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Media Advisory

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Town to dedicate new ball park at Libby Field, Oct. 2nd

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Weymouth, MA – On Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, Mayor Robert Hedlund will join with Councilor At-Large Jane Hackett, School Superintendent Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, School Committee Chair Lisa Belmarsh, and members of the Weymouth High School and Youth Baseball programs in a special dedication event to celebrate the completion of Libby Field, the Town's first synthetic-turf baseball diamond and new home of the Weymouth Wildcats boys' varsity baseball team. **All are welcome to attend.**

WHO:* Mayor Robert Hedlund
Jane Hackett, Town Councilor At-Large and Chair of the Public Parks and Recreation Committee
Dr. Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Ed.D., School Superintendent
Lisa Belmarsh, School Committee Chair
Joe Paolucci, Weymouth High School Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach
Ron Rizzo, Weymouth Youth Baseball
Cam Munchbach, Weymouth High School Senior

WHEN: Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, 2:00 pm
Rain Date: Friday, October 5th, 2018 – Time TBD

WHERE: Libby Field
Opposite Abigail Adams Middle School
89 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA 02189

* Attendees are subject to change if rain date is used.

Lot parking available at Adams Middle School and Town Hall.

Libby Field is a 6.4-acre ball park located off Middle Street, opposite the Abigail Adams Middle School and Veterans' Memorial Wall. Between 2017 and 2018, the park underwent approximately \$3 million in renovations to develop the Town's first artificial-turf baseball diamond, enhance recreational opportunities for local youth and high school baseball teams, and support beautification of the Town's Civic Center Historic District. Mayor Hedlund will unveil a new plaque at the upcoming dedication event to honor the park's namesake, Dr. J. Herbert Libby, as well as celebrate the field's transformation into one of the region's premier baseball facilities.

The new Libby Field features a standard-size, artificial-turf baseball diamond with 90-foot base paths, a 60-foot pitching distance, and up to 395 feet between home plate and the outfield fence. Additional ball field amenities include team bullpens and sheltered dugouts, a digital scoreboard, an LED sports lighting system for evening games, a pair of bleachers with five rows of seating per stand, and a batter's eye, or sight screen, located in center field that allows batters to see the pitched ball and alleviates sun glare.

Additional improvements at Libby Field include a perimeter walking path, a handicapped-accessible entrance off Chard Street, and 460 linear feet of streetscaping along Middle Street, including sidewalk extensions, granite seating blocks, and spectator railings.

Renovations at Libby Field were completed as part of a [\\$11.4 million capital investment](#) by the Town to improve more than a dozen playing fields and other recreational facilities throughout the community. These projects were spearheaded by Mayor Hedlund, with unanimous support from the Town Council, and were financed without the need for a debt exclusion or tax override.

Correction: Due to a staff reporting error, this statement was released on September 30, 2018, reporting "up to 400 feet between home plate and the outfield fence." The correct distance is up to 395 feet. Furthermore, in a revision of this statement released on October 1, 2018, the names of attendees stated in the opening paragraph and listed under "WHO" were updated, and a rain date of October 5, 2018 was added under "WHEN."

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