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The 2019 PLAY BALL SUMMER has built upon past success and proved to be the most successful one to date. This year, the number of cities and mayors engaged with PLAY BALL increased, along with the number of youth engaged in PLAY BALL activities up to 37,303.

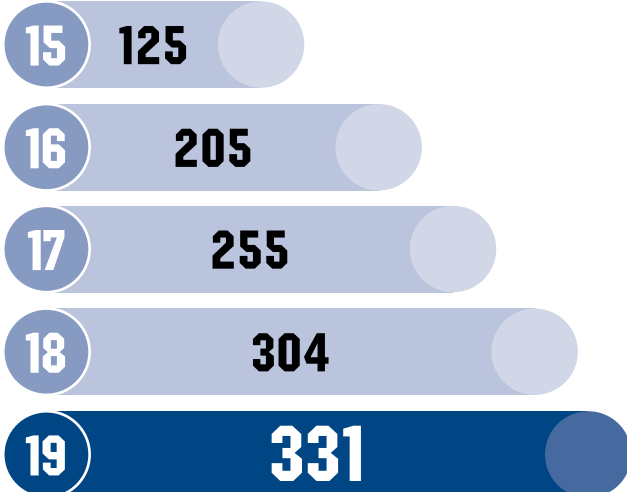
On January 23, 2019 at the United States Conference of Mayors 87th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, Tony Reagins, Major League Baseball Executive Vice President, Baseball & Softball Youth Development and youth baseball ambassador Mo'ne Davis helped launch the 2019 Program and gave remarks about the importance of PLAY BALL, and the positive impact baseball and softball has on communities. Shortly after this announcement, it was time to celebrate MLB Opening Day where mayor's shared pictures donning their favorite team's hat on social media. Next came the 87th Annual Meeting in Honolulu where Tony Reagins and Hawaiian baseball legends Shane Victorino and Sid Fernandez were joined by the Honolulu Little League champions to promote 2019 PLAY BALL SUMMER initiative. The meeting culminated with a special visit to the grave site of "The Father of Baseball," Alexander Cartwright by PLAY BALL Beverly Hills Mayor John A. Mirisch and his son, Vincent.

There were plenty of new cities which celebrated PLAY BALL this year, some of which held events in conjunction with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. Many cities hosted events in conjunction with their local Boys & Girls Clubs of America, a strategy several cities took advantage of to increase youth engagement when hosting their events. This year youth engagement was 37,303 up from 36,246 total reported youth participation last year. Included in the report are descriptions of events held both in conjunction with little leagues, parks and recreation, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America which can be used as a guide when planning events for next year. Additionally, this year there was local press coverage for many of the events. Examples of this coverage (Newspaper, blogs, online, etc.) can be found along with examples of social media posts.



PLAY BALL CITIES/ MAYORS' PLEDGED

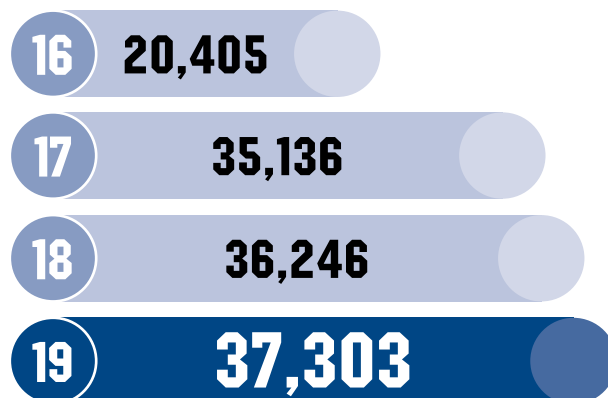
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MAYORAL IMPACT ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The 2019 Mayors PLAY BALL initiative engaged over 37,303* youth in reported events held all across the United States. This is an increase from the year prior.

As in past years the mayor's planned innovative events for the community, and most cities partnered with their local youth teams and/or Major or Minor League Clubs.



