

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

# Alumni Chatter

November 2022

Alumni & Friends,

As I sit at my desk and look out my window, I see the leaves falling off the trees and a quote comes to mind from Winston Churchill: "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Well NBGC is certainly not perfect, but we strive for continuous improvement, especially during these unprecedented times. And rest assured, the past couple of years have allowed us to seamlessly pivot and adapt, while not compromising NBGC's rich tradition of creating Better Men & Women.

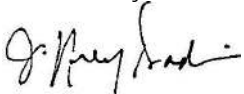
Even though we made it through the Covid Pandemic, we now face challenges that one might not have even imagined. Dealing with the national labor crisis has been a challenge recruiting qualified candidates to work in the youth development arena. The mental health crisis our members, their families, and our staff deal with daily is something that NBGC helps alleviate by providing resources and a supportive environment.

Another change is eliminating the digital divide. We have moved our program and special events registrations to an on-line platform. Our members also have technology resources at our Clubhouse and school-based sites to assist with their educational needs. Our Technology Committee has created a new sub-committee called the Archives Committee. Technology Chairman, Bill Pittges, has recruited 3 NBGC Hall of Famers to lead this essential committee: Tom Krier, Peter Maxfield, and Ray Sugrue. Tom, Peter, and Ray have moved full steam ahead with scanning 91 years of archives. Digitizing our Alumni Chatters, Event Program Books, Reporters, Monkeyshines, and pictures, making these items searchable is the goal of the committee. Tom even recruited his wife, Jeanne Hair, and sister, Linda Krier, to assist in this mammoth endeavor. More information on how to obtain a digital copy of a past publication can be found in this Alumni Chatter edition.

I am thrilled to announce our expansion to another school-based site. We are working with the Linne School Principal, Mr. Gabe Parra, to be the after-school provider of choice at Linne School, 3221 N. Sacramento. This is exciting on many different levels. Not only will the children enrolled at this school have a safe-haven during the most vulnerable time of the day...the out of school time, but they also have additional opportunities to participate in our athletic and youth leadership programs. This all-encompassing curriculum helps mold them into Better Men & Woman. The anticipated opening of this location is scheduled for February 2023.

The work our Staff and Board of Directors do on a daily basis is truly life-changing. We could not do it without your support and generosity. Please consider making a donation between now and Giving Tuesday (November 29) and your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 thanks to a group of anonymous donors. This is a great way to double your impact and support our members to become productive and caring citizens.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Sadowski

Executive Director

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club





# NBGC By The Numbers

For decades the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club has been the after-school program of choice for youth from over 16 different communities. This academic year, we continue our 91-year history of providing youth athletics, leadership, after school programs, summer camps, and much more. Our ability to remain unique and contemporary, while honoring our history and traditions, is one of our many strengths.

## NBGC PROGRAMS

<p><b>2,500</b> Participants Annually</p>	<p><b>16</b> Neighborhoods</p>	<p><b>88%</b> Eligible for Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</p>	<p><b>6,000</b> Breakfasts Served</p>	<p><b>42,000</b> Snacks Served</p>
<p><b>9</b> Sports</p>	<p><b>3</b> Gymnasiums (NBGC, Horner, Bradley Center)</p>	<p><b>132</b></p>	<p><b>68</b> Field Trips per Year</p>	<p><b>500</b> Avg. Daily Attendance</p>





**363  
CAMPERS**

**8 WEEKS**

**UNFORGETTABLE  
MEMORIES**

# Summertime Fun!

## Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2022 was one for the books! It was our first full summer back since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcomed 363 campers over the course of 8 weeks. Our campers enjoyed daily crafts, STEM projects, team building activities, and group games. In addition to our weekly themes and spirit days, each week of Core Camp we learned about one of our NBGC Core Values (honesty, self-reliance, sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and lasting friendships.) Campers were encouraged to earn Camp Coins throughout each week with good behavior, participation, and demonstrating our core value of the week. At the end of each week, they redeemed their Camp Coins for snacks and small prizes at our Camp Snack Shack. Sour gum and Beanie Babies were among our most popular Snack Shack prizes.

