

Western Branch

August - September 2007 News

Little League

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SOFTBALL!

Interested in Fall Softball? The fall season games will be played on Saturdays from September 15 through November 3. Teams will be formed in early September. To register, you can:

1. Send in the attached application form with your check to:
WBLL, P.O. Box 9784, Chesapeake, VA 23321, or
2. Download copies of the form at www.wbll.org and mail them in, or
3. Register in person at the times indicated below.
 - Saturday, August 25 at the WBLL Field House from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Wednesday, September 5 at the WBLL Field House from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$30 prior to September 4 (\$35 after). Remember, after the second child in the family, registration for other children is free! Who is eligible to play? All girls who will be league age 5-16 (age as of 12/31/2007), are eligible. For Fall Ball, individuals living outside ZIP code 23321 MAY register. New players (new to WBLL) must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Do you have friends who might be interested in fast pitch softball? Please help us to pass on the word to others in our area! *Thanks!*



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From the Prez

I trust everyone had a safe and fun summer. Congrats to our girls who made the Allstar teams back in June. If you don't know, our Allstars made a pretty decent showing in the District 6 Tournament held at Churchland in June/July. As the start of school approaches so does Fall Ball. Please make sure you sign up early and get the discounted price. Fall Ball is laid back and is all about learning and having fun. We have always had a wonderful fall program and all of our girls have enjoyed it very much..... soooooo get your daughters signed up and join the fun!!

I will be putting out more info as we get closer but don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Membership meeting in September. This meeting is for you, the "owners" of this Little League program, to select/elect the people you want to operate and maintain this league for your girls. It is your league so please get involved and attend the meeting. Since it is YOUR league why not go a step further and become a board member yourself. If you are interested just let Pete Reilly, Paul Warren or any other existing board member know and show up at the meeting.

Donations Requested

In order to try and keep registration costs down we are trying to locate people who might be interested in donating some items to the league.

- **A computer capable of running Microsoft Access 2004 and Microsoft Word.** (The software has already been donated.) The computer will be used to keep up the league's player database which is used for all our mailings and report to Little League, and to maintain electronic copies of all our forms and records.
- **Training materials.** Do you have softball DVD's, tapes or books around the house? Now that we have the field house we are trying to reestablish our training library. Consider donating them to the league's training library.
- **TV capable of being connected to a DVD player and VCR.** This donation will allow coach's to take not lose those rain days to practice and instead meet with the team in the field house an use the league's training library.
- **DVD player.** See above. (A VCR has been promised as a donation)

Building Update

The field house is getting closer to completion. Thanks to a very generous donation we will be able to have A/C in the concession stand and field house. (The compressors on the equipment in the concession stand were in danger of overheating and it got so hot the glued-on baseboards fell off.) The upstairs has had the laminate floor installed and is currently having molding and trim work completed. The whiteboard to be used for meeting and training purposes has been installed and trimmed out. Peep holes for security purposes have been installed in the doors. And last but not least we have begun the process of taking apart the deck around the old concessions trailer as part of the overall demolition process.

During the Fall Ball season please feel free to go upstairs and have a look.

Annual Meeting and Proposed By-Laws Changes

At our annual meeting to be held September 23 the members of Western Branch Little League elect the Board of Directors to run the league for the next year. Members also must approve by-laws changes.

This year two changes are proposed:

One, create the position of Past President. This person if elected as a member of the Board of Directors would have voting privileges, but would also serve as an ex-officio/non-voting member of the executive committee. RATIONALE: The experience of past presidents needed to be utilized. Making them a non-voting member of the executive committee allows us to use that experience, but not provide them any more voting power than other members of the Board of Directors.

Two, create an additional Vice-President position. (Total two) This would allow us to flatten the administrative structure and allow better communication with the board and members. Responsibilities between the two VP's would be divided along the lines of items that directly effect the players (Division reps, equipment, safety, etc), and those that effect off field operations (Pictures, fund raising, sponsors, etc.).

Anyone a Gardener?

We are looking for some gardeners. Around the old concession trailer there are some nice plants we would like to relocate around the new Field House. Anyone who has a green thumb and is interested in taking on this project and expanding upon the bare ground outside the building please let a board member know.

WBLL ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2007
2:00 p.m.**

WBLL FIELD HOUSE

**All WBLL families are asked to attend this
important meeting.**

Western Branch Little League's Inaugural Golf Tournament

Location: Sleepy Hole Golf Course
Suffolk, VA

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2007

Time: Shotgun Start @ 12:00 Noon

For additional information and registration form:

<http://wbl.org/word/golf07.pdf>.

Questions? Contact Kevin Whitley at 484-3974 or 641-3635.

WBLL PANSY SALE

WBLL will again host a pansy sale this year. Check our web site, www.wbl.org, for additional info! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Anderson at 483-0234 or casadecdcl@cox.net.

