

MLL Community,

Our 2021 season is underway and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to say that we're extremely excited to see everyone back at the fields. Things may look a little bit different this season, especially at the start, so I wanted to give everyone a quick overview of what to expect.

### **COVID Policy**

- Our current COVID policy for operation can be found here: [Here](#). This should look very familiar to most of you as it's based on our policies during the Summer and Fall seasons but with some adjustments to account for a better understanding of how COVID-19 is spread. Our goal as always is to operate as safely as possible. We're very proud of our safety record to date, having no known community spread during either of the last two seasons. Please take a minute to familiarize yourselves with the protocols now.
- We encourage all spectators to continue to mask and distance as much as possible. Feel free to bring your own chairs to spread out further or get there early and watch from the tailgate of your vehicle. MLL is a big park and there's plenty of room for everyone.
- All of the previous, non-COVID specific, rules are still in place.
  - Specifically there is no alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products allowed on any MLL Field
  - Pets are not allowed at the MLL Complex. Please do not bring your dog (or any other pet)—no matter how well behaved.
  - During all games at MLL there will always be a Board Member on Duty, so in case of emergency, or if you need something, please find that person and let them know. Their contact information will be on the whiteboard outside of the snack bar.

### **PARKING AT MLL**

- When visiting MLL please park only in the lined parking spaces in the parking lot. Please do not park in front of the dumpsters or the sand/gravel/dirt piles. Please also do not create additional rows of parking spots. The parking lot is laid out to allow for enough room for Emergency Vehicles to access the facility. When they cannot, it is a safety hazard. Overflow parking is available on the surrounding streets, as well as in the Kent Gardens Pool parking lot until May 21, 2021 when the pool plans to open.
- We plan to hold a silent auction in the very near future for the reserved parking spots right in front of Field #4. Please check the website for more information.

## **SNACK BAR**

- We are going to do our best to have the snack bar open this season starting in a week or so.
- As always, it will be staffed by parent volunteers from the teams. Each team has one assigned time during the season. Your team manager will likely designate a team parent to help coordinate volunteers from your team.
- We are going to implement some protocols to allow parents to feel safe working in the snack bar. We will try to limit the people actually inside the snack bar to 1 or 2 and will have the other volunteers stationed out in front of the snack bar to take orders. Snack bar volunteers must wear masks and gloves.
- We are also hoping to enable credit card payments at the snack bar this year.

## **THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POLICY**

- We have a traffic light in the attic of the clubhouse that can be seen from the parking lot to indicate weather related delays. If thunder or lightning is heard/seen during play, the horn will blow and everyone should go to their cars in the parking lot. The traffic light will turn from green to yellow. When 30 minutes have passed since the last rumble of thunder or lightning strike then the light will go back to green and people should come back to the fields. If the light turns to red it means that the games in progress are canceled.
- Please follow us on Twitter [@MLLUpdates](https://twitter.com/MLLUpdates) and turn on notifications to receive up-to-date weather related information to your device via Twitter or check the MLL website.

## **BAT-A-THON IS BACK!**

- The Bat-a-Thon is MLL's main fundraising event. Registration fees only cover a portion of what it takes to run the league and maintain our amazing complex. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold this important fundraiser last year. So it is even more important that we hold a successful Bat-a-Thon this year!
- Bat-a-thon will be held from May19-23rd and will look a little different to accommodate COVID-19 Safety procedures.
- We are also offering electronic donation options with individual fundraising webpages for each player.
- In the next couple of weeks, more detailed information will be provided. Stay tuned!

## **MLL CHAIN BRIDGE BANK TERRY MAHONEY GOLF CLASSIC**

- There is still time left to register or be a sponsor for the 23rd annual MLL Chain Bridge Bank Terry Mahoney Golf Classic!
- The tournament will be held on Monday, May 3rd at Hidden Creek Country Club.
- Please register your foursome and find all the details of the tournament [Here](#)

Thanks so much to all the volunteers and families who have worked tirelessly to ensure we have another safe, fun and successful season of MLL! Looking forward to seeing everyone on the fields soon.

Matt Tallent

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