*USCM reported PLAY BALL events

2019 PLAY BALL CITIES

Addison, IL	Central Falls, RI	Fort Worth, TX	Las Vegas, NV	Oklahoma City, OK	St. Louis, MO
Aguadilla, PR	Cerritos, CA	Frankfort, KY	Lauderdale Lakes, FL	Orland Park, IL	St. Paul, MN
Akron, OH	Champaign, IL	Frederick, MD	Lauderhill, FL	Orlando, FL	St. Petersburg, FL
Alameda, CA	Charleston, SC	Fremont, CA	Laurel, MD	Orocovis, PR	Stockton, CA
Albany, NY	Charlotte, NC	Frisco, TX	Lawrence, MA	Palm Bay, FL	Stonecrest, GA
Albuquerque, NM	Chattanooga, TN	Garland, TX	Lexington, KY	Parkland, FL	Sumter, SC
Alexandria, LA	Cheyenne, WY	Gary, IN	Lima, OH	Pembroke Pines, FL	Sunrise, FL
Alexandria, VA	Chicago, IL	Glendale Heights, IL	Lisle, IL	Pensacola, FL	Syracuse, NY
Alhambra, CA	Cidra, PR	Glendale, AZ	Little Rock, AR	Philadelphia, PA	Tacoma, WA
Aliso Viejo, CA	Cincinnati, OH	Grand Forks, ND	Livermore, CA	Pinellas Park, FL	Tallahassee, FL
Allentown, PA	Clarksville, TN	Green Bay, WI	Lomita, CA	Piscataway, NJ	Tamarac, FL
Anaheim, CA	Cleveland, OH	Greenville, NC	Long Beach, CA	Pittsburgh, PA	Tampa, FL
Anchorage, AK	College Station, TX	Gresham, OR	Los Angeles, CA	Plainfield, NJ	Tempe, AZ
Apopka, FL	Colorado Springs, CO	Gulfport, MS	Louisville, KY	Plano, TX	Texas City, TX
Arecibo, PR	Columbia, SC	Hagerstown, MD	Lynn, MA	Pleasantville, NJ	Thornton, CO
Arlington, TX	Columbus, OH	Hallandale Beach, FL	Madison, GA	Ponce, PR	Tigard, OR
Atlanta, GA	Compton, CA	Hamilton Township, NJ	Madison, WI	Pontiac, MI	Toa Baja, PR
Attleboro, MA	Cooper City, FL	Hammond, IN	Manchester, NH	Port Arthur, TX	Toledo, OH
Auburn, WA	Coral Springs, FL	Hanover Park, IL	Manhattan Beach, CA	Port St. Lucie, FL	Topeka, KS
Augusta, GA	Culver City, CA	Hartford, CT	Maui, HI	Portland, OR	Torrance, CA
Austin, TX	Dallas, TX	Hattiesburg, MS	McKinney, TX	Providence, RI	Trenton, NJ
Baltimore, MD	Davenport, IA	Helena, MT	Memphis, TN	Quincy, IL	Trotwood, OH
Bangor, ME	Davie, FL	Hempstead, NY	Merced, CA	Racine, WI	Tucson, AZ
Barceloneta, PR	Dayton, OH	Hendersonville, TN	Meridian, MS	Rahway, NJ	Turlock, CA
Baton Rouge, LA	Denver, CO	Hialeah Gardens, FL	Mesa, AZ	Rancho Cordova, CA	Tuscaloosa, AL
Beaumont, TX	Des Moines, IA	Hialeah, FL	Miami Beach, FL	Rapid City, SD	Union Township, NJ
Beaverton, OR	Detroit, MI	Hillsboro, OR	Miami Gardens, FL	Redford, MI	Vallejo, CA
Belleville, MI	Dolton, IL	Hoffman Estates, IL	Miami, FL	Reno, NV	Virginia Gardens, FL
