

# FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

## newsletter

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

– Dave Brond

A year ago I cited a statistic from The Parent's Complete Guide to Sports, Activities, Music Classes, Dance Lesson, and Other Extracurriculars: "70 percent of the 20 million kids who sign up each year for competitive sports quit by age 13, never to return to organized sports. The No. 1 reason children give for quitting is that it stopped being fun."

We must always remember how important our recreation programs are to the people who participate, and that the goal of recreation council activities is to have fun, stay physically, socially and mentally active and learn new skills.

I want to thank all the parents, coaches, officials and numerous other individuals and area organizations who make the Forest Hill Recreation Council programs a success. FHRC is one of the largest and strongest recreation councils in the County because of the strength of our volunteers.

Our community is growing, and so is 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. Send a note to FHRC, P.O. Box 119, Forest Hill, MD 21050.

Thank you for keeping our sports and activities fun and safe!

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

## SHRIMP & BULL ROAST

Saturday, October 21, 2006

8:00 pm – 1:00 am,

Columbus Gardens,

6701 Klosterman Avenue

Tickets are \$35.00 per person

*Menu includes Steamed Shrimp,*

*Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Shrimp Soup,*

*Open Bar & Much, Much More!!*

For information and tickets please call Jim Maguire at 410-557-2847 (home) or 443-694-2407 (cell) or Diane Maguire 410-207-7013 (cell)

## FHRC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

– Jerry Kalista



*Up to five (5) One-Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) scholarships will be available for the 2007-2008 academic year.*

Anyone interested in applying should checkout the FHRC website at [www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com). Completed applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee no later than February 16, 2007.

## FHRC DANCE PROGRAM

– Pam Long

### *Important Dates:*

Open registration is Thursday, September 7, 2006 from 6-8P. Classes begin the week of Tuesday, September 19, 2006. There are still have openings in the 3 & 4 year old classes and there should be openings some in the older classes as well depending on the return of dancers from last year.

# FOREST HILL BASEBALL

– Chris Benjes

## SPRING BASEBALL WRAP-UP

The Forest Hill spring baseball program had many highlights and new additions for 2006, and we are looking forward to another successful season for 2007. While the original Opening Day celebration was rained out, Mother Nature certainly made it up to us by providing a picture-perfect day the following week. We even discovered a new parade route that lets everyone relax and enjoy themselves as the players and coaches march across our beautiful complex to begin the baseball/softball season.

2006 marked the final season for the traditional Forest Hill baseball uniform shirts. Players were allowed to keep their uniform shirts after the season and beginning in 2007, in-house players in the 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 age groups will receive Major League Baseball replica T-Shirts and hats as their team uniforms to keep.

The baseball season concluded with exciting in-house tournaments, and even though the All-Star Sunday was rained out, we did manage to play most of the all-star games the following week.

There were many improvements to the Forest Hill Complex this season, including newly constructed infields on Diamonds 1 and 4, Hollywood-style bases on selected fields, new field indicator signs, a new homerun fence in the outfield of Field 4, complete with bright yellow fence capping and new distance signs, the acquisition of two lawns tractors, and a brand new batting cage compliments of the 15-19 baseball program and efforts by the Forest Hill Storm parents and coaches. Much of the cost of the batting cage and fence were offset by donations from Fence by Fenner and LaFarge, Inc. Thanks to Harford County Parks and Rec and all of the individuals who made these improvements possible.

Forest Hill hosted the 9U and 10U age groups of the Harford County Spring Classic baseball tournament in early April as well as the majority of the Summer Classic tournament in early July. Many, many compliments were made about how wonderful our Complex is and how we host the best tournaments around. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help out.

The Forest Hill Baseball Travel program also had a great season. The 8U Express had a very successful year, taking first place in the Spring Classic, the Overlea Tournament and the Harford County tournament. Congratulations on an outstanding job.

