

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

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newsletter

May 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

- Dave Brond

I want to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers who make the Forest Hill Recreation Council programs a success. This is your recreation council, and without the support and efforts of literally hundreds of volunteers, our community would not have the benefit of more than 30 activities and sports for more than 3,000 children and adult participants.

I especially want to acknowledge the following volunteers who are being honored this year by the Harford County Parks & Recreation for their years of service on behalf of the community: Wendy Baur and Barbara Morlock (10 years each), Jerry Doody, Debbie Peake and Nelson White (15 years each) and Jerry Kalista (25 years).

As our community grows, so does the need for volunteers. Your recreation council needs your involvement in many

types of capacities, from coaching youth sports teams to assisting in maintaining facilities to communications, administrative tasks, concessions, fund raising, and more. If you are interesting in getting involved let us know.

If you attended the Baseball/Softball Opening Day festivities you heard about the Shucks Road Regional Sports Complex. This 71-acre recreation complex, currently under design, will add a tremendous amount of capacity to our recreation council. We are continuing to raise funds to support this and other long term projects and need your support. If you would like to make a contribution to the FHRC Capital Improvement Fund, please let me know.

Thank you. If you have any suggestions for how to make the Forest Hill Recreation Council better meet you and your families' needs, feel free to email me at dbrond@umm.edu

OPENING DAY

- Deb Norcross

My first year of serving as Opening Day Coordinator proved to include the first for a few things. This year was the first in many, many, years that Opening Day was cancelled due to the weather. It took a lot of last minute coordination, but we were able to postpone the festivities to the following weekend. Thanks to all the baseball/softball managers and coaches that showed up at 6:00 am on both Saturdays to help set things up. A great deal of work goes into planning the Opening Day festivities and I truly appreciate everyone being flexible in the changes that had to take place. This was the first year for the parade route to start at Forest Lakes. A big thanks to Frank Soderberg and the softball managers/coaches for mapping out the new parade route and providing transportation for the Oriole and Raven Birds! This worked great and it was actually the first time in years that the parents did not walk in the parade with the athletes. The team banners were very creative and next year we will definitely have a banner contest. Thank you Chris Benjes for ensuring we could use all the parking lots! Christine Feinour did an extraordinary rendition of the Star Spangled Banner!

I would like to say a "special thank you" to the Opening Day Committee - Alice Rugemer for handling the tickets; Amy Johnson for organizing the fun games and persistently trying to get more volunteers; Tammy Bowman, Joan Doody, Kathleen Ebner, and Karen DeMarco for exquisitely packaging and displaying the items for the Silent Auction; Tom Callis for being the faithful handyman; Chris and Dan Cole, Dave Rosas and Dave Brozowsky for once again

preparing delicious food; Patty Cruikshank for running the plant table; Emily Bittner for face painting; Bill McGovern for handling the coke and advertising; Jean Schultz for being our treasurer while spending the whole day in the concession stand; Debbie Flower for handling the Pepsi and still being my "go-to" person when I had a question! Thanks to all of you for your many hours of volunteering to make this day a success, it could not be done without each of you!

I cannot begin to thank all the parents who contributed plants for the plant table and items for the silent auction table. The plant wheel table looked more like a greenhouse and the plants lasted well into the afternoon! I love to watch the children win a plant and see the expression of the faces of those they chose to give the plant. The items for the silent auction were absolutely great! Thank you coaches and managers for ensuring your team's silent auction item made it to the Silent Auction Committee. We had over 110 items for the Silent Auction! This is the one thing the parents enjoy and it is fun to watch the bidding wars! Thanks to the parents who volunteered at the different tables throughout the day because without your help, there would not be an Opening Day! A final note of thanks goes to the many players who helped with the games and face painting! You all show a lot of character as well as being terrific athletes!

If you would like to be on the Opening Day committee next year, you can attend our first meeting on Monday, January 15, 2007!

RECREATION SOCCER

– Brad Warren

The Forest Hill Recreation Council offers recreational play for boys and girls ages 5 through 15. The “Rainbow Clinic” is an instructional co-ed clinic for players beginning at age 5, where participants learn the basic skills of the game. The Under 8 Program (ages 6 and 7) takes the game to the next level and teaches skills in a “team” environment through the use of instructional games. In the Under 9 and older age groups, both boys and girls participate in a competitive recreational level league. Forest Hill participates in the Northern Region of the Harford County Parks & Recreation League, and our teams play against other teams from other recreation councils within the Northern Region. The Northern Region consists of teams from Forest Hill, Hickory, Norrisville, Jarrettsville, North Harford and Churchville.