Benton Harbor, MI	Doral, FL	Holland, MI	Milford, CT	Rialto, CA	Walnut Creek, CA
Beverly Hills, CA	Douglasville, GA	Honolulu, HI	Milwaukee, WI	Richmond, CA	Warren, MI
Binghamton, NY	Dubuque, IA	Hope, NJ	Minneapolis, MN	Richmond, VA	Warren, OH
Birmingham, AL	Durham, NC	Hopkinsville, KY	Mobile, AL	Riverbank, CA	Washington, DC
Bloomington, IN	Eagle Pass, TX	Hormigueros, PR	Moreno Valley, CA	Rochester Hills, MI	Waterloo, IA
Bonita Springs, FL	East Orange, NJ	Houston, TX	Mount Vernon, NY	Rochester, MN	West Covina, CA
Boston, MA	East Palo Alto, CA	Humacao, PR	Naguabo, PR	Rochester, NY	West Haven, CT
Bound Brook, NJ	Eden Prairie, MN	Huntington, WV	Naranjito, PR	Rocklin, CA	West Hollywood, CA
Branson, MO	Edina, MN	Independence, MO	Nashville, TN	Roseville, CA	West Palm Beach, FL
Bridgeport, CT	Elizabeth, NJ	Indianapolis, IN	New Albany, IN	Sacramento, CA	West Springfield, MA
Brockton, MA	Elk Grove, CA	Irvine, CA	New Bedford, MA	Salisbury, NC	Westlake, OH
Broken Arrow, OK	Eugene, OR	Irving, TX	New Brunswick, NJ	Salt Lake City, UT	Westland, MI
Brooklyn Center, MN	Everett, MA	Ithaca, NY	New Orleans, LA	San Antonio, TX	Wichita, KS
Brownsville, TX	Ewing Township, NJ	Jersey City, NJ	New York, NY	San Bernardino, CA	Wilmington, DE
Buffalo, NY	Fairbanks North Star	Johns Creek, GA	Newark, NJ	San Diego, CA	Winston-Salem, NC
Burbank, CA	Borough, AK	Kalamazoo, MI	Newport Beach, CA	San Leandro, CA	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Burlington, VT	Fairbanks, AK	Kansas City, KS	Newport News, VA	Santa Ana, CA	Wolcott, CT
Burnsville, MN	Fanwood, NJ	Kansas City, MO	Newton, MA	Santa Barbara, CA	Woodbury, MN
Burton, MI	Fargo, ND	Kearney, NE	Niagara Falls, NY	Santa Fe, NM	Woodland, CA
Cabo Rojo, PR	Farmingham, MA	Kearny, NJ	Norfolk, VA	Santa Fe, NM	Woodmere, OH
Calabasas, CA	Fayetteville, NC	Kileen, TX	Normal, IL	Scapoose, OR	Yonkers, NY
Camden, NJ	Fillmore, IL	Kinston, NC	North Charleston, SC	Schaumburg, IL	York, PA
Canóvanas, PR	Findlay, OH	Knoxville, TN	North Miami Beach, FL	Schenectady, NY	Yuba City, CA
Carmel, IN	Flint, MI	Lajas, PR	North Miami, FL	Seattle, WA	
Carrboro, NC	Florida, PR	Lakewood, OH	North Wilkesboro, NC	Socorro, TX	
Carson, CA	Fontana, CA	Lansing, MI	Norwalk, CT	South Bend, IN	
Cayce, SC	Fort Myers, FL	Largo, FL	Oakland, CA	South Gate, CA	
Cayey, PR	Fort Wayne, IN	Las Cruces, NM	Ocala, FL	Springfield, IL	

