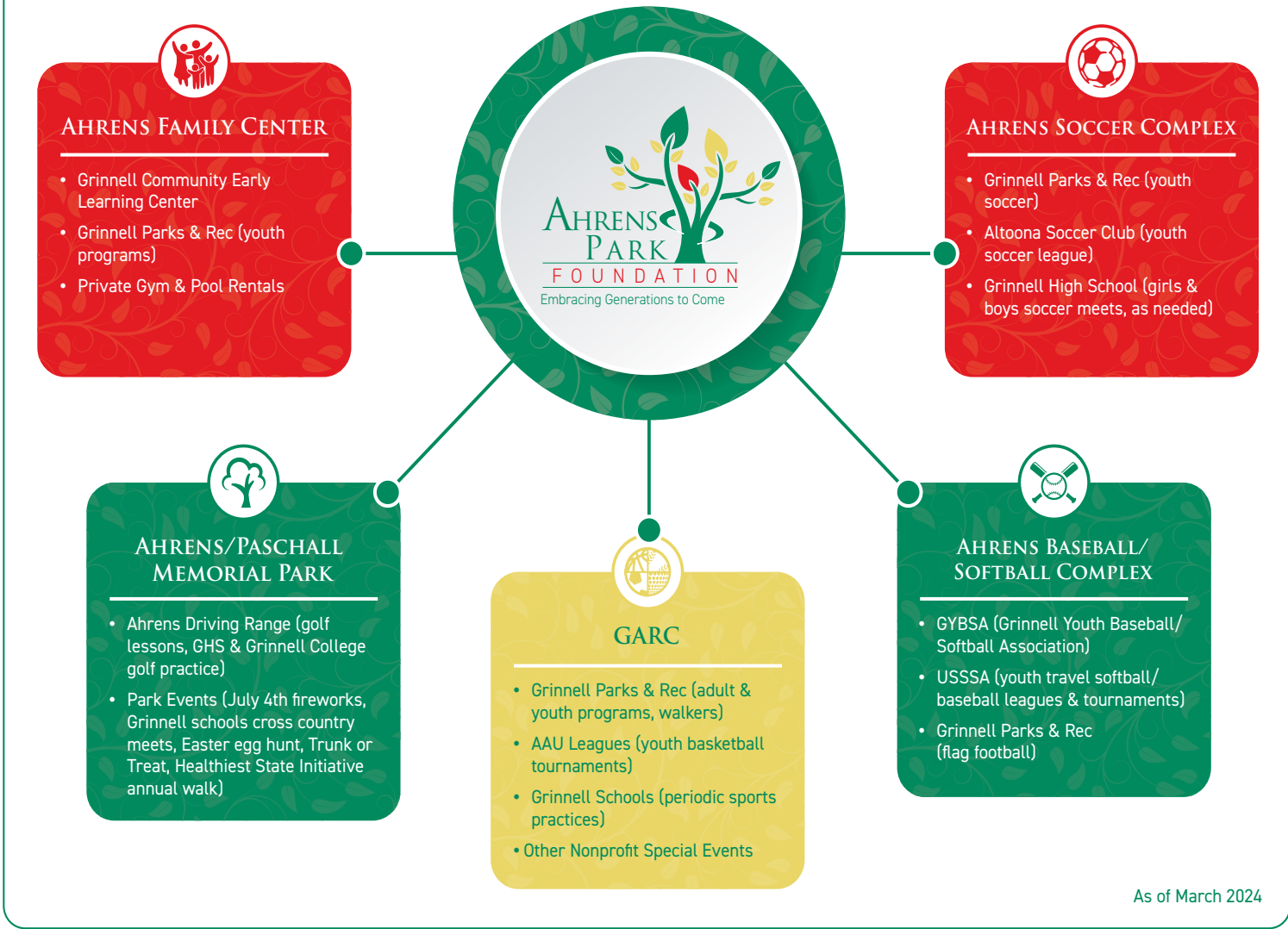
Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park is named after Claude and Dolly's son, the late Paul W. Ahrens, who passed away in 1989 at the age of fifty, and a friend of Paul's, Jim Paschall, who also passed away at a fairly young age. Building a recreational park had always been a life long dream for both Claude and his son, Paul.

The Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park opened in 1994 and is home to:

- Eight youth softball and baseball fields
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Tennis court
- Four pickleball courts
- Sand volleyball court
- Three youth soccer fields
- Golf driving range
- Three shelter houses
- Sledding hill
- Community giving gardens
- Green spaces
- One and a half mile outdoor walking path
- Two playgrounds, one for 3-5 year-olds and one for 5-12 year-olds
- Outdoor ice skating rink during winter months

Also located at the park is the Ahrens Family Center, the Grinnell Athletic and Recreation Center, and the offices for the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation, Ahrens Park Foundation and Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation.

FACILITY PARTNERS & USAGE



Claude W. Ahrens donates land to build Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park, Ahrens Family Center and Baseball/Softball complex in Grinnell, IA

1994



The Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Center (GARC) is built, housing three indoor basketball courts, walking track and offices

1997

The Ahrens Park Foundation (APF) is created, taking on the ownership and management of the Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park



Addition of the Ahrens Golf Driving Range

1998

1999

APF donates an historic house to the Iowa Parks & Recreation Association for its state headquarters at Ahrens Park



First annual Kites Over Grinnell event, still hosted today

2000



2001

Addition of three youth soccer fields, concessions, restrooms and north parking lot

2003



Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park is named the Iowa Sports Complex of the Year by the Iowa Turfgrass Institute

2010

2006



Addition of Foundation offices, housing APF, the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation and the Greater Poweshiek County Foundation



Expansion of Foundation offices building and renovation of Dolly's Flower Garden

2011



2012

Expansion of Ahrens Family Center with the addition of two additional learning rooms and restrooms for the Grinnell Community Early Learning Center



Facility upgrade to the GARC, including LED lighting for all basketball courts

2014



2018

Complete renovation of both large playground areas including all new equipment, surfacing and surrounding walkways. Also, addition of the Ahrens Giving Garden.



Complete renovation of outdoor basketball courts and hoops, tennis courts and addition of pickleball courts

2019



2020

Resurfacing of main parking lot, redesign of main entrance and added exit. Also, addition of native landscape areas and Gaga Ball pit.



Park restroom facility upgrades, addition of an outdoor ice skating rink, and replacement of trees (post derecho)

2021



2022

Park history signage addition along walking trail

Sand volleyball renovation, exterior LED lighting upgrades, and purchase of land with the City of Grinnell, Grinnell College and Mayflower Community for a partnered solar project

2023

2024

Addition of outdoor learning environment and Dolly's Dog Park

AHRENS/PASCHALL MEMORIAL PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In celebration of its 30 year anniversary, the Ahrens Park Foundation, with the help of the Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation and several generous donors, has embarked on a campaign to make \$1 million in capital improvements to the Paul W. Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park. These park improvements are staged in 4 phases and will take place over the next 3-4 years. Below is an outline of the phases and timeline for completion.

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- Outdoor Learning Environment
- ADA concrete pathways
- Dog Park
- Press Box updates for all baseball & softball fields

