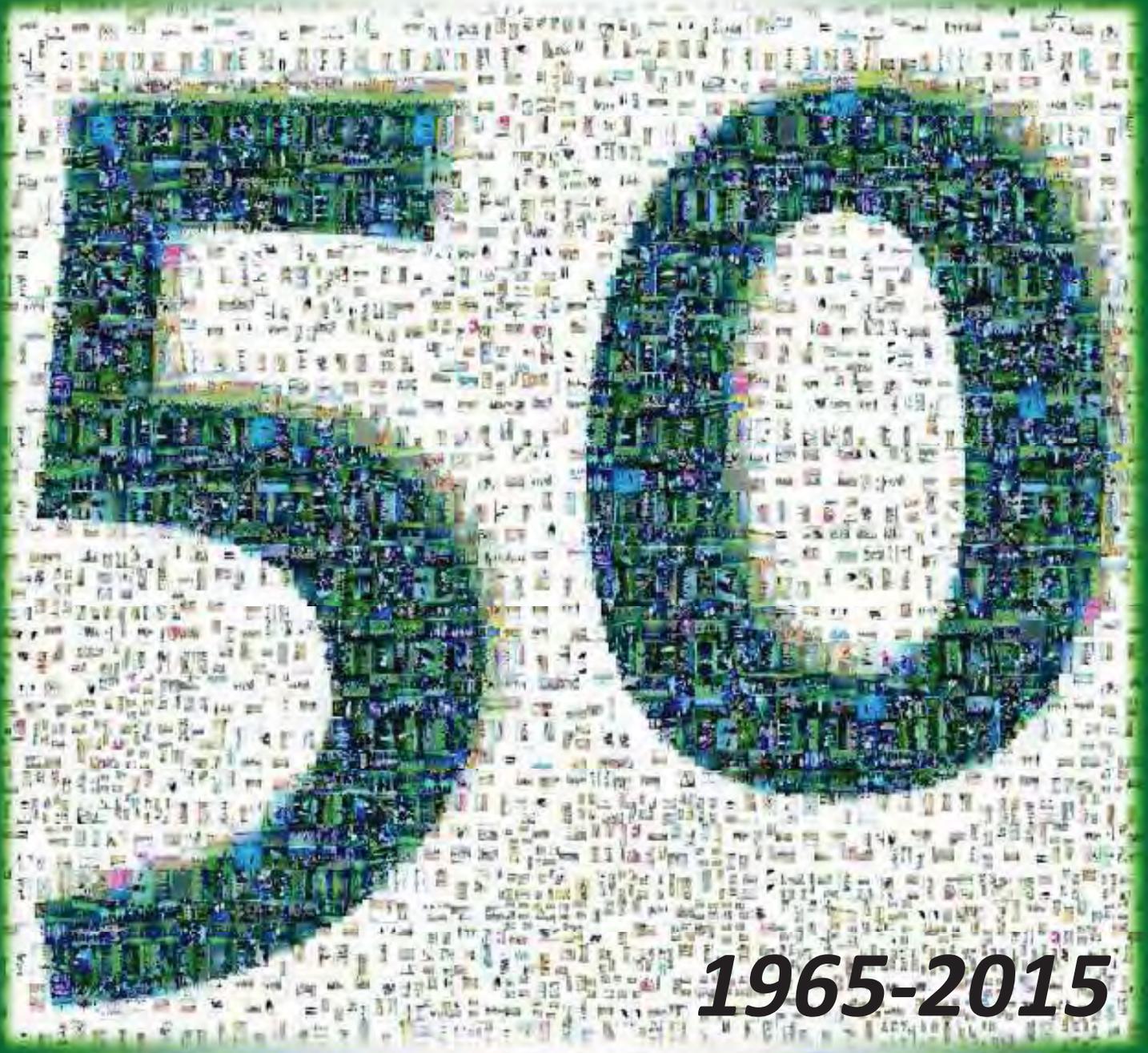


Cicero Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation



1965-2015

Celebrating 50 years of Recreation for the Community

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As the Town of Cicero Youth Bureau, Parks and Recreation Department proudly celebrates its 50th Anniversary, we would like to thank you, our citizens, for your continued support throughout the years. In 1964, the Town Board appointed Peter Cataldi, a local resident, to form a Commission to oversee the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department which was the first such Commission established in suburban Onondaga County. In February 1965, the Commission was appointed and the department's first Director, Dick Bader, began his work building the programs that formed the foundation for what we currently offer today. Over the next pages, you can discover who we are and how we got to where we are today.

-Jody L. Rogers, Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation Director

Dedication and caring for one's community is what the Parks and Recreation Commission is all about. Presently the Commission is comprised of seven volunteers that truly see the value of how recreation benefits our community and its residents. The Commission, as a group, wants to help fulfill the needs of all of our residents from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between. As the current Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission, it has been an honor to be part of such a distinguished group. I have spent over 25 years being involved with the department and community. Each year has brought about many wonderful changes along with many hard decisions to meet budget demands. I truly believe that our park system and programs are a vital part of this community that must be supported and maintained for future generations.

It is hard to believe that it has been 50 years. As we look back to our beginnings, I am amazed at just how far we have come. I am grateful for the dedication and hard work accomplished by all the past Commissioners. It is because of them and the professional staff of the Youth Bureau, Parks and Recreation Department that we are all able to celebrate today.

Suffice it to say, we are "Fabulous at 50!"

-Lori Lake-Toms, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson

Parks & Recreation Commissioners

*designates Chairpersons

Frank Albino	Tom Grzejka	*Tony Pinnelli
Michael Asterino	*Scott Harris	*Joe Plano
Jim Baldwin	*Don Harwood	Jerry Randall
Ruth Beasley	*Terri Howland	Dan Rayome
*Keith Bowman	*Jean Isgar	Carol Rose
Mike Boyle	John Jerosé	Robert Shoultes
Milt Brill	Terry Kirwan	Cindy Smith
*Peter Cataldi	Valerie Kubera	Mary Beth Spanfelner
Jerome Cooley	*Mike Labulis	*Judy Stelljes
Joe Corapi	*Lori Lake-Toms	Steve Streeter
Dave Cowburn	Pat Leone	Ralph Thompson
Carolyn Dinsmore	Mike Leonelli	Patricia Tracy
John Downing	Chuck Marple	Faith Tyson
Robert Duda	John Maywalt	*Cindy VanNamee
John Downing	*James (Red) McCarthy	Paul Welenc
Gail Duke	*Dick McLaughlin	Colleen Wickert
Peg Elderbroom	John McReary	John Winters
Edward Essell	Theresa Merkel	Bernie Wolfe
Jerome Fischer	Rick Nicolini	Cindy Wright
Greg Flood	R. Osborne	Carol Young
Denise Foland	Mike Paduano	Peter Ziobro
Agnes Giorgis	Dick Parker	

Mission Statement

The Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of concerned residents of the Town of Cicero, who are committed to meeting the challenges of providing recreational opportunities and quality park life to the growing Cicero community. The Commission meets on a quarterly basis (or as needed) to act in an advisory role to the Parks and Recreation Department. Duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining fiscal responsibility by assisting in the creation of long-range planning and development, and providing suggestions and community feedback to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Cicero Town Board. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Cicero Youth Bureau, Parks and Recreation Department to administer all new policies. All members of the Commission are community volunteers and are appointed by the Cicero Town Board.