87TH WINTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC

The year kicked off at the 87th Winter Meeting when youth baseball ambassador Mo'ne Davis delivered remarks about the importance of PLAY BALL, and the positive impact baseball and softball has on the youth and their communities. The Mayoral PLAY BALL Program was inspired by her participation and performance in the 2014 Little League World Series. Ms. Davis was the first girl to pitch overall and first girl to pitch a shutout at the Little League World Series. Tony Reagins, Major League Baseball Executive Vice President, Baseball & Softball Development, joined Ms. Davis in launching the fourth year of the program from the youth participant perspective.





Mesa Mayor John Giles, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and reigning MVP, and star of the defending World Champion Boston Red Sox, Mookie Betts pose with local youth baseball players from Mesa.



Arizona regional Mayors join host Mesa Mayor John Giles and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh to celebrate PLAY BALL during the pregame warm up.

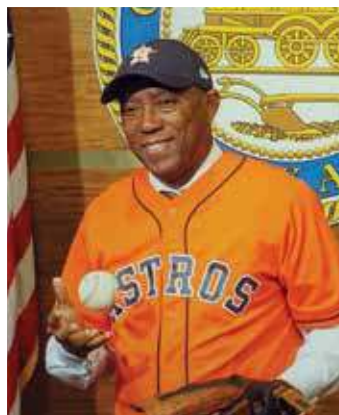
PLAY BALL AT 2019 MLB SPRING TRAINING

This year a group of Arizona region mayors attended a 2019 MLB Spring Training game in Mesa, to celebrate the commencement of the new baseball season. This was the first year we celebrated PLAY BALL during Spring Training with Mesa Mayor John Giles who hosted Boston Mayor Marty Walsh for a Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs game and the mayors were joined by local Arizona Mayors from Tempe, Tucson, Goodyear, Gilbert, Chandler, and Carefree. Mesa Mayor John Giles and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh sang during the seventh inning stretch and to encourage everyone to play ball!



THE ELMORA TROOPERS

Currently in production for a spring 2020 release, "The Elmora Troopers" is a short film about the Elizabeth, NJ Little League team who made it all the way to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The Troopers 2019 journey showcases the connections and influence of the MAYORS PLAY BALL Program on local youth, coaches and the Elizabeth residents.



2019 MLB OPENING DAY

This year we had over 305 Mayors signed up by MLB Opening Day 2019. The start of the 2019 season was celebrated by mayors, who wore their favorite team caps and shared their support of the game with constituents on a variety of social media platforms.

2016 - 80

2017 - 210+

2018 - 260+

2019 - 305+



During the 87th Annual Meeting, mayors were given "Official PLAY BALL Mayor" caps, and special PLAY BALL bats were sent to USCM members to display in mayoral offices.

87TH ANNUAL MEETING IN HONOLULU

During the 87th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Tony Reagins, Executive Vice President, Baseball & Softball Development from Major League Baseball (MLB), MLB and Hawaiian baseball legends Shane Victorino and Sid Fernandez were joined by the Honolulu Little League champions as mayors promoted the PLAY BALL Summer Initiative. To commemorate the kick off of the 2019 PLAY BALL SUMMER, participating mayors were presented with special “Official PLAY BALL Mayor” caps.



Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch and his son, Vincent, made a special trip to the gravesite of Alexander Cartwright, whom many consider to be the “Father of Baseball.” Located in Honolulu, this gravesite is where many go to both pay their respects and gratitude to Cartwright. Mayor Mirisch placed a PLAY BALL mayor cap and a baseball signed by USCM Leadership on behalf of the nation’s mayors.



“Vincent loves baseball, not just watching it, but also playing it. He has played ball for most of his life, since he started with T ball when he was five years old (on the RiverBandits). He’s been an All Star for the past few years and has already signed up for Fall Ball this year. We’re both big Dodgers fans and are looking forward to “Beverly Hills Day” at Dodger Stadium on Sept. 8. He respects the history of the game and was honored to pay respects to Alexander Joy Cartwright in Honolulu. Jackie Robinson, Sandy Koufax and Vin Scully are three role models for both of us, not just as regards baseball, but in how we conduct ourselves.”

- Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch



Mayors attending the 87th Annual Meeting had the opportunity to get their own commemorative Honolulu PLAY BALL Baseball card.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SELECT MAYORAL EVENTS HELD DURING 2019 PLAY BALL

Pembroke Pines, FL Mayor Frank Ortis

Mayor Ortis hosted a special PLAY BALL event this year in conjunction with the Miami Marlins. Former Player Alex Arias made a special appearance and helped teach basic fundamentals of baseball, and he sat for the dunk tank, giving kids the opportunity to dunk a former professional player. Additionally, there were special giveaways and prizes for those youth who participated in the pitch, hit, and run competition.

