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Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 and the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association spearhead baseball field upgrades in Braintree, MA

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Shown (from left) are: Local 537 business agent Dan Coady; Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 business agent Pat Mulkerrin; Braintree mayor Erin Joyce; and Greater Boston PCA executive director Andrew DeAngelo.

Braintree, MA The South Shore Building Trades Council, Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12 of Boston and the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association were honored this week by mayor Erin Joyce and the Braintree City Council for leading the effort to install a new scoreboard, upgrade dugouts and make other improvements to the Braintree High School varsity baseball field.

Local 12 and the Greater Boston PCA have teamed up with the South Shore Building Trades Council, National Electrical Contractors of Greater Boston and the New England Mechanical Contractors Association to donate a new digital scoreboard, rebuild the dugouts and make other improvements to the baseball field. The city council formally accepted the donation at a public meeting.

“This will be a significant enhancement to our athletic programs,” mayor Joyce said. “This is a really unique opportunity to partner with the trades. This is just a great partnership.”

Marr Rigging & Scaffolding, a union contractor employing multiple crafts and Buckley Elevator, a signatory contractor for the International Union of Elevator Contractors Local 4, are also contributing to the project. Marr will be installing the new scoreboard. It reads: “Proudly Presented by The South Shore Building Trades Unions and their Signatory Contractors Associations.”

Pat Mulkerrin, business agent for Plumbers Local 12, said the partnership not only allows the union to give back to the community, it also showcases for students the value of entering the trades. “We want to remind kids that there is somewhere else to go other than college,” Mulkerrin said. “You can come get a free education and learn a trade and make \$100,000 a year, doing it without debt. The building trades are a great place to go for the community.”

Andrew DeAngelo, executive director of the Greater Boston PCA said, “We are proud to partner with the South Shore Building Trades Council and signatory contractor associations NECA Boston and New England MCA. Thanks also to Marr Rigging and Scaffolding and Buckley Elevator for their generous contributions. This will be a great addition for the students at the high school and entire town of Braintree.”