Peter Cataldi
Parks & Recreation Chairman 1965—1972
Parks & Recreation Commission 1973—February 1975

In 1964, the Cicero Town Board — comprised of Supervisor Millard Rogers and Town Board members Leo Molesky, W.D. Flanigan, Helen Harvey, and Albert King — directed town resident, Peter P. Cataldi, to form a Parks and Recreation Commission and preside as the Chairman. Mr. Cataldi took on this job with determination and purpose. His first action was to gather his fellow Commission members. He selected, and the Town Board appointed, John Jerose, John Maywalt, James “Red” McCarthy, Robert Shoultes, Ralph Thompson and John McReary. With his Commission in place, he then selected Dick Bader to act as the first part-time Director of the department. At the time ,the Commission used local venues for programming: fields at the school district and property on Route 31 and Ferguson Road (later to be called Central Park). Peter supported and championed the recreation movement in Cicero. He established, the first of its kind in the county, a contractual agreement with two school districts for full utilization of facilities year round. He took every opportunity to speak to groups in the community, as well as elected officials, about the true benefits of recreation — current and in the future. He laid the groundwork for developing partnerships in delivery of the services to be offered, requested residents to consider gifting land for future parks, and pursued avenues for funding surveys and a Comprehensive Master Plan to determine the needs of the community.

Peter held several positions at Syracuse University during his tenure. He was initially an Associate Professor of the Men’s Physical Education Department and then promoted to Acting Chairman of the Health, Recreation and Physical Education Department. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Syracuse and Onondaga County American Red Cross, 15+ year volunteer for American Red Cross and appointed Syracuse University Marshall for graduation and ceremonies. He was a resident of Brewerton and a WWII Veteran. He and his wife, Gilda, raised two children, Peter P. Cataldi Jr. and Paula Rattray, who are both graduates of the North Syracuse school system.

Dick Bader
First appointed Director of Recreation
1965



Mr. Bader was selected by the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman, Peter Cataldi, to develop programs for the residents of the Town of Cicero. Dick took on the role while working fulltime as a teacher in the North Syracuse School district. He skillfully brought together competent, enthusiastic staff and used existing facilities: schools, churches, Town Barn Civil Defense room, and organizations to create and grow the programs for boys and girls – adults and youth year round. He said: “I believe if you plan a good program, kids will come. Our program is based on leadership specialists and a staff that is willing to join with the kids.” He was creative and adaptive in overcoming every roadblock placed in his path: school budgets defeated which eliminated the use of school facilities, referendums for a pool rejected, uncooperative weather conditions, lack of viable Town owned park land, and the basics of not enough equipment for the throngs of youth wishing to participate. Still with all these hurdles he was able to create an active all-inclusive recreation program that garnered tremendous community support. Dick did a bit of everything in supervising the recreation programs, including getting equipment for various activities, transporting children, holding baseball clinics, mowing lawns and participating with youngsters in all sports. In Dicks own words: “We must be prepared to accept growth of recreational facilities in the town, and it is planned to have equal recreation opportunities for all town residents regardless of age or sex.” Cicero Recorder Editor, Katherine J. Barclay said of Dick Bader: “Many of us have seen Dick working morning, noon and night at his teaching job; for the town as its Recreation Director and as if that’s not enough at his scout and church activities.” Dick was very instrumental in coordinating and laying the foundation for community support of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Dick is a 1952 graduate of North Syracuse High School, Ithaca College and Syracuse University. He taught Physical Education for 16 years and moved on to Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for an additional 20 years until his eventual retirement from the district in 1992.



Michael J. Bragman, Town of Cicero Councilman in February 1966, on pursuing possible federal funding for a Comprehensive Recreation Plan through Congressman James J. Hanley’s office:

“Both the residents of the Town of Cicero and public officials are vitally interested in adequate recreational programs and facilities. This is evidenced by the appointment of a Parks and Recreation Commission which has done an outstanding job in town recreation development. But, in my opinion, this commission, the town Board, and residents of the Town would all be grateful for any and all government assistance.”

Department Directors

Dick Bader (part time) 1965 - 71
Paul Wilson (part time) 1971 - 72
Brian McLane 1972 - 76
Jon Cooley 1976 - 84
Tom Folts 1984 - 85
Sue Lumadue 1985 - 87
Jody L. Rogers 1987 - Present

Millard L. Rogers 1962 - 65
Robert W. Osborne 1966 - 67
Donald J. Gilbert 1968 - 69
Roy A. Mallette 1970 - 71
Lois A. Nye 1972 - 73
Girard M. Hogan 1974 - 85
Roy A. Mallette 1986 - 91

Leonard L. Brown 1992 - 95
Joan Kesel 1996 - 99
Frances Kip 2000 - 03
Chester Dudzinski, Jr. 2004 - 09
Judy Boyke 2010 - 11
Jim Corl, Jr. 2012 - 13
Jessica Zambrano 2014 - 15

Town Supervisors

Youth League Presidents

(in alphabetical order)

List created from available records

Cicero Lions Little League

Shannon Bissell
Chuck Dembrowski
Bill Henry
Chuck Lougnot
Elroy Martin
Paul Missigman
Don Phillips
Bob Wilcox
Lenny Winkelman

Cicero Youth Soccer League

Jay Butz
Mark Falvey
Ed Foster
Joe Garofalo
Tom Millert
Dennis Moryl
Frank Rogers
Dudley Saunders
Jim Stewart
John Wolfe

Taft Road Little League

Chartered 1982
Nate Cornish
Dennis Grants
Bob Hartman
Bill Keyes
Pat Santulli
Kurt Schillings
Bill Tangorra
Dale Tomkins
Jim Aviza
Victor Barkley
Jim Chase
Carolyn Dinsmore
Jim Greer
Heinz Hermann
Tony Muhnckel
Jerry Randall
Pat Santulli

Cicero Falcons Pop Warner Football

Milt Brill
*(Owner of Mr. Softee)
personally financed
equipment and
uniforms in 1972)*
Incorporated 1973
Joe Corapi
Matt Earley
John Falgiatano
Bill Golembieski
Robert Hummer
Joe Volpe

Cicero Amateur Sports

Association/Cicero Little League

Chartered 1981
Paul Cayler
Dave Christian
Russ Dumigan
John Golden
Dick Hamlin
George Lonergan
Bernie McGraw
Rick McQuatters
Tom Mentrak
Paul Missigman
Duwayne Newton
Rick Page
Bill Purdy

Gateway Athletic Association

Mrs. Gillette
Harold Wilcox
Ken Wilcox
Richard Wilcox
Willie Wilcox

North Syracuse Little League

(Taft Rd Little League merged 1990)
Jim Chase
John Ilacqua
Mike Kasch
Trace LaRobardiere
Sam Mallaro
Bob Shepard

Brewerton Community Youth League (originally

Brewerton Youth Council)
Clara Bills
Frank Bills
Peggy Cerone
Don Harwood
Jim Parsons
Millard Rogers
Dick Temple

Through the Decades . . .

The next few pages include the highlights of the Parks & Recreation Commission and Department over the past 50 years!

