

Franklin, MA - Field of Dreams III

"If you light it, they will come." While these words play off the theme from the movie "Field of Dreams," they illustrate a reality in Franklin, MA, the first town to be named after Ben Franklin, the master of Electricity, and located about 25 miles southwest of Boston. As it stands now the girls of Franklin are already there, participating and enjoying the great sport of girl's fastpitch softball; the lights will help us see who is there though.

With almost 700 girls, from ages 5 and up, playing softball each year, the town of Franklin has a lot of enthusiastic young athletes. Ball fields are tough to come by and lighted ones are even more difficult to find.

For the Field of Dreams contest, sponsored by Granite City Electric Company, Franklin would love to illuminate the Pisani Fields in downtown Franklin (see photo).

With downtown Franklin in the midst of a revitalization project that is bringing on-site parking, a new refreshment stand, new bathrooms, and new grass to the Pisani Fields, the perfect finishing touch would be to light up the night so that our girls can play ball into the evening in a safe and comfortable environment.

Picture this, if you would, it's a warm summer night, the new lights chase away the darkness of dusk, little Phyllis is up to bat in the middle of the 3rd inning staring down the pitcher. As the pitcher begins her wind up, Phyllis gives her a little wink, which says "Yes, this is how softball is meant to be played, under the lights at night just like the big league players." The pitcher acknowledges the wink with a slight nod of her head as she fires the ball towards home plate....

A vote for Franklin is a vote for the young female athletes who aspire to one day be the best in the sport of softball, or for that matter, in all endeavors in life. Get all your friends and family to vote as well. Let's bring new lights to the Franklin fields.

Interested in learning more about the Franklin Girls Fastpitch Softball program? Check us out at <http://www.fgsafastpitch.org/>

