

# FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

## newsletter

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT..

~ Jeanne Rosas ~

As we enter Spring, we look forward to the start of outdoor sports again. Lacrosse, soccer, baseball, softball begin as other programs end for the year such as dance and basketball. However, in reality none of these programs truly end because planning for the next year starts as each previous year ends. As always, we look for new ideas to keep each program fresh and new. We also look for new volunteers to replace volunteers whose children age out of our programs. If you feel you and your child benefited from a particular program we would like to hear from you. Please contact your coach or program chairperson to see how you can help.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind each of you that one of our goals is to provide a safe environment for all of our programs to operate in. If any of you has ever seen or been involved in a serious incident, you know that nothing will ruin your evening, your week or even perhaps the season more than a serious injury. Because of this, I ask all of you, parents and players, to always keep safety first and foremost. I ask the parents to be mindful of younger brothers and sisters, coaches to always be aware of the necessary precautions required for your activities and players to think about their actions and surroundings. Is it safe to swing this bat in this spot?, Is this the best spot for us to play catch? Should I let those youngsters try that drill unsupervised? Should I tell those kids to get down from that tree? Is this a good spot to sit when we have toddlers or infants with us or should we move a little further from the action? These are just a few of the questions that we should all be asking ourselves while enjoying our activities. Sometimes even all the safety precautions in the world won't prevent an accident. But if we all make the appropriate effort, our chances are much better that we will not suffer an unnecessary accident.

But enough of the serious stuff. Let's all hope for good weather and a wonderful season of outdoor recreation.

Jeanne Rosas,  
FHRC President

### FHRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Forest Hill Recreation Council General Meetings will be held at Forest Lakes Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Monday of every month. All meetings are open to the public.

### OPENING DAY

~ Deb Norcross ~

Saturday April 21, 2007 was a beautiful day at the Forest Hill Recreation Complex. What a privilege it is to be part of the best rec. council anywhere! I absolutely love Opening Day because it brings so much excitement and joy to players, their siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends of FHRC. On behalf of the Opening Day Committee, I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to make this year's Opening Day a huge success. We all know this success would not happen if we didn't have the volunteers. I would like to thank everyone who showed up on Friday before Opening Day to help clear and map out the parade route, clean up the complex, plant flowers, blow up the inflatable game prizes, set up tables, cook lunch and dinner, place the banners around the fields, rake the fields, and line the fields! Most of you that showed up on Friday, were back again on Saturday at 6:30 to finalize the finishing touches! Thank you to all the individuals and teams that donated items for the Silent Auction. We had over 150 items and this, once again, shows what a great recreation council we have. The flowers that were donated were gorgeous and I know the kids love winning the plants! I would like to thank Chuck Hamrick for doing a super job as our DJ! It was great looking over and seeing the "chefs" dancing! The banners were all great and the teams displayed them with pride! Congratulations to all the banner contest winners. We will let you know when the big ice cream party is scheduled.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the committee members. We spend a lot of time planning this wonderful event and I owe so much to each of you. I appreciate the many hours that you put into this celebration and thank each of you from the bottom of my heart! It is an honor to serve on this great committee with each of you and I hope everyone plans to return next year! Thanks to the committee members: Tammy Bowman, Patty Cruickshank (Silent Auction); Amy Johnson (Games); Joan Doody, Kathleen Ebner (Plant Stand); Melissa Gilbert (Banner Contest); Jeanne Schultz (Treasurer & Concessions); Chris Cole, Dave Brzowsky, Fred Rynes (Food), Tom Callis (Facilities & Logistics); Deb Flowers (Food & Immediate Past Opening Day Committee Chairperson).

If you would like to be on the 2008 Opening Day Committee, please plan to attend our first meeting in January!

Thanks again to everyone that volunteered on Opening Day! It is truly appreciated!

VISIT THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL ONLINE AT  
[www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com)

## FHRC ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

*- Jerry Kalista -*

The Forest Hill Recreation Council announced recipients of its 2007-2008 college scholarships at their Baseball/Softball Opening Day ceremonies held Saturday, April 21st at the Forest Hill Complex. Daniel Cole, Jacquelyn Cummings, Mathew Ebner, Hollin Roberts and Michael Thomas 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.



“Since the 1994-1995 academic year, when the scholarship program began, Forest Hill Recreation has awarded more than \$41,000 in scholarship monies to 26 individuals. This year we had the largest number of applicants for the scholarship in our history with more than twenty total,” according to Jerry Kalista, Scholarship Chair.

