

J. Edward Walter Park



J. Edward Walter Park is a 5.75 acre park facility located adjacent to the Dorchester County Recreation and Parks Department office on 446 Willis Street in Cambridge, MD. J. Edward Walter Park's main entrance and parking area are located at the end of Linden Avenue in Cambridge, Maryland. Formerly known as "Dodger Park", this facility was home to the Cambridge Dodgers who were a minor league affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers playing in the Eastern Shore League from 1946-1949. Between 1937 and 1941, the team in Cambridge was an affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals organization and was known as the Cambridge Cardinals. Before that a team called the Cambridge Cannons played at this park from 1922-1928. Over the years a number of Major League Baseball players have played on these grounds and local youth continue to enjoy the benefit of playing at this beautiful, historic park.

WELCOME TO J. EDWARD WALTER PARK

THIS ATHLETIC FACILITY IS NAMED IN HONOR OF MR. JOSEPH EDWARD WALTER, JR. HIS LEGACY IS A LIFE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS COMMUNITY. MR. WALTER WAS A FORMER EDUCATOR, VICE-PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH AT CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE SERVING AS POSTMASTER IN CAMBRIDGE UNTIL HIS DEATH ON NOVEMBER 8, 1967. HE WAS ALSO A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF DORCHESTER AMERICAN LEGION POST 91, SERVING AS COMMANDER OF THE POST FOR TWO YEARS. MR. WALTER WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CREATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE HIRING OF ITS FIRST DIRECTOR IN 1963. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY'S RECREATION & PARKS BOARD DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL YEARS.

FORMERLY KNOWN AS "DODGER PARK" IN THE 1940'S, THIS ATHLETIC FACILITY WAS ONCE THE HOME FIELD OF THE CAMBRIDGE DODGERS, A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM AND MINOR LEAGUE AFFILIATE OF THE BROOKLYN DODGERS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB. IT NOW SERVES AS A RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR YOUTH BASEBALL, SOCCER AND FOOTBALL AS WELL AS THE HOME FIELD FOR THE DORCHESTER POST 91 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM. THE DIMENSIONS OF THE BASEBALL FIELD HAVE BEEN PRESERVED OVER THE YEARS AND ARE STILL SIMILAR TO THE SIZE OF CURRENT PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL BALL PARKS.