

Joe and Ruth Morgan – were instrumental in the development of the Jacksonville’s youth sports programs. They helped organize the first little league baseball program in 1951. They ran the league privately until it merged with the City of Jacksonville recreation program in the early 1960’s, handling everything from taking care of the field and equipment and operating the concession stand. In a quarter century career on the Jacksonville City Council, Joe Morgan served as a liaison with the Recreation and Parks Department, and the City’s Joe Morgan Day in 1995 honored his role in the planning of the Jacksonville Commons recreation area.