



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board and Parks Commission

VIA: Michael Riley, Director of Parks
Mitra Pedoeem, Deputy Director of Parks, Administration
John Nissel, Deputy Director of Parks, Operations

FROM: Kristi Williams, Chief, Public Affairs and Community Partnerships Division
Haviz Adejo, Manager, Parks Permit Manager

RE: Tennis Outdoor Court Use Permit Policy

Staff Recommendation: Approve the amended Outdoor Court Use Permit Policy.

Background/Rationale

The outdoor tennis court policy was last updated on June 19, 2008.

In 2014 and 2015, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and Montgomery County Tennis Association (MCTA) requested the use of all eighteen (18) Tennis Courts for tournament play at Olney Manor Recreational Park for two (2) weekends in July and August. They also requested to host another tournament on Labor Day. The Park Director's Office approved the policy waiver requests and issued permits. However, in 2015, we received two (2) petitions from Olney area players (attached) stating that too many tournaments are being permitted under waivers to the existing policy.

Staff hosted a public community meeting in Olney with walk-on users and all permitted user groups which included Good Counsel High School, USTA and MCTA to discuss how to better accommodate public use of Courts during tournaments. During this meeting, incidents involving conflicts between user groups were also discussed (meeting notes attached).

Following a pilot test of new tournament management procedures during the spring and summer of 2016, the PACP staff recommended updating the tennis policy.

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes to the Outdoor Tennis Court Use Permit Policy are to provide balance between user groups and more flexibility to accommodate large event requests:

General changes:

- **Remove the time limitations under the criteria section:** This change will provide more access and flexibility for Youth / School programs
- **Remove the minimum total court hours per reservation under the criteria section:** Better for users that want to reserve less court hours in association with their private events.
- **Special Events, including multi-state/regional tournaments, may be allowed to permit all tennis courts for a limited period, with the obligation to release courts for public use when no longer needed:** This will provide more access and flexibility for large special events.
- **Update terminology from “handicap” to “people with a disability”:** This change updates our language to “people first language.”
- **Remove “licensed educational institutions which are in Montgomery or Prince George’s County”:** To allow for tennis groups in other counties to offer programs in Montgomery County. Such groups will pay the non-resident rate to rent the courts.

Site Specific:

- **For Tournaments at Olney Manor Recreational Park, permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A, B and E, and Tournament Court (T). Batteries C and D will remain open to the public always:** Accessible Courts will be made available to the public when permit is not issued for all courts.
- **For Games/Practices at Olney Manor Recreational Park, permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A, B and E, and Tournament Court (T). Batteries C and D will remain open to the public always:** Accessible Courts will be made available to the public when tournament permit is approved that utilizes ALL the courts.
- **Remove “Organization providing instruction under the direction of Montgomery County Recreation Department”:** Montgomery County Recreation Department does not oversee tennis programs, Montgomery Parks does.

Staff is also proposing to include the following to the **conditions of use** on permits issued for tennis tournaments:

- Permit holder must provide a way of identifying their players with wrist band, or hat, or t-shirt, etc.
- Permit holder must provide event signs and posters to the Park Manager at least two (2) weeks prior to event date to be posted at the kiosks and court fences to notify walk-on users of upcoming tournaments and permitted court hours
- Permit holder must provide green or red signs that will be placed on the corner of a court fence or a court net that indicates (from the view of a car in the parking lot) that the court is in use by the tournament
- Park Manager will assign on-site staff to support the event and monitor unused courts to be made available for the public

These changes were reviewed and approved internally by Parks management, and released for public input.

Public Outreach and Feedback:

On 2016, notice of the proposed policy change was sent via email to all permitted user groups in the database, local HOAs, posted on our website, posted on the outdoor courts of all Regional / Recreational Parks, and busy Local Parks for public review.

As a reminder, the Parks staff hosted a public meeting on November 18, 2015, where they listed to the concerns of walk-on users and all permitted user groups which included Good Counsel High School, USTA and MCTA. Options were discussed on how to better accommodate public use of Courts during tournaments, and when all Courts are permitted by the tournament.

A pilot test of the additional conditions of use occurred over the spring and summer months, 2016.

On September 28, 2016, another public meeting was held at Olney Manor

At the request of the Cabin John walk-on players, another public meeting was held on November 10, 2016. During the meeting a “Plan B” proposal was presented by the players. They were encouraged by staff to present the plan here today.

Policy Markup

Montgomery County Department of Parks, M-NCPPC

Outdoor Tennis Court Use Permit Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to establish an orderly and fair procedure for the reservation of a court or several courts for the purposes of tennis instruction, or organized play such as tournaments. It is the intent of this policy to balance such organized uses with walk-on use by the casual tennis players in our parks. All players must adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy as well as any additional posted rules and regulations.

Outdoor tennis courts managed by the Montgomery County Department of Parks are free and available for use by the general public to practice and play tennis on a first-come, first-served basis. Montgomery Parks reserves the right to use outdoor courts for programs, camps or classes offered to the public. All use of outdoor park tennis courts must be in compliance with the criteria, guidelines and regulations outlined below.

