

Friends Of Whitey Ford Field - Queens, NY

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Richard T Ritchie, Appointed to the Advisory Board of Friends of Whitey Ford Field
Ritchie joined the Advisory Board of Friends of Whitey Ford Field in September after consultation with our management board members.

Ritchie brings an in-depth knowledge of Whitey Ford Field to the table. Ritchie, known as the umpire with the Iron Fist, was featured in the New York Times, "Softball's Iron Fist." – <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/26/nyregion/rich-ritchie-is-the-softball-umpire-with-an-iron-fist.html>

His league, Queens Lighted Softball Association, has used the field for the past decade, and in so doing, helped maintain the ballpark with the support of the NYC Department of Parks. He has an unsurpassed knowledge of Whitey Ford Field, and many of his observations were incorporated into the final proposal for the planned redevelopment of Whitey Ford Field, to be started in the Spring.

Last summer, Ritchie organized the largest sporting event in Astoria, at Whitey Ford Field (All-Star-Game). Over 200+ participants and fans showed up to make this a memorable occasion.

We look forward to Ritchie's continued input and advice.

Very best,

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Blair Clancy and Neil Herdan

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