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**PLAAAAY BALL! COLLEGIATE BASEBALL SEASON IN FULL SWING AT
CABIN JOHN'S SHIRLEY POVICH FIELD**

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff at Cabin John Regional Park in Rockville invite baseball fans of all ages to enjoy a full season of collegiate baseball at Shirley Povich Field with the Georgetown University Hoyas and the Bethesda Big Train baseball teams. Between February and November this year, Povich Field will host more than 500 baseball games.

“When your kids start yelling ‘take me out to the ball game,’ just head for Shirley Povich Field,” said park manager Pete Boettinger. “The field evokes the feeling of an old-time ball park, and families just love it.”

Summer Baseball Camps

In addition, the Bethesda Big Train will offer summer baseball camps for boys and girls five years of age and older. Details on the summer camps are available at www.bigtrain.org, and registration is currently under way.

Home to the Georgetown University Hoyas baseball team since 2000, Shirley Povich Field is the result of a public/private partnership between M-NCPPC and the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club. Shirley Povich field is named for the late renowned Washington Post sports columnist whose career spanned 75 years covering nearly every major sporting event of the 20th century. For details on the Hoyas baseball team, go to www.guhoyas.com.

“A major improvement and upgrade project in 1999 added 650 Camden Yards-quality seats, a press box, clubhouse and snack bar, rest rooms, picnic area, scoreboard and dugouts,” added Boettinger. “The result is one of the nation’s finest amateur ballparks... right in your own backyard. Fans step through the archway of the red brick clubhouse and step back in time.”

Located in one of the busiest areas of Montgomery County in the 528-acre Cabin John Regional Park, Povich Field offers a convenient way for fans to enjoy baseball up close. The field is located at 10600 Westlake Drive in Rockville. For a map to the field, fans can go to: http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/park_of_the_day/aug/parkday_aug22.shtm or to www.montgomeryparks.org.

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