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Field of dreams ready for Lincoln-Sudbury softball

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Friday, Apr. 4 is Opening Day. At Fenway Park fans and players will be basking in the glory from one of the most memorable turnaround stories in diamond history.

Closer to home, Opening Day will be much sweeter. Friday, Apr. 4, is Opening Day for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School girls' softball program. The day marks the first time the L-S varsity softball team will play a game on the new L-S Community Softball Field at the high school.

The 4 p.m. season opener against Framingham will be preceded by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3:45 p.m.

Thanks to the significant support and generosity of the Town of Sudbury, local businesses, non-profits, friends, and families, the L-S Community Softball Field is now a reality. This is reason to celebrate.

The journey to the new Community Field is a life "Civics Lesson" for our community. The initiative started with the simple premise of safety, equity, and equality for female student athletes.

The project to rebuild the L-S softball field started in earnest about two years ago when a group of softball advocates came together to form "Friends of Lincoln-Sudbury Softball" ("FOLSS"), a 501(3)(c).

The organization's initial priority was to establish a "level playing field" for the female softball players at L-S. Prior to the rebuilding of the L-S Community Softball Field, the girls played on "a field of nightmares." The condition of the L-S softball field was a safety issue and not at parity with the other athletic fields at L-S.

Numerous volunteers came together from both Lincoln and Sudbury because they believed that our local female athletes deserved equal treatment.

Community leaders listened and rallied around the cause.

While there were many twists, turns, and unfortunate bumps along the way, the new L-S Community Field is now a reality. Thank you to all that helped to make this happen.

Members of the greater L-S Softball Community extend an invitation for all to celebrate at "Opening Day", and at future games on the new field.

The local community is also invited to celebrate girls' softball at the Annual Girls' Softball Night to be held on Friday, May 2, at Featherland Field in Sudbury.

Please come and cheer on the L-S girls' softball teams with a 4 p.m. junior varsity game and a 6:30 p.m. varsity game against Weston.

Join in on the fun, food, and silent auction with food available, starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by pre-game fun.

The L-S softball program, in conjunction with Friends of L-S Softball, will be sponsoring a number of community based annual fundraising events. Proceeds from these will be used to support the L-S softball program and, specifically, fund investments in covered dugouts, batting cages, and other enhancements, which will further our work to bring the field up to parity with the other L-S athletic fields/programs.

Please save the dates for L-S Softball's Annual Fundraisers....

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER:

When: Saturday, Mar. 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (

Rain or shine)

Where: Chiswick Park - 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury

Recycle almost anything with an Electrical Cord...

Your monetary donations will be used to safely dispose of electronics such as computer equipment, office equipment, TV's, and small appliances/electronics. Large appliances and items containing chemicals/ hazardous waste materials cannot be accepted.

LOTUS BLOSSOM NIGHT

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When: Tuesday, Apr. 1, 5-9 p.m.

Where: Dine In, Take Out, or Order Delivery from Lotus Blossom in Sudbury

(978-443-0200)

Mention L-S Softball and 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to support L-S softball.

L-S SOFTBALL CAR WASH

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When: Saturday, May 17, 1:30-4 p.m.

Where: Citizen's Bank (450 Boston Post Road, Sudbury)

Have your car washed by a LSRHS softball player.

Friends of L-S Softball

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