Over the course of the summer, Voyager and Adventure camps especially enjoyed playing classic camp games like 4-team Capture the Flag and kickball. Meanwhile our Discovery and Explorer camps enjoyed the inflatable slip-n-slide and water balloon fights on Water Day each week. A highlight for staff, leaders, and campers alike was our camp Talent Show, Lip Sync Battles, and bounce house inflatables on the last day of Core Camp. This summer also brought back field trips in full swing. Our campers went on two field trips per week to classic places like Waveland Bowl, Lincoln Park Zoo, and Enchanted Castle. Our campers also explored new field trips to Fleetwood Roller Rink, Urban Air Adventure Park, and Gizmo's Fun Factory. It was the first time a lot of our Discovery and Explorer campers had ever been on a school bus or taken an in-person field trip due to several summers of Covid-19 restrictions. We were thrilled to be able to offer this experience to our campers this summer!



# NBGC Out-of-School Programs

Throughout all the challenges of the last few years, NBGC has been here to provide a safe environment for families and support our members to ensure a successful school year. Our staff and leaders are ready and willing to provide daily homework assistance, group games, crafts, STEM projects, and full day care on non-attendance school days. So, as students returned to school this fall, NBGC was ready to welcome our members back to our onsite programs at Bateman and Cleveland, continue to serve Bell and Coonley families through our walking program, and welcome surrounding communities to the NBGC Clubhouse program.

Seeing our members enjoying time with their friends, participating in games of touch football with our staff and leaders, playing on the playground, engaging in an intense game of UNO, or participating in a team-building activity is what makes NBGC a place where everyone can call their home away from home. As we prepare to tackle the rest of the school year, we are excited to continue serving our families and members by practicing our core values, including HONESTY, RESPECT, SELF-RELIANCE, SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, and LEADERSHIP. Our leaders and staff work diligently to practice our vision of helping members become "better men & women."



## Athletics

In 2022, the Athletic program scored several touchdowns! Tennis clinics continued for the 2nd consecutive year, along with lacrosse clinics, and the summer baseball league expanded to include a 4th-5th grade division. In addition, our Fall Football, Soccer, Cheer, and Karate seasons are currently in full swing, with a total enrollment of 373 participants. The season started in early September and will conclude with our Pep Rally on Friday, November 18th, and Thanksgiving Day Classic on Saturday, November 19th, 2022.

Basketball registration is open, and we are looking forward to continuing our relationship with Horner Park and the Bradley Center as we await the reopening of Revere Field House. Our mission to instill sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork, while building lasting friendships, is at our core.



# LEADERS RISING TO THE TOP

Our youth leaders are on the move



**60**  
Youth Leaders  
in 2022

**4**  
Leader Trips  
in 2022

**50+**  
Hours of training  
in 2022

**\$93,000**  
scholarships awarded  
in 2022

**27**  
Scholarship  
Recipients in 2022



**\$1.4m**  
scholarships awarded  
since 1984

Growth is the best word to describe what has been happening in the leader program. Our April leader training saw a massive turnout of 50 leaders in training! October marked the last 8-week training session for the year. The fall training group has 20 Leaders In Training (LITs) working towards becoming leaders in November. These LITs have been eagerly shadowing leaders at afterschool and athletic programs. The next leader training session will be January 13th, 2023, and we hope to continue this incredible growth. Our current leaders have been hard at work leading after school activities and athletics, but we have also made time to play. Leaders helped with the NBGCs Cubs Night Out pre-game cookout and then enjoyed seeing a Cubs game (some for the first time). We also enjoyed two fun adventures with Chicago Voyagers. Leaders joined Chicago Voyagers on a canoeing trip to Busse Woods in August. Leaders learned team building and canoe skills and played fun canoeing games. October brought us to Palos Forest Preserve for a day of mountain biking with Chicago Voyagers. The leaders showed tremendous grit and perseverance as they tackled some challenging trails. Many leaders had never done off-road biking but bravely showed up to try something new. All the leaders on these trips gave these new experiences their absolute best. We are incredibly proud of these teenagers' leadership qualities on both of these trips. A big thank you to Chicago Voyagers and our donors who make these unique experiences possible for our leaders.