Criteria

~~Permitted time for programs, tournaments and events is available as follows:~~

~~Monday-Friday 9am-5pm*~~

~~*Youth/school programs may be granted a permit until 7pm for a maximum of two weekdays per week.~~

~~Saturday-Sunday 9am-1pm~~

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~~Large~~ Special Events including multi-state/regional tournaments may be allowed to permit all tennis courts for a limited period of time. Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed. ~~Permits will be issued upon request for Saturday or Sunday play on a holiday weekend but not for the holiday day. A minimum of ten total court hours per reservation is required to obtain a permit.~~

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Permits are required for private tennis instruction; non-permitted instruction is against M-NCPPC regulations and subject to penalties. Fees for tennis instruction follow the M-NCPPC User Fee Schedule, as approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. Permitted tennis instruction will be allowed only if provided by:

- Governmental or non-profit tennis organizations, which are open to all students regardless of race, gender, national origin, disability handicap, creed, color, or ability to pay;
- Licensed educational institutions which are located in Montgomery or Prince George's County;
- Organizations providing instruction under the direction of the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

General Outdoor Tennis Court Use Guidelines

- All walk-on play begins and ends on the hour. If a court is unoccupied and no one is waiting, non-permitted players can begin their play immediately but must relinquish the court at the end of the next full hour if other non-permitted players are waiting.
- Non-permitted players must relinquish the court(s) to permit holders for the hours and courts designated on the permit.
- Solicitation of any business, trade or occupation is strictly prohibited unless authorized by permit. This includes conducting class instruction for a fee and the taking of photographs and/or videos for commercial use.
- Play is prohibited when posted or if gates are locked.
- Play on all lit courts must end at 11pm when the lights shut off.
- No dogs, skateboards, bicycles, roller blades or roller skates are allowed on tennis courts.

Olney Manor Recreational Park Outdoor Court Regulations

Tournaments/Special Events

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A, B and ~~D, C~~, and the Tournament Court (T). Batteries ~~D, C~~ and E will remain open to the public ~~always except during multi-state or regional tournaments~~.
- Tournaments can use up to eleven courts ~~each day~~.
- ~~In addition to the 7 courts held open for public use, tournament managers~~ must release courts for public use when no longer needed.
- ~~Large~~ Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments may be allowed to permit all Tennis Courts for a limited period of time. ~~can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of all eighteen courts for the first day and use of up to eleven courts thereafter.~~ Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

Games/Practices

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Court Batteries A, B and ~~D, C~~, and T. Batteries ~~D, C~~ and E will remain open to the public at all times.

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Cabin John Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations

Tournaments/Special Events

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Court Batteries A & B. Battery C will remain open to the public at all times.
- Tournaments can use up to eight courts but must release courts for general public use when no longer needed.
- Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments may be allowed to permit all Tennis Courts for a limited period of time. ~~can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of up to eight courts for the length of the tournament.~~ Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

Games/Practices

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Court Batteries A & B. Battery C will remain open to the public at all times.

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Wheaton Regional Park Outdoor Court Regulations

Tournaments/Special Events

- Tournament permits will only be issued for Courts 4-6. Courts 1-3 will remain open to the public at all times.
- Tournaments can use up to three courts but must release courts for general public use when no longer needed.
- Special events such as multi-state or regional tournaments may be allowed to permit all Tennis Courts for a limited period of time. ~~can apply for a special use, multi-day permit that will allow use of all six courts for the first day and use of up to three courts thereafter.~~ Courts must be released for general public use when no longer needed.

Games/Practices

- Permits for games and practices will be limited to Courts 4-6. Courts 1-3 will remain open to the public at all times.

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Local Parks and other Regional/Recreational Outdoor Court Regulations

- Permits for games and practices are available for outdoor courts located in local parks;

however, half of the total number of courts must remain open to the public always.

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Tournament Utilization Reports

Facility / Equipment / Instructor Utilization

Nov 11, 2016

11:21 AM

Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2016 through Dec 31, 2016

Reservation Site: Montgomery Parks

Facility: Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #A1, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #A2, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #A3, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #A4, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #B1, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #B2, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #C1, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #C2, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #C3, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #C4, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #D1, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #D2, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #D3, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #E1, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #E2, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #E3, Olney Manor RP Tennis Court #E4, Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section A, Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section B, Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section C...(first 20 selections shown)

Center Name	Facility / Equipment Type	Facility / Equipment / Instructor Name(Number)	Days Available	Hours Available	Days Reserved	Hours Reserved	Usage By Day	Usage By Hour	Total Attend
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section A ()	366	8,784.00	21	158.00	5.74%	1.80%	4050
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section B ()	366	8,784.00	29	187.00	7.92%	2.13%	4950
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section C ()	366	8,784.00	19	133.00	5.19%	1.51%	3900
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section D ()	366	8,784.00	2	14.00	0.55%	0.16%	700
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tennis Courts - Section E ()	366	8,784.00	9	70.00	2.46%	0.80%	1900
Olney Manor Recreational	Court - Outdoor	Olney Manor RP Tournament Tennis Court ()	366	4,026.00	20	160.00	5.46%	3.97%	4350
Facility Type Sub-Total:			2196	47,946.00	100	722.00	4.55%	1.51%	19850
Center Sub-Total:			2196	47,946.00	100	722.00	4.55%	1.51%	19850
Grand Total:			2196	47,946.00	100	722.00	4.55%	1.51%	19850

RS II

Facility / Equipment / Instructor Utilization

Reservation Date: From Jan 1, 2016 through Dec 31, 2016
Reservation Site: Montgomery Parks
Facility: Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A1, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A2, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A3, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B1, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B2, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B3, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court C1, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court C2, Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court C3, Cabin John RP Tennis Courts - Section A, Cabin John RP Tennis Courts - Section B, Cabin John RP Tennis Courts - Section C

Center Name	Facility / Equipment Type	Facility / Equipment / Instructor Name(Number)	Days Available	Hours Available	Days Reserved	Hours Reserved	Usage By Day	Usage By Hour	Total Attend
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A1 ()	366	4,026.00	52	167.50	14.21%	4.16%	1724
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A2 ()	366	4,026.00	46	155.50	12.57%	3.86%	1616
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court A3 ()	366	4,026.00	51	165.50	13.93%	4.11%	1706
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B1 ()	366	4,026.00	51	165.50	13.93%	4.11%	1706
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B2 ()	366	4,026.00	51	165.50	13.93%	4.11%	1706
Cabin John Regional Park	Court - Outdoor	Cabin John RP Outdoor Tennis Court B3 ()	366	4,026.00	51	165.50	13.93%	4.11%	1706
Facility Type Sub-Total:			2196	24,156.00	302	985.00	13.75%	4.08%	10164
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Grand Total:			2196	24,156.00	302	985.00	13.75%	4.08%	10164

