

## News Update from Freemansburg/Bethlehem Township Athletic Association

### **FBTAA Joins Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken Baseball League**

The tough decision to move away from Little League was made by the current Board of Directors, and our application to join the Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken League has been accepted. We feel that Cal Ripken Baseball presents a stronger foundation, will help make our players more engaged, and hopefully that will enable them to enjoy the game of baseball year after year.

Some of the changes that come with making this move include:

- registration allows players from a larger area than previously to join the league (this includes the league's new physical boundaries of all the schools that send students to Freedom High School, Freemansburg Elementary School, Marvine Elementary School, as well as other players from outside these boundaries that wish to play Cal Ripken baseball)
- better instruction for our players AND coaches
- teaching of baseball fundamentals in the early stages for all players (beginning in Tee Ball) in order to build a more competitive level of players within our organization
- pitching and base path distances will vary from the traditional Little League field dimensions, thus getting our players ready for Senior field and High School baseball

If you would like to find out more about how Cal Ripken creates more engagement for your children, please attend any of our Board/League meetings\*, or email the Board of Directors at [fbtaaemail@yahoo.com](mailto:fbtaaemail@yahoo.com) with your questions.

\* Upcoming meetings are: **12/7 at 7:30 pm, 1/4 and 2/1 at 7:00 pm** at the FBTAA field house.

In addition to the above changes, the league is also updating our logo. We are returning to our roots, but with a new design that today's children can identify with more. Every team will now be known as the FBTAA Blue Barons, with our sponsors' names still being displayed on the jerseys.



If anyone is interested in managing or coaching during the 2018 season, please contact David Lissy at 908-342-4781 or [david.lissy1@rcn.com](mailto:david.lissy1@rcn.com).

\*\* Please be on the lookout in late December for Information and Registration Sessions for the 2018-2019 Season.

FBTAA is always looking for sponsorships, parent involvement, and volunteers. We also offer community service hours for high school students and opportunities for Cub Scouts/Eagle Scouts. If you are an electrician, carpenter, plumber, or a handyman, we could always use your assistance with our facilities. Please contact the Board at [fbtaaemail@yahoo.com](mailto:fbtaaemail@yahoo.com) or the Ladies Auxiliary at [fbtaaladiesauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:fbtaaladiesauxiliary@gmail.com) for available projects/events.

\*\*\* The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for **12/14 at 7pm** at the FBTAA field house. All are welcome to attend. Please email [fbtaaladiesauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:fbtaaladiesauxiliary@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining or for more information.

## Justine Parra

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**From:** Wendy Jo <wendyjo18@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** Justine Parra  
**Subject:** Re: Borough Newsletter

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FBTAA-232291880800/>

Email: [FBTAAemail@yahoo.com](mailto:FBTAAemail@yahoo.com)

If you need anything else please let me know.  
Thanks!  
Wendy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Justine Parra <[jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org](mailto:jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org)>  
**To:** Wendy Santay <wendyjo18@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Mon, Oct 30, 2017 2:41 pm  
**Subject:** RE: Borough Newsletter

Please send them-thanks!!!  
Justine

**From:** Wendy Santay [<mailto:wendyjo18@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** Justine Parra <[jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org](mailto:jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Borough Newsletter

Sounds good. Yes, please add the links. If you don't know them I can send them to you. The new board of directors for our organization really want to improve community awareness.  
Thank you  
Wendy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Justine Parra <[jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org](mailto:jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org)> wrote:

Hi there...our next Newsletter will not go out until 2/1 with a Sanitation bill. If at any point you have anything else for the Borough Facebook page or even the website, let me know. I would like to put a link to the FBTAA website and/or your facebook page on our borough website if that is ok??  
Justine

**From:** Wendy Jo [<mailto:wendyjo18@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** Justine Parra <[jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org](mailto:jparra@boroughoffreemansburg.org)>; Gerald J. Gasda <[manager@boroughoffreemansburg.org](mailto:manager@boroughoffreemansburg.org)>  
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Thank you so much!