

Memorial Sports Center Expansion Project

THE STORY

The Middlebury region has a strong history of responding to the needs of its community. The Memorial Sports Center tells an inspiring story about strong community spirit:

1971 The Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) is established to manage and promote youth hockey in Addison County.

1978 Despite ice time generously donated by Middlebury College at the Duke Nelson Arena, MAHA starts to outgrow the available ice time. After a failed bid by the town for a federal grant to build a multi-purpose recreation facility, MAHA takes a time-out.

1979 Friends of Middlebury Hockey is established. Their goals: to provide financial assistance to promote youth hockey, and to raise funds to build a rink.

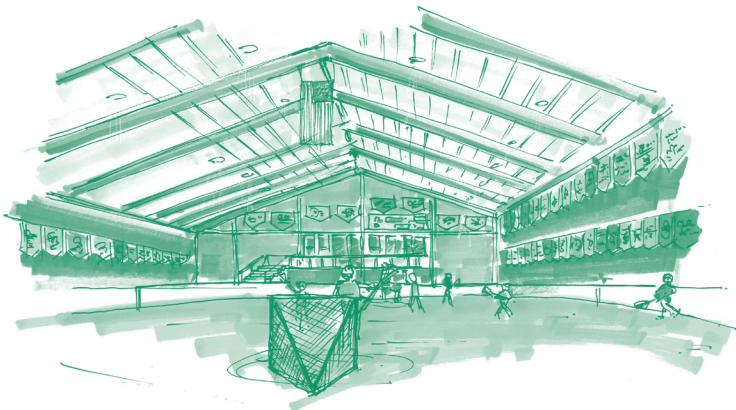
October 14, 1993 Governor Howard Dean cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Memorial Sports Center, a culmination of contributions from \$1 to \$100,000, countless volunteer hours, and “in kind” services, and incredible community generosity.

1995 Unpredictable Vermont weather provides mild winter weeks and some challenges at Memorial Sports Center. Soft spots on the ice are marked with old tires, so the teams could keep playing. The “Ice It in 95” campaign was launched to fund a more stable and permanent artificial ice system. When the necessary \$250,000 is raised, the Addison Independent heralds it as “a phenomenal success for the entire community.”

2000 The Memorial Sports Center has taken on a life of its own. More than just a rink, it serves as host to trade shows, graduations, and is a meeting place for the community. The increased activity warrants continued improvements and operational upkeep. This time, the community demonstrates its support with the approval of a \$200,000 municipal loan through Friends of Middlebury Hockey.



The needs continued. The spirit continued. The growth continued.



THE NEED

2007: here we grow again...

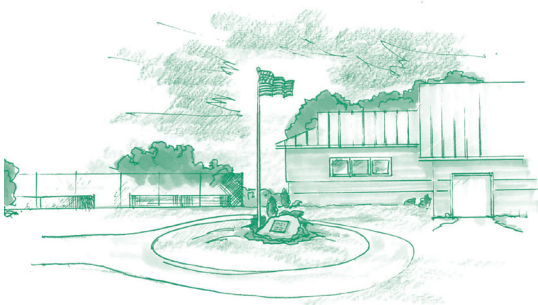
As our community grows and changes, so must the Memorial Sports Complex. As host to many tournaments, including charity fundraisers and Vermont state events, our outdated amenities become apparent. Currently, the bathrooms and two of the four locker rooms are located in the municipal pool house, so players as well as fans must cross some 20 yards outdoors to reach them. Though the suspended heaters provide some relief, there is no warm place for fans, parents, and coaches to gather. In the off-season, the current concrete slab cannot support other activities such as soccer, lacrosse, and baseball.

THE PLAN

An expansion for the Memorial Sports Center...

The planned addition to the west end of the Memorial Sports Center will include four locker rooms, in-house bathrooms, a heated viewing area, concession stand, skate rental/retail space and a meeting room.

The addition of a commercial-grade artificial turf surface for spring, summer, and fall will encourage year-round use of the facility. A traffic loop from the west will be provided for emergency vehicles and public transportation access.



The estimated cost of this expansion project is \$1,640,000, and it's already off to a good start. *Please join us in strengthening our community by making a contribution to the MSC Expansion Project.*

MSC

BY THE NUMBERS

27	number of kids in MAHA in 1980
227	number of kids in MAHA in 2007
22°	average temperature in the spectator area during hockey season
81	number of community members, businesses, and groups whose banners grace the current MSC
603	miles driven by the volunteer MSC zamboni drivers in just one season
63	number of days it rained from March–June 2006, ACSU's spring sports season
0	number of mowers needed to cut the "grass" on the proposed turf field for spring sports season
\$2,800,000	estimated current value of existing Memorial Sports Complex, a gift to the Town of Middlebury from Friends of Middlebury Hockey, Inc.
\$0	portion of the above \$2.8 million paid via tax dollars
\$1,640,000	projected cost of expansion
\$340,000	funds already contributed by bequest from the estate of Ethel Rogers
\$700,000	town bond approved by the citizens of Middlebury in March 2007
\$600,000	AMOUNT THAT NEEDS TO BE RAISED NOW!

Friends of Middlebury Hockey thanks these community organizations for their continuing support of the MSC.



Score a goal for our community!