Public Meeting Notes

Olney, Meeting #1 (listening)

Olney, Meeting #2 (policy draft)

Cabin John, Meeting #3 (policy discussion)

Goal to establish a balance in public court use and tournament use

- Per policy, battery D,E must remain open to public at all times during tournament play
- USTA tournaments are regional events for chance of players to qualify for nationals
- Bruce Francis tournament held Labor Day Weekend
- Private schools tournaments have been historically okay.
- Good council practices 3p-5p 5:30pm
- No current policy on limiting number of tournament
- Prime time hours designated by community 9-11a and 4-8p Heavier use Sat-Sun AM use
- 302 tennis courts in parks system
- ADA improvements scheduled for fall
- Each HS has 10 courts

Concern:

- How to let public know of court use and availability for general play
- Public schools tournament play increasing in park
- Establish a better means managing court use during tournament play public play
- High preference of tournament play not next to general use play
- Coach Karl using courts illegally, for tournament play
- Major issue; unpermitted use for practice, tournament, camp/class/ clinic
 - Tournament play unsponsored. Park Police investigating

Recommendations

- Preference must be given to general public
- No Labor Day/ holiday Tournament permitting;
 - Not ideal to have during holidays
 - Permits not being correct
 - Open court use during
 - Groups non county residents using courts
 - **Marking courts better
 - **Park employee on staff hours as part of permit
- Establish a strong permit use and policy protocol. Enforce policies and better manage the exceptions
- Nine courts A, C, T should be open at all times for public use.
- University Maryland college park campus tennis center is ideal location to host tournaments
- Implicate two courts within permit/ policy for warm up and incorporate in permit
- Feed in format on tournament play into Olney Manor Park
- No tournament games between Memorial Day and Labor Day
- Only two tournaments scheduled a year
- Request No more than 4 courts battery E
- Jr. programs- highly recommended. Ray Benton from UMD would like work with parks on jr. programming
- Incorporate park staff to be on site to better manage court use

Attendees**Attendance: 53**

Bob Green
Mitra Podeem
Doug Ludwig
Gary Burnett
Jimmy Mendoza
Ernie Newman
Nancy Cadigan
Joe Foerhkolb
Alex Girr

NOTE:

Summary

- Montgomery Parks has made recommendations to better serve public for overall use of 18 tennis courts, including better management of special use requests
- Planning Board set for Oct 20
- Written comments can be submitted by Oct 17, use of info@montgomeryparks.org
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Park Position

- Overview of changes include
 - Update terminology from handicap to disability
 - Removal of time limitation under criteria
 - Removing licensed educational organizations which are located in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
 - Removal of the minimum total court hours of reservation
 - Removal of Montgomery County Recreation Department as the agency giving direction to organizations providing instructions
 - Large special events including multi-state/regional tournaments may be allowed to acquire a permit for all tennis courts for a limited period of time
 - Olney Manor Tennis Courts permits will only be issued for court batteries A, B, E and Tournament (T), Batteries C and D will remain open to the public except during large special events including multi-state/regional tournaments

Community Concerns

- Question- what is the reason for the change? Is it revenue generating?
- Question- why certain batteries are chosen for tournament play?
- Question- What is the reason for permitting time starting at 7am-11p?
- Question- What is procedure to comment and recommend changes? Testify?
- Allocation will create conflicts in parks
- Question- rule of use of courts that are unused

WCAC tournament- End of October and end of March

Mid-County Rec Dept. Advisory representing community interest in attendance

Some community members are requesting to meet with Park Staff and other permitted customers to draft a court allocation proposal in lieu of what the Department is proposing. They are hoping that the public can provide a better court allocation and a limit to number of approved tournaments.

Attendees

Mitra Podeem
Kristi Williams
Haviz Adejo
Stephen Chandlee
Jeff Devlin
Alex Girr

Attendance: 34

NOTE: Representative from Councilmember Navarro Office in attendance

Summary

Park Staff is holding a community meeting to present staff recommendations to the outdoor tennis court policy. Community was invited to attend and provide input to the recommendations. Montgomery Parks is making the recommendations to better serve public and allow overall improved use of tennis courts, including better management of special use requests

- Planning Board set for Nov 17
 - Initial Planning Board meeting rescheduled from 10/20/16 to better accommodate public interest
- Written comments can be submitted to Planning Board by 11/15/16
 - Comments can also be sent to info@montgomeryparks.org
- History of meetings
 - 1st meeting held at Olney Manor Recreational Park
 - Focus on tournament use and understanding the importance of group use as well as individual play
 - 2nd meeting policy changes presented

Park Position

- Overview of changes include
 - Update on current policy
 - Timing for program permitting
 - Tournament play
 - Multiple court use over a longer period of time
 - Signage two-weeks out
 - Staff on site to help direct event
 - Participants better identified
 - Change in permitting time conditions

Community Concerns**Resident:**

- 10-year user
- Concern schools are occupying courts
- Requested a need for improved play after school system
 - Schools have own tennis courts
- Tournament play affecting after hour use
- No other courts with lights in area
- Dissatisfied with planning design of park
 - Location next to field
 - Putting baseball and tennis court in same area so close is disruptive tennis culture

- Willing to co-exist but many adult users only able to play in evening
- Concern parks are allowing more organized play time for monetary reasons
- Playing of lines next to junior is a concern
- Maintenance issues
 - Lighting issue at Cabin John
 - Short timers on court lights
 - Leaves not blown off

Resident:

- Private schools using courts
 - Request for parks to seek alternative locations for schools
- Tournaments are fine
- Why do we have to pay for court use
- Not content with taxes you pay and not allowed to play