For information on how to join our youth leadership program contact Bryan Bowden at:  
[bbowden@nbgc.org](mailto:bbowden@nbgc.org)

# MISSION MOMENT

## Impact in Action



My name is Peyton Marrero. I have participated in the club's programs since 2011 and began working as a Leader in the Spring of 2019. NBGC has always been a big part of my life and will always be a safe place for me. I have learned how to manage my time and how to work as part of a team. While growing up at the club, I learned from the veteran leaders and staff. These are the people that I looked up to and aspired to be like. Working at NBGC, I have had the opportunity to be a mentor to younger members and inspire them to be the best they can be. NBGC encourages me to learn more about myself while pushing me to be a better leader and a role model for the younger members.

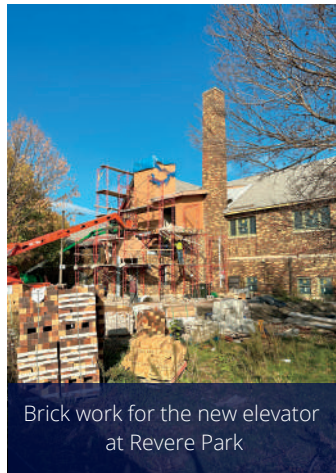
# FACILITY UPDATES

## Construction continues on the Revere Field House

Structures Construction continues work on the Revere Park Field House. There is plenty of work to finish before the project is complete. We look forward to hosting our program and athletic activities in the remodeled facility, upon its completion. Masons have been bricking the new elevator enclosure, and the gym floor has been installed, painted, and finished. Other essential infrastructure work will continue over the coming months. Sidewalks were recently removed, including the walkway to the Club House. The walkway from Irving Park Rd to our front door will now be ADA-compliant. Other recent updates include the installation of our bike racks, installation of a new rooftop skylight hatch, and a new concrete pad for our garbage and recycling bins.



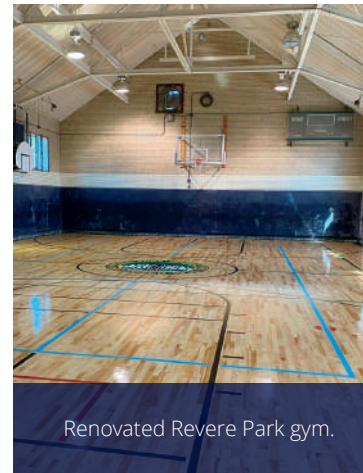
Jim Kartheiser inspecting NBGC's new rooftop skylight hatch



Brick work for the new elevator at Revere Park



Future site of waste disposal enclosure on the east side of NBGC Clubhouse



Renovated Revere Park gym.



Prep for new ADA compliant side walk on north side of NBGC Clubhouse.



Sidewalk completed!



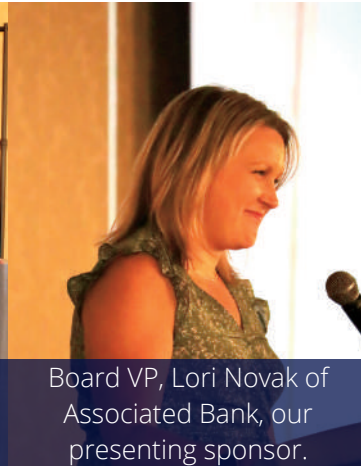
Reinstalled bike racks in the NBGC parking lot.