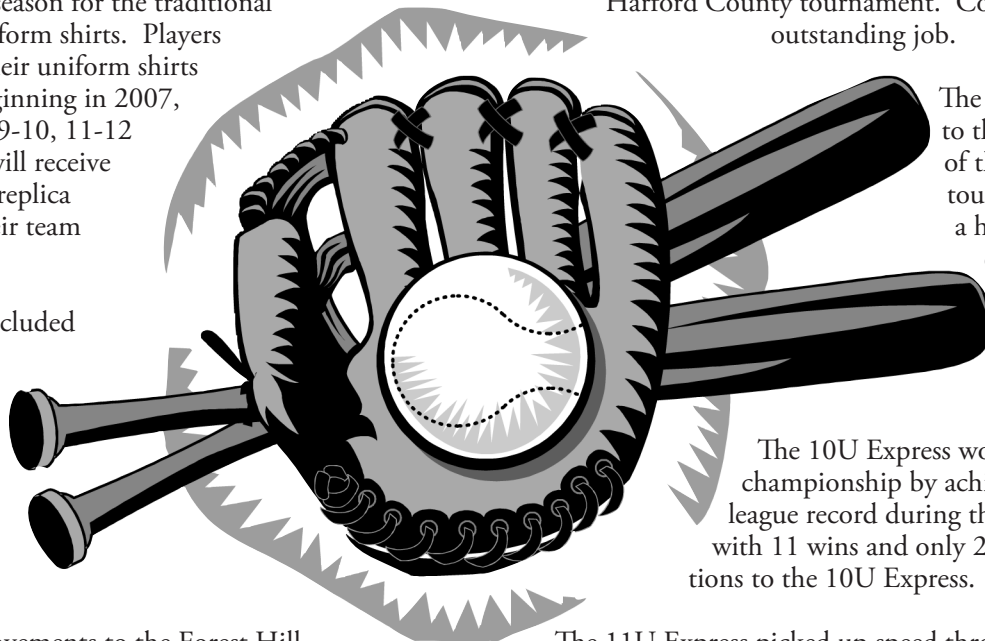
The 9U Express made it to the semi-final round of the Summer Classic tournament but lost a heart-breaker in an extra-innings battle against the Bel Air Braves. Congratulations to the 9U Express.

The 10U Express won the regular season championship by achieving the best league record during the regular season with 11 wins and only 2 losses. Congratulations to the 10U Express.

The 11U Express picked up speed throughout the season and had a great year in the MMTA Sunday-only league. Congratulations to them on a great season.

The 12U Express traveled to Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York this July and had a great tournament week, winning a couple of games, but more importantly, having the greatest times of their lives. Thanks to the 12U Express for representing Forest Hill and making us proud.

The Forest Hill Storm Metro Baseball teams also had a very successful season with its teams participating in games and tournaments around the state. The 11U Storm placed second in their league with a record of 18 wins and 13 losses. Congratulations to



### FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

*Staff*

*Laura Brond, Editor;  
David Brond, Mailing Coordinator*



## FALL BASEBALL

This fall, Forest Hill is participating in two different fall baseball leagues. We have teams in the 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15 age groups of the brand new Harford County Fall Baseball league. This is a rec-league program is designed to give all players a chance to learn and practice their baseball skills against teams from other Harford County recreation councils. Registration for fall in-house baseball begins in May of each year. If you missed the fall registration deadline this year, remember to sign up next spring for Fall 2007.

Forest Hill has also entered a 9-10 and an 11-12 team in the Baltimore County Major League fall program. This is an inter-county league that enables our players to prepare for competitive baseball in 2007.

The 10 game seasons for both programs run from late August through early November and are off to a great start. Good luck to all.

## TRAVEL BASEBALL TRYOUTS FOR 2007 BEGIN IN OCTOBER

New this year, Forest Hill will have tryouts for the 2007 Express teams beginning in late October through November. The teams will be selected in early December and will work out indoors as a team through the winter in preparation for the spring 2007 season. Watch the baseball page of the Forest Hill website ([www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com)) for details and information.

## 2007 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL KICKOFF MEETINGS

The first meeting for the 2007 baseball/softball season will be held on October 9th at 7:30 in the Forest Lakes Elementary School Activity Room. Baseball/softball meetings are held on the second Monday of each month from October through April. Potential team managers and age-group directors for 2007 should attend as many meetings as possible. Attendance at meetings will be used as criteria in the final selection of baseball managers for the 2007 season, and is mandatory for managers and age-group directors in January, February and March as these meetings are critical to the planning of the upcoming season.

## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FOR 2007

Walk-in registration for baseball and softball will be held on January 12-13 and 19-20 2007 from 6-9 PM on Fridays and 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturdays. Registration will also be available beginning in January 2007 via the Internet on the baseball and softball pages of the Forest Hill website: ([www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com))

## BASEBALL AGE GROUP DETERMINATION DATE

Remember that the cutoff date for registration in January 2007 that determines a baseball player's age will again be April 30th. The baseball page of the Forest Hill website ([www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com)) contains a table that explains the age group delineation.

## BASEBALL UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF NEEDED:

Forest Hill Baseball is looking for a responsible, organized person to handle the position of Umpire-in-Chief. The person that fill this job will work with the Baseball Program Director in scheduling and compensating Forest Hill Baseball umpires. This is a paid position.



The person selected for the Umpire-in-Chief must be able and willing to work with young adults and teenagers to serve as their supervisor. He/She must be friendly, patient, and able to communicate with and gain the respect of the youth umpires.

Organizational skills are a must. Knowledge of baseball rules are not required, although a good understanding of the game is a plus. Further details are available on the baseball web page. ([www.foresthillrec.com](http://www.foresthillrec.com)) If you are interested in this rewarding position, please contact Chris Benjes, [cbenjes@foresthillrec.com](mailto:cbenjes@foresthillrec.com), 410-893-6456.

## CONCESSIONS

Another successful Baseball/Softball season for the Concession Stand in large part due to the many volunteers and especially the committee members. Thank you to all. A personal thanks to Chris, Debbie, Tammy, Aimee, Jeanne R., Tom, Jennifer and Lee Ann - without your dedication and support there would be no Concession Stand.

As always, we are looking for new committee members to keep things running. We need your help! If you have an interest in joining, any questions - please call or e-mail: Jean Schultz 410-838-2702 [jeannearie@aol.com](mailto:jeannearie@aol.com)

## MEN'S SOFTBALL

— Chris Benjes

The Forest Hill Men's Softball League is wrapping up the 2006 season with its Championship tournament in late September. 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. Registration for the 2007 season begins in February 2007.

# FOREST HILL / HICKORY-FOUNTAIN GREEN / CHURCHVILLE COMBINED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

– Nelson White

Welcome the new and improved 2006 / 2007 boys and girls basketball program. We have lots of positive changes going on this season and we are looking forward to another outstanding year. In addition to changes that will be outlined below we would like to introduce Eric Reitz as our new Chairperson of Basketball, as well as Jeff Nengel as Director of Boys Basketball, and Sean Brady as Director of Girls Basketball. Eric, Jeff, and Sean bring many years of volunteer youth sports experience to the team and we are excited about the positive impact they will have.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS TO A TOTAL OF FOUR (4). WE ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTING THAT YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR MAIL IN REGISTRATION PROCESS and refer to our website if you have any additional questions. The web address is Foresthillrec.com. Additional applications, coaches applications, and evaluation information can be downloaded from the web site.

You will find the following information within the newsletter:

- MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM (has a deadline, no exceptions)  
E-mail applications will not be accepted!!
- COACHES APPLICATION FORM (return with application, plan on attending meeting)
- IN-HOUSE AND TRAVEL EVALUATION DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, ETC.  
(Please help us by showing up to your "In-house" evaluation on time)

If you have any specific questions regarding in-house basketball or registration please call Eric Reitz at 410-838-2718 or Sean Brady at 410-803-9174.

If you have questions regarding travel please call Nelson White at 410-893-4175.

If you have an interest in volunteering, we need the following Age Group Directors:  
11/12 Boys    15/18 Boys    If interested please call Jeff Nengel at 410-838-9766

## IN-PERSON REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 14, 2006	Thursday	6:30-8:30pm	Fountain Green Elem front lobby
September 16, 2006	Saturday	2:30-5:00pm	Churchville Rec Center
September 19, 2006	Tuesday	6:30-8:30pm	Forest Lakes Elem front lobby
September 23, 2006	Saturday	12:00-3:00pm	Forest Lake Elem rec room

\*\* 5/6 Coed Clinic players called by Sun, Nov.26th , program starts Sat, Dec 2nd  
at Churchville Elementary School

\*\* 7/8 Girls & 7/8 Boys will be called by Sun, November 5th, weeknight practices start week  
Wednesday, November 8th.