Typically the Rainbow and Under 8 Programs meet once per week, while the Under 9 and older teams have a weekday practice and match play on Saturday.

Registration forms can be downloaded by visiting the soccer section of our web site or can be found in this newsletter.

Availability of teams within some age groups will be dependent on the number of registrations received in that age group. All mail-in registrations should be sent to:

FHRC Soccer Registration, c/o Brad Warren, 2719 Johnson Mill Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050

*****PLEASE REGISTER EARLY*****

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Soccer Program has been very fortunate over the last few years and has grown into one of the premier programs in Harford County thanks to the many volunteers that have helped make this Program what it is today. In order for the Program to continue to service our children and the community, we are always looking for new volunteers. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Recreation Program Coordinator
- Rainbow Age Group Director
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches
- Fundraiser helpers
- Concession helpers

If you have interest in our volunteer opportunities, please contact Brad Warren at (410) 879-1240.

HEY REF!

We are currently seeking referees for our in-house (U9 & U10) program. This is a great way to earn some extra cash and help your local recreation council as well. Interested parties should contact Brad Warren at (410) 879-1240. Interested persons must be at least 14 years of age before September 1, 2006, and obtain a current Maryland State Work Permit. No experience is required, however, general knowledge of the game is very helpful. We will be conducting several training sessions for our in-house referees.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

The Forest Hill soccer program is pleased to welcome the U.K. Elite soccer camp back to our complex this summer. Through this partnership, FHRC and UK Elite offer a unique training experience in a summer camp format.

The UK Elite program will arrive at the Forest Hill recreation complex during the week of July 24 through July 28, 2006. This soccer camp will run from 9:00am – 12:00pm each day and offers expert coaching for children 5 to 14 years of age. The cost of this camp is \$125.

To learn more about the U.K. Elite program and register for this camp, please visit their web site at www.ukelite.com.

FORCE TRAVEL SOCCER PROGRAM

– Chuck Ebner / Bill Russo

FHRC also offers a “Travel/Club” Soccer Program for those players that wish to compete at a higher level of play. Participation on a Forest Hill Travel “Force” team requires more dedication and commitment by both the players and their families than is typical of recreation level play. All interested players must “tryout” for a team in the appropriate age group. Participation is incumbent on making the team.

Please visit the Boys and Girls Travel Soccer web pages at www.foresthillrec.com for tryout dates and more information on the upcoming Fall Season.

Over the past few years, the program has grown considerably and has become one of the more competitive travel/club programs in the area. The Force teams have been participating in both Saturday and Sunday league play. Teams also participate in several local and out-of-state tournaments throughout the season. Registration with the Force teams will take place after team selections are made.

If you have any questions in regards to the Boys Travel Soccer Program please contact Bill Russo at (410) 877-3874 or wjrusso@msn.com.

If you have any questions in regards to the Girls Travel Soccer Program please contact Chuck Ebner at (410) 893-2979 or ebnerhouse@aol.com.

HARFORD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION 2006 AGE GROUP DETERMINATION

Rainbow Clinic: 5 year olds (co-ed)

Under 8: 6 or 7 year olds

From the U9 and Up age groups, there are separate Boys and Girls leagues of play.

Under 9: child must be 8 years old or under as of 7/31/06

Under 10: child must be 9 years old or under as of 7/31/06

Under 12: child must be 10 or 11 years old or under as of 7/31/06

Under 14: child must be 12 or 13 years old or under as of 7/31/06

Under 16: child must be 14 or 15 years old or under as of 7/31/06

Availability of age groups offered are a function of registration totals. If there is enough participation in all age groups we may not be able to field a team in that age group.

FEES: (Recreation League Play)

Rainbow and Under 8\$30..... per participant

Under 8.....\$35..... per participant

Under 9 through Under 12\$50..... per participant

Under 14 and up\$60..... per participant

Family Maximum.....\$120



**2006
FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL
SOCCER REGISTRATION FORM**



******Please complete One (1) registration form for each Family******

Age Group: _____ (as of 7-31-06) E-mail address: _____

Last Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Day/Evening _____

Phone: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please fill out the information below for each child registered. Determine the Age Group by your child's age on 7-31-06. Make checks payable to F.H.R.C.