Elizabeth, NJ Mayor J. Christian Bollwage

Quickly becoming a yearly staple, Elizabeth held a PLAY BALL event teaching the basic skills of baseball and softball to youth attending summer camps. This year had a special flair to it, as the Elmora Little League team in Elizabeth advanced to the Little League World Series in Williamsport.

Glendale, Mesa and Tempe, AZ Mayors Jerry Weiers, John Giles, and Mark Mitchell

Glendale, Mesa and Tempe Mayors teamed up for a special PLAY BALL event this year with the Arizona Diamondbacks and youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America from Mesa, Tempe and Glendale. Youth were able to get on the field for a pre-game ceremony, including watching batting practice, meet current and former Diamondbacks players and having a pre-game catch in the outfield of Chase Field with the Mayors.

Rochester Hills, MI Mayor Bryan K. Barnett

Mayor Barnett spent a day at Borden Park with youth from Rochester Hills, helping teach many the basic fundamentals of how to properly pitch, hit and run. Becoming a yearly occurrence, this event is a great way for Mayor Barnett to interact with the youth of Rochester Hills, while helping them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Cincinnati, OH Mayor John Cranley

Held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Reds, the city of Cincinnati hosted multiple PLAY BALL events over the course of the Reds' PLAY BALL weekend. Youth were invited to play wiffle ball at Great American Ballpark, take over a local field and hosted a pregame parade with local teams at Great American Ballpark. PLAY BALL Weekend is a mainstay in the Reds' schedule, and they look to continue to build upon their partnership with the city of Cincinnati and Mayor Cranley.

Louisville, KY Mayor Greg Fischer

Mayor Fischer worked with Louisville Parks and Recreation and the Louisville Bats to hold their annual PLAY BALL event. Local youth had an outing at a Louisville Bats game, where kids were able to interact with the Bats' players and mascots, have a pre-game catch on the field, and participate in a special, pregame PLAY BALL parade. Louisville has worked with their parks and rec programs yearly to continue to expose baseball and softball to those who may not normally participate.





Beverly Hills, CA Mayor John Mirisch

Mayor Mirisch had two events over the course of the last PLAY BALL season. He had a special event at Dodger Stadium, where he was able to throw out the first pitch to his son, Vincent. Additionally, the city held a pitch, hit and run event, which helped teach the youth of Beverly Hills the basic skills of baseball. Having felt inspired by his visit to Alexander Cartwright's gravesite in Honolulu, Mayor Mirisch wanted to instill his passion for baseball in the youth of Beverly Hills.

Cayce, SC Mayor Elise Partin

This year, the Cayce Historical Museum opened an exhibit celebrating 1964 Cayce Dixie Youth Baseball Champions. The city held a special PLAY BALL companion event, where they had surviving members of the '64 Champions, the mascot for the Lexington County Blowfish of the Coastal Plain League, members of the local Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and players/coaches from the Blowfish on hand. Youth were able to enjoy free baseball cuisine, learn the basic skills of baseball, and have a great time spending the day with their families.

Newport News, VA Mayor Mckinley Price

The PLAY BALL summer event is becoming an annual tradition in Newport News. Mayor Price has fully embraced the program, and holds a community-wide event. This year, the city partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of America of the Virginia Peninsula to reach a larger group of youth. Youth were taught and shown proper techniques, local law enforcement were out to foster relationships with the youth, and Mayor Price got in the dunk tank allowing kids to try to dunk him.

Washington, D.C. USCM PLAY BALL Event

Home to the 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals, USCM held a PLAY BALL event with the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy. Local youth participated in a community clinic called YBA PLAY. On Saturday, October 26th during Game 4 of the World Series, a PLAY BALL event was held at Fort Belvoir with 300 kids ages: 4-13 who were from local military families.

Portland, OR Mayor Ted Wheeler

The City of Portland partnered with Friends of Baseball, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Portland Metropolitan Area and The Portland Pickles for a special PLAY BALL event. The 2nd annual event featured the Pickles' Mascot, baseball activity stations and a Family Fest. Participants received free PLAY BALL swag and a free hot dog.