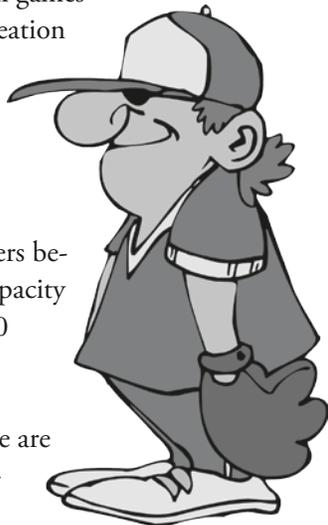
The Forest Hill Recreation Council would like to thank all Scholarship Selection Committee members: Chair Jerry Kalista, Dave Brond, Sandy Krause, Andrea Lentz and Bill Plantholt.

## MEN'S SOFTBALL

*- Chris Benjes -*

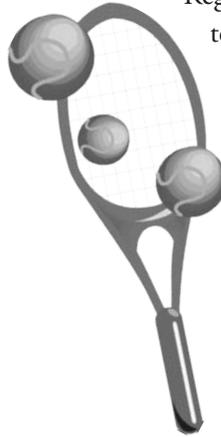
The Forest Hill 2007 Men's Over-30 Softball League is entering its sixth season. Games are played on Friday evenings starting July 13, 2007. The season wraps up with a championship tournament in late September. All games are played at the Forest Hill Recreation Complex. This league was developed with an emphasis on fun and players of all skill levels are welcome.

General registration for new players begins April 22. 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.



## YOUTH TENNIS

*- Susan Gradishar -*



Registration for the youth (ages 6-14) summer tennis program will be held at the FHRC pavilion on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00AM until noon or mail in registration forms found online.

Check for information and registration forms at (<http://www.foresthillrec.com/>) under Tennis.

Questions? Call or e-mail Susan Gradishar, 410-838-4120, [fjgradishar@aol.com](mailto:fjgradishar@aol.com).

## DANCE PROGRAM

*- Pam Long -*

The Forest Hill Dance Program is part of the Forest Hill Recreation Council and has classes, which include various levels of Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Hip Hop, for dancers ages 3 and up. Registration packets are mailed out in July to participants from the previous year and open registration is held in September. Parents are welcome to contact me towards the end of July to discuss openings in our schedule. Our program begins in September and ends with our recital in May of the following year, which is held at C. Milton Wright High School. This year's recital will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 2PM. Each class meets each week for 30 minutes except for Ballet levels 5 and up which meet for one hour each week. All classes perform in our recital. Registration fees do not include costumes. Costumes are ordered in January and then invoices are mailed to the parents.

## ADULT HORSESHOE LEAGUE

*- Gary Nengel -*

Registration/ begin playing: Tuesday May 15, at 6:30 pm at the Forest Hill Rec. Complex.

Contact: Gary Nengel - 410-420-9558; [gnengel@yahoo.com](mailto:gnengel@yahoo.com).

# Forest Hill Soccer

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As with any sports program, we depend heavily on parent volunteers to help with a variety of matters, which include the following:

- Coaching or acting as assistant coach for your child's team;
- Age group coordinators at the Rainbow and Under 8 levels to facilitate the organization of the program;
- Working in the concession stand

This work is extremely rewarding and quite a bit of fun. If anyone is interested in volunteering in any capacity in the soccer program, please contact Mike Geier at (410) 838-0193.

## SEEDING PROGRAM

Beginning this spring, we have commenced a regular seeding and fertilizer program to improve our field conditions. Our fields are in use continuously from early August until Thanksgiving and the activity takes its toll on the field surface. This spring, we seeded and fertilized the full-sized soccer fields. We will be seeding the smaller-sized soccer fields in the spring of 2008 and will be putting all of the fields at the rec. complex on a regular seeding and fertilizing program to maintain high-quality field surfaces. Additionally this spring, we seeded and fertilized the fields at Blake's Venture, where many travel teams play and practice. Combined with the re-sodding of the fields at Friends Park last year, this continued focus on our fields will improve the quality of our program and maintain the appearance that we all expect.

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

For any additional information on the soccer programs, please visit [www.foreshillrec.com](http://www.foreshillrec.com) or contact any of the following individuals:

Recreation Program Coordinator - Mike Geier; 410-838-0193; [foreshillsoccer@comcast.net](mailto:foreshillsoccer@comcast.net)

Boys Travel Coordinator - Bill Russo; 410-877-3874; [wjrusso@msn.com](mailto:wjrusso@msn.com)

Girls Travel Coordinator - Bob Jacobs; 410-420-0250; [rjacobs@birchfieldjacobs.com](mailto:rjacobs@birchfieldjacobs.com)

## REGISTRATION

Fall soccer registration will be held on the following dates:

*Saturday, May 5th      10am - 2pm*  
*Saturday, May 12th    9am - Noon*

Registration will be held at the Forest Hill Rec. Complex pavilion.