Resident: Albert Lee

- Parks has tapped into a long standing culture
 - Over 35 years' group has been active
 - Very diverse group, very inclusive and special
- Proposal very upsetting
- Group is dedicated to maintenance
 - Snow removal and leaf
- Any given weekend up to 200 people will be displaced
- Parking issues
 - Multiple activities in regional park
- Park policy "Improve quality of life of citizens"
 - Residents feel slighted
- Impacts not measured
- No accountability
- No metrics
- No recommendation
- Issuing of permits in bad faith
 - Routinely issuing permits go against policy
 - Time and limitation
- Feeling of bad faith

Park Response:

- Parks implemented a pilot program on tournament play this fall/ summer
 - Olney Manor site selected
 - Park staff coordinated to be on site to better oversee court use and activity
 - Better identify tournament players with colored arm bands
 - Courts not used were immediately released for public use

Resident: Jeff Haser

- Consistent violating policy rules
 - Rule 22- 2/3 rules
 - Cabin John tournaments violated rule
- Recommendation

- Enforce policy through a self-reporting basis
 - Have permittee submit players list
 - Make permittee accountable
- Permit issues
 - Overextending hours
 - School use
- Request for Park to note the strong community by show of hands
- Request for Parks to note of opposition by community by how of hands

Parks Response:

- 2/3 play an issue for parks
 - Staff recommendation to remove rule
 - How to monitor
 - How to enforce
 - History of rule a mystery

Resident:

- Citizens should not have to be penalized to want access to courts

Park Response:

- County council to review budgets in spring. Public encourage to attend and support reinstallation of full budget of parks
- CIP budget kicking off- if more courts are needed, attend the CIP Forum

Resident:

- Question- is county basis primarily financial? What is park position?

Park position: Policy change to better utilize courts and compromise, not financial decision

Resident: Paul Zamora

- Appreciative of opportunity to speak and parks to come out
- Why junior tournaments are not coordinated to use the schools?
- As an adult taxpayer, feeling of discrimination
 - Little effort seen to seek alternatives to offset impact of tournament play to courts and users

Resident: Dave Pullen- MCTA-

- School current policy only allowed to permit half of any school
 - Large tournaments need more court access
- MCTA does not have interest in Cabin John area
- Focused mostly on Olney Manor Recreational Park
 - MCTA hosts 3 state tournament
 - 300 participants
- USTA Tournament request reviewed through USTA national policy

Resident:

- Public agreement to work with school system
- Very large tennis community very supportive

Resident: Lawrence

- Tennis fan
- Is supportive of junior events coming to park
- Concern of enforcing tournament use time
- Are there any plans for larger facilities?

Resident: Vaughn Clark

- Question on possible violation based on “non-qualified usage”
 - % of facilities must be open for public use
 - See South Germantown partnership
 - Outdoor policy states 4 courts must open for public use if others are permitted
- Extending permits could be in violation
 - Bond no longer tax exempt

Park Response: Mitra response

Resident: Charles Johnson

- Request for limitation of policy use by Private schools and groups
- Clarification to limited permit time to not allow monopolizing of courts

Park Response:

- Not good economic development for our county
- Non-residents difficult to identify
- Park at bottom of priority in government budgets
- User fees offset maintenance fund
- Putting policy that can be enforced
- # of youth tournament less than 4% of use (9a-8p)

Resident:

- If courts are available for rental, can one permit the times they would like?

Resident:

- Revenue vs cost revenue
 - Spreadsheet request for review

Park response:

- Parks has worked on updating policy to better accommodate use
- 360 courts in schools
- Only half can be used/ permitting
- Looking to get better access and work with CUPF
- And speak to school system on policies

Resident: Chuck Carter

Follow CUPF policies and have CUPF administer court use

Park Response:

- CUPF facilitates school use
- Parks are supportive of collectively going to school board for more access to courts

Resident: Albert Lee

- Request for postponement to planning board to allow opportunity for parks to discuss with schools and CUPF on current rules and possible changes

Resident:

- Independent tennis groups/ users not being recognized
- Request to reach out to all tennis users on a broader manner

Resident:

- School tournament play usually weekdays. Leaving weekend use available

Park Response:

- Will try to work on recommendation to get a school representative to Planning Board

Resident:

- Motivation of park is...

Park Response:

- Main motivation to be able to enforce park policies and allow better usage of facilities

Resident:

- Park Police are called when courts are overused

Resident:

- Tennis users are year round

Resident:

- In park statement, the term community is used, there is a strong community here in Cabin John. There is a feeling that parks wants to destroy community

Resident:

- Can Albert Lee be able to present at planning board on alternate options/ recommendations

Park Response:

- Planning Board meeting 11/19 scheduled for 1:00pm. Community encouraged to sign up and testify. They can give their presentation/ options to Planning Board

Petitions

MCP-CTRACK

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From: dk4500@comcast.net
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Subject: Olney Manor Tennis Permit Policy
Attachments: Olney Manor Tennis Permits.docx

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Attached is a letter regarding the permitting policy for the tennis courts at Olney Manor Park.

I have been a Montgomery County resident for my entire life - 61 years, and a County tax payer for most of those years. I have played tennis at Olney Manor for well over 20 years and feel that the staff does an excellent job maintaining the facilities.

However, I am concerned with the sudden turn of events that have occurred during the spring/summer/fall of 2015 whereby the courts have not only been permitted to outside organization's in an excessive manner, but the MNCPPC rules for such permitting are being ignored.

The attached letter provides more detail, plus I look forward to the opportunity to discuss more specifics in the future, and well before permitting takes place for any use of the courts in 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Katzen

September 26, 2015

Mr. Casey Anderson
MCP-Chair
Planning Board M-NCPPC
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: **M-NCPPC OUTDOOR TENNIS COURT USE PERMIT POLICY**

Dear Mr. Anderson;

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that the general public is being adversely impacted by the M-NCPPC Tennis Court Use Permit Policy.

Simply put, I believe there are too many tournaments being scheduled under exceptions to the Policy. The exceptions have become the rule for permitting the courts. In addition, private schools are receiving more and more permits during times that the courts are in higher demand by the general public. I hereby request a moratorium on exceptions until M-NCPPC can mitigate the adverse impact.