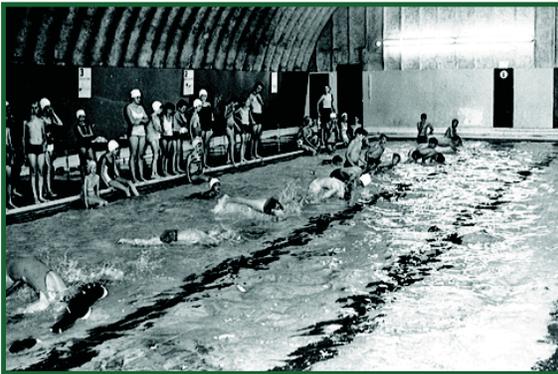
1960's

1964:

- December - Millard Rogers & Town Board Members (Leo Molesky, W.D. Flanigan, Albert B. King, Helen I. Harvey), directed Peter Cataldi to form a Parks & Recreation Commission

1965:

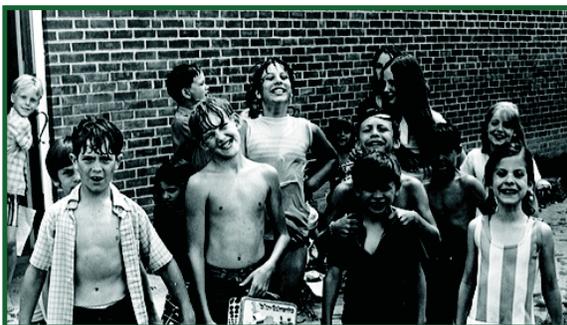
- February - first meeting with members - Peter Cataldi, John Jerosé, John Maywalt, James (Red) McCarthy, John McReary, Robert Schoultes and Ralph Thompson
- Town owns Henry Field on Route 31 (85 acres, includes landfill) which holds Little League baseball, regulation baseball and picnic facilities maintained and operated by Cicero Lions Little League
- Dick Bader appointed as first part-time Director while teaching full-time in North Syracuse School District



- Swim program at Onondaga Aquatic Club, Route 11
- Commission does door-to-door survey of community residents to determine recreation needs (2,461 households)

1966:

- Summer Playground program began



- 1st year of Church softball league



- Cicero Town Players Drama Club, directed by David Willis and Murial Eppler. Proceeds benefited the Hospital North Project

1967:

- Commission pushed to keep Cicero Swamp as open space - County wanted to use as landfill

1968:

- Town cut grass at property at Route 31 and Ferguson Rd. Pop Warner officially requests to use Central Park
- Taft Road Little League leased land from Federal Government for \$125 until 1971 when lease expired
- Adoption of 7 year terms for Commission by Town Board
- Commission requested more programming for girls
- Town Supervisor Donald Gilbert stated the need for further acquisition of land for parks
- Senior Citizen Club had first meetings at Town Barn in Civil Defense room and local churches. Leadership—Theodore Woolis, Jeanette Woolis and Luella Gladys



1969:

- Teen Center opened in Bridgeport with help from John Downing and Charles Paninski

- Town sponsored Teen Summer Theatre program with Steve Mouton, Director. Later with help from Jim Arnold, it was named CAST
- First town Master Plan completed 1969 - 1979

- Brewerton Community Youth League began. Commission assisted with purchasing of equipment
- Cicero Little League received approval to operate concession stand at Central Park

1970's

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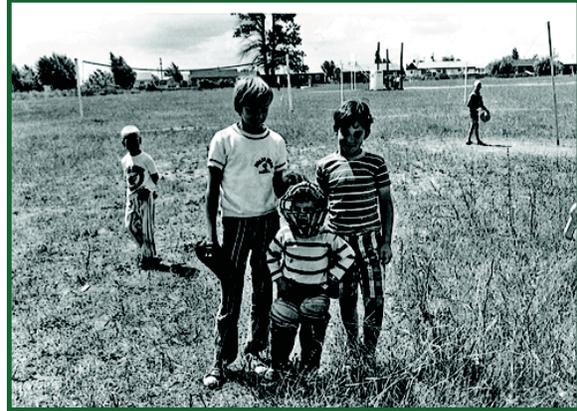
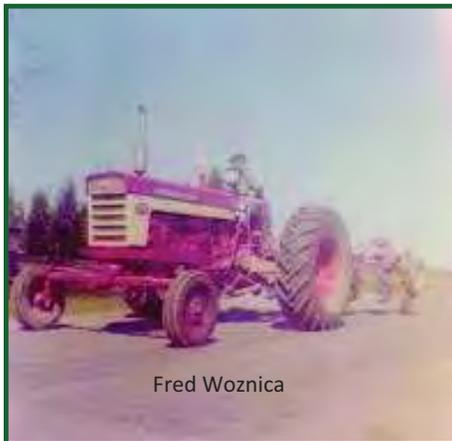
- Census listed Town of Cicero population, including North Syracuse, at 22,534
- Mobile Recreation Program - Playmobile established



- Lakeshore Park purchased. Original site of the Golden Shell

1971:

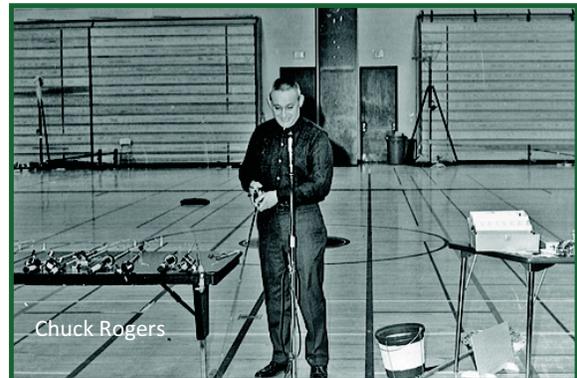
- Naming contest held for Town property at Route 31 - Central Park selected. Ballfield dedicated for Bill Henry
- Bridgeport Teen Center closed
- Lakeshore Park changed name to Joseph F. William Memorial Park with donation by Mr. William
- Cleared Town property at Route 31 and Ferguson Road by Marine Corps Reserve Unit from Mattydale, under the command of Major Gildersleave, with help from Don Philips, Roland Whigham, Fritz Woznica, Fran Elderbroom and Joe Martino



- Commission suggested to Town Board to study the possibility of having golf course
- Paul Wilson appointed as part-time Director

1972:

- Glen Roberts sold property in Val Park to Town for park. Three names are suggested for the park - Freedom Park, Wildwood Park and Gateway Park. Bridgeport Community Council selected Gateway Park because "Bridgeport is the gateway to Oneida lake and the eastern gateway to the Town of Cicero." Right of way purchased and opened from Bull St.
- Hired Brian McLane, first full time Director
- Development of whole Town concept for parks in acquiring land



1973:

- Town wide Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony returned with the help of Howard McLaughlin, Janice Sax, Barb Williams and Cicero Fire Department and Auxiliary. Project DEC - Decorate and Enhance Cicero!
- Fee for programs policy adopted by Town Board

1974:

- Brewerton property purchased on Mudmill Road from Syracuse University

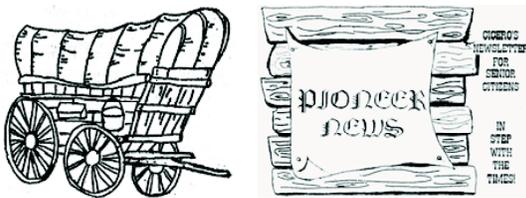


1975:

- Senior Citizen budget \$4,000

1976:

- No Alcohol in parks policy approved by Town Board
- Skyway Park - Department of Interior Land Grant. Jim Deline field dedicated
- Jon Cooley became Director
- Senior Citizen Coordinator sought
- Senior newsletter officially named "The Pioneer News" until 1991



1977:

- Little League began paying for utilities
- Speed limits set for parks

1978:

- Plank Road Park, 42.5 acres. Suggested names were Trolley's End, Tollgate House, Pine Plains and Deer Run
- William Park bathhouse opened

1980's

1980:

- Census listed Town of Cicero population, including North Syracuse, at 23,587
- Master Plan 1980 - 1990 completed

