



# THE VILLAGE GREEN

Imagine a different village green with 24 townhouses in two rows, each one 20 by 100 feet. This was the vision of George Wellington Smith, a real estate agent in the village. The land was zoned and plotted for this purpose.

Move ahead to 1957 when Smith's dream became his nightmare. He was forced to sell his land to pay back taxes.

Four Franklin families, Ed and Marian Green, Bob and Sadie Hampson, Donald and Violet Green and Benjamin and Louise Kronlund would relieve Smith of his burden and benefit the village.

They purchased the property and in turn sold it to the village for the amount they paid. Our village green was made possible because of the vision and generosity of these families. We have a place to hang out on quiet mornings, lazy afternoons and pleasant evenings.

