

# TURNER PARK BASEBALL FIELD

Turner Park was named for longtime Grand Prairie Mayor G. H. Turner, after his family donated 35 acres of land to the City of Grand Prairie in 1945. Turner was a true baseball fan and supporter of the game. On this spot in the early 1950's, baseball games began at the Turner Park Baseball Field.

The cooperative efforts of the City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, and the Grand Prairie Independent School District brought Grand Prairie High School Gopher Baseball to Turner Park. Throughout the years, the field also hosted Grand Prairie Youth Baseball, American Legion, and the semi-pro Grand Prairie Pirates.

This field was popular among high school players because of its placement up on the hill. A mild breeze and the short fence set the stage for the familiar sound of the bat hitting the ball followed by many home runs. Many players that graced this field went on to play at the collegiate and professional levels. The field was a favorite among many prominent Texas high school coaches and players over the years. Turner Park Baseball Field was loved by generations of fans for its rich history and bleachers that allowed spectators to be close to the action, backstop, and dugouts.

The last game at Turner Field was played in March 2018, after which play moved to a new complex on the Grand Prairie High School campus.