



Fall 2009

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From the President

Welcome to the first electronic newsletter!!!! As you are aware we will no longer be sending printed newsletters to everyone. Everything will be done via email with the same information that you would have expected to see in the printed version. Signing up for the various programs will be the same as before, so follow each program's guidelines as you have always done. As always, if you have any questions pertaining to a certain program you may contact that program chair or myself.

Please let us know what you think about our email newsletter by contacting me either by email or by phone, 410-893-8785. If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this better we would like to hear them, after all this is put together for you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our volunteers who have been with us for many years but have "retired" from service. First, we would like to thank Colleen Smulovitz. Colleen has spent many years as the treasurer of our Rec Council. Being the treasurer is a huge undertaking and is very important to keeping the Rec Council running smoothly. She spent countless hours away from her family to keep us financially in the black. We could not have done it without her. So a huge THANK YOU to Colleen.

We also would like to thank Dave Brond for his many years of service. As many may remember, Dave stepped in to fill Art Rutledge's shoes as President of our Rec Council when Art retired. When work forced Dave to give that up, he took over the newsletter. Before retiring, Dave set up the email newsletter for us which will save the Rec Council several thousand dollars a year for printing and mailing. So if you see either Dave or Colleen, please make sure to thank them for all they have done for our Rec Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new treasurer, Jeff Klapka. Jeff is involved in the soccer program. He has volunteered to fill the treasurer position left vacant by Colleen. As this is a huge undertaking, we are very grateful to him and to his family. So if you see Jeff at a soccer game or out and about, please give him a warm welcome.

Jeanne Rosas
FHRC President

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Dance Registration Begins TODAY!

Our Forest Hill Dance Program has a variety of classes for dancers ages 3 and up. We offer Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern, Hip Hop and Musical Theatre. We have moved into our new dance studios in the Forest Hill/Hickory Activities Center located at 2213 Commerce Drive in Forest Hill. Each studio is

equipped with dance floors, barres and mirrors.

Our in-person registration will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009. We will be in the rec room at Forest Lakes Elementary School (far right hand end of the school) from 5-8P. There are just a few spaces remaining in our 3 year old class on Wednesdays 12-12:30P and there are plenty of spaces for dancers ages 5 and up. Unfortunately, our 4 year old classes are full.

Classes begin the week of September 14th and will culminate with our recital in May. If you have any questions about our program, please visit our website at www.foresthillrec.com or please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

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2009-2010 Basketball Information

I realize that Soccer and Football are just getting underway but it is that time of year to start thinking about Basketball as well. With our program being so large we need to get registrations and evaluations underway so we can properly plan our season. Last year was a great year and we are looking forward to making this a successful year as well.

I know you are tired of hearing this, but due to budget cuts, Parks and Rec programs that utilize the school facilities on weekends must pay for the custodial coverage. So we must raise our fees this year to cover these rising costs.

I would like to remind you how important it is to make the evaluations for your children. If you can not make your scheduled evaluation, please try and make another time for that age group first, and if you still can not make it, please try and attend another age groups evaluation. As with anything, if you could notify the Age Group Director or one of the other directors via an email or phone call that you will be missing your scheduled evaluation but attending another we would greatly appreciate it. All players playing in 9-10 and above, including those going out for Travel need to attend the rec evaluations. The evaluations help us in the team draft process. There are no evaluations for the clinic and 7/8 programs.

Volunteers: As with any program volunteers are greatly needed to help the program continue to progress. We need help in the registration process, evaluation process and coaches. We are taking applications for a Girls program director. This person needs to be organized and dedicated to moving the program ahead. Contact Jeff Nengle or Eric Reitz if interested.

There will be a one time mandatory coaches meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm, at Churchville Rec Center. Please plan on attending if you have any interest in coaching. Remember always check the Forest Hill Rec website for more info as we get closer.

Eric Reitz

Chair

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Hickory Fountain Green / Forest Hill LAX Registration

Program includes ages 5 – 14. The cost for Clinic 5-6 year old is \$55 and the 7-14 year old program is \$100.

This is an outdoor 2009 spring program with registration in the Fall. The program participates in the Harford County Girls League and Maryland Youth Lacrosse Association (MYLA). First time players are encouraged to sign-up! Parent volunteers are needed to coach, program administration, fields and fundraising, etc. We need more parents involved! In addition, we are looking for a new commissioner to run the program.

New for the Fall registration, we will have an online registration process beginning on October 12th, 2009. Registrations will be on a first come first serve basis. The program size is limited, due to numbers of coaches and players needed per team. We encourage you to sign up early using the new online process. We would like to accommodate everyone in this fast growing program.

For more information about the program, please visit the HFG-FH website (in October) www.hfg-fh-lax.org and or contact **Tim Colt** at 443-306-3636.