## 2006 – 2007 Basketball Registration

Forest Hill, Churchville, Hickory Fountain Green Rec Councils  
Harford County Department of Parks & Recreation  
www.foresthillrec.com

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (most used) \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out information requested below for each child being registered. Determine the AGE GROUP by your child's age on December 31, 2006. Fill in the CODE appropriate for that age group. Please note any medical conditions in the space provided. Please put an "X" in each day that your child **CANNOT PRACTICE**. Total the fees and make check payable to: **Forest Hill Rec.**

<b>Sorry....We may not be able to honor all car pool requests</b>											Volunteer to
Did your child/ren play last year?											Coach ?
What age groups?								Cannot Practice			H-head
CHILD FIRST NAME	D/O/BIRTH	CODE	MEDICAL CONDITIONS	M	T	W	TH	F	HEIGHT	FEE	A-asst

Comments/Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature required for all participants under of 18 years of age.

**REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS !! Head coaches and assistant coaches must fill out volunteer coaching form.**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>FEE</u>
A	5/6 Boys & Girls Clinic	Churchville Elementary	Saturdays only	\$ 40
B	7 Boys Instructional	Fountain Green / Hickory Elem	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 50
C	8 Boys Instructional	Fountain Green / Hickory Elem	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 50
D	9/10 Boys League	Forest Hill Elementary	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 55
E	11/12 Boys League	Churchville Rec Center	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 60
F	13/14 Boys League	Harford Tech / CMW High	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 65
G	*15/18 Boys League	Harford Tech / CMW High	Weeknight & Sat games	\$ 70
(*18 year olds must be currently attending high school, no graduates)				
H	7/8 Girls Instructional	Hickory Elementary	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 50
I	9/10 Girls League	Forest Lakes Elementary	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 55
J	11/12 Girls League	Forest Lakes / HT / CMW High	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 60
K	13/16 Girls League	CMW / Harford Tech High	1 Weeknight / Saturdays	\$ 65

\* **Family fees:** Less than 3 children, each pays full fee. 3 children the 3<sup>rd</sup> child gets a \$15 dollar discount, 4<sup>th</sup> child or more play for no additional charge.,

**\*\* Mail all registrations to: Sean Brady, 1995 Pimlico Ct. Forest Hill, MD 21050 / Questions call 410-803-9174  
Registrations postmarked after FRIDAY, September 22nd will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS !**

(A) Are you trying out for Travel? If yes, what child and age group? \_\_\_\_\_

(B) PLEASE ATTEND ALL travel tryouts listed, questions, call Nelson White at 410-893-4175

Rec Council Rep only: Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

# 2006-2007 Basketball Volunteer Coaching Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you coach last year ? YES NO    Head or assistant?    H    A  
What age group did you coach?    Boys or Girls?    In-house or Travel?

If you coached last year, what do you feel were some of your contributions to the program as a whole and your team and players in particular?

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Coaching preference for this season: Please circle all applicable answers

In-house Boys	5/6 Clinic	7 & 8	9/10	11/12	13/14	15/18
In-house Girls	5/6 Clinic	7/8	9/10	11/12	13/16	
Travel Boys		7/8	9/10	11/12	13/14	
Travel Girls			9/10	11/12	13/14	

Reason you desire to coach in our program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous outside of Recreation programs coaching experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* You are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-season coaches meeting to be held at the Churchville Rec Center on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 7:00pm. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. This is our one group meeting and we need your participation and input. Thanks in advance for you anticipated cooperation!!**

## **IN-HOUSE&TRAVEL EVALUATION INFORMATION**

*In-house evaluations are mandatory. Please show up at appointed time base on letter of last name.*

### 9/10 Boys IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

9:00-10:15AM A-C

10:15-11:30AM D-H

11:30-12:45PM I-L

Monday, October 23, 2006

5:30-6:45PM M-P

6:45-8:00PM Q-S

8:00-9:15PM T-Z

### 11/12 Boys IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Harford Tech High School**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