# LEADERS OF THE FUTURE CELEBRATION

NBGC hosted its annual Leaders of the Future Celebration on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the White Eagle Events and Convention Center in Niles, IL. The event featured 27 Youth Leaders receiving \$93,000 in scholarships to pursue their dreams of obtaining a college degree. In addition, the event raised over \$52,000 in unrestricted dollars injected directly into NBGC's mission. Thank you to all our Event and Scholarship Sponsors: Presenting Sponsor - **Associated Bank**; Diamond Sponsors - **Comcast and ALBANK**; Gold Sponsors - **Wintrust, Kiwanis Club of Lakeview, Bob Kartheiser/Rebecca Kartheiser/Exelon, The Beeson Family, Swedish Hospital**, and the **Dejuras Management Group**; Silver Sponsors - **Jim Kartheiser and Kathy Kennedy-Kartheiser, Nemeroff Law Offices, The Daniel & Henry Company, Betty Bauer-Crescenzi and Frank Crescenzi, Morici, Longo, & Associates, Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood**, and **WGN**. Save the date for next year's Leaders of the Future Celebration: Thursday, May 18, 2023.



2022 Scholarship Recipients.



Board VP, Lori Novak of Associated Bank, our presenting sponsor.



Addison Taylor shares her gratitude.

## CUBS NIGHT

After a two-year hiatus, the NBGC and 300 participants attended the June 1st Cubs vs. Brewers game. The Cubs were victorious in 10 innings, 4 – 3. As we've done in past years, we held a cookout outside the NBGC building before the game. Participants parked their car in the Cubs free shuttle parking lot next to the park and walked to the Club for hamburgers, hot dogs, and Coca-Cola products. After eating, they took the free shuttle buses to the game. Special thanks go to the Presenting Sponsor - **Morici, Longo & Associates**, Home Run Sponsor- **Wintrust Bank, The Illinois Masonic Paul Revere Lodge 998** for the hamburgers and barbecuing the food, **Vienna Beef** for the hot dogs, **Bakery Drivers Local 734** for the buns, and **Coco-Cola** for the pop.



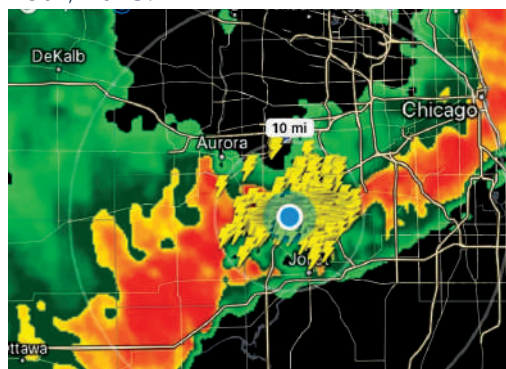
We're looking forward to next year's 2023 Cubs game and BBQ.



# GOLF OUTING

Our 53rd Annual Golf Outing was one event for the history books. Major Sponsors included: Presenting Sponsor: **Lakeside Bank**; Dinner Sponsors: **Arp Horvath & Self Storage Syndicated Equities**; and Beverage Cart Sponsors: **Arp Horvath, Self Storage Syndicated Equities, & LAZ Parking**. The event featured an additional 20-hole sponsors and 130 golfers. Unfortunately, once the golfers went out to their first holes, the weather did not cooperate. The torrential rain downpour forced everyone into the tent for an early dinner and raffle. The event raised a record amount of money...over **\$30,000!** Thank you to our Golf Chairman, Arp Horvath, the entire Golf Committee, the golfers, and the sponsors for making this year's Golf Outing the most successful in the club's history.

We can't wait to see you next year at the Links at Carillon on Monday, September 25th, 2023.



# BEARS BASH

After a two-year hiatus, the BEARS BASH was BACK, and it was a great event at a fantastic new location, D'Agostinos in Niles. We couldn't have been happier with their service, food, and drink. With over 100 raffle prizes, square pools, and over 100 attendees, it was our biggest Bash in years. Thank you to our presenting sponsor **Jim Morici of Morici, Longo & Associates**, and inside kick sponsor; **Arp Horvath** and **Wintrust Bank**. We hope to see you there next year at D'Agostinos in Niles.