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Baseball/Softball Fall Updates and 2010 Planning Meetings

Spring Baseball

The spring baseball program wrapped up its 2009 season in late June with some very exciting post-season play. Both 9-10 and 11-12 age groups competed in pool-play to determine the four finalists that played in the championships. In 9-10, the Red Sox edged out the Dodgers and in 11-12, the Cubs held their advantage over the Yankees for the championship. Congratulations to all on successful seasons.

The Forest Hill Complex was also the site for several popular baseball tournaments this season, featuring the Summer Classic in late June and the Forest Hill Frenzy Fastpitch Softball Tournament in July. Good ballgames, great food, and lots of fun were had by all who attended.

The Forest Hill baseball program also saw a spectacular day of all-star games on June 21, complete with a genuine home-run derby. Congratulations to Liam Bowers, Evan Cassady, Will Weaver, Jarod Callahan, Dalton Kane, Brady Petrovich, Neil Thompson and Cole Morgan, who all received personalized, engraved bats from Cooperstown Bat Company as the prizes for winning the Derby in their age groups.

The 12U Express traveled to Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York in early July had the times of their lives. Cooperstown presents a great atmosphere for baseball and these players, coaches and parents created memories that will not be forgotten. Thanks to all who supported the fundraising efforts that made their trips possible.

In early August, the 12U Express also played host to a scrimmage game against the Australian National Team that was in town for the Ripken World Series. Great baseball and good spirits

prevailed in this international baseball game that helped the Australian team prepare for their run for the Ripken Championship.

Fall Baseball

Forest Hill Fall Baseball is in full swing as the leaves turn colors and the air begins to turn chilly. This year, we have two competitive teams in the Baltimore County Major League (BCML) consisting of 9-10 and 11-12 year olds. BCML Fall ball is a chance for players and coaches to continue to increase their skills by trying new positions and strategies in a less-competitive setting than the spring Travel league.

In addition to the BCML teams, Forest Hill also has five teams in the North Harford County Fall Baseball League ranging from ages 8 through 14. This less-competitive fall league is organized into age groups based on what the players will play in Spring 2010 and gives them a chance to get started on the baseball skills they will learn next year.

Both leagues' seasons consists of Sunday afternoon games from late August through October. Good luck to all teams!

2010 Baseball/Softball Kick-off Meeting

Meetings for the 2010 baseball program will be the second Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Activity Room of Forest Lakes Elementary School. This year's first meeting is Monday November 9th at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in volunteering for 2010 should plan to attend this and every meeting and need to complete a volunteer application so we can include you in the planning for 2010. Attendance at baseball meetings in January, February and March are the most important and all managers need to attend these meetings.

On-line and mail-in registration for baseball and softball starts January 1st, 2010 and we have two walk-in registration sessions scheduled for January 9th and 16th.

All potential Travel Managers and Age Group Directors for 2010 also need to submit new application/volunteer forms by November 1, 2009 so we can begin planning the season. Forms are available on the baseball web page: www.foresthillbaseball.com.

Men's Softball

The Forest Hill Adult Over-30 Softball League is wrapping up its eighth season in late September with the annual championship tournament. Winners receive nothing more than bragging rights and the chance to defend their title next year, but all have fun competing on Friday evenings throughout the summer. This season we added the Women's Division, expanding the league to thirteen teams and over 200 participants. Registration for the 2010 season begins in January for returning players and April for new players, with the season running from mid-July through September. For details, see the Men's and Women's Slow-Pitch pages on the Forest Hill Rec web site, www.foresthillrec.com.

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2010 College Scholarships

The Forest Hill Recreation Council will again be offering up to five (5), one-thousand dollar (\$1,000) college scholarships for the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

The Forest Hill Recreation Council and the Scholarship Selection Committee would like to thank Dr. & Mrs. Charles Ebner for supporting the education of our young adults by again sponsoring the 2010–2011 scholarships. They also were the sponsors of the 2009–2010 scholarships. Thank You!

In September, the Scholarship Selection Committee advertises the scholarship availability for the upcoming academic year. To apply, applicants must have participated in the Forest Hill Recreation Council (any program/s) for a minimum of four (4) years (in a non-paid capacity), be a high school graduate (as of September 2010), be attending college as a full-time student (as of September 2010) and include with the application, a detailed list of the Forest Hill Recreation Council activities/programs participated in, a detailed list of community volunteer activities/programs, as well as three (3) letters of recommendation related to the Forest Hill Recreation Council's College Scholarship and an essay explaining "Why I should receive the FHRC College Scholarship."

Anyone interested in applying for the 2010-2011 college scholarship may contact **Jerry Kalista** (Chairman) via e-mail at kalbaseball@comcast.net with any questions. The application form ([available on our website](#)) must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Selection Committee, at the address on the application, no later than February 15, 2010.

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