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News from Baltimore

Honeywell Hometown Solutions deploys community initiatives in Baltimore that focus on the company's pillars of service: Science & Math Education, Housing & Shelter, Family Safety & Security, and Habitat & Conservation. With the collaboration of community groups and partner organizations, we teach middle school students that science can be fun through programs like FMA Live!, our partnership with NASA. Honeywell Educators @ Space Academy gives teachers in Baltimore the opportunity to apply for scholarships to spend one week at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. We also partner with Living Classrooms to enhance student achievement in science and math while providing environmental awareness and with Rebuilding Together Baltimore to give families warmer and drier homes in the Turner Station community.

PLAY BALL BALTIMORE! BALTIMORE CELEBRATES THE GRAND RE-OPENING OF SWANN PARK WITH BASEBALL GAMES, FESTIVITIES, AND FOOD

Baltimore City and Honeywell's strong partnership returns the popular South Baltimore park to teams and neighbors

Swann Park came back to life Saturday, May 22, as city officials, South Baltimore residents, local baseball teams, and Honeywell celebrated its grand re-opening, marking the first major park restoration in Baltimore since 2000.

"These are the best fields I have seen in the city," said Michael Hunt, coach of the Defenders Baseball Club and a South Baltimore resident.



Yankee Rebels faced the Baltimore Black Sox in a 15 year-old-and-under game on the newly renovated 90-foot baseball diamond.

"It is awesome that they made the old fields into this," added Andrew Hunt, the coach's son, who plays third base for the Defenders.

Rebuilding Together Baltimore



Honeywell volunteers were proud to take part in their fourth Baltimore Rebuilding Day. This year, Rebuilding Day took place in the St. Helena community. Rebuilding Together Baltimore, St. Helena Community Organization, and St. Helena Neighborhood Association, with support from Honeywell Hometown Solutions, Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, neighbors and volunteers from throughout the Baltimore area painted the community center and helped homeowners repair and renovate their homes.

Honeywell's Adventures in Environmental Leadership: A Living Classrooms Program

Baseball games, the Baltimore Orioles' mascot, as well as traditional baseball fare - hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, and soft drinks - were all part of the re-opening festivities at the park, located at 296 W. McComas Street. Attendees received a commemorative Play Ball Baltimore! baseball hat.

The 11-acre park now boasts new fields, baseball and softball diamonds, a regulation football field and, for the first time, lights. Honeywell prepared the ball fields, made water and electrical improvements, and built foundations for lighting, dugouts, fences, bleachers, pedestrian pathways, and roadways. Baltimore City made the final park improvements.

Bobbie Ryer, a South Baltimore resident, came to the park to watch her grandson play. Her son and husband also played at the park when they were younger. "It gives inner city children an opportunity to play," she said. "I don't think it would have happened without Honeywell."

Residents, players, coaches, and officials from Baltimore City, Honeywell, and the Maryland Department of the Environment gathered behind home plate at 10:00 a.m. to kick off the celebration, which was emceed by Dave Johnson, a former Baltimore Orioles pitcher, who also grew up playing at the park.



Honeywell Hometown Solutions and the Living Classrooms Foundation joined together for the third year to help more than 350 students from Dundalk and Logan Elementary Schools learn how to become environmental stewards in their communities. During *Adventures in Environmental Leadership*, students and their teachers learn by doing. They investigate the water cycle, learn how to conserve water and reduce runoff, construct rain barrels, map their local watershed, spearhead a neighborhood trash pick up, and transform their schoolyards into beautiful green spaces.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Boy Scout Troop #577 commenced the grand re-opening day celebration with the Pledge of Allegiance.



"This is a truly great day," said Deputy Mayor Christopher Thomaskutty, who thanked Honeywell and city employees for restoring the park. "It has turned into something so beautiful and so useful. It took an incredible

amount of work."

"Today is a great day for Baltimore," said Evan van Hook, Honeywell Vice President of Environmental Projects. "Swann Park has a rich, 106-year history, and its successful restoration contributes to the revitalization of areas along the Middle Branch. In less than three years, a strong partnership between Baltimore City and Honeywell created a new and improved park. We are proud of our work. Baltimore will enjoy the restoration of Swann Park for decades to come."

Carey Cheek, manager of the Yankee Rebels baseball team, led the crowd in giving Honeywell a round of applause for its work. "Thank you Honeywell... for the work you have done," he said. "This is great."



Evan van Hook, Honeywell's Vice President of Environmental Projects, addresses the crowd.



"Play hard, run hard, enjoy this park," said Deputy Mayor Christopher Thomaskutty. "It was well worth the wait."

After a celebratory first pitch, the Yankee Rebels faced the Baltimore Black Sox in a 15 year-old-and-under game on the newly renovated 90-foot baseball diamond, while the 10-year-old-and-under Defenders Baseball Club played the Brooklyn Park Cyclones. Throughout the day, children ran and played on the park's multi-purpose field, designed for football, lacrosse, and soccer games.



(Left to Right) Gregory Bayor, Director of Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks; Deputy Mayor Christopher Thomaskutty; Evan van Hook, Honeywell's Vice President of Environmental Projects; and former Baltimore City Councilman, Joe DiBlasi throw the celebratory first pitch.



Catchers representing the Yankee Rebels, Brooklyn Park Cyclones, Defenders Baseball Club, and Baltimore Black Sox pose behind home plate.

Fun and excitement filled Swann Park during the day as players crowded around the Orioles' mascot for pictures. Others enjoyed refreshments, strolled along the pedestrian pathway, or watched baseball from the newly erected stands.



A player from the 10-year-old-and-under Defenders Baseball Club hits the ball.



Defenders Baseball Club Coach Shawn McHale took in the new and improved Swann Park with brother Delegate Brian McHale. Swann Park is the Defenders' new home field.

Like many, Joe DiBlasi, a former Baltimore City Councilman, who represented South Baltimore for 13 years, remembers Swann Park's rich history. Named after Thomas Swann, who was Mayor of Baltimore from 1856 to 1860, Maryland's 33rd Governor, and a U.S. Representative, the park celebrated its grand opening in 1904, according to *The Baltimore Sun*.

Over the years, Swann Park became known for producing great baseball players. *Sports Illustrated* dubbed it the "garden spot" for professional baseball scouts who came to eye local talent. Here, Major League baseball players like Al Kaline, Reggie Jackson, and Ron Swoboda sharpened their skills.

"It is magnificent from end to end," said DiBlasi, who played at Swann Park. "It is great for all of Baltimore. You have got to give tons of credit for the restoration process. Now, a new generation can come through and produce their own memories."



Brooklyn Park Cyclones pitcher throws the ball to a Defenders Baseball Club hitter.



The Baltimore Black Sox team anxiously awaits the start of the game in the new dugout.



The Baltimore Black Sox team gathers for a mid-game pep talk.



The Yankee Rebels congratulate the Baltimore Black Sox on their first game on the newly renovated 90-foot baseball diamond.



The Yankee Rebels and the Baltimore Black Sox don their celebratory medals at the end of their first game.

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