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Glenwood, IL to Celebrate Youth Baseball’s Opening Day
Saturday May 2nd includes parade, Hickory Glen Park rededication

Glenwood, IL - Wrigley Field may still be under construction, making attending a Cubs game challenging, but in Chicago’s south suburbs, the completely renovated Hickory Glen Park is ready to go for Glenwood’s Youth Baseball League’s Opening Day on Saturday, May 2nd.

The League’s Secretary, Trina Mays-Barton, says, “We have about one hundred children involved in our league, ages 5 through 14.” On Opening Day, children will don their uniforms, carry team banners, join the Fire and Police Departments, and parade through the neighborhoods to arrive at the newly refurbished Hickory Glen Park for opening ceremonies and a rededication of fields.

“Hickory Glen Park has been closed for two seasons, so this is a celebration of having our fields back too,” says Mays-Barton. The league, she explains, has a very strong volunteer staff. “When we moved to Glenwood, it was to be in an environment that had opportunities and extra curricular activities.” Mays-Barton was ready and able to volunteer herself. “About sixteen years ago, baseball in Glenwood went away because the leading volunteers retired, but there were parents willing to take over those positions. The Village helped connect us with each other and we brought the league back,” she says. Mays-Barton has now been League Secretary for over 15 years.

“This League has given my boys so much. Because we’re part of the South Suburban Youth Baseball League, our kids are exposed to other communities and they make friends outside of Glenwood. They have learned teamwork and leadership. They know that everyone plays a part on a team - there really is no ‘i’ in ‘team’ - and they have made lifelong friends here. Baseball has advanced their scope of living in a community.”

Mays-Barton is enthusiastic about Glenwood’s atmosphere and Village advocacy. “The Village is always supporting the efforts of our youth. We have a small-town community feel, with sports teams, clubs, associations and other groups - so many people are positively involved.”

Hickory Glen Park is located at 192nd Avenue and Minerva Avenue in Glenwood. For more information, contact Katie Schranz at 708-757-2318 or kschranz@villageofglenwood.com.

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