

# Western Branch October - November 2005 News Little League

FROM WOODY –

Well, we're at the end of another successful Fall Season. We have added several new board members, had a money-making pansy sale, and our girls have learned a little more about the game of fast pitch softball, improved their skills and most importantly had fun. Just watch them next spring and you will notice definite improvements in all of them, I guarantee it.

I would like to thank all of our parents, board members, managers and coaches for making this fall a fun/learning experience for our girls. Just to let you know, we had 2 managers that took on 2 teams each and a manager whose work schedule has been a nightmare, but with the help of our parents they have weathered the difficulties and managed to make it a great experience for their players.

If you would like to get involved and become a board member we still have 8 positions open so don't hesitate to talk to an existing board member and come join in on running your league.

Don't forget that we will be starting spring '06 registration today (Sat, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>) so sign up early and save!!!

Another important reminder is the PICNIC next Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>!! We have changed the game schedule for that day so make sure you check with your team manager. **The games will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.**

I look forward to seeing you all in the spring. Please have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Woody McLeod, WBLL President



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WBLL FASTPITCH  
PLAYERS and THEIR  
FAMILIES  
ARE INVITED!

Please join us Saturday,  
November 5th  
5pm - whenever  
for our annual WBLL Fastpitch  
Fall Picnic

The league will supply fried chicken & hotdogs. We are asking each family to bring a 2Lt. drink and a covered dish, salad, chips, or desert to share. Come on out and enjoy fun, food, and even a parent vs. kids softball game.



Any questions or interested in assisting please call Lynn Bullock 483-6232

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## Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers are needed to complete projects during the off season and to get ready for next year.** If you can make the time we can find a job for you that you will like. If you can only find the time for completing a task let us know that too. If you have seen something that you think needs to be done, let us know and if it permitted by the rules set in place by the city, schools and Little League, you can do it. After all we don't know it all. Email [wbe@mail.cox.net](mailto:wbe@mail.cox.net).

**Thanks to all the people who came out in August and helped to carry and mix the 15 tons Turfus into the fields.** Thanks to their hard work we have been able to play every Saturday except for the one when it was actively raining those 7 inches worth of water. A lot of what the money raised by Western Branch Little League goes to is right before our eyes, clay, grass, water and Turfus.

**We are examining the possibility of installing a sprinkler system this winter.** Watering the fields daily keeps them softer and believe it or not allows them to absorb more water than if they were all dry and hard. A softer field is also a safer field. If you would like to help install sprinklers please let us know at [wbe@mail.cox.net](mailto:wbe@mail.cox.net).

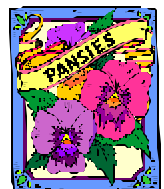
**Many thanks to Burt Bullock for repairing the water pump and well.**

**Know anything about fixing riding lawnmowers?** It keeps throwing/destroying belts. We need to repair our old mower to allow it to be used to drag the fields and extend the life of the mower purchased last spring. Call Woody McLeod at 686-8812 if you can help out.

**Bathrooms !!!** We now have access on Saturdays to the bathroom in the new high school concession stand. Families in our league as well as the league itself made substantial contributions to help the high school complete the project.

## WBLL PANSY SALE A SUCCESS

The Fall Flower Sale wrapped up on October 8. Thanks to all who ordered flowers and helped with the sale. The profit of \$1300 will help the league improve the fields and equipment.



## Spring Ball Early Registration is Here!

Interested in Spring Softball? Early registration will be held at October 29 and November 5 at the fields. Register early and save money! For all age divisions, the registration fee will be \$40 per child through December 31 and then will increase to \$55 until February 15. Starting February 15, the fee will increase to \$75. By registering early, you are able to save \$\$\$ and the league is able to identify the number of teams, recruit the right number of managers and coaches, and set the schedule earlier. All girls who will be league age 5-18 (age as of 12/31/2005) and who reside in ZIP code area 23321 are eligible.

This year, to address the wishes of families who prefer not to participate in fundraising, there is an alternative to opt out by making a donation. The application form has been modified to include this.

To register, you can:

- Send in the attached application form with your check to: WBLL, P.O. Box 9784, Chesapeake, VA 23321, or
- Download copies of the form at [www.wbll.org](http://www.wbll.org) and mail them in, or
- Register at the fields on October 29 or November 5 or at other times (to be announced – watch the Clipper).

### Attention:

### Managers, Coaches and prospective Managers and Coaches

Western Branch Little League is currently planning for next spring's season. At the league's annual meeting in September it was decided to set the number of teams early so that the best planning could be done for the girls and their season. One way for us to do that is to determine the number of people interested in managing and coaching.

Please sign up early so that you can be considered. If you have an interest in coaching or managing next spring please email your interest to: [wbemail@cox.net](mailto:wbemail@cox.net), send a letter of interest to WBLL, PO Box 9784, Chesapeake 23321 or register early and complete the section on coaching. In your email or letter, please provide the following:

Your name  
Daughter's name  
Division interested in helping in  
Email address  
Phone number(s) where you can be reached  
Experience (Not required, training will be provided if needed)

**Interested in managing or coaching???**

Requirements to be a manager/coach at Western Branch Little League:

1. Desire to mentor and coach girls to their potential as athletes and young women.
2. Desire to insure they have fun.
3. Taking steps to recruit parents to also help the girls to have fun.
4. Placing winning behind developing a desire for participation in the players.

Any questions please call Chuck Anderson, 483-0234 or email [Myteachermanderson@yahoo.com](mailto:Myteachermanderson@yahoo.com).

# Annual WBLL Fall Picnic - 5 November

We hope you will join us for the Annual WBLL Fall Picnic on Saturday, 5 November starting at 5 p.m. at the field outside the concessions area. The league will be providing chicken and hotdogs and will supply napkins, plates, utensils, ice and cups. We are asking each player/family to bring a 2 liter drink and a covered dish (chips, salads, entree, dessert, etc.) to share. We need volunteers to assist with the setup/breakdown before/after the picnic. Please call Lynn Bullock at 483-6232 if you can help.

Remember, the 10 a.m. games on November 5<sup>th</sup> have been moved to 1 p.m. with the 12 noon games moved to 3 p.m.

Have you checked out the League's web site lately?  
Visit [wbll.org](http://wbll.org)!

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The Little League where Girls Are FIRST

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Spring 2006 registration fees for T-Ball through Senior's is as follows:

- o Through December 31: \$40
- o January 1 - February 14: \$55
- o February 15- : \$75

[See the Application page for details.](#)

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Home of the 1998 and 1999 Senior League State Champions and  
1998 Division 4 Southern Region Champions

1998 SENIOR LEAGUE VIRGINIA CHAMPIONS