*Travel soccer try-outs begin June 1st.*

Please make every effort to complete and submit your registration forms during one of the two registration dates. You may also mail your registration form. These forms should be received no later than June 15, 2007. Forms are included within this newsletter and are also available on the website at [www.foreshillrec.com](http://www.foreshillrec.com)

Mail to: Michael Geier  
1994 Keeneland Court  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Registration will end on June 15, 2007.

## PROGRAM CHANGES

Believe it or not, the registration process for the fall soccer season is about to begin. We had a very successful season in 2006 and are looking forward to a great year ahead. There have been a few changes to the age groups that we will have in this year's rec. program. Based on a decision by the Northern Region Soccer League, all of the programs in Harford County will have the following age groups beginning this fall:

## HARFORD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION 2007 AGE GROUP DETERMINATION

Rainbow Clinic: 5 year olds (co-ed)- Your child must be 5 years old as of 7/31/07

From the U8 and up age groups, there are separate Boys and Girls leagues of play.

Under 8: Your child must be 7 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 9: Your child must be 8 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 10: Your child must be 9 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 11: Your child must be 10 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 13: Your child must be 12 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 15: Your child must be 14 years old or under as of 7/31/07

Under 18: Your child must be 17 or under as of 7/31/07

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

**FEES:** (Recreation League Play)

Rainbow .....\$35...per participant  
Under 8.....\$45...per participant  
Under 9 and Up .....\$60...per participant  
Family Maximum.....\$125

## TRAVEL LEAGUE PLAY:

Participation in Travel League play involves tryouts and an additional registration fee. Anyone interested in Travel Play should indicate "yes" in the space indicated on the registration form. Travel coaches will contact all interested parties and inform them when tryouts for their age groups are being held.

Boys and girls in the U11 age groups and below will be playing on the smaller-sized fields with seven players per team on the field. The U13 and above age groups will continue to play on the full-sized fields with 11 players per team on the field.



## HARFORD COUNTY PARKS & REC



# SUMMER RECREATION CENTER

Forest Hill's Summer Recreation Center will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 26, 2007 – August 2, 2007. We will have 2 sessions to choose from, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

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. You can mail it to me. Don't forget to include your check. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sandy Krause, Chairperson  
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**FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL  
SUMMER RECREATION CENTER**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ Morning Session

\_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon Session

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency:

Notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered by: \_\_\_\_\_

# FALL BASEBALL

## 2007 FOREST HILL FALL BASEBALL

This fall, Forest Hill baseball is participating in both the Baltimore County Major League (BCML) Travel program AND the North Harford baseball programs.

All kids currently age 8 to 15 who will be at least 9 and not more than 16 years old by April 30, 2007 are invited to sign up for Forest Hill Fall Baseball.

We plan to participate in both the Baltimore County Major League and North Harford In-house teams for ages 8 through 14. BCML games are played in Harford and Baltimore Counties. In-house games are played in Harford County.

Players will be selected for the Fall BCML teams by competitive try-out. No registration is necessary for try-outs, just show up with your glove and bat. You are strongly encouraged, but it is not necessary, to attend all try-out sessions.

Try-outs are not necessary for participation in the In-house program! You can just register and play in your proper age group via the mail-in registration or at one of the try-out sessions.

Watch the Forest Hill baseball website for forms, dates and times. Players will also be notified for registration during their in-house baseball games at Forest Hill.

It would be wise to sign up for the in-house program and then try out for the BCML teams. That way, you are guaranteed to play baseball this fall.

Fall Baseball runs from August through October. Games are played on Sunday afternoons.

For more information, contact Fred Rynes, 410-836-9595, [frynes@verizon.net](mailto:frynes@verizon.net)



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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **MAY**

- 12 Dance Recital
- 13 Happy Mothers' Day
- 19 Youth Tennis Registration
- 21 FHRC General Membership Meeting
- 26 Men's Softball Registration Closes
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

## **JUNE**

- 1 Travel Soccer Try-Outs
- 10-21 In-House Baseball Tournament Scheduled
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 15 Soccer Registration Ends
- 17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
- 24 Baseball All-STAR Games
- 25 FHRC General Membership Meeting
- 25 Youth Tennis Starts
- 26 Summer Recreation Center Starts

## **JULY**

- TBA Baseball Summer Classic Tournament
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 13 Men's Softball Season Starts

## **AUGUST**

- 1 Deadline for Articles for September Newsletter
- 2 Summer Recreation Center Ends
- 2 Youth Tennis Ends
- 11 Baseball Equipment Turn-in Day
- Coaches' Crab Feast
- 13 Baseball Wrap-up Meeting at the Pavilion
- 19 Fall Baseball Starts
- 27 FHRC Board of Directors Meeting

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 College Scholarship Applications Available
- 3 LABOR DAY
- 24 FHRC General Membership Meeting

### **FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

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