Cleveland, OH Mayor Frank Jackson

Home to the 2019 MLB All-Star Game, Mayor Jackson was an active participant in events throughout the week, celebrating the impact and rich history of baseball and softball in Cleveland. Over the past couple of years, Mayor Jackson has invited local youth to City Hall and presented them with the PLAY BALL proclamation.

Aguadilla, PR Mayor Carlos Mendez Martinez

This year Aguadilla held its first USCM coordinated PLAY BALL event. Local boys and girls were taught fundamentals of baseball and softball. Having a rich baseball history, Mayor Martinez felt it was important to celebrate both baseball and softball with local Aguadilla youth.

Houston, TX Mayor Sylvester Turner

With the Astros being a participant in the 2019 MLB World Series, Houston was active in PLAY BALL activities throughout the year. Prior to his involvement during the World Series, Mayor Turner held a PLAY BALL event this April, where he was able to interact with many youth from Houston, play catch, and speak about the importance of baseball.

Johns Creek, GA Mayor Mike Bodker

This summer, children from Johns Creek were joined by former Atlanta Braves World Series Champion Dwight Smith, as well as members of the Johns Creek Varsity High School baseball team. Also joining in the fun was Chopper, the mascot for the Triple-A Gwinnett Stripers. Children were able to receive important lessons on the basic fundamentals of baseball while keeping active during the beautiful Georgia summer.

Greenville, NC Mayor P.J. Connelly

Children in Greenville this summer had the opportunity to participate in a special “Quick Ball” tournament. Tournaments were created in partnership between the City’s Park and Recreation department and the local chapter of the Boys & Girls Club of America. Many children were placed on teams with unfamiliar teammates, encouraging the development of social skills and teamwork while also honing their baseball and softball skills.

Independence, MO Mayor Eileen Weir

Mayor Weir hosted a PLAY BALL tournament with numerous local softball teams. Mayor Weir addressed the youth participants, speaking about the importance of being active, and the skills that can be learned from participating in softball.

Fort Wayne, IN Mayor Tom Henry

Mayor Henry in conjunction with Fort Wayne Parks and Rec, the Fort Wayne TinCaps, and the Hamilton Park Little League held a special unveiling ceremony for a new set of batting cages which opened in September. Also playing a part in the opening of the batting cages were the San Diego Padres, as the TinCaps are their Single-A affiliate. These batting cages were built to both encourage new participation in baseball and softball, while also allowing existing participants to further develop their skills.

Hanover Park, IL Mayor Rodney Craig

Mayor Craig hosted a special little league game and was joined by members of the Hanover Park Village Board, local police officers & members of the fire department, who helped coach this special game. Participants received free hot dogs & other refreshments, while police and fire vehicles were available for kids to view and sit in. This helps foster the relationship between the youth and the first responders and was a rousing success.



Free 'Play Ball Summer' event will be held at Fontana Boys and Girls Club on Sept. 25



Students enjoy participating in activities during the 'Play Ball' event at the Fontana Boys and Girls Club in 2018. This year's event will be held on Sept. 25.

Local youth and teens and their families are invited to attend a "Play Ball Summer" event in Fontana on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

The free event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Fontana Boys and Girls Club, 7723 Almeria Avenue.

This annual event focuses on the fun nature of baseball and softball, while encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle for kids in the community.

Dennis Powell, a former member of the Los Angeles Dodgers, will be the special guest speaker. Tremor, the mascot of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, will also be in attendance.

Johns Creek hosts MLB's 'Play Ball' event at Ocee Park



Former Atlanta Braves outfielder Dwight Smith speaks during Major League Baseball's annual "Play Ball" event held Aug. 24 at Ocee Park in Johns Creek.

Johns Creek sponsored the annual Major League Baseball "Play Ball" Aug. 24 at Ocee Park, a free event that gives youth in the community a chance to show off their baseball skills as well as meet a major league player.

This event featured former Atlanta Braves outfielder Dwight Smith, who pitched the game. In addition, Mayor Mike Bodker hosted the gathering as part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors support of MLB's "Play Ball" initiative, which is a collaboration between MLB and USA Baseball.