1981:

- Senior Citizen program began to grow. Town approves 5-10 hours per week for staff

1982:

- Town purchased Krause's Restaurant across from William Park to expand parking
- Plank Road Park field dedicated to Peter Cataldi, first Chairman of Parks & Recreation Commission
- CLOCKS (Comprehensive Leisure Opportunities for

Cicero's Knowledgeable Seniors) established and John Antes coordinated Senior Citizen trips

1983:

- Claude Bisson, Brewerton Resident, constructed building at Plank Road for storage and concession



- Oneida Shores Rotary Club built Plank Road Pavilion
- Seniors began meeting at Arrowhead Lodge, Town Hall, Cicero Methodist Church and Faith Lutheran Church
- Civil War Reenactment at Plank Road Park



1984:

- Landfill closed on Fergerson Road
- Cicero Lions Club has field named at Central Park
- Gazebo built at Plank Road Park (Bill Bradley assists with fundraisers)

1984/85:

- Tom Folts then Sue Lumadue became successive Directors

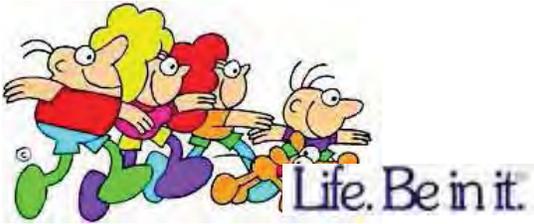
- Gateway Athletic Association (GAA) formed

1986:

- First computer in department
- Hamilton Park Swim Club asked Town to assist with running club, decision denied

1987:

- Jody Rogers appointed as Director
- Filled in Plank Road Park pond for safety reasons



- Plank Road Park Playground installed (east side)
- Gateway playground installed on north side of park
- Installed new pavilion at Gateway Park
- PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) scare at Central & Gateway Parks. Closed park for 8 days while soil samples were tested; nothing harmful found
- Resident/Non-Resident fees created

1988:

- Park policy created "Parks open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset"

1989:

- Accepted Cicero & Taft Settlement Cemeteries
- Gateway field lights sold to Seneca River North Little League
- Department networked computers
- Adult softball leagues reach highest team enrollment - 168 teams

1990's

1990:

- Census listed Town of Cicero population, including North Syracuse, at 25,824
- Terpenney Cemetery turned over to Town
- Picnic shelter built in Skyway Park



- Quonset hut razed at William Park
- Parking lot paved lake side at William Park
- Threat posed by mosquitos with EEE concerned residents

1991:

- Established Senior Center through leased space at Marketplace Mall
- Increased parking at Central Park

- Policy approved - no dogs allowed in parks from May to October
- Installed sand volleyball courts at Plank Road
- "Young at Heart" logo created by Ron Grethel
- PEACE Luncheons began at Senior Center
- Cicero Senior Steering Committee established a nine member committee



- New recreation building constructed and floating dock installed at William Park

1992:

- Moved Recreation office to west side of Town building
- Disposed of mimeo machine for duplicator machine
- Public's request for access to fish after dark from William Park was granted
- Created/constructed nature trail at Plank Road Park
- Senior Citizen Newsletter re-named "Young at Heart"

1993:

- Shepard's Cemetery taken over by Town
- Major snowstorm and major floods of '93 damaged gabions and shoreline, costly repairs

1994:

- Spring flooding again but water level was not as high as floods of '93
- Save the County donated 19 acres north of Plank Road Park from Gelsomini Family (Owner of Sweetheart Market)
- Town accepted maintenance of Cicero Center Cemetery
- Playground unit installed at Skyway Park



- Town accepted maintenance of Riverfront Park, pier renovations by NYSDOT with lease agreement with New York State
- Bisson Family donated 19 acres on Guy Young Road
- “Carry In, Carry Out” policy adopted

1996:

- Purchased one acre from Connie Gilbert, Cicero resident, to expand parking on south side of Lakeshore Road at William Park
- Heated work area in parks garage constructed
- Charged non-resident fee to park at William Park
- Expanded west parking lot at Plank Road Park
- Developed a park along Chittenango Creek in Bridgeport with help of Bridgeport Civic Organization Terry Manning
- Playmobile program discontinued due to budget cuts
- Senior Center lease at Marketplace Mall to end in 1997 as mall to be razed
- Senior Center Coordinator Judy Dickson’s hours increased to full-time
- Data collected – survey done throughout Town regarding recreation
- Field dedicated to Heinz Hermann at Skyway Park (Past President of Taft Road Little League)
- Intergenerational programming with North Syracuse Central School District begins - school lunches

1997:

- Purchased property on Lathrop Drive for Senior Center
- Pop Warner expanded structures at Central Park with grant to include meeting and storage area



- Ice flows damaged shoreline at William Park
- Discussions held about continuing to offer adult softball as interest in softball waned
- 1000’ water line installed at Plank Road Park from Route 11

1998:

- Due to low enrollment Taft Road Little League merged with North Syracuse Little League
- Syracuse University Orange Consulting evaluated survey data collected in 1996

- “Concerts by the Bay” began

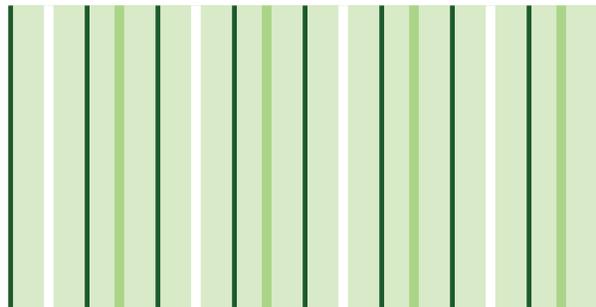


- “Labor Day” storm (power lines down closed Senior Center, trees down in parks & cemeteries)
- Senior Program moved to Lathrop Drive facility



1999:

- Red Cross began running North East Youth Initiative program, (forerunner to CanTeen) in rented space at Marketplace Mall
- East parking lot expanded at Plank Road
- Town of Cicero page went online
- CLOCKS disbanded after 17 years
- Non-Resident fee instituted for Senior Center
- “Save the County” land signed over to Town
- Drought year - 6 weeks of little or no rain
- Neighborhood Advisor sponsored by Catholic Charities created to assist senior citizens



2000's

2000:

- Census listed Town of Cicero population, including North Syracuse, at 27,806
- Plank Road designated soccer complex brought an end to softball fields
- Gateway Athletic Association disbanded after 20 years of operation in Bridgeport

2001:



- "Young at Heart" in motion Senior Exercise Program received Excellence in Programming Award Central New York Recreation & Park Society
- Background checks implemented for staff & volunteers
- Restroom/Concession stand constructed in Central Park
- Town of Cicero officially votes to accept Teen Center program (North East Youth Initiative)
- Cicero Express is born with donation of bus from Elliot Meltzer, Tri-State Auto



2002:

- Town took over maintenance of Stone Arabia School House grounds



- Town named as Lead Agency in North East Youth Initiative; moved from Marketplace Mall to New Country Plaza. Toni Brauchle hired as full-time Director
- Youth Bureau established by New York State Office of Children & Family Services

- Greater Cicero Youth Board created - multi-municipal partnership with Towns of Clay, Salina, Cicero and Village of North Syracuse
- Development of Bridgeport park with help of Bridgeport Civic Organization, to be named Sheldon Park
- North East Youth Initiative officially changed name to CanTeen
- Geese are a problem at William Park
- Pay phones removed from parks
- Implementation of \$5 per participant fee from youth leagues approved