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	Sex	Last Yrs. Coach	Medical Conditions	Travel Y/N	Fee

**FEES: Rainbow...\$30 Under 8...\$35 Under 9 thru Under 12.....\$50 Under 14 and up.....\$60
Family Maximum.....\$120**

******Any registrations received after 6-1-06 must be accompanied by a \$10 late fee (per person)******

*****All registrations received after 6-30-06 are subject to availability*****

THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL IS ENTIRELY A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. THE SUCCESS OF F.H.R.C. PROGRAMS IS DEPENDENT ON THE INTEREST, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. WE NEED EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN TO BE INVOLVED. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING. THANK YOU!!!

_____ Coach* _____ Travel Team Coach or Asst.* _____ Fund Raiser
 _____ Asst. Coach* _____ Concession stand worker _____ Facilities
 _____ Other (comment) _____

* Must complete a "Volunteer Request Form"

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT....I accept full responsibility for the safety of myself and my child(ren). I understand that I or my child(ren) will not be covered by any accident insurance provided for by the FHRC while participating in this program. I agree that I will not hold the FHRC, program, team, manager, coaches or instructors responsible for injuries incurred while participating or traveling to or from activities including practices, games, and/or team trips.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE : _____ DATE: _____

MAIL FORM TO :

F.H.R.C. - SOCCER REGISTRATION; c/o Brad Warren; 2719 Johnson Mill Road; Forest Hill, MD 21050

A RETURNED CHECK FEE OF \$10.00 WILL BE CHARGED.....

*******DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE*******

TOTAL FEE PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM _____ REGISTERED BY _____

FHRC ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

– Jerry Kalista

Fallston and North Harford High Seniors Are Recipients

The Forest Hill Recreation Council (FHRC) announced the recipients of its 2006 – 2007 college scholarships at their Baseball/Softball Opening Day ceremonies held Saturday, April 29nd at the Forest Hill Complex. Michael Loiacono, Grant Morlock, James Plantholt and Rebecca Roehmer were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

In September of each year, the Scholarship Selection Committee advertises the scholarship availability for the upcoming academic year to all current and past FHRC participants. To qualify, applicants must have participated in the FHRC for a minimum of four years, be a high school graduate, attend college as a full time student, and complete and submit the application form along with letters of recommendation and an essay. The Scholarship Selection Committee then reviews all the applications and chooses the recipient/s according to Jerry Kalista, Scholarship Chairman.

Mike participated in the FHRC baseball, basketball and soccer programs. He also serves as a volunteer at the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in the cardio pulmonary unit. After graduation from North Harford High School, he plans to pursue a career in nursing by attending York College of Pennsylvania. Grant also participated in FHRC's baseball, basketball and soccer programs. He has volunteered at the FHRC's Baseball/Softball Opening Day festivities, the Youth Baseball Camp and the Softball Program. He will be graduating from Fallston High School and attending Wesley College in the fall where he will continue to play baseball on the collegiate level. Jim too, participated in Forest Hill's baseball, basketball and soccer programs. He has served as the youth representative to the FHRC Board for the past several years. Jim also volunteered his time at FHRC's Baseball/Softball Opening Day festivities, as well as at the Youth Baseball Camp. After graduating from North Harford High School, Jim will be attending Washington and Lee University in the fall to pursue a major in chemistry. He will also continue to play baseball at the collegiate level. Rebecca participated in the FHRC softball and soccer programs, assisted in coaching softball teams and volunteered at the FHRC concession stand. She also supports the community by volunteering for her youth church group. After graduating from North Harford High School she is planning to pursue a major in chemical engineering at University of Maryland, College Park.

Since the 1994 – 1995 academic year, when the scholarship program began, Forest Hill Recreation Council has awarded more than \$36,000 in scholarship monies to 21 individuals.

