

# SALEM

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**JULY 2009**

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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Instead of a quote this month we decided to change it up a little. Below you will find the 10 most powerful two letter words:

**If it is to be, it is up to me!**

## News and Notes

### ActiveNet Software

As you might have read in earlier newsletters, beginning in October of this year the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department will be utilizing some new software (*ActiveNet*) to better manage our online registrations. In the past we have received feedback from participants saying they like the ease and convenience of being able to register for programs online, however often times after completing and submitting the current online registration form they were unsure if it actually went through.

With ActiveNet, that will no longer be a concern. Each household will be required to set up an account (much like you would for online banking or shopping), once completed families will be able to track all programs that they are presently enrolled in. This is only one of many features ActiveNet is capable of, all of which are geared at making your interaction with the Parks and Recreation Department as user friendly as possible.

### New Participant Fee Structure

The City of Salem has adopted a new youth league participant fee structure which will take effect beginning in October of 2009. Under the new structure the following fees will apply to all participant's and must be paid in full upon registering for any league.

#### Sports Uniform Fee: \$35.00

This fee is required of all participant's who play the following sports.

- Football
- Baseball
- Softball
- Soccer

#### Non-Resident Tuition Paying Students: \$50.00 per sport

This fee is required for all participants that do not live within the

## DID YOU KNOW

This fee is required for all participants that do not live within the City of Salem, but pay tuition to attend one of the schools located throughout the City. This fee is in addition to any uniform fee that may be required depending on the sport.

LeBron James is the youngest player in NBA history to score 10,000 points. He accomplished this milestone on February 28, 2008 by scoring 26 points against the Boston Celtics in only his 368th game. At the time he was 23 years and 59 days old.

## SPORTS OFFICE

**925 Union Street  
Salem, VA 24153  
(P) 375-4094 (F) 375-4032**

**Cancellation Line:  
375-4094 ext. 6**

**Check daily game status at:  
[www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov)**

## NEXT MONTHS ISSUE

- **OZone Baseball All-Star Update**
- **Fall Sports Information**
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## WORTH A LOOK

In a recent survey of 1,004 kids nationwide ages 8-14, 78% said that a parent was their most important role model. Only 3% said that their most important role model was an athlete.

Source: Sports Illustrated for Kids, July 2009

## BOOSTER CLUB INFO.

## Dixie Baseball & RAYSA Tournaments

Congratulations goes out to all players and coaches who participated in the post season RAYSA Softball and Dixie Baseball tournaments that took place over the last couple of weeks. The City of Salem had a total of six teams competing in various age divisions throughout the Roanoke Valley. All of which represented the City well and should be commended for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship.

Special recognition goes out to the Salem 14 and Under Girls All-Star softball team coached by Roger Duncan for taking 1st place in the RAYSA tournament held at the Moyer Complex June 22-26.

Additionally, the Salem OZone Boys Baseball All-Star team coached by Chris Coulling just wrapped up winning the District tournament this week and will continue on to the state tournament held in Radford, VA beginning on July 17.

Great job to both these teams and thanks for all the hard work.

## Dates to Remember

**August 3** Cheerleading, Football and Soccer Practices Begin

**August 4** Soccer Evaluation's

- Girls Ages 12-14 (U14 League)
- 6-7:30p at Spartan Field

**August 5-6** Junior League Football Evaluation's

- Ages 11-13 (8th graders are not eligible to participate)
- 6-7:30p at the Salem High School Field House

**August 22** Youth Football Jamboree (Spartan Field)

## Adult Softball Update

The City of Salem's adult softball league is in full swing with 40 teams competing in four different leagues. Games are typically played on Tuesday's and Thursday's at the Moyer Complex, with some exceptions made depending on field availability. Please click on the [Adult Softball](#) link to view a complete list of league results and schedule information.

## Dennis McDaniel Coach of the Year Award

Do you know a volunteer coach for the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department who places the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of any personal desires to win? Does he or she treat each player as an individual? Are they an enthusiastic team leader, a positive role model and do they have thorough knowledge of the techniques and rules for the sport while being an understanding and caring friend? Are you proud to have them coaching your child and, most importantly, does your child like

having them as a coach? If you answered yes to the above questions, then they deserve to be nominated for the Dennis McDaniel Coach of the Year Award.

This award will recognize and honor that special coach who goes above and beyond the X's and O's to ensure that each kid has a fun and meaningful experience while participating in our youth sports program.

***Judging will be based on the following: The nominee...***

- Treats each player as an individual and understands the range of emotional and physical development for the age group he/she coaches.
- Does his/her best to provide a safe and positive playing environment for all players.
- Is a knowledgeable teacher of the rules for each sport that he/she coaches.
- Uses coaching techniques appropriate for the skill level of the players.
- Remembers that he/she is a youth sports coach and that the game is for the kids, not adults.

The winning coach will be recognized at halftime during this year's youth football sandlot night. Please click [here](#) to fill out an online nomination form. Nominations must be submitted by August 28, 2009.

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## **Filling Up Your Child's Motivational Tank**

*Helping youngsters squeeze the most out of their participation in organized sports*

As I'm sure most of us who have been involved in youth sports have seen, some kids love being on the field playing and practicing regardless of the sport or the weather conditions. For other kids, that's not always the case. As coaches and parent's it's sometimes hard to figure out what motivates certain kids to get everything out of their involvement in youth sports, while other's seem to be just going through the motion.

Please click [here](#) to read the article and find out ways you help each child get the most out of his or her experiences in youth sports.

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Questions or comments? Email [shall@salemva.gov](mailto:shall@salemva.gov) or call (540) 375-4094.

### **East Salem Booster Club**

President: Brian Bowles

Phone: (540) 375-7333

Cost to join club: \$10 per yr.

Club meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6p at the Salem Sports Office.

### **North Salem Booster Club**

President: John Bayne

Phone: (540) 389-2001

Cost to join club: \$10 per yr.

Club meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4p at the City of Salem P&R Main Office.

### **South Salem Booster Club**

President: Mike Jones

Phone: (540) 375-2860

Cost to join club: \$10 per yr.

Club meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7p at the Salem P&R Main Office.

### **West Salem Booster Club**

President: Randy Peregoy

Phone: (540) 389-6508

Cost to join club: \$10 per yr.

Club meetings are held quarterly.

*Booster Clubs are comprised of Elementary School zones. The school your son or daughter attends represents your designated club. For more information on becoming involved in a Booster Club please call one of the numbers listed above.*