With input from the community, I also believe that the Policy needs to be revised and updated to better accommodate usage first and foremost by the general public, then tournaments and private schools.

I reached out to the parks staff over the summer to address the adverse impact without success. I was told that the Parks Director has discretion to make exceptions and I know that he indeed has made numerous exceptions throughout the 2015 tennis season. I am appealing to the Commission to update and revise the policy that was last updated on 03/16/2009.

A petition created by County residents using the Olney Manor courts will be sent to you within the next week.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience so this matter can be resolved before permits are approved for the 2016 outdoor season.

Sincerely,

Don Katzen
dk4500@comcast.net
301-774-4925

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Phone:	301-495-4605	Date:	6.10.2016
Re:	M-NCPPC Outdoor Tennis Court Use Permit Policy	CC:	Mike Riley @ 301-495-9340

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Comments:

Attached are more petitions pursuant my letter dated September 26, 2015 and the November 28, 2015 community meeting conducted by the Parks staff. These petitions were recently signed in protest of the recent permit for the Maryland Public High Schools Tournament on May 27-28, 2016, and any upcoming tournaments permits for all the courts.

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6.10.2016

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To:	Cascy Anderson, MCP-Chair	From:	Don Katzen
Fax:	301-495-1320	Pages:	4
Phone:	301-495-4605	Date:	10.15.2015
Re:	M-NCPPC Outdoor Tennis Court Use Permit Policy	CC:	Mike Riley

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Don Katzen

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Brian Higon

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Olney, MD 20832

Jerome Jones

309 B. Bradley Ave
Rockville, MD 20855

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:03 PM
To: John Haser
Cc: Adejo, Haviz; Williams, Kristi
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024431

Dear John Haser,

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: John Haser

Received: 10/14/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Permits--Outdoor Tennis Courts

To whom it may concern,

I am a long time (25+ years) user of the Cabin John outdoor tennis courts in Bethesda.

I learned recently that the Montgomery County Department of Parks is proposing to loosen restrictions on permits for tennis tournaments at the Cabin John, Olney and Wheaton outdoor facilities. This will mean more court time taken-up by tournaments and less time available for the general public.

I believe these outdoor courts should be open at all times to the public. If private groups want to "reserve" courts, they should do so at the many private tennis facilities in the area. Many of my tennis friends who play at Cabin John cannot afford to join a private club. Yet these are the people who are impacted by the proposal to loosen restrictions on permits. The wealthy players who belong to private clubs are not impacted. This is not right.

Sincerely,

John Haser

301.351.2401

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:09 PM
To: Hajrudin Beca
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024432

Dear Hajrudin Beca,

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From: Hajrudin Beca [<mailto:hobeca@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 11:16 AM

To: MCP-Parks <mcp-parks@montgomeryparks.org>; MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>

Subject: Scheduling Activities at Cabin John R.P. Outdoor Tennis Courts

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to complain about latest changes in scheduled activities of outdoor tennis courts belonging to the Cabin John R.P. in Bethesda, MD. On behalf of three other friends and my own, please **do not increase any further use of these tennis courts for scheduled tournaments involving schools and non-resident clubs of Bethesda.**

The evidence of an abused scheduling practice has been overwhelming recently during the late afternoon of work days when most of the working people of the neighborhood can afford to play. Since these courts are some of the very few courts in the highly populated town of Bethesda which are equipped with lights, the demand from individuals like me and my friends playing doubles is extreme. The 20 year stable scheduling habits are abruptly changed by a one-sided administrative move hurting us, the regular citizens of Bethesda. At the same time, there are number of **mostly vacant** courts in Germantown, MD for any massive tournament organization.

For years we, the local tennis players have been abused by placing very wild and loud baseball courts around which are not only wasting MC money but also spoiling the silence of our bellowed game. Also to mention, the lights are always on - no matter whether the courts are occupied or not, while the tennis courts have to be permanently supervised in order to keep the light on. This makes the evening games less enjoyable if not painful.

In order to obtain your official comments to this complaints and some concrete action plan to regulate the use of the said courts, I/we would appreciate quick resolution of this looming problem.

Thanks,

Hajrudin O. Beca

Community Use of Public Tennis Courts

A Win-WIN Counter Proposal

November 2, 2016

We oppose policy changes that would increase the duration, court utilization, and expand eligibility of permitted events at the Olney, Cabin John and Wheaton tennis facilities. However, to address increasing permit demands, the county should consider using MCPS tennis courts.

Background

- User displacement and dissatisfaction at M-NCPPC public park courts are major issues as the number and duration of permitted events increase
- Over the last two years, calls and petitions signed by 200+ Olney Manor players to enforce current policy and eliminate regular permitting exceptions have gone unheeded

Current Status

- The courts at regional/recreational parks at Cabin John and Olney Manor Regional Parks are fully- to over-utilized during prime time on weekdays and weekends
- Conversely, MCPS school tennis courts are grossly under-utilized during many prime time hours, yet these are not practically available to permit applicants
- The permit policy in effect since 3/16/2009 is not being followed as exceptions routinely exceed the policy's own limits on event duration, resulting in growing public complaints
- Tennis facility permits are managed by MC Parks, but have no access to courts in MCPS schools. Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) manages use of county government and MCPS facilities, as well as M-NCPPC athletic fields, but not tennis facilities.

