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Metro Basketball League News

Wright Rallies Employees to Join New Metro Basketball League

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(Jan. 7, 2010) Years ago, with squeaking sneakers and sporting traditional team monikers like the Bruins, Lakers and Clippers, Metro employees once proudly competed in a thriving basketball league.



Transit Operations Supervisor Richard Wright remembers those days and wants to return to that era of by-gone "hoopster" glory by starting up a new Metro basketball league.

"It was serious. These guys used to really play. We had a team, Gateway had a team," he said. "It was great. We had eight teams from eight divisions."

Richard Wright

Wright wants any employee who can – or thinks they can - dribble or sink one from the three-point line to give him a call. Even beginners who love the game are welcome.

With the bleak economy, and all the bad news of the day, employees need a morale boost, and playing basketball with Metro coworkers could be just the ticket, Wright said.

The new league will carry the Metro name, but would be funded by participants.

Practice is planned for Sundays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hawthorne High School in Hawthorne and Wright said he hopes to hold a meeting for those interested sometime this month with the first practice tentatively scheduled for February 14.

Wright has already distributed flyers around the divisions and has generated some genuine interest in enough wannabe "hoopsters" to roster two teams, so far, but he said he'd like to spread the word further to both men and women who'd like to unveil their inner Kobe Bryant or Michael Jordan.

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