2003:

- "Young at Heart" club wins Community Service Award from Cicero Chamber of Commerce

2004:

- "Friends of the CanTeen," 501c3 established
- Red Hat group Cicero Swamp Angels formed



- Grant received to purchase new bus for Senior Center from Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman
- Senior Center addition doubled size, added kitchen, billiards room, restrooms, office and north parking lot through Onondaga County Community Development Grant
- CanTeen received grant for new van from Assemblyman Jeff Brown



2009:

- 10 year Anniversary for CanTeen
- Sleeth Park gets Wait Station Historical Building from North Syracuse



2005:

- Pop Warner requests the naming of the main football field after long time volunteer DJ Maxwell
- CanTeen moved to Route 11 in Brewerton
- Senior Center installed path of love



- Playground program officially became licensed Day Camp
- Implemented email system to communicate with parents of program participants
- Beach Season ended early due to poor water quality - blue green algae bloom
- Town accepted Riverside Cemetery
- Senior Center won Exceptional Program Award for Central New York Recreation & Park Society/New York State Recreation & Park Society

2010's

2010:

- Census listed Town of Cicero population, including North Syracuse, at 31,632
- First Gus Macker Tourney held to raise funds for operation of CanTeen by "Friends of the CanTeen"



2006:

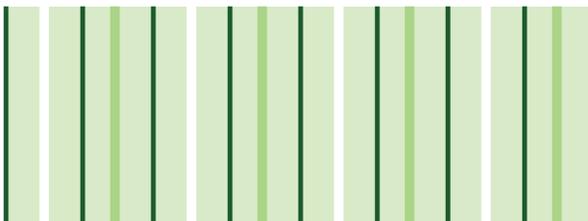
- Senior Center celebrated 15 years
- Dog Ordinance Scooper Law restricted dogs during Youth League and Town programs

2007:

- Bocce court added to Senior Center

2008:

- "Young Lungs" (smoking prohibited at Town facilities)



- 90's Club formed at Senior Center
- Senior Center purchased Wii; starts Wii bowling league
- Funding secured for the permanent home of the CanTeen by Assemblyman Al Stirpe

2011:

- Skyway Park Concession and Pavilion expanded with grant from Senator David Valesky and North Syracuse Little League
- Purchased and remodeled building adjacent to Cicero North Syracuse High School for CanTeen with \$250k grant
- Recreation Brochure available online only
- 20th Anniversary of Senior Center program

2012:

- Farmers Market opened after a year of planning



- Central Park 4 field complex opened for first season with grant from Assemblyman Al Stirpe and contractor CW Rich. Lights installed on main football field
- Began accepting payment for programs with credit card
- Town Facebook page created
- CanTeen permanent home officially opened in March

2013:

- Riverfront Park redevelopment began with Community Development grant and funds from Senator Charles Schumer Brewerton Revitalization Project
- Online registration began

2014:

- Reconstructed tennis and basketball courts at Skyway Park
- Brewerton Revitalization Phase II improvements began
- Installed inclusive Playground Central Park and removed aging tennis courts with grant from Senator David Valesky



Special Events Through the Years



Snowflake Festival



Easter Egg Hunt



Winterfest Sleigh Rides



Halloween Party



Swamp Rat Run

Eagle Scout Projects

We are proud to have the following Eagle Scout projects completed for our Department.*

<u>Troop</u>	<u>Scout</u>	<u>Project</u>
92	Dan Hanley	Taft Settlement Cemetery Renovation Reset Veterans Stones
116	Alex Folsom	Plank Road Park Bluebird Houses & trail work
117	Joe Correia	Created new entry to Plank Road nature trail, constructed Bridge on trail and mulched trail
117	Kevin Duchano	Improvements at Senior Center
117	Sam Hirsch	CanTeen deck
117	Keith Holmes	Senior Center Bocce Courts
117	Kenneth LaDuke, IV	Improvements at Senior Center
117	Casey Rivers	Plank Road Park Trail & Bridge (West)
117	Nicholas Stapleton	William Park Pavilion
117	Justin Steinbach	Improvements at Senior Center
117	Jerome Williams	Improvements at Senior Center
150	Luke DiPirro	William Park Shuffleboard Court
150	Richard Karpinski	Plank Road Park Trail & Signage
175	Kirk Courtwright	Built Bridge Plank Road Park
333	Jim Blackburn	Town Hall Landscaping
333	Ricky Blackburn	Bat Houses placed at William Park, Central Park, Plank Road Park
333	Shane Carrick	William Park Pavilion
333	Sean Cooley	Benches at William Park
333	Brian Hansen	Trail Development at Plank Road Park
333	Zach Hill	Mulch & benches at Central Park
333	John McCabe	Plank Road Park Trail (East) Signs
333	Jacob McKenna	Landscaping & trees at CanTeen
333	Joe Meyers	Cicero Cemetery Sign
333	Andreu Nutter	William Park Pavilion
333	Steven Peterson	Portable stage for CanTeen
333	Mike Wagner	Central Park Dugouts Cicero Little League
3112	Doug Boyd	4 Fitness stations at Plank Road Park
3112	Adam Hart	Plank Road Park Trail
3112	Nate Huxtable	Terpenny Cemetery Repairs

*List created from records that are available.

Cemeteries

Accepted as Town Cemetery

1989
1989
1990
1993
1994
2009

Cemetery

Taft Settlement
Cicero
Terpenny
Shepards
Cicero Center (AKA Stone Arabia)
Riverside



Parks

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Park</u>
1967	5.5	Joseph F. William Memorial Park
1970	25	Central Park (Cicero Lions Club maintained and sponsored Little League through the 60's until the Town accepted the land)
1972	39	Gateway Park
1976	11	Skyway Park
1978	43	Plank Road Park
1982		William Park Expansion. Krause's Restaurant property purchased to provide additional parking.
1993		Riverfront Park (Town maintains park, land leased from NYS Canal Authority)
1995	19	Bisson Park (undeveloped)
1996	1	William Park Expansion. Connie Gilbert property purchased to expand parking
1997	.67	Sheldon Park
1999	19	Plank Road Park North (Save the County land -undeveloped)
2008	.3	Sleeth Park

Dedicated Facilities within the Parks System

Bisson Family Park (undeveloped)

Claude & Alice Bisson donated 19 acres of land to the Town. The family was involved with Brewerton Community Youth League and Claude built the original storage/concession stand in west parking lot 1983.

Central Park

Matt Earley Concession Stand - Named for Past President of Pop Warner

Joe Volpe Field House Building - Named for Past President of Pop Warner

D.J. Maxwell Field - Main football field by Pop Warner Football. Spent 30+ years lining the football fields and working in the concession stand for Pop Warner Football program.

C.W. Rich Baseball Field #5 (Cicero Little League) - Named for the contractor on the field complex project.

Taylor Fleming Softball Field # 4 (Cicero Little League) - Taylor was a Cicero North Syracuse Junior who tragically lost her life in an auto accident in 2011.

Miles Sabine Baseball Field #3 (Cicero Little League) Worked for Niagara Mohawk and coached in the Cicero Little League for 40+ years.

Henry Field - Bill Henry was a member of Cicero Lions Club, who founded and ran Little League Baseball.

Paul Missigman Batting Cages - Dedicated in 2010, he was a Past League President and active member of Cicero Lions Club and Cicero Little League.

Lions Field #1 (subtitled Brad Smith) - Dedicated to the Cicero Lions Club, who initially supported and maintained field for Little League prior to its incorporation.

