



PARK RIDGE BASEBALL SOFTBALL OPENING DAY CEREMONY

# Park Ridge Baseball Softball Newsletter 2018

## Dates To Remember:

Player Assessment	3/18
Dick's Sports Shop Day	3/11
Teams Made (Ages 7-14)	4/12
Practice Begins	4/21
FS & LS Begin (Age 5&6)	5/1
Opening Day 7-12	5/12
Picture Day	5/19
White Sox Outing	6/24
Galas	7/6-14

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# In the Off-Season

by PRBS

As we prepare for our 2018 baseball-softball season, we thought we would update you on a few facilities improvements and accomplishments that have taken place.

Year over year, we are able to save some money that we apply towards capital expenditures. This is due in part to the uniform sponsorship that we receive from the Chicago White Sox sponsorship program. We also have amazing, loyal sponsors that help our ability to cover costs during the season.

Below is a brief list of items we have provided since 2015.

- Benches at Southwest Park
- Batting Tunnels at various locations
- Fencing at Lincoln 5A
- Turf around home plates (reduce the holes for batters) at 12 fields
- Sod at Lincoln 5A & 5B
- New Bleachers at Hinkley #3
- Player benches at 4A (Centennial)
- Light control systems for the lighted fields
- Field equipment boxes, bases, L screens and mound clay.

In 2018, we have budget for the following items:

- We will be purchasing new bats to comply with the new bat rule, which is now in effect.
- We are purchasing 200 new helmets to replace broken or worn ones.
- Backstop at NW#7
- Backstop at Centennial #4D
- We just had the infields redone at Northwest #7 and 12A. This major renovation included rototilling of the existing soil, adding new ball mix and utilized lazer technology to provide a positive drainage. Once the first phase was complete, a top-dressing was added to adsorb moisture and help reduce dust during the summer. This renovation will be reviewed for its effectiveness. If the result is positive, we will attempt to have it done with other fields.

As Always, we welcome parent's input and suggestions for ways to keep our baseball-softball programs one of the best in the area.



Opening Day with White Sox mascot South Paw



Junior Girls with coach/board member Michael Grapenthien



NW Park Renovation

# Park Ridge Baseball/Softball Spring/Summer House Season

PARK RIDGE, IL. (FEBRUARY 2018) – The Park Ridge Baseball Softball organization continues its online registration for this year's Spring/Summer Season.

Park Ridge Baseball/Softball (PRBS) has been providing the youth of Park Ridge fun and exciting competition for our national pastime for over 60 years. The organization is the baseball and softball provider of the Park Ridge Park District and is open to boys and girls of all abilities from ages 5-19.

PRBS provides a unique opportunity for the youth of Park Ridge to learn the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and dedication while being a part of their town's largest all-volunteer youth organization Park Ridge Baseball/Softball will begin its 2017 season on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with its opening ceremonies.

Leagues that require player assessments will begin try-outs on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Maine South High School. Any adults interested in volunteering to coach or assistant coach can sign up to do so when you register your child. PRBS has always relied on the dedication of its volunteers, and, for the past 68 years, these people have provided a great sporting and community experience for the youth of Park Ridge.

Late registration is now available at [www.prbaseball.com](http://www.prbaseball.com). You can also reach Park Ridge Baseball-Softball by email with specific questions at [info@prbaseball.com](mailto:info@prbaseball.com)



"Enrollments are up already at this point from last year, and we are looking forward to an exciting summer. One focus this season will be improving upon the training of our coaches and managers. The Chicago White Sox affiliation helps us teach parent volunteers how to run an effective practice and other skills that will benefit their teams this season", says Board President Garry Abezetian.

## White Sox Family Outing 2018

by PRBS



Park Ridge families have been fortunate to be able to participate in a pre-game parade on the field.

**For the first time ever this year, Park Ridge White Sox Family Outing will be on a Sunday!**

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Park Ridge Baseball Softball will host our annual Family Night at Guaranteed Rate field. Once House League teams have been assigned, your manager will give you the contact information for purchasing tickets.

The home game will be against the Oakland A's. Game time is 1:10pm, so we are hoping this will alleviate some of the traffic issues we have experienced in the past with our week night games.

We will once again participate in throwing out the first pitch, player of the homestand, and the pre-game Parade of Players on the field.

With discounts provided by the White Sox, this fundraiser enables the program to continue to upgrade our equipment and facilities. As an added bonus this year, we will have a reduced parking fee of \$10 per car.

Last year was the first year that we were able to offer online ticket ordering on our website for your convenience. Information regarding ticket purchase will be forthcoming... but be sure to SAVE THE DATE!!!