



President's Newsletter



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There are only two seasons, winter and baseball.

- Bill Veck

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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. I ask that you keep this in mind as the season starts, we are a volunteer organization. Everyone has a family, jobs and things outside of MPLL, please be patient. If you feel you have some ideas and would like to contribute your time and efforts, 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 again. We had a few curveballs thrown at us from the registration system as many of you are aware, and Steve did his best to make it run smooth! 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 these signs posted on all of our fields.

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!
 Thanks for supporting MPLL!
 Tommy Moeller
 2019 MPLL President

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!



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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.



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 next week. 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.**



Team Moms

Alecia Neutzling is heading up our team moms this season. By now all teams should have a team mom and hopefully has been in contact with Alecia Neutzling about the team mom duties and raffle tickets. If you have not been in contact with her, please send her a note with any questions to mpllteammoms@gmail.com.

She also is communicating important information via the remind app at [@teammom19](https://www.remind.com/join/@teammom19). To join it, text [@teammom19](https://www.remind.com/join/@teammom19) to 81010.

Night at the Missions

Last spring, the SA Missions hosted a MPLL night at the park. It was a great evening and we have worked with them to do this again in April and to make it even better for all of those in attendance. The Night at the Missions will be on Saturday April 13th at 7:05pm vs the Nashville Sounds. This year's tickets will be located in the Fiesta Deck along the third baseline. This is an upgrade from last year, as every ticket holder (during the game) will have access to an all-you-can-eat buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, beef and chicken fajitas, polish sausage, nachos and snacks. Included along with the buffet is an all-you-can-drink beer, soda, and water. The cost of the ticket will be \$40 per person. Come see Triple A baseball and enjoy a night of family, food, drink and fun! A post-game fireworks extravaganza will be held as well.



A portion of the ticket proceeds will go back to MPLL. The link to purchase these tickets is here: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Mcallisterpark3>

You have until April 7th to purchase tickets to this event.

Win A 2019 Camaro!

Our third annual Hall of Fame raffle is up and running. Tickets will be sold for \$10 a chance and we will have multiple prizes.

Among the prizes:

- Roundtrip travel voucher for 2 on Southwest Airlines
- \$1000 Visa gift card
- **GRAND PRIZE: A 2019 Chevy Camaro**



Buy 1 or buy 100.....there is no limit nor will you need to be present to win!

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 2019 Chevrolet Camaro.



Each chance is \$10 and with each ticket purchased, there is a free car wash (valued at \$9.99) included from Bee Clean, so for \$.01 you are buying a chance at winning a Camaro.

The grand prize raffle drawing will be held on our 2019 MPLL Night at the Park on Friday night May 10th at 7:30pm. More to come on this event! Mark your calendars now and plan on supporting this great event!

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 10th 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) \$200 Visa gift card
- 3) \$125 iTunes gift card
- 4) \$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 at mpllconcessions@yahoo.com. 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!