



## ***Welcome to 2020 @ Grafton Little League***

I can't believe this myself but the baseball season is right around the corner! In advance of the upcoming 46<sup>th</sup> season of Grafton Little League – and as our program evolves – we wish to make you aware of a few important changes and enhancements to our program:

**Miscellaneous Fees:** GLL's Player, Volunteer and Fundraising fees remain unchanged from last year. However, our texting service (*RainedOut*) and our online registration provider (*Sports Connect*) have implemented new or increased fees this year that GLL is not able to absorb as we have done in the past; complete details on fees can be found [HERE](#). The online Service Fee and Swipe Fee both can be avoided by registering at our In-Person Registration session Sat, Jan 25 @ the Grafton Senior Center from 10am – 2pm (*cash or check only*).

**Concessions & Volunteerism:** Since most games will be played at the new GLL Complex, and due to limited profitability, we have made the difficult decision to not operate the concession stand at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. in 2020. Additionally, we do not have the facilities or utilities (*yet*) at the new complex to run concessions there so carry-ins will be encouraged!

The concession stand closure will have an impact on our volunteer program as many families fulfilled their requirements by working the concession stand in previous years. We have plenty of alternative volunteer options that will be made available in 2020 – most will be focused on improving the new complex and reducing our operating costs so we can continue to keep our fees reasonable. And as in years past, you will be eligible to receive a \$50 gift card to a local business upon completion of your volunteer requirement. Look for full details prior to the start of the 2020 season.

**GLL Complex:** You may have noticed that our baseball complex continues to grow. We're excited to share with you that we will be opening up our 3<sup>rd</sup> ball diamond – **Matt Malkowski Field** – with the start of the 2020 season. This project has been made possible via remarkable generosity from the community and with a huge amount of hard work from the entire team. We will still hold games and practices at the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (John Long Middle School) fields, but with 3 active fields ready for play, you can expect most softball and baseball events to be held at the new complex!

**2020 Events:** Based on feedback from last season (*and after too many 35-degree April mornings in years past*), we are excited to announce that we will be hosting a **Mid-Summer Celebration** in 2020 in lieu of our traditional Opening Day Ceremonies. Details are forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for the morning June 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to low turnout the past few years, we will not be holding an End of Year Party in 2020. We will however still hold our annual Pitching & Catching Clinics (Feb/Mar), Dick's Sporting Goods Day (3/14), Family Night (4/14), and Brewers Night (6/23).

On behalf of the Grafton Little League Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support of our program and our community. I look forward to the upcoming season and for the fun we will have. Play ball!

Sincerely,

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