

I would like to correct a few misconceptions contained in a letter from Bruce Beckman in the June 6 Reporter.

Downers Grove North High School does not own the baseball field adjacent to the American Legion property. The baseball field was constructed on American Legion property by the American Legion. The property was later donated to DuPage County by the American Legion for athletic use only by the Community High School District 99 and American Legion members. This has saved Downers Grove taxpayers millions of dollars.

The use of the American Legion facilities adjacent to the baseball field is also donated to many youth, charitable and civic organizations. The American Legion facility is also used as a courthouse by DuPage County. We regularly have 150 to 300 people in our building and are responsible for their health and safety.

In regard to the towing incident, to protect the health and safety and the people using our facility we have areas that are clearly marked as fire lanes and towing zones. A few Downers Grove North parents chose to ignore the signs and park illegally, even though they were verbally given alternative parking instructions which required them to slightly inconvenience themselves.

This act could have made it difficult for paramedics to get to an injured youth playing baseball, possibly their own child. Tow trucks were called, but because the company was very busy only one truck arrived and just one car was towed.

Since this incident, Downers Grove North has provided additional parking. I would suggest that if a few North High School parents continue to be inconvenienced, each of them donate a million dollars for a facility rather than passing that bill on to the taxpayer.

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