Dedicated trees - Richard Bader, Becallo Family, Suzanne DeMarzo, Griffin Engle, Lake-Toms Family, Rogers-Phelps Family.

Gateway Park

Dedicated tree to Paul Sadowski, a Bridgeport resident.

Plank Road Park

Cataldi Field - Named for Peter Cataldi, who was selected by the Town Board to lead the Parks & Recreation Commission and created the Department. His dedicated softball field originally had a domed backstop adjacent to the main soccer field.

Harwood Field - named for Don Harwood, a 14 year Commissioner of Parks & Recreation Commission.

Plank Road North (undeveloped)

Save the County donated the land to the Town. Previously owned by the Gelsomini Family, who were owners of Sweetheart Market at Sweetheart Corners in North Syracuse. (19 acres)

Sheldon Park

Harry and Sadie Sheldon were active life members of the Bridgeport Fire Department and Auxiliary.

Sleeth Park

Sleeth Family owned the property and ran an Oldsmobile car dealership in the area.

Skyway Park

Heinz Herman Memorial Baseball Field #4 - He was heavily involved with Taft Road Little League from 1979 until his untimely death in 1995.

DeLine Baseball Field #1 - Named for Jim DeLine, who was instrumental in founding Taft Road Little League.

Joseph F. William Park

William family donated land to Town of Cicero

Randy Mirarcki Memorial bench donated by Rhonda DeMarzio in 2010. Randy and his family enjoyed William Park.

Young at Heart Club Senior Center

Gazebo - Senior Center Members Carolyn & Marty Hinman

Dedicated Trees - former Parks employee Tom Green and Senior Center Members Angie & Leonard Massaro and Roy Barry.

Town Law - 277 Subdivision Review

After extensive research of both the law and the Opinions of the State Comptroller by Terri J. Howland, then Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission, and Jody L. Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation, the Town of Cicero Town Board approved the implementation of Town Subdivision Law 277 in 1989. 277 is administered during Subdivision Review (plat approval) by the Town's Planning Board. If a Developer is developing a piece of land containing residential units, they are required to set aside suitable parkland within development and if the land offered is not suitable for a park then the Planning Board may require a sum of money in lieu of land. The fee per lot is established by the Town Board. The monies received from this fund have benefitted the Town recreation and park capital development over that past 26 years. Some of the projects undertaken have been: the construction of pavilions, gazebos, playgrounds, ball fields, lighting, parking lot expansions, septic systems, public restrooms, improvements to athletic field drainage and Master Planning. All of the improvements and development have made our park system more accessible and increased the opportunities for leisure pursuits for all our citizens.

History of the Senior Center



Our main objective is to administer to the needs of the seniors in the community. Our goals are to prevent social isolation, provide social interaction, keep body healthy and active, keep mind alert and keep connected to our community. In reviewing all we have accomplished over these years, I know we are meeting all of our goals. Quite simply, we have created a place to go where Seniors always feel at HOME.

-Judy Dickson, Senior Center Coordinator

The 1960's - Seniors in the town started to organize and met in the mid 1960's in the Civil Defense room in the "Cicero Town Barn," as it was called in those days, and local churches. They brought bag lunches and participated in social activities like cards, etc. Leadership of the group was taken on by Theodore Woolis, Jeanette Woolis, Luella Gladly and John Antes.

1974 - During several of their regular meetings a sewing group of 19 women made a quilt. They each stitched their names into the quilt which was eventually donated to and hung in the center. The names* embroidered on the quilt are: Dorothy Murray, Vera Frick, Bessie House, Nellie Hiller, Julia Birk, Clara Murphy, Edwina Eastwood, Gladys Horner, Jeannette Woolis, Lillian Sprague, Kate Hawker, Myrtle Relyea, Clover Ferance, Edna Gonya, Bertha Sieklucki, Laura Searles, Bessie Bitz, Janice McCall, Hazel M. Parsons and Ethel Mackey. (*Proper spellings of the names are to the best of our ability gained by viewing the embroidery on the quilt.)



1976 - The Town of Cicero published a senior newsletter named "The Pioneer News." This publication included a calendar of events and locations for the various activities available to Seniors in the community. The Town also sought to find a person to coordinate programming for Seniors.

1982 - A more formal independent group was organized called CLOCKS, which stood for *Comprehensive Leisure Opportunities for Cicero's Knowledgeable Seniors*, to plan activities for Seniors in Cicero. This group voted in a Board of Directors who held meetings, took minutes, kept attendance, and charged minimal dues to pay for incidentals. This group was very active and had over 250 members at their highest point.

Elected Board Members of CLOCKS

President

Jane Strong
Betty Roscoe
Hollis Snyder
Whitey Bordonaro
Rose Vickery

Vice President

Betty Roscoe
Hollis Snyder
Helen Dembkowski
Angie Massaro
Shirley Kalin

Treasurer

Bill Strong
Hollis Snyder
June Porubek
Lorraine Reppi

Secretary

Mary Frizzi
Gen Thomson
Faith Tyson

1983 - Throughout the following years, the Seniors met at Arrowhead Lodge, Cicero Town Hall, Cicero United Methodist Church and Faith Lutheran Church for a monthly luncheon. Most meals served approximately 100 Seniors.



As part of the Senior Programming, monthly luncheons were held at Arrowhead Lodge. One of the local seniors, Eileen Diffin, was responsible for purchasing ingredients for and preparing the meals. Eileen kept very detailed records of every single meal. The meal below was served on February 19, 1992. Prices are listed for items that Eileen was reimbursed for. Items with no pricing may have been donated or were already in her supplies. Imagine serving 100 seniors for just \$88.63!

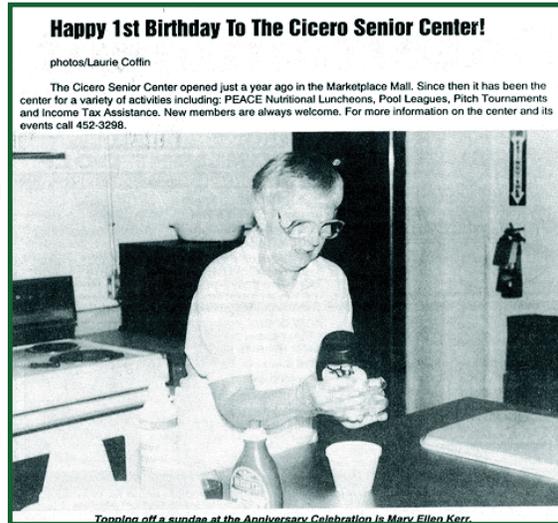
<i>Beef Stew over Noodles</i>			
<i>Served with bread, fruit cocktail and cake</i>			
<i>25 lb stew beef</i>	<i>\$57.25</i>	<i>8 loaves bread</i>	<i>2 gal sliced potatoes \$5.44</i>
<i>2 lb oleo</i>	<i>\$3.18</i>	<i>8 cans carrots (1 gal) \$2.08</i>	<i>3 cans fruit cocktail</i>
<i>6 cans onions (1 gal)</i>	<i>\$1.59</i>	<i>Grapes & bananas</i>	<i>1 gal peas</i>
<i>3 cake mix</i>	<i>\$1.78</i>	<i>2 heads of celery \$1.58</i>	<i>4 cans frosting \$1.39</i>
<i>Kitchen bouquet</i>	<i>\$1.79</i>	<i>Eggs \$0.95</i>	<i>6 cans beef stock \$4.14</i>
<i>Oil (small)</i>	<i>\$1.35</i>	<i>Flour</i>	<i>Crisco (small) \$1.35</i>
<i>6 lb noodles</i>		<i>small plates \$0.72</i>	