# SPONSOR AN EVENT!

To inquire about sponsoring an event, including Cubs Night and the Golf Outing, please contact Bill Abplanalp, Deputy Director of Development at [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org) or 847-826-1317.





## You can donate stock to NBGC!

Giving long-term, appreciated publicly-traded stock is another tax-efficient way for alumni and friends to make gifts to the NBGC. For more information on this and other creative ways to give to the NBGC, please contact Bill Abplanalp, Deputy Director of Development at [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org).

## SAVE THE DATE: Drop & Shop Sunday, December 11th, 2022 10AM-4PM

Do you have last minute holiday shopping to finish? Bring your kids to the NBGC Clubhouse on Sunday, December 11th for games, crafts, fun, and a pizza lunch. To register please visit our website.

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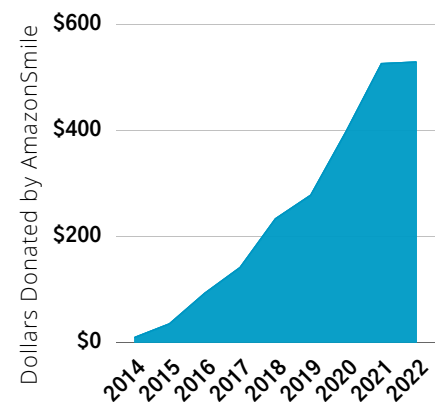
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This list represents donors from January 1 to October 22, 2022  
If any changes in spelling need to be made or we unintentionally left you off the list, please contact Bill Abplanalp at 847-826-1317 or bill@nbgc.org.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Matching Gifts

Many corporations offer matching gifts to their employees. Does yours? Next time you donate, check with your employer to see if they will match your donation! Your dollars will go even further to help our members.



HOFer John Chambers shares NBGC stories with Jeff Sadowski



NBGC staff with State Senator Sara Feigenholtz and State Representative Ann Williams at MaiFest.

# Alumni Page

## 91ST ANNIVERSARY & HALL OF FAME Congratulations to our 2022 Inductees



Jim Flemming, receiving the award on behalf of Larry Hicks



Mike & Darcia Brundidge



Frank Crescenzi



Kathy Kennedy-Kartheiser

On behalf of the **Ervin Huber & Ron Julian** families, the NBGC proudly receives their awards.



2022 Inductees and all past inductees present at the 2022 Hall of Fame

On Friday, October 21, 2022, NBGC celebrated its 91st Anniversary and the 2022 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at the Elks Club in Des Plaines, IL. 2022 Inductees included: Mike & Darcia Brundidge, Frank Crescenzi, Larry Hicks, Ervin Huber, Ron Julian, and Kathy Kennedy-Kartheiser. It was beautiful to see so many past Hall of Famers, families, and friends with deep connections to the NBGC. Congratulations to all our 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees! To nominate a candidate for NBGC's Hall of Fame, please complete the enclosed nomination form found in this Alumni Chatter publication and send it to Bill Abplanalp at [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org).

## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE



Tom Krier, Jeanne Hair, and Linda Krier organizing NBGC archives. Not pictured are Peter Maxfield, Bill Pittges, and Ray Sugrue.

The Archives Committee has accomplished the daunting task of digitizing all past NBGC publications (Alumni Chatter's, Monkeyshines, Event Program Books, Reporter, etc.) The goal is to develop a search engine that would allow alums, families, and friends to search for members and photos. If you would like a digital copy of a past Monkeyshine that you might be featured in, don't hesitate to contact Bill Abplanalp at [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org).

## BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

### July 2022

Rima Zanayad – mother of alumni

### August 2022

Dennis P. Ryan – alumnus

Arlene Schroeder – wife of alumni

### September 2022

Richard Rush – friend and supporter

Raymond J. Spaeth II – friend and supporter

Amelia Kennedy – mother-in-law of alumni

### October 2022

Laurie Patullo Banks – sister of alumni

Terry Harb – Alumnus

### November 2022

Sue Fahey – HOF and mother of alumni



# NBGC Board Leadership

## Board of Directors

**Todd Beeson**, Board President  
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## Board of Directors (cont.)

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## Board Testimonials

"Serving on the Board is so rewarding. My husband, Paul, and I, as well as my employer, Lakeside Bank, are proud supporters of NBGC". – Grace Demes, Board Member

"Just walking in the club and seeing the children laughing and having fun is what inspires me". – Todd Beeson, Board President

"NBGC through the years helped my children learn how to work with others while playing youth sports. I believe this has prepared them to be good leaders of the future." Jeff Rich, Board Member

## Associate Board

**Chris Hanig**, Associate Board President  
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**Dr. Jennifer Westcott**, University of Illinois at Chicago  
**Kelvin Quizhpi**, Bank of America

## Associate Board Testimonial

"The Associate Board is a great way to meet new friends and network while advancing NBGC's valuable mission." – Katie Trueman, Associate Board Member

"The Associate Board has provided me the opportunity to engage my time, talent and treasure. The NBGC is an extraordinary organization that lives its mission everyday." – Bernie Dalcamo, Associate Board Member

For more information about how to get involved with the NBGC Associate Board, contact Director of Development Patrick Benson at pbenson@nbgc.org.

## Staff Softball Team

What do you get when you combine a love of competition with a group of young adults that wish they could still be playing a team sport? The NBGC staff creating a softball team in a league that plays right outside our doors. Following in the steps of many NBGC alums who started teams ( Aces, Rude Awakening, Tappers, Banshees, and Horse Flies to name a few) this summer, the NBGC staff came ready to compete. What started as something to do for fun after work turned into new memories, stronger friendships, and a team to be reckoned with. From hitting dingers out between fields 3 and 4, sliding into a forward roll to make a catch in the outfield, and sliding into second to keep a runner in scoring position, the NBGC team always left it all out on the field.



## SCORING A TOUCHDOWN WITH DA BEARS!

### \$10,000 Donation!

**Bears Care** donated **\$10,000** to **NBGC** to support their mission and flag football program. Thank you Bears Care!

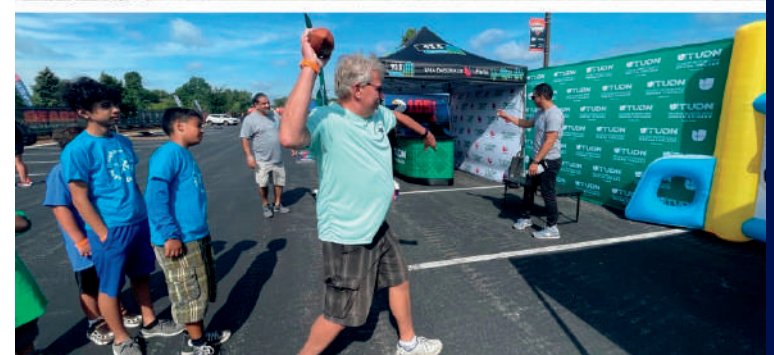
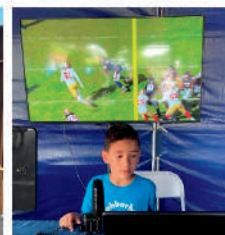
### Bears Training Camp

**NBGC staff and members** were invited to a **Chicago Bears Training Camp** practice at Halas Hall. In addition to watching the Bears practice, our members enjoyed different activities such as Bears Mini Monster Clinics, Stanley's Corner with the Bears Mascot, various football throwing drills, watching Bears videos, being the Bears announcer, and much more. NBGC staff member, **Bill Abplanalp**, showed off how strong his arm was on a throwing drill. In addition, NBGC member, **Gio Correa**, won a raffle prize to hand out Gatorade to players as they walked off the field. Gio being a huge football fan was sporting his **Justin Fields** Jersey. As Fields walked off the field, he saw Gio and signed his jersey!