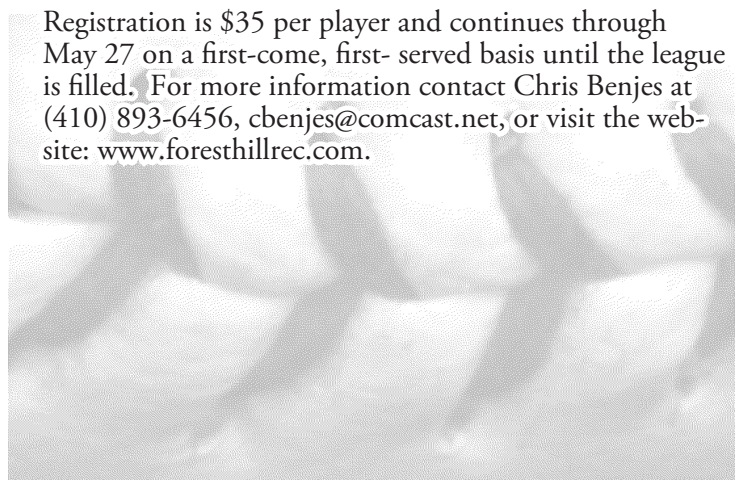
MEN'S SOFTBALL

– Chris Benjes

The Forest Hill 2006 Men's Over-30 Softball League is entering its fifth season. Games are played on Friday evenings starting July 7, 2006. The season wraps up with a championship tournament in late September. All games are played at the Forest Hill Recreation Complex. This league was developed with an emphasis on fun and players of all skill levels are welcome.

General registration for new players begins April 23. The league has a capacity of 9 teams and approximately 140 players. This has become a popular league and most of the players return from year to year, but there are always a limited number of openings for new players.

Registration is \$35 per player and continues through May 27 on a first-come, first-served basis until the league is filled. For more information contact Chris Benjes at (410) 893-6456, cbenjes@comcast.net, or visit the website: www.foresthillrec.com.



SUMMER RECREATION CENTER

– Sandy Krause

Forest Hill's Summer Recreation Center will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 27, 2006 – August 3, 2006. We will have two sessions to choose from, 9:00am – noon or 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Come join in the fun. We will play games, make crafts, and have a great time! We will meet in Forest Lakes Elementary School's Recreation Room and will also use the school grounds and the Forest Hill Recreation Complex.

The cost is \$65.00 per child. Please make checks payable to FHRC. The Summer Recreation Center is open to all children who are currently in K – 5th grade.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. Please mail it to the address below. Don't forget to include your check. For more information contact Sandy.

Sandy Krause, 2004 Churchill Downs Court, Forest Hill, MD 21050, (410) 638-8079

**FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL
SUMMER RECREATION CENTER**

REGISTRATION FORM

_____ Morning Session _____ Afternoon Session

Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Grade in Sept. 2006 _____

_____ Home Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Mother's Daytime Phone _____ Father's Daytime Phone _____

In case of emergency:

Notify: _____ Telephone: _____

re there physical conditions or allergies the staff should be aware of? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child require any special accommodations? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

If adult volunteer assistance is needed for special events/activities, would parent(s) be willing to help?

Yes No

Refund Policy: **NO** refunds unless the program is cancelled.

Insurance: I understand that my child will not be covered by any program insurance, and I agree that I will not hold the program, instructors, or the recreation council responsible for injuries received while participating in the Summer Recreation Center.

Cost is \$65 per child, please make check payable to FHRC.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Fee Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____

Date: _____

Registered by: _____

HARFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Northern District

REGISTRATION FORM

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

NAME: _____

Program: Youth Tennis

ADDRESS: _____

Date of Registration: _____

_____ Zip _____

Age group registering for: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Days: _____ Time: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Registered by: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____
(in case parents can't be reached)

Paid by: cash _____ / check# _____

(name)

NOTE: Registration Fees are **not** refundable!

Are there physical conditions or allergies the leader should be aware of?

I understand that I/my child will not be covered by any program insurance, and I agree that I will not hold the team, program, coach, instructor, or recreation council responsible for injuries received while participating in the above noted program. I also agree that I assume financial responsibility for the return or replacement of uniforms and equipment issued to me/my child.

Parent's Signature
(Parent's signature is required for participants under 18 years of age.)

Date

Participant's Signature
(Adult Programs)

Date

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Did the child participate in this program last year? Yes _____ No _____

If adult volunteer assistance is needed, would parent(s) be willing to help with the program? _____

FOREST HILL / HICKORY-FOUNTAIN GREEN / CHURCHVILLE BASKETBALL

– Nelson White

The basketball program transitioning is in full swing. After chairing the program for the past seven years I have decided to step down from the position. I am pleased to announce that Eric Reitz has volunteered to step into this important leadership role. His commitment, drive, and desire to provide the best in recreation basketball has been noticed by all. We are pleased that Eric has offered to take over the basketball chair and look forward to his leadership.

