



## Newsletter August 2021

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### THAT'S A WRAP (well . . . sort of)

Wow! Despite all the challenges and unknowns, we saw a full season of softball and baseball return to SPLL! Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated unknown situations and learned plenty. All of our parent, coaches, and volunteers showed amazing cooperation and our players benefited from such a great season. We are investigating offering simple sandlot game options at SPLL later this fall – watch your email inbox and our Facebook account for dates/times and assigned fields. We hope to see you back at SPLL next season.

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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We need your help! It's time to elect Board Members for the 2021-2022 season! Do you have new ideas on how we could make SPLL better? Can you spare a little bit of your time to help grow our league? SPLL is run by volunteer Board Members – and we need your help. If you have interest in running for a Board Member role, please email [Secretary@southportagell.com](mailto:Secretary@southportagell.com) with your name and a short description about yourself (to be used on our ballot). Nominations must be received by September 10<sup>th</sup>. Questions about the Board Member roles? Please contact Josh at [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com)

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The South Portage Little League (SPLL) Annual General Membership meeting will take place on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM. We will host the meeting via Zoom for those that wish to attend. Please contact Josh at [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com) for dial-in/connection information for this meeting.

During this meeting, we will share “state of the League” information about SPLL – with some highlights of what took place in the last year. We will provide a financial update, status of properties owned, and hear any business that general members wish to bring forth to the Board for consideration.

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### HOT ROD NATIONALS – MAKE SOME MONEY FOR SPLL

The NSRA Street Rod Nationals event is an opportunity for SPLL families to volunteer their time – in trade for a financial reimbursement back to SPLL for your work! We need help covering all of the open shifts and would love for your assistance. Here are the details:

What: Volunteers needed – ticket sellers, ticket takers, and hand stampers

When: Friday 9/10, Saturday 9/11, and Sunday 9/12 (various shifts – typically 3-4 hours)

Where: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Who: Contact Mike at [mikedagherty48@hotmail.com](mailto:mikedagherty48@hotmail.com)

Those that volunteer can come early or stay late to attend the show for FREE!

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – FOUL BALL NETTING PROJECT**

We are installing Safety netting around the fields to help prevent random foul balls from entering the spectator areas (fields 3-6 & 7-10). We need people to help put clips on nets, zip tie the net to the fence, and hang the nets from the guidewires. There is a group of volunteers meeting at SPLL around 10:30AM Saturday 8/28 – and we will continue the project Sunday 8/29. If you can spare some time to help make SPLL safer – PLEASE contact Devin at [property@southportagell.com](mailto:property@southportagell.com)

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## **DENOYER FORD DISCOUNT**

Our SPLL season wouldn't have been possible without our amazing League Sponsor – DeNooyer Ford! As a gesture of appreciation of our sponsor, DeNooyer is offering SPLL families a discount of \$5 off any automotive service. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this coupon and present it when you get your vehicle serviced! Don't forget to tell them THANK YOU for their support of SPLL's 2021 season!

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## **CONGRATULATIONS ALL STARS**

In case you haven't heard, SPLL had an amazing post-season for 2021! We were able to field 8 SPLL teams, and 1 SPLL/Gull Lake combined All Star team this year! We sent more teams to State competition than any other season in recent SPLL history! This is a huge accomplishment and we're proud of our teams? Great job All Stars!

*Minors Softball – Team Stagray      Minors Baseball – Team Szoke      Minors Baseball – Team Slater*  
*Little Majors Softball – Team Verduzco\**      *Little Majors Baseball – Team Toennessen*  
*Little Majors Baseball – Team Brown\**      *Majors Softball – Team Stetten\**  
*Majors Baseball – Team Steele\**      *50/70 Baseball SPLL/GLLL – Team Ricca/Henry\**

\*Team advanced to State competition

Many photos of All Star excitement have been shared on our Facebook page – and we'll be updating our webpage with team photos soon. CONGRATS to our All Star teams – we're proud of you!

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## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

August 28 & 29 – Foul Ball Netting Project – **Volunteers needed**

September 10 – Deadline to submit Board Member nominations

September 10-12 – Street Rod Nationals – **Volunteers needed**

September 26 – Annual General Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM

January 1, 2022 – Registration Opens for 2022 SPLL Season

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