The website, playball.org, plays host to education resources for coaches, umpires, parents and players as well as offering health and safety articles, support programs, interactive maps and more.

The Journal Gazette

Hamilton Park gets batting cages

MATTHEW LEBLANC | The Journal Gazette



Work is underway to add batting cages at baseball fields at Hamilton Park.

The project came out of a partnership among the city, its Parks and Recreation Department, the Fort Wayne TinCaps and the San Diego Padres through the Play Ball Initiative – an effort of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball.

The cages will encourage participation in baseball, and Hamilton Park Little League players will use them to hone their hitting skills, according to a news release.

The project will cost about \$25,000, Fort Wayne city spokesman John Parlich said.

"We know that in order for the next wave of baseball talent to have the opportunity to develop, they need to have the chance to get the instruction they need," TinCaps President Mike Nutter said in a statement. "Without the necessary facilities, it can be a big challenge for even the best coaches to get the most out of their players. This is a project that will have a big impact for Hamilton Park for years to come."

"Who knows, maybe one of those kids will be playing with us at Parkview Field someday."

PLAY BALL INITIATIVE SLATED FOR PEMBROKE PINES



The Play Ball Summer Initiative in Pembroke Pines is slated for July 12. Pictured above from left are Vice Mayor Jay D. Schwartz, Commissioner Rita A. Spile, Billy the Marlin, Charles C. Johnson and Mayor Frank C. Ortiz. (Matthew Kaye/Courtesy/Courtesy)

By Gary Currell
June 7, 2019

The Play Ball Summer initiative in Pembroke Pines in July is expected to be another home run.

The Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will have its Mayor's Play Ball Summer event on July 12 in conjunction with the United States Conference of Mayors and Major League Baseball from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Flamingo Park, 1900 NW 122nd Terrace, in Pembroke Pines.

The free event, which promotes youth baseball and softball, will feature rides, a dunk tank, cotton candy, snow cones, music and other activities. The Play Ball initiative is for both boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Various residents and city staff members will climb into the dunk tank.

There will be a pitch, hit and run competition with separate age divisions, as well as groups for beginners and advanced players. Each child will be given the option to use either softball or baseball equipment in order to take part in different challenges.





BGC Portland @BGCPortland · Jul 18

Youth had an amazing time learning about #baseball yesterday out in Hillsboro for the #MayorsPlayBall event with @SteveCallaway2 @HillsboroHops! #PLAYBALL



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cityofjohnscreekg... Mayor Mike Bodker will host Johns Creek youth at the City's MLB Play Ball Event as part of the "PLAY BALL SUMMER" initiative, which focuses on the fun nature of baseball and encourages an active and healthy lifestyle for kids in all communities!



Town of Carrboro @CarrboroTownGov · Apr 16

Mayor @tydialavelle is proud to announce the 2nd annual Poetry/Essay Contest: "What Baseball/Softball Means to Me!" Contest is a partnership w/the MLB Play Ball initiative w/the U.S. Conference of Mayors #mayorsplayball #playballcity @usmayors Details here! townofcarrboro.org/civicalerts.as...



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John Cranley @JohnCranley

As if yesterday's Opening Day win wasn't enough, today we got another chance to celebrate. I grew up watching the greatest catcher of all time @JohnnyBench_5. I was honored to join Hall of Famers to reopen @reds Hall of Fame and welcome the coveted Johnny Bench Award to Cincy!



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PLAY BALL

MAYOR PRICE'S 5TH ANNUAL PLAY BALL
Wednesday, August 14, 5 - 8 pm
TowneBank Athletic Park, 741 Adams Drive

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See you there.

PLAY BALL

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Mayor John Giles @MayorGiles • Aug 6

Had a blast last night with @AZMayorMitchell, @MayorWeilers and kids from @BGCA_Clubs at the @Dbacks game! Batting practice, autographs, catch on the field and more. #MayorsPlayBall #PlayBall @usmayors @MLB




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Jeff Williams For Arlington is with Cindy Rhodes Salter and 3 others.

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Happy Opening Day, Arlington! Let's go Texas Rangers!



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