1991 - A more permanent Senior Center was established by leasing a 3,500 square foot space at Marketplace Mall. A committee was formed to solicit items to outfit the Center. The Committee consisted of Phil Abruzzese, Lil Abruzzese, Phyllis Alonso, Phyllis Bedet, Vera Ciampichini, Thelma Emery, Sue Graves, Eleanor Hamman, Angie Howe, Ed Howe, Shirley Kalin, Evelyn Kelly, Dorothy Maier, Angie Massaro, Vicki Power, Lorraine Reppi, Bernice Seelman, Rose Vickery and Marion Worlock. This group was able to obtain furniture, paint, kitchen tables, chairs, book shelves and almost all the comforts needed for the Center to operate. Ron Grethel, a local resident, was approached to design a logo for the center. Ron's logo was the "Young at Heart" logo which is still used today. With the creation of a logo, "The Pioneer News" was re-named "Young at Heart Newsletter." The program was manned by volunteers and a part-time staff person, who worked 20 hours a week. The Center was open 5 days a week and the PEACE lunch program was established. The other important Senior support that was created was the formation of a Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee consists of nine seniors, representatives from the P & R Department, P & R Commission, Town Board Liaison, and NSCSD Superintendent's Council. All nine Senior members were voted into office to represent the concerns that come from the members and vote on any operational changes that may arise. They also assisted the Coordinator with getting information out as it become available from the Town staff.

1996 - Attendance at the Center increased to a point where the Town agreed to increase the Coordinator's hours to 40 a week, with an Assistant for 20 hours a week.

The Seniors participated in the Greater Cicero Chamber of Commerce Community Festival Parade, entered two floats and won a trophy for the "Best Theme."



Happy 1st Birthday To The Cicero Senior Center!

photos/Laurie Coffin

The Cicero Senior Center opened just a year ago in the Marketplace Mall. Since then it has been the center for a variety of activities including: PEACE Nutritional Luncheons, Pool Leagues, Pitch Tournaments and Income Tax Assistance. New members are always welcome. For more information on the center and its events call 452-3298.

Topping off a sundae at the Anniversary Celebration is Mary Ellen Kerr.



Free legal services began to be offered quarterly to assist Seniors with completing documents. Tax preparation and AARP Defensive Driving course were also added to the opportunities offered at the Center. Through the Senior Center's association with the North Syracuse Central School District and Superintendent Dr. Melvin, intergenerational opportunities were established for school luncheons and computer classes.

1997 - Marketplace Mall management placed the Center on a month-to-month lease basis. The Parks and Recreation Department continued discussions regarding finding a new home for the program. The first proposal was to join the development project at the Community Campus off Rt. 11. However, the decision was made to find a permanent home elsewhere. The property on Lathrop Drive became available and the 2,200 square foot building was purchased. The Town submitted a grant to Onondaga County Community Development and funds were received to assist with the purchase. Renovations took place to accommodate the program and make it handicap-accessible. Eagle Scout candidates from BSA Troop 117 renovated the existing restrooms, made them handicap-accessible, painted walls and did some carpentry work. The building could not accommodate all of the equipment, so some of it was stored in a tractor trailer at the Town Hall complex. The program survived with one large room that



housed a serving area for meals, two pool tables and dining area that paired as a craft/activity area.

Forty year Town Historian and Senior Center member, Lona Flynn, was selected as "Senior Citizen of the Year" through her efforts with Onondaga County Intergenerational Awards.

The Young At Heart Chorus was formed and special jackets were tailored for the group. The group entertained at the Center several times a month. Their greatest performance was when Assemblyman Michael Bragman invited them to Albany to perform at the Capital. Other notable performances included P&C Stadium, Cicero Chamber Festival, Carrier Retirees Christmas Party and Town functions.



1998 - A Neighborhood Advisor

Program was created, with sponsorship from Catholic Charities, that paid a person to specifically assist Seniors with HEAP, Medicare, Medicaid, Home Care, Health Services and many other needed Senior services.

A bowling league was formed and 16 seniors bowled once a week at Bowling Green in North Syracuse.

Center staff started soliciting businesses for newsletter ads to help defray the costs of printing and postage of the Young at Heart Newsletter.

1999 - The Cicero Chamber awarded the Center "Organization of the Year" at the Cicero Community Festival. After 17 years of operation CLOCKS disbanded,

2001 - Transportation became a concern for Seniors who could no longer drive due to health issues or lack of a vehicle. Because the Town did not have public transportation, the Parks and Recreation Department reached out to find a bus. Elliot Meltzer, owner of Tri-State Auto Auction on Rt. 31 donated a bus. Upon receipt of the bus, it was named the "Cicero Express." This gave the opportunity to provide seniors with a means of transportation for a nutritional meal and socialization.

The Center exercise program received the "Excellence in Programming" award from Central New York Parks & Recreation Society.

2004 - Over the years discussions were had noting that the center was small and crowded with little parking. It was decided to expand the center. Staff reached out to Terrance Goode, Syracuse University School of Architecture to assist with the design. SU was unable to assist us but suggested John Goodman, licensed Architect, who agreed to take on the project. A committee of Seniors met to develop the needs and John Goodman was able to put the details on paper. From there the project went out to bid. The expansion would house a full service kitchen with pantry, pool room, restrooms, office, arts and crafts storage and maintenance closet. The Town bid the project and bids were received that were much higher than available funds for the project. With this knowledge, John Goodman researched others options and came up with working with the Department of Corrections for constructing the facility. The addition was delivered in three sections and put together on site. The addition was completed and almost doubled the size of the center. It also alleviated the crowding



and offered more options for programming. As a part of the expansion, a new parking lot was constructed on the north side of the building to accommodate the visitors. A Grand Opening Party was hosted and over 200 community leaders, neighbors, and seniors attended. The Cicero Chamber of Commerce presented the Senior Center with the “Outstanding Community Service Award” at the Cicero Community Festival.

The Red Hat Cicero Swamp Angels group was formed. A gazebo was purchased in memory of Marty Hinman,

by his family, and prominently placed in front of the Center.

Funds from Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman were received to purchase a new 14-passenger bus to replace the previous bus.

Massage therapy and yoga were added to the exercise program.

2005 - Senior Center participant, Lona Flynn, participated in the 100 meter dash at the New York State Senior Olympics in Cortland New York and won 1st place. She was a young 88 years old! She was then invited to attend the National Senior Games in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania later that year.

“Path of Love” brick patio in front of the gazebo was installed. Bricks continue to be purchased annually to increase this beautiful path of dear friends and supporters.

2006 - Red Hat Cicero Swamp Angels started a program, “Song-o-Gram,” to donate money to American Red Cross.

2007 - Bocce court was installed through the efforts of Scout troop 117.

2008/2009 - The exercise group created an Olympic Decathlon Program to coincide with the Olympics in Beijing, China. The program subsequently won both the “Exceptional Program Award” from the Central New York Recreation and Park Society (2008) and New York State Recreation and Park Society (2009).

2010 - The 90’s club was formed for all individuals aged 90 or better. The 90’s club had 38 members upon inception.

2011 - The Young at Heart Club celebrated 20 years. Red Hat Cicero Swap Angels began fundraising efforts for Vera House.



2012 - Line dancing was offered at the Center. Center members participated in the Cicero Farmers Market, selling homemade craft items.

