



## Lou Gehrig Youth Baseball and Softball Newsletter

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### Letter from the Chairman:

LGYBS Families,

Welcome back to Lou Gehrig. We hope you have had a great offseason. Due to the successes of our Sponsorship and Fundraising Campaigns, along with strong house registration, we've been able to fund many much needed complex improvements since last fall. We are excited to share the following with you.

Starting last fall, renovations began on every baseball and softball field in our complex (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11). This was a time-consuming project that is just about done. Each field received new clay, fresh cutouts, and laser leveling. Adding over 20 tons of new clay to every field is no small task. We are hopeful this will help with the standing water in the infields. New dugouts were constructed on fields 2 and 7. Drainage has been added in several locations. Diamond 10 is being converted into a state-of-the-art 90 ft. diamond. More information on that project is coming soon. New landscaping and signage has also been installed.

In addition to the fields, our batting cage had all 4 garage doors replaced. When using the batting cages, please make sure to keep the garage doors open to avoid damaging them. Our maintenance building also received a make-over. Thanks to the efforts of former LG Board Member Dennis Heim (and family), new white vinyl siding, and gutters were installed. We also built a new "dirt pit" to hold all the clay needed for future field maintenance. Our dumpsters were moved over to the maintenance area to help clean up our entrances into the complex.

One of the more notable projects occurred around our concession stand. Gone are the days of bird droppings. New white vinyl soffits and gutters were installed inside the pavilion area. This large gathering area is now a clean place for all of our families to meet and enjoy a meal from our concession stand. Inside the stand, we

replaced our grilling unit and installed a new PA system. Our menu has been updated which now includes salads and sandwiches and we will soon be selling reloadable gift cards for your convenience. Our Concession Stand and Bathroom buildings were also painted and we have contracted a professional cleaning company to maintain the bathrooms.

Please excuse the bit of mess that was left behind. Sometimes progress gets a little dirty. We are working on finishing up before the season begins, but the weather has been a bit of an issue. Due to the construction in our complex, parking will be limited. Please park responsibly taking up as little room as possible.

Please be on the lookout for our May LGYBS Newsletter. Inside, will be more info regarding all things LG. We hope you are excited as we are to be back at Lou Gehrig in 2022!

**Mike Minnuto**

**LGYBS Chairman**

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Twitter- @LGYBS1

**Message from the Treasurer:**

Our financial position remains strong. A solid 2020-2021 season, along with growing sponsorships, have provided for the many complex improvements over the last 12 months. Our financial model will continue to balance the affordability of our program while providing for the continuous improvement of our Complex. We have made great strides this past year and invested significantly in the complex which will benefit LG families for decades. As a board we will remain transparent, fiscally responsible, and committed to investing in our great organization. A special thanks should go out to our house families and our sponsors. I hope you are as excited as we are to see your contributions at work!

**Mike Russo**

**LGYBS Treasurer**

**Message from the Sponsorship Coordinator:**

I'd like to thank our LG families, friends, and local businesses for helping us exceed our sponsorship goal for 2022. We rolled out a new sponsorship package and were able to increase sponsorship revenue by 60% from 2021! It was really amazing to see how much our business community wants to support our great organization. You will see a lot of logos around our fields. Please try to support our sponsors as best you can and let them know you're an LG family!

**There are still sponsorship opportunities available for 2022. If you're interested in sponsoring, please email me at [marianorick77@gmail.com](mailto:marianorick77@gmail.com).**

**Rick Mariano**

**LGYBS Sponsorship Coordinator**

# The LGYBS Website

LGYBS Families: You can use the following link to upload photos to the LGYBS website.

<https://lgybs.sportngin.com/register/form/932672770> As always, the free SportsEngine app can be found by searching “SportsEngine” in the app store or by visiting the following links:

Facebook - Lou Gehrig Youth Baseball & Softball

Twitter- @LGYBS1

Gregg Pastore

LGYBS Web Design and Communication

## Scorebook: Baseball Report



Lou Gehrig Families:

The 2022 House Baseball Season and the 2022 Travel Season are ready to get underway as play begins at LG starting April 30th! Thank you to all the players, coaches, parents, and volunteers who are an invaluable part of getting the season up and running. We have over 50 House Teams and 25 travel teams ready to begin play on our newly landscaped fields. We look forward to seeing you at the park.

**Sean McCarthy**  
Baseball President

**Joe Spano**  
Baseball Vice-President

# Scorebook: Softball Report



## Lou Gehrig Softball

Lou Gehrig Softball has 32 house teams for the 2022 season! We are excited for the start of the season and can't wait to see everyone back on the fields soon.

Teams are in full swing with practices as they prepare for opening weekend.

Here are a few rules that are in place for our softball divisions;

- Minor B - 60 minute time limit and each girl will bat in every inning. This is an exciting division as the girls learn the amazing game of softball.
- Minor A through Juniors - 1 hour and 40 minute time limit (no new inning can begin after this time) and a 2 hour final time limit is in place. Innings have a 4 run maximum limit as well.
- [Click here for the 2022 Softball Rules](#)

As always, if you have any questions please contact us at the email addresses below.

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# Lou Gehrig Auxiliary News

Thank you to everyone for helping all our teams get ready for the upcoming season. Our Chicken BBQ was another great success and we look forward to continuing to promote and support softball and baseball at LG!

**Lou Gehrig Auxiliary: Jean Costanzo, Co-President Kelly Marcarian, Co-President**

# The Umpire Strikes Back

Welcome to the 2022 season! The LG Umpire team is pleased to have 55 Umpires, all of whom are committed to calling Baseball and Softball to the best level possible!

As we begin a new season, and I begin my first year as Lou Gehrig's Umpire-in-Chief, I want to remind of everyone to keep LG's Zero Tolerance policy in mind. Please remember that many of our umpires are under 18 years old, with nearly 30 of them being 14 or 15 years old. These kids will be doing the best they can, and my team and I will be around all season to help them learn and improve as they go!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the complex this summer! Play ball!!!

**Andrew Fish**

**Umpire-in-Chief**

Ethan Kahwaty, Brendan Leong, Jacob Okulewicz, Joshua Okulewicz, AJ Smith

Lou Gehrig Umpire Committee / Senior Umpires

## Lou Gehrig Complex News



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### Message from the Equipment Coordinator:

For any issues with equipment breaking or being lost, please contact your level coordinators. Thank you.

Play ball!

**Joe Hoehman**

**LGYBS Equipment Coordinator**

\*\*\*Check out the photos on the following pages from our ongoing upgrades to the facility! \*\*\*













## 2022 LGYBS Board Members

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