Proposal & Benefits

- Permit applicants should have access to MCPS and M-NCPPC tennis facilities. Pilot a project for CUPF to centrally administer permits at M-NCPPC and MCPS tennis courts.
- Under this pilot, retain the 2009 policy regarding Olney, Cabin John and Wheaton, with preference and authorization to use all tennis courts at an MCPS school(s).
- Expanding permit access to M-NCPPC and MCPS tennis facilities should help satisfy increased permit demands while reducing user concerns at M-NCPPC facilities

Respectfully submitted by:

Albert Lee (leejia@verizon.net, 301-530-4921), on behalf of the Cabin John Tennis Players

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:26 PM
To: dalekim24@yahoo.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024433

Dear Dale Kim ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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From: dalekim24@yahoo.com

Received: 10/20/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Policy change at Cabin John outdoor tennis courts

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that a proposed plan to reallocate tennis court playtime from recreational players to virtually unlimited access to tournament scheduling. As a tax payer, resident of the city, and recreational player, i find this change to be most troubling, for myself and for the members of the community who have come to depend on the use of this tennis park.

What your administration is proposing, would be to redistribute park resources to high paying clients. I have dedicated parts of my life towards making sure there are opportunities for all peoples for the sake of race, sex, class, or socio-economic status. Putting in place these types of policies only further demonstrates the ideals that tennis is an elitist sport and only deserving to those who are able to pay for it, which simply isn't true for the 500+ patrons who regularly visit the Cabin John Tennis park weekly.

It would be in the community's best interest that the park be kept open for the primary use of the general public and members of the community. If you would just come down and take a look, you would see the kind of community that has existed in this park for decades interacting and mixing together. The proposed plan would destroy the lives of our retired community who play daily, who offer wisdom and life experience to the young. Middle aged men/ women channeling their frustrations in life through the progress of their games, and young people developing new passion and friendships through healthy life style alternatives. Further, what makes this community thrive, is the common interest, large number of court selection, big range of playable hours through the court lighting system.

I myself have been playing tennis in the community for many year, and can tell you that i have never seen a tennis community except for in Cabin John, Only, and Wheaton. All of which are being proposed to be closed to the general public, in favor of tournament use. These tournaments dont need the court use nearly as much as the community and have always been doing great. Places like cabin john is the reason many people start playing tennis in the first place.

What we are talking about is reallocating privilege for the sole purpose of collecting funding from permit. This city is being funded by the tax payers; tax payers such as all those who visit the park knowing that there is a certainty of getting use of the courts. Implementing such policies would only deter visits to the park by destroying said certainty.

I apologize if I my words have come across in an accusatory fashion, however i am very passionate about this topic and plan to go to great length and spend my personal resources to block this proposal because of how dear the issue of Cabin John being kept open to the community is. I have voiced my opinion and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dale Kim

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:29 PM
To: Jeffrey Heuwinkel
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
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Received: 10/26/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: New permit regulations

To whom it may concern,

I am an avid recreational tennis player. I play 2-4 competitive tennis matches per week for a local league (non-USTA). The players in our league, including myself, appreciate and rely on Cabin John (Outdoor) recreational tennis courts to play our matches, get exercise, play the sport we love, and most importantly have fun doing something active.

Tennis is a very important aspect of my life. It helps me stay healthy physically as well as mentally. Without tennis, I'm not sure what I would do in order to achieve the same results.

The newly proposed permit changes for tournaments and other reservations is incredibly disturbing. Cabin John (Outdoor) is always overcrowded from 6:00pm-6:30pm to about 9:30pm during the week. On the weekends, it tends to be hit or miss. Either the courts are flooded or some are available. But the courts are ALWAYS being used by recreational, competitive, avid tennis players that love the sport.

Reducing the restrictions on permits would cause a decline in local tennis or at the very least make the vast majority of local tennis players very angry due to the loss of a great facility(s).

I support the development and introduction of tennis to our local youth, but indoor facilities or their own school facilities should be used for such activities. Not public courts that are in extremely high demand.

Thank you for time and considering my thoughts.

Jeff Heuwinkel

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:39 PM
To: jimmychen1988@hotmail.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024435

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From: jimmychen1988@hotmail.com

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Cabin John Tennis

Cabin John tennis courts are the mostly used courts by our residents. We are playing there everyday throughout the year if weather permits for over 20 years. Please don't book tournaments, teach lessons or reserve parties on these courts.

Jimmy Chen, MD
13302 Morning Field Way
Potomac, MD 20854

Sent from Email app for Hotmail

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:48 PM
To: jgreyz@yahoo.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024436

Dear Joe Greyz ,

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From: jgreyz@yahoo.com

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Opposing to new proposed plans

Hello,

I would like to respond to the Proposed changes which Montgomery Department of Parks is having. 1st let me tell you a little bit about myself, I have been playing tennis for all my life. However, I only been playing at Cabin John parks for the past 15 years or so. I remember when there was practice "wall" – made of concrete right behind C courts. I have made many friends through tennis , especially here at CJ, and we meet regularly after work or on the weekend w/ out calling each others for all these times!

There were some good, some bad and the tragic (lost some of the members due to death on the courts) over the years. I had lived in S. Florida for a while, traveled quite a bit all over the US continent for several years. One thing I can tell you though, there is NO place like at Cabin John where individuals w/ interest only in tennis can come together, and at any given day/ time can always find hitting partners – WITHOUT having a prior arraignment.

Having read the new proposed plans seems more like a plan to demolish a well-known home/ community. Where do you think we are going to be playing? If someone from Department of Parks would come in the evening or even on the weekend, especially when weather is nice, they would see that the courts are being utilized "fully" – yes there are also people waiting for the courts! Tennis in US may not be as popular as in the past, but make no mistake to assume that not many people are playing at Cabin John courts. If you don't believe me please come out in the evening of this week 10/17- 10/20 when the forecast is showing the temperature of 80 degree. Or I can take pictures and send them to you.

The new proposed plans will create a LOT of unhappy people. Again CJ courts is where serious/ tournament players go after work or on the weekend to play / practice for their matches.