Stepping down from the chair will afford me time to pursue my passion, which is travel basketball. After the departure two years ago of our long time travel director, Doug Manley, the travel program has lacked leadership. My goal is to re-instill some of that quality leadership that we had under Doug. It has become evident to us that some of you who played travel may not have come back out the following year or

some of you that have the talent for travel did not want to play. We hope that you will give us a chance this season and I would encourage you to watch for information on the website starting in late August. You can see all of our information at www.foreshillrec.com. Here are a few of the upcoming changes that we are anticipating for the upcoming season. 1) Earlier tryouts and team selections 2) Coaching changes to enhance experience 3) Travel team and coaching clinics to promote consistency 4) Additional league play. Don't miss out, looking forward to seeing you at tryouts. If you have a desire to coach a travel team or want to become involved in the travel program in any other way please call me at (410) 893-4175.

Thank you for all of your support from the White family. Please see the letter below.

Dear Coaches, Players, Families, and Friends,

On behalf of the White family I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the past 7 years as we have grown the basketball program together. This note represents a special THANK YOU for the show of love and generosity that was extended to us at a recent gathering celebrating our years of service to the basketball program. It was very evident that much planning and organizing took place to have the event go off so well. Your stories and kind words brought tears to our eyes and having my son Byron back from school in Texas to share in the festivities was a real blessing. It has become clear to me that as busy as we are getting things done and managing a program like basketball sometimes we forget what type of impact we have on others and how fortunate we are to be a part of so many lives. Over the years I have always tried to build the program and promote the program as a "TEAM" and seeing all of you there just reinforced that in fact we have built a great "TEAM" that has a solid foundation that will ensure its success for years to come. Thanks to all of you for being part of that team.

The party was a wonderful celebration and my family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. A special thanks to the committee that was formed to put on this event. The members were Sam Polakoff, Sean Brady, John Hnelnicky, Denise Polakoff, Doug Manley, Craig Smith, and Eric Reitz. A special thanks to Dave Brond for the tremendous support that he has provided to me not only as Rec Council President, but as a good friend.

In closing I must tell you that the highlight of the evening was having Nathan White, Jimmy Plantholt, Joe Heagerty, Grant Morlock, Justin Rayman, and little Joey Rayman (he was our team mascot) join me up front. These young men were a pleasure to coach for so many years as a part of a very successful travel team. They taught me what the word "TEAM" meant. Back in 2002 they were 13/14 County Champions and have gone on to not only be good high school athletes, but more important good students and great kids. It seems fitting that as my last year of Chairmanship wraps up and I begin new adventures next year so too will these fine young men as they begin their new careers as college students. Guys I wish you nothing but the best and remember your Blue Devil days.

Again, THANK YOU to all of our friends in the Forest Hill / Hickory-Fountain Green / Churchville basketball program. We will still see you on the hardwood but maybe not quite as often. Thanks for the memories and the support through the years.

Nathan, Byron, Cindy and Nelson White

YOUTH TENNIS

– Sue Gradishar

Registration: Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 10:00am to noon
 Where: Forest Hill Recreation Complex Courts
 Ages: 6 - 14 years of age
 Dates: Begins Monday, June 26th
 Ends Thursday, August 3rd
 Cost: \$40.00 per child, make checks payable to Forest Hill Recreation Council

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

B	A
Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday
8:30-9:30 am6-8 yrs	8:30 – 9:30 am 6-8 yrs
9:30-10:30 am9-10 yrs	9:30-10:30 am..... 9-10 yrs
10:30-11:30 am11-12 yrs	10:30-11:30 am..... 11-12 yrs
11:30-12:30 pm13-14 yrs	11:30-12:30 pm 13-14 yrs

Bring a racquet and drinking water for each class.

You may also mail a registration form to:
 Susan Gradishar
 1311 Turnbridge Road
 Forest Hill, MD 21050

For more information, call Susan at (410) 838-4120

ADULT TENNIS

– Wendy Baur

Well once again it is that time of the year for summer tennis. This year we will start the last week in May and play until the 3rd week in August.

Intermediate doubles play on Tuesday nights starting May 30th at 6:00 p.m.
 Advanced doubles play on Wednesday nights starting May 31st at 6:00 p.m.
 Singles play once a week.

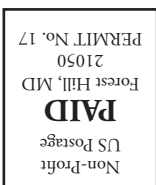
Cost is \$25 for one type of play and \$30 for doubles and singles.

Please send registration form and check payable to Forest Hill Recreation Council by May 22nd to:

Wendy Baur, 2530 Johnson Mill Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050

If you have any questions or know of anyone else who wants to play please call Wendy at (443) 504-4326.

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