### Bears Head Groundskeeper visits NBGC

**Ken Mrock, Chicago Bears Head Groundskeeper**, visited NBGC and offered some invaluable advice to our program staff on how to maintain and line our athletic fields. He even donated some equipment and paint to NBGC.

**Thank you Ken, Bears Care, and the Chicago Bears! Bear down!**



# Mark your calendar

## NBGC's GIVING SEASON

October 29th–November 29th

For all of November, NBGC celebrates the Giving Season. This year, donations made during November will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous group of donors up to **\$30,000!** So, be sure to make your donation to support NBGC's safe and supportive programming for kids during November to have your impact maximized by these incredible donors! Donations can be made via mail using the enclosed envelope or visit [nbgc.org](http://nbgc.org)

## Show Your NBGC Spirit

### November 18th - Friday

*Thanksgiving Day Classic Pep Rally*

Join us for this new annual tradition to be held the Friday **before** Thanksgiving at the NBGC clubhouse at 5:30 pm! Dress for the weather and join our NBGC Cheerleaders and Athletes for the excitement!

### November 19th - Saturday

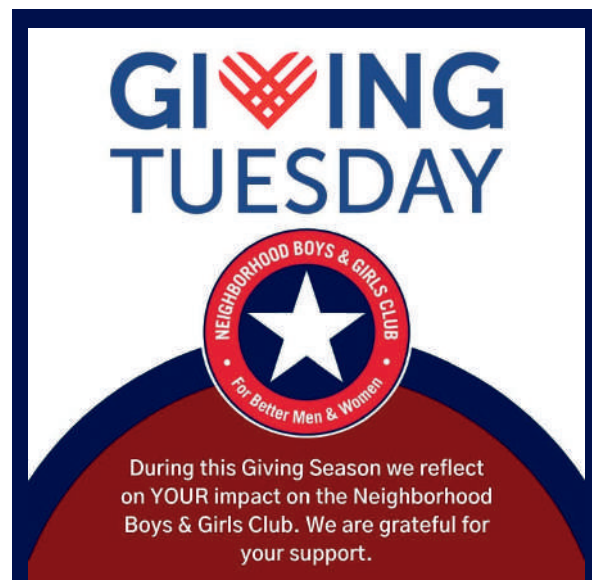
*Thanksgiving Day Classic*

Join us for the new annual tradition holding the Thanksgiving Day Classic Games on the Saturday **before** Thanksgiving, on November 19th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm! The day will include coffee, hot chocolate, donuts, soccer & flag football games with the NBGC cheerleaders cheering them on. All of our archives will be out on display! Come check out the new renovations to the clubhouse and see friends new and old!

Special thanks to **Jack & Terry Sharkey, John Agosti, Tom Beringer, Bill Berndt, Ernie Chowanec, John & Pat Fahey, Pat Geraghty, Joe Traubenik, Bill, Dennis** who are donating 900 donuts from the famous Kuppies Bakery in Villa Park, IL. This annual tradition lives on thanks to your generosity!

*Lucky Date Raffle Drawing*

The Lucky Date Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am during our Thanksgiving Day Classic on Saturday, November 19th! Don't miss your chance to win big- purchase your tickets online at <https://www.nbgc.org/lucky-date-raffle-2022.html> today! Watch the drawing Live on Facebook.



# Save the Date

Summer Camp Registration: March 11th, 2023  
Leaders of the Future Celebration: May 18th, 2023  
Cubs Night: TBD

Summer Camp: June 12th – August 11th, 2023  
54th Annual Golf Outing: September 25th, 2023  
NBGC Turns 92: October 19th, 2023

92nd Anniversary Celebration &  
Hall of Fame Banquet: TBD  
Pep Rally: November 17th, 2023  
Thanksgiving Day Classic: November 18th, 2023  
Lucky Date Raffle: November 18th, 2023  
Giving Tuesday: November 30th, 2023

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