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- WHO:** The City of Rockport and the Rockport-Fulton Little League
- WHAT:** Will unveil the renderings and current construction on Phase 2 of the Memorial Park Ball Fields
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 8 at noon
- WHERE:** Memorial Park, located at the intersection of Pearl St. (FM2165) and Enterprise Blvd.

After the devastation at Memorial Park from Hurricane Harvey, City leaders set in motion a plan to instill a sense of “normalcy” for area youth by rebuilding the park’s softball and baseball fields in time for the season opener. In conjunction with hundreds of volunteers and other committed businesses and foundations, the ball fields were repaired, temporary seating was added and the 350-member Rockport-Fulton Little League was able to play ball.

Inspired by the community support, the junior (13 & 14-year-old) baseball and softball teams advanced to the State tournament. The first time ever for the baseball team and a return trip for the softball team, which won state in 2014.

Even as work was being done on the ball fields, the groundwork for a major renovation of the complex and support facilities was underway. Shortly after the Little League season had ended, construction crews were on the ground finishing renovations to the fields, moving the T-ball field and building additional parking.

Calling on the services of Bennett Benner Partners, North Texas’ top architecture and planning services, a multi-million dollar renovation program was developed. Rivaling similar complexes in major cities, the project includes the construction of seating at the baseball and softball fields, a concession stand, outdoor seating pavilion, and a restroom facility, which replaces a 50-year-old, four stall building that was destroyed in the storm. The program was made possible under the leadership of the City and through the work of countless volunteers, the donation of services and materials, and funding from the Sid Richardson Foundation, Bass Foundation, Alice Walton, Frill Foundation, Baird Foundation, Bobby Patton and others/

Individuals associated with the participating organizations; Bee Croft Construction, the contractors for the project; board members of the Rockport-Fulton Little League; and City leaders will be available for comment.