7:30-8:30PM A-C

8:30-9:30PM D-H

Thursday, October 19, 2006

7:30-8:30PM I-M

8:30-9:30PM N-S

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

12:45-2:00PM T-Z

### 13/14 Boys IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Monday, November 6, 2006

8:15-9:30PM A-F

#### **Harford Tech High School**

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

7:00-8:15PM G-M

8:15-9:30PM N-Z

### 15/18 Boys IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Saturday, November 11, 2006

10:15-11:30AM A-G

11:30-12:45PM H-N

#### **Harford Tech High School**

Monday, November 13, 2006

7:30-8:45PM O-Z

### 9/10 Girls IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

6:00-7:00pm A-C

7:00-8:00pm D-H

8:00-9:00PM I-M

Saturday, October 21, 2006

3:00-4:00PM N-S

4:00-5:00PM T-Z

### 11/12 Girls IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

9:00-10:15AM A-C

10:15-11:30AM D-H

11:30-12:45PM I-M

Monday, October 16, 2006

6:00-7:15PM N-S

7:15-8:30PM T-Z

### 13/16 Girls IN-HOUSE evaluations

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Monday, November 6, 2006

6:00-7:00PM A-F

7:00-8:00PM G-M

#### **Harford Tech High School**

Thursday, November 9, 2006

7:00-8:00PM N-Z

### 7/8 Boys Travel Tryouts

#### **Fountain Green Elementary**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Thursday, November 2, 2006

7:00-8:30PM

### 9/10 Boys Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Thursday, October 5, 2006

6:00-7:30PM

Saturday, October 7, 2006

9:00-10:30AM

Monday, October 9, 2006

6:00-7:30PM

### 11/12 Boys Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Thursday, October 5, 2006

7:30-9:00pm

Saturday, October 7, 2006

10:30-12:00PM

Monday, October 9, 2006

7:30-9:00PM

### 13/14 Boys Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Monday, October 30, 2006

7:30-9:00PM

Thursday, November 2, 2006

7:30-9:00PM

Saturday, November 4, 2006

9:00-10:30AM

### 9/10 Girls Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

6:00-7:30PM

Saturday, October 14, 2006

1:00-2:30PM

### 11/12 Girls Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

7:30-9:00PM

Saturday, October 14, 2006

2:30-4:00PM

### 13/14 Girls Travel Tryouts

#### **Churchville Recreation Center**

Monday, October 30, 2006

6:00-7:30PM

Thursday, November 2, 2006

6:00-7:30PM

Saturday, November 4, 2006

10:30-12:00PM

### **Key Contact Info**

Girls In-House, Sean Brady

410-803-9174

Boys In-house, Jeff Nengel

410-838-7266

Travel, Nelson White

410-893-4175

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1..... College Scholarship Applications Available
- 4..... LABOR DAY
- 9..... Soccer starts
- 29..... Men's Softball Season Ends
- 25..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

## **OCTOBER**

- 9..... COLUMBUS DAY
- 9..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 23..... FHRC General Membership Meeting
- TBA ... Baseball Travel Tryouts begin
- 31..... HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## **NOVEMBER**

- 5..... BCML Baseball Ends
- 6..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 11..... VETERAN'S DAY
- 12..... Harford County Fall Baseball Ends
- 20..... FHRC General Membership Meeting
- 23..... HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## **DECEMBER**

- TBA ... Breakfast with SANTA
- 11..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 25..... MERRY CHRISTMAS

## **JANUARY 2007**

- 1..... HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 8..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 12..... 6-9 pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES
- 13..... 10am-2pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES
- 19..... 6-9pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES
- 20..... 10am-2pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES
- 22..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

## **FEBRUARY 2007**

- 12..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- TBA ... Baseball evaluations
- 14..... HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
- 26..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

## **MARCH 2007**

- TBA ... Baseball Fundamentals Camp
- 12..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 16..... Baseball drafts
- 17..... HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 26..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

## **APRIL 2007**

- 1..... Baseball/Softball Practice starts
- 9..... Baseball/Softball Meeting
- 21..... Baseball/Softball Opening Day
- 23..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

## **Forest Hill Recreation Council**

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