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Ballparks National To Manage Osage Beach Baseball Field Operations For 2024 Season

It was announced on December 21st, that Ballparks National was awarded a contract to operate the Osage Beach City Park baseball fields, concession stand, and recreational leagues for the 2024 season by the Osage Beach Board of Alderman.

Ballparks National will operate the facility from April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024, outside of some key dates identified by the city for long-standing annual events. The company will enhance the usage of the facility through both increased civic participation in baseball and softball, as well as bringing in more visitors to the area on weekends for tournaments and games. Residents will still be able to access the park as they always have for field rentals, practices, and games. Ballparks National will also organize not only the local recreational sports league, but will add adult leagues, youth camps, and athlete training to the available schedule.

"We are excited to bring our operational expertise to use on a local level and partner with the City of Osage Beach on their ballpark complex operations," said Ballparks National General Manager Jeff Vernetti. "We look forward to bringing our staff resources, operational experience, and dedication to this partnership and are excited about the opportunity to enhance participation in local youth sports."

More details on events, park rentals, and the 2024 tournament schedule will be released in early January.

"I am very happy to have worked this out with Ballparks National and believe this will be beneficial for the City of Osage Beach as well as those who utilize our wonderful ballfields," said Osage Beach Mayor Michael Harmison.

Over the last two seasons, Ballparks National partnerships with area businesses added over 7,000 lodging room nights and an estimated \$10 million in spin-off revenues for area businesses. A team of more than 70 local employees keeps the bats swinging and provides a first-class visitor experience.

Over their three years of operation, they have had almost 2,500 teams from 19 states play in over 5,100 games at their complex, which will have eight all turf fields for 2024. This agreement is the first expansion of the company to operate a facility outside of their own.

Ballparks National main complex is located on Highway 54 near Macks Creek, Missouri, just west of Lake of the Ozarks, the number one recreational lake in the United States.