PHASE 2 W 17

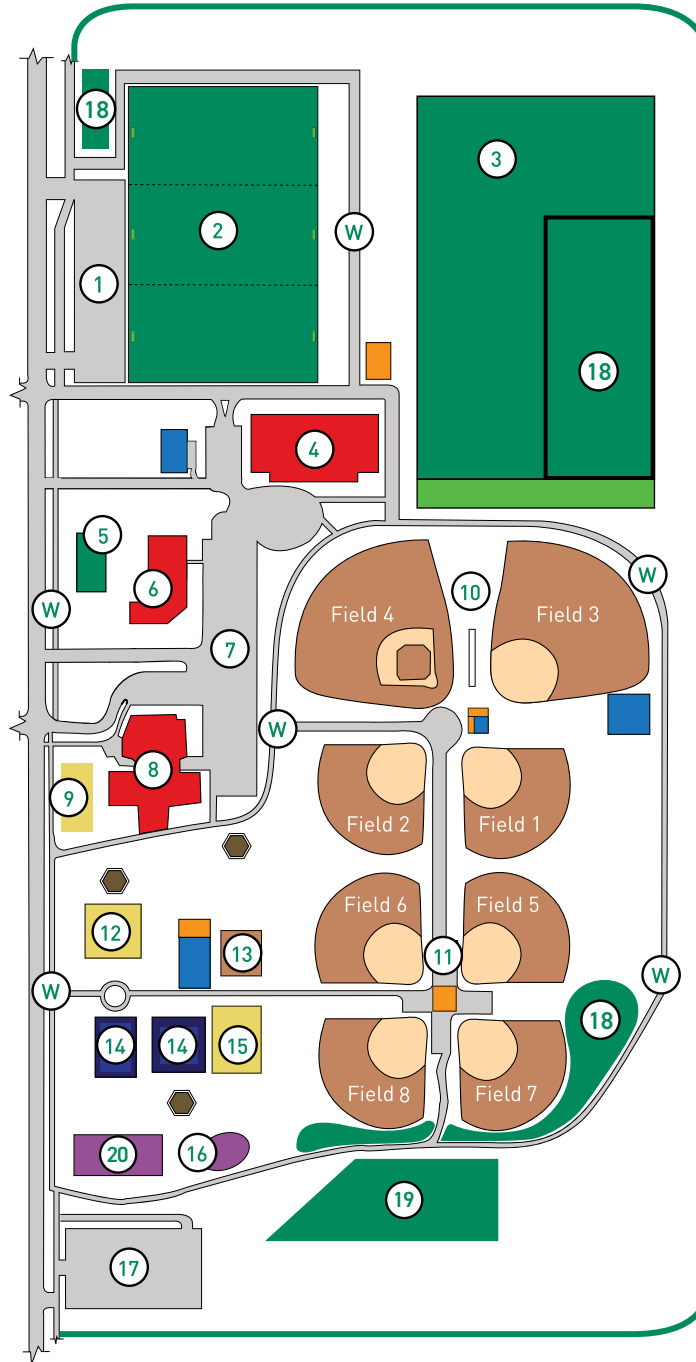
- Resurfacing of original one mile walking trail & south parking lot
- Addition of more native landscape areas & limestone pathways

PHASE 3

- Park shelter upgrades
- Shade structures
- Campus-wide WiFi & security upgrades

PHASE 4 8 10 11

- Replace all baseball & softball backstops with netting
- Upgrades to Ahrens Family Center
- Other projects yet to be identified



- 1 North Parking Lot
- 2 Soccer Complex
- 3 Driving Range
- 4 Grinnell Athletic & Recreational Center (GARC)
- 5 Giving Garden
- 6 Foundation Offices
- 7 Main Parking Lot
- 8 Ahrens Family Center
- 9 Outdoor Learning Environment
- 10 Baseball Field Complex
- 11 Softball Field Complex
- 12 Playground
- 13 Sand Volleyball Court
- 14 Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball Courts
- 15 Playground
- 16 Sledding Hill
- 17 South Parking Lot
- 18 Natural Landscape Areas
- 19 Dog Park
- 20 Outdoor Ice Skating Rink
- W Walking Paths
- Outdoor Shelter Areas
- Restrooms/Concessions
- Maintenance Sheds

DONATION FORM

I wish to support the Ahrens Park Foundation. Please direct my donation to the following Fund(s). Thank you for your tax-deductible gift.

Name of Fund	\$ Amount
Ahrens Park Foundation Operations Fund	
Ahrens Park Foundation Capital Improvement Fund	
Make checks payable to APF	TOTAL

DONOR INFORMATION

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IN MEMORY/IN HONOR INFORMATION

If you wish to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone special please complete the form below. We will send a special letter to the individual letting them know of your gift.

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In Honor Address: _____

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