Another thing I need to bring to your attention and perhaps ask for a change , is the one hour time limit /each court. This rule has to go, reason as I mentioned is that most of players here at CJ are tournament players and we/ they come here to play and practice for their matches. Certainly everyone works during the day. The one hour is never going to be enough, given that the warm-up takes 15-20 mins alone. No one in his/ her right mind is going to be playing for an hour, especially after a long day at work, waiting in the long traffic. Unfortunately, everyone waiting for the courts works it out w/ in ourselves- again understanding that the one hour time limit is NOT going to be enough for those waiting either. No body wants to start a set then one hour is up and it's 2-2, and have to give up the court! Imagine baseball game playing , and it is in the middle of the game and players/ teams have to give up the field because others are waiting. The only situation that sometimes requires the attention of Park Police is when the new comer or the none tournament players come over and "demands" that the court be vacated w/ in an hour. Of course, they themselves don't want to leave either after an hour. It's always the other guy who has to leave at the end of one hour! Guest what? Same for tennis or any other sports, It's 2-2 or 3-3 , in the middle of the set and someone who barely

can play tennis starts making a demands for one hour time limit- you are looking at the obvious confrontation. Yes we have fist fights in the parking lot due to this.....!!!!

My resolution is **to remove the hour limit completely!** Why? Looking at thing objectively, no one is going to be spending more than 2 or even 3 hours on the court, **usually everyone leaves after their set/ match is done** and certainly as mentioned before **no one** is going to want to just play and then leave after one hour. Never seen it happening before in my 15 years or so of being here at CJ courts. BTW, this is how we are doing it currently- despite of the one hour time limit set by Department of Parks.

Thanks for listening to my opinion,

Joe Greyz

301 820 8286

Jgreyz@yahoo.com

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:53 PM
To: jorcooper@gmail.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024437

Dear Jordan Cooper ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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What: Community Meeting-Outdoor Courts Policy

When: November 10, 2016

7pm-9pm

Where: Cabin John Regional Park Ice Rink

10610 West lake Drive

Rockville, MD 20852

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: jorcooper@gmail.com

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Public Comment on Cabin John Tennis Court Usage

I am writing you regarding proposed plans that will affect the Cabin John Park Public Outdoor Tennis Courts. By way of introduction, I have received your contact information from Gabe Alborno and am currently a member of the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board, within whose jurisdiction lays Cabin John Park.

I strongly oppose any regulations that might curtail public, individual access to the Cabin John tennis courts. MCTA's desire to gain more access to public courts to host tennis tournaments is fine and many of the individuals who play on the Cabin John courts have a history of participating in USTA and other league tennis tournaments in the area. I would however advocate for these tournaments to be held elsewhere in Montgomery County due to the special culture that has developed at the Cabin John Tennis Courts revolving around pick-up games. I have played on the Cabin John courts with many of the same guys since 2001 and Cabin John has become a special home to many of us where we all know each other and get together and play pick-up games without scheduling time to play ahead of time. This cannot be replicated at another location.

There are 127 public tennis courts in Montgomery County, not including those found at area public schools:

http://www.montgomeryparks.org/park_activity/tennis/

We urge you to consider rejecting the proposal to issue permits to MCTA or any other organization that would limit public access to the courts at anytime, but specifically during those times when MCPS tennis courts are not in use and individuals are off of work and are able to play tennis at Cabin John (i.e. weekends and weekday evenings). Most of the courts around the County often experience little use and have no spontaneous pick-up culture as do the Cabin John Courts. May I suggest, if you're looking for a Down County location, the courts in Rock Creek Park near 'Candy Land' off of East-West Highway or the courts located at Walter Johnson High School as appropriate locations for tennis tournaments?

I appreciate your time and ask that you consider the points I've made herein.

Regards,
Jordan P. Cooper
301-655-0040

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Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Barbara Bruns
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024439

Dear Barbara Bruns ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: Barbara Bruns

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Cc: mcp-chair@mnppcc-mc.org; paretol@gmail.com

Subject: Cabin John tennis courts

Dear sir or madam,

We are Potomac residents who regularly use the Cabin John tennis courts after work and on weekends. They are almost always a little crowded but in very good condition and lighted, so worth the wait.

We are very worried that the proposed expansion of tournament activity at these courts will make it impossible for us to enjoy them. This does not seem fair for the many MC adult residents who work hard, have busy lives, and pay high taxes here.

There are few other county services that we enjoy as much as these courts. We hope you can find alternative sites for the tournament play.

Sincerely

Barbara Bruns and Miguel Bachrach

Sent from my iPhone

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:08 AM
To: pzamora@biosetinc.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024441

Dear Paul Zamora ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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Best,

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

From: pzamora@biosetinc.com

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: opposition to proposed policy change at Montgomery county outdoor tennis facilities

Dear Sirs,

With this communication, I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed loosening of restrictions on permits for tennis tournaments at the Cabin John, Olney and Wheaton outdoor facilities. I would also like to go on record as requesting time to voice my concerns directly at the 11/17 Board meeting as well.

The proposed changes would severely and negatively impact the ability of working, adult taxpayers to use the facilities.

I point out that the Cabin John, Olney and Wheaton outdoor facilities already allows permitting which impacts two thirds of the facilities and courts. At Cabin John currently a parochial high school girls teams is using two –thirds of the courts between 3:45 and 5:45 pm, times when may working adults are getting off work. Further extending the potential usage to include all (100%) of the courts clearly impacts on working adults. This is compounded by the additional proposal of extending the permitting hours to later in the day. This has the potential of eliminating the time that most working, tax paying adults can use the facilities and courts.

A similar argument can be made for weekend use when most working adults can access the courts.

I would also point out that for junior players each high school in the County has specified, courts for their use: similarly for many middle school and elementary schools. Similarly the Montgomery County College system has set-aside courts for their student/staff use.

I understand that permitting of some kind is needed, however, I strongly object to the proposed changes as it will negative impact the ability of working, taxpaying adults to access the facility and suggest that permitting be restricted to less that current or kept as is.

