



President's Newsletter



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There are three things in my life which I really love: God, my family and baseball. The only problem – once baseball season starts, I change the order around a bit.

- Al Gallagher

My wife would agree this is my sentiment come springtime. It's time for some baseball! For those of you new to the league, welcome to our family. It is our hope you have an enjoyable experience at McAllister Park LL and come back season after season. We recognize there are several options when it comes to youth sports. We appreciate you choosing our community and joining our family. There are many opportunities to get involved and do not be afraid to help. We are a volunteer organization, everyone has a family, jobs and things outside of MPLL. Keep that in mind and we are always looking for more great and willing volunteers.

Speaking of great volunteers, I want to thank Stephen Sipe for heading up this year's registration. Getting 773 players accounted for is no easy task. Thank you very much for the help Steve!

There were also many others who helped make this spring's registration a success. From the in-person registrations, to the clinics and gathering all of the needed paperwork for each player, it was a huge team effort. I really appreciate all of the hard work and help with it. Like I always say, this league is nothing without YOU!

Play Ball!!!

As we start another season of baseball, I would like to remind everyone about a few things about your kids, OUR league and OUR family. The sign to the right says it all. We have posted this sign this season on every field.

I ask everyone to remember that this is Little League and this is still a league where kids will want to be kids. This is a time in their life they will always remember. Lets make it always a positive memory!

Also I ask to please remember that your team moms, coaches, managers and league officials are all volunteers. Every one of them has a life outside of this league. They all have jobs, spouses, families, and commitments beyond Little League. Please remember that when you are at the park and have a complaint about a decision, or a coach, or a kid, or a parent, or.....well you get the picture.

I wish all teams good luck and hope everyone has an enjoyable and great season!

REMINDERS FROM YOUR CHILD:

- 🗣 I'm a **KID** doing my best
- 🗣 It's just a **GAME** I love to play
- 🗣 My coach is a **VOLUNTEER**
- 🗣 The umpires are **HUMAN**
- 🗣 **NO** College Scholarships will be handed out today
- 🗣 No one is here to clean up after you. **PICK UP YOUR TRASH!**





MPLL Rules

A few rules to remind everyone as the season starts

- 1) **No Outside food or beverage.** Please support our concession stand, they are a primary revenue source for the league.
- 2) **No Dogs or other pets.**
- 3) No Tobacco or alcohol products of any kind. No Smoking or vaping.
- 4) No skateboards, bikes, scooters, hoverboards or rollerblades.
- 5) No climbing on bleachers, walls, fences, railings or dugouts.
- 6) No soft toss into any fences.
- 7) Abusive behavior and language will not be tolerated by any member, player, or spectator. Disciplinary action for abusive behavior and language will be enforced by the Board of Directors.

**LONG AFTER
YOU'RE GONE,
YOUR TRASH
IS NOT.**



KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN BY PICKING UP AFTER YOURSELF
IN THE STANDS — THE DUGOUT — ON THE FIELD



Reserved Parking spots

Every year, the number one complaint I receive emails about in week one of the season is people parking in a reserved spot. As part of our fundraising every year, we sell a reserved parking spot for \$400 a year. Their last name is painted on the curb for that parking spot. **If you park in a spot with a last name painted on it, and your last name does not match that spot, you are parking in the wrong spot!!!!**



People pay money for that right to park there and I ask everyone to respect those spots. If you are interested in obtaining a spot, they can still be purchased at the concession stand or our online store for \$400.00.

For your safety

Unfortunately, we have had vehicles broken into in the past. It is our plan to have an officer or security guard on-site during games every night of the season. This should help, but we ask that everyone be vigilant and keep your eyes and ears open in the parking lot. If you see anything suspicious, please report it immediately to the officer or to the concession stand. **You can contact Park Police as well at 210-207-8590.**

We ask that you also take measures to prevent any break-ins of vehicles. The National Insurance Crime Bureau presents some tips to help minimize the risk of a break-in. With these common sense habits and preventative measures, you can greatly reduce the chances your vehicle will become a target.

- 1) Lock your doors** While this piece of advice should be a no-brainer, up to a quarter of vehicle thefts are from unlocked cars, according to some law enforcement agencies. Even if you're running into the store for a Coke, that's too long to leave your vehicle's contents open for the taking. Simply locking the doors will deter those who might just be waiting around for an easy target.
- 2) Keep it tidy** Almost any worthless personal item that's visible from the outside -- even an empty shopping bag -- could be seen as a valuable or a carrier of valuables. If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area on display, consider getting a cover. Most of these vehicles can be fitted with inexpensive retractable covers to help keep shopping bags or other belongings out of sight.
- 3) Conceal all the evidence** Don't leave any bait out for thieves; stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight-or better yet, bring it with you. The evidence alone might be enough to pique the interest of thieves, so hide that too,



including power plugs, telltale iPod adapters, or nav-system windshield suction-cup mounts, and even put the cigarette lighter back in place.

- 4) **Stash before -- not after -- you park** Get in the habit of putting shopping bags in the trunk right when you return to the vehicle, rather than after you park at the next place.

Volunteer Badges

Starting next week we will be asking all coaches, team moms, board members to wear their ID badges at all times. MPLL performs a background check on all volunteers. This is to protect OUR kids. This is for their safety.

Dana Sorbel handles all of our background checks. All completed checks will have a badge printed out and will be at the concession stand for pickup. We will have lanyards and card holders provided. Please stop by and pick yours up starting on Monday. You will not be allowed to be on the field until it is done.

I ask that everyone, please respect this request. **Lanyards and badges must be worn always on fields.**

Get your Raffle Tickets

By now all teams should have a team mom and hopefully she has been in contact with Nicole Ramirez about the raffle tickets and team mom duties. We are asking every player to sell at least 10 tickets this spring. Please reach out to co-workers, church and family members about the raffle and ask for their support. Each ticket has a chance at winning a 2018 Chevy Silverado.

You can send her a note with any questions at mpllteammoms@gmail.com.

She also is communicating important information via the remind app at @mpllt. To join it, text @mpllt to 81010.



MVP players' raffle

For every 20 tickets a player sells, he/she will be entered into the players' raffle which we will hold on Friday May 11th at 7:30pm along with our Hall of Fame Raffle. Please remember there is no limit on number of tickets your son/daughter can receive in the raffle. They will just receive one chance for every 20 tickets sold. The prize list for the MVP players' raffle is:

- 1) Xbox OneS
- 2) iPad Mini
- 3) \$200 Visa gift card
- 4) \$125 iTunes gift card
- 5) \$50 iTunes gift card

Players get out there and SELL! SELL! SELL! The more you sell, the more chances you get at the above listed prizes!

**Be sure to have your team mom document your child's ticket sales so they receive the credit for the chances.

Concessions volunteers needed

While we are on the subject of volunteers....Our concession stand is our primary source of income throughout the season. One of our biggest needs in the concession stand is workers. If you know of any service organization looking for service hours, please contact Marissa Gilbert for further information. There are a lot of nights in a spring season, we need all the help we can get.

Volunteer at YOUR Little League



I say this often, "this is YOUR Little League." We are all a big family trying to build and maintain a great facility and community for our kids to grow up in. It takes a momentous amount of time and volunteers to successfully do this. I ask everyone to consider to get involved. We do need YOUR help. Everyone has time and talents that can be utilized.

Get involved today!