2013 - Tours of the town, focusing on the Town’s history, was offered and very well received. Several trips were scheduled to accommodate everyone.

2014 - The Red Hat group received the “Women of Distinction” award from Assemblyman Al Stirpe. A tap dance group began practicing at CMC Dance Studio with plans on performing at the 2015 Greater Cicero Chamber of Commerce Community Festival.



History of the CanTeen



The CanTeen program is just a small piece of the fabric of our community, but has played a significant role in the lives of thousands of teens. Please take a moment to peruse the following timeline of its journey and the key people who assisted in its evolution.

-Toni'Lyn Brauchle, Youth Services Coordinator for The CanTeen

Spring 1998 - Local teens approached community leaders, including Town of Cicero Supervisor Joan Kesel, Chief of Police/Director of Community and Volunteer Services American Red Cross Joe Snell, North Syracuse Central School District teachers Bill Brown and Bill Bradley, North Syracuse Central School District Administrator Dr. David Morton and Undersheriff Warren Darby regarding offering services, supports and opportunities to keep youth safe and entertained during their out of school time. While following a directive from then President Elizabeth Dole to cultivate more youth involvement, the local chapter of The American Red Cross partnered with the community to research the possibilities. Bob Bewley, Director of Program Development for the American Red Cross, and



Toni'Lyn Brauchle, Program Specialist for Community Connections, each committed 20 hours a week to the initiative. With the assistance of Dr. David Morton, grants were applied for to operate the program. Surveys were administered to youth in 6th - 12th grades in the North Syracuse Central School District researching the interest in the possibility of a local teen center.

Summer 1998 - With assistance from the Community Connections PRIDE Youth group, the Battle of the Bands was held at Lonergan Park in North Syracuse and attracted over 100 youth. Open Mic nights were held at the local community center. Work began to transform a vacant storefront, donated by the American Red Cross, at MarketPlace Mall into a teen center.

January 1999 - The American Red Cross held a Grand Opening of the Northeast Youth Initiative Teen Center at MarketPlace Mall. A Safe Places To Learn and Play Grant for \$50,000 a year for three years was awarded to the CanTeen through the Onondaga County Youth Bureau and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The We Care crisis hotline, formally located at the Town of Cicero, was moved under the umbrella of the Youth Initiative.

September 2001 - New leadership at the helm of the local chapter of the American Red Cross decided to take the chapter in a different direction, which removed them as lead agency of the Northeast Youth Initiative. The Teen Center had to move due to the demolition of the mall. It was temporarily located at the North Syracuse Community Center. Meanwhile discussions were held to find a new program sponsor and lead agency for funding. A second round of The Safe Places To Learn and Play Grant was written, but response was delayed due to the tragedy in New York City on September 11th.

December 2001 - A 3-year grant totaling \$200,000 was awarded to the teen program from Congressman James Walsh through the North Syracuse Central School District. A grant from the New York State Assembly (Nancy Lorraine Hoffman) was also awarded.



January 2002 - The change in lead agency happened as of January 1st, when the Town of Cicero took over the program administration. A

new location needed to be found. A number of locations were explored while the Cicero Senior Center and William Park Recreation Building acted as alternate sites. Funding streams needed to be bolstered. Cicero Youth Bureau was formed with neighboring partners; Towns of Cicero, Clay, Salina and the Village of North Syracuse. Those partners, in concert with a wide variety of representation



from across all sectors also formed a community youth board to specifically look at programs offered for youth. The Cicero Youth Board began meeting monthly, rotating meeting locations to each municipality, as well as The North Syracuse Central School District.

April 2002 - The program signed a lease and settled into its third home, located next to the Cicero North Syracuse High School in New Country Plaza in Cicero. Busing began to be offered through the North Syracuse Central School District for teens to the center from The North Syracuse Junior High School and home for all interested participants.

At the grand opening of this location, a local resident, Carole Laing, mentioned to the teens that in the 1950's there was a teen center in the center of town called "The CanTeen." The teens decided to adopt that name; therefore, the teen center officially changed its name to The CanTeen. Due to the proximity to the high school, the center reached record numbers of youth attending on a daily basis.



February 2004 - Due to the generosity of the community, The CanTeen needed to create a conduit to accept donations. With the assistance of Town of Cicero Police Chief Joseph Snell, The Friends of the CanTeen 501c3 tax exempt organization was formed. Their sole mission was and still it to raise funds to operate the teen center.

May 2004 -A grant from the New York State Assembly (Jeff Brown) funded a 12-passenger van to transport youth on various educational and recreational outings.

September 2004 - The Cicero Youth Board changed its name to better reflect all of the parties involved in the CanTeen. They officially became the Greater Cicero Community Youth Board.

September 2005 - The CanTeen was again uprooted as the lease was not extended. They relocated for the fourth time 2.5 miles from the high school to 8837 Brewerton Rd. The renovation to the new facility was done by volunteers: new wiring, lights, wall removal and a fresh coat of paint applied.



September 2008 - Pam Derocher, a local property owner on the eastern perimeter of Cicero North Syracuse High School, offered to sell her property for a permanent home for the CanTeen. A meeting to move forward with a major fundraising effort for this permanent home was approved by all interested parties.

October 2008 - The national economic down turn affected all the funding sources for the program and a potential closure loomed on the horizon. The permanent home idea was abandoned for a massive fundraising effort to keep the doors open.



January 2009 - The program celebrated 10 years of offering programs to teens in the North Syracuse Central School District community. A large contingent of past participants attended and shared their personal stories.

February 2009 - The Friends of the CanTeen group stepped up and planned a “Raise the Rent” auction for May. The CanTeen cut back on spending and the only funds spent were for staffing, the building and minimal program supplies. A major effort to speak to local, county and state representatives took place to make them aware of the potential closure without funding.



May 2009 - Raise the Rent auction raised \$15,000. The state funding streams began to slowly be rejuvenated, although cuts were made to each stream.

January 2010 - Led by Assemblyman Al Stirpe, steps were taken to secure funding to purchase a permanent "home" on the perimeter of the CNS High School complex.

August 2010 - Inaugural Gus Macker Basketball Tournament made the Friends of the CanTeen over \$20,000.

May 2011 - Friends of the CanTeen (501c3) purchased 6046 State Route 31 in Cicero, New York as their new, permanent "HOME"!

June 2011 - Extreme Home Makeover CanTeen Style began. Local Architect John Goodman volunteered his time to draft the specific plans. Under the coordinated efforts of Greg Lancette, Central and Northern New

York Building & Trades Council President, the following trade groups volunteered their time and expertise to assist:

- Bricklayers & Allied Craft Workers Local #2
- Roofers Local #195
- International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local #30
- IBEW Local #43
- Painters District Council #4
- United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local #267
- Sheet Metal Workers Local #58



Additionally, Engineers from C&S Companies gave of their time and talents. Also, volunteers from the North Syracuse Central School District and the community were too numerous to count. Many local businesses donated supplies and installation costs.

August 2011 - The CanTeen took up temporary residence in the Country Max Plaza once again while renovation and construction was completed at 6046 State Route 31.



November 2011 - CanTeen moved out of the plaza and took the program on the road.

March 14, 2012 - The CanTeen officially opened for business at 6046 Route 31.



April 22, 2012 - Grand Opening Celebration was held.

January 2014 - The CanTeen/Town of Cicero entered into an agreement with Contact Community Services to provide staffing and programming opportunities.

August 2014 - The Friends of the CanTeen Gus Macker Basketball Tournament surpassed the \$100,000 fundraising mark.



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