Sincerely,

Paul Zamora
18321 Winter Park Ct.
Gaithersburg, MD

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Charles Carter
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024442

Dear Charles Carter ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

We welcome you to join us at the community meeting on November 10, 2016. This will be the last community meeting before the Planning Board Agenda meeting. Signage for the community meeting was posted at all outdoor court facilities. Please see meeting details below:

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When: November 10, 2016

7pm-9pm

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Rockville, MD 20852

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Best,

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

From: Charles Carter

Received: 10/17/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Comments on Outdoor Tennis Court Policy recommendations

We do not agree with the proposal. It is not responsive to the concerns raised by the general public. On behalf of over 200+ petition signers, we asked for the existing policy and Rule 22 to be enforced and the number of tournaments to be limited. Currently, too many summer weekends are booked for tournaments. Also, 3 consecutive fall weekends were booked this year. As proposed by Parks, there will be more tournaments with unlimited hours and with fewer policy limitations. This is unacceptable to the general public.

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:22 AM
To: Janet Molleur
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024443

Dear Janet Molleur ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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

From: Janet Molleur [mailto:janetmolleur@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 11:21 AM

To: Adejo, Haviz <haviz.adejo@montgomeryparks.org>

Subject: Olney Manor Park

Hi,

I wanted to email you after attending last Wednesday night's (9/28) meeting about the Olney Manor Outdoor Tennis Policy.

I play in USTA leagues and really enjoy playing the tournaments/districts at Olney. I really don't understand why all 18 courts cannot be permitted for the tournaments and the public find other arrangements on the few weekends a year that tournaments are scheduled there. I live in Olney and know there are plenty of EMPTY, available alternates for the public within a 5-10 minute drive during these tournaments.

Even though I would like all of the courts to be available for tournaments, I am ok with the alternative proposed by the Parks Service that (11?) of the courts are for the tournament, and the rest are for the public.

Also, I support the Parks Service recommendation of allotting courts. Playing tournaments is hard enough, with balls flying, and courts changing, that I would like to see the tournament play in adjacent courts, like the Parks Service recommended.

I support the Parks Service recommendations that they proposed at the meeting. But I really don't understand the outrage of a few people from the public, when they are inconveniencing so many other people, and there are so many other perfectly acceptable alternatives close by and the tournament play is so limited.

Thank you very much.

Janet L Molleur

Olney, MD

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:29 AM
To: Barbara Dawson
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024444

Dear Barbara Dawson ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. We appreciate you sharing your support of our proposed changes to the outdoor courts policy. We welcome you to join us at the community meeting on November 10, 2016. Please see meeting details below:

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Margaret Williams
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024445

Dear Margaret Williams ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. We appreciate you sharing your support of our proposed changes to the outdoor courts policy. We welcome you to join us at the community meeting on November 10, 2016. Please see meeting details below:

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

From: service.center@montgomeryparks.org

Received: 10/26/2016

To: Center Service; Service Center; service.center@montgomeryparks.org

Subject: FW: Olney tennis courts

From: m williams [mailto:mawilliams58@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 5:12 AM

To: Adejo, Haviz <haviz.adejo@montgomeryparks.org>

Subject: Olney tennis courts

Mr. Adejo,

I want to thank you for taking time last Wednesday evening, September 28 to go over the proposed policy changes for Olney tennis courts. I support the proposed changes to the policy.

If there are any other actions I need to take please let me know.

Thank you for your time,

Margaret Williams

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 10:12 AM
To: seandobson22@gmail.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024446

Dear Sean Dobson ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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Best,

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

From: seandobson22@gmail.com

Received: 11/4/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Testimony regarding proposed changes at Cabin John outdoor tennis courts

Dear Montgomery County Parks Dept.,

I am a resident of and taxpayer in Montgomery County. It has come to my attention that the county Parks Department is contemplating leasing the outdoor tennis courts at Cabin John to private organizations. This is a bad idea for several reasons.

First, when those tennis courts were originally built, the goal was not to create a cash-generating asset for the county; instead, the goal was to provide a tennis facility for county residents. Unless the county's elected leaders say otherwise, a county agency should stick with its original mission statement -- and in the case of the Cabin John tennis courts, the original mission statement was "provide a tennis facility for county residents." Leasing the courts to private groups would directly undermine that mission.

Second, the Cabin John tennis courts are currently heavily utilized by county residents, especially at peak hours, which on weekdays are 4-9 pm, and weekends all day and evening long. If the county leases out the courts, those many county residents who currently use the courts will have fewer opportunities to do so. If the courts were under-utilized, leasing the courts would be a bit more understandable. But in fact the courts are currently heavily utilized by the very same residents whose taxdollars created the courts.

Third, leasing the courts sets a bad precedent and puts the county on the slippery slope of leasing out more and more public assets in this manner, locking out regular taxpayers like me from using public facilities whose construction we paid for. Where does it end? Why not lease out the police department while you are at it? This slippery slope leads to a plutocratic dystopia where regular taxpayers like me create public assets with my taxdollars, but only wealthy private organizations get to use those assets because only they have enough money to lease them. Under that scenario, why should I pay taxes?

If you end up implementing this bad idea, please only lease out the courts at off-peak hours; and make sure to post very clearly to the public and far in advance when the courts will be unavailable to the public. As per the latter caveat: think of how frustrating it would be for county residents to fight through traffic in order to play tennis at Cabin John only to find upon arrival (without prior warning and in an unpredictable manner) that it is impossible to play that day because a private group has leased out the facility. What would NOT satisfy this latter caveat would be to lease out most of the courts keep two or three courts "open" for public use, because under that scenario county residents would still be deterred from driving to Cabin John on a given day because only two or three open courts would not suffice to guarantee that we could play on that day, especially given the popularity of the CABin John courts, so we would simply stop using the facility.

I already got a taste of the privatized dystopia described above: in late September I arrived at the Cabin John courts to play my regular Thursday afternoon tennis match, only to find that all the courts had been leased out to a ritzy private school -- and that this private school alone would enjoy use of the courts every weekday afternoon for the the next six weeks! There was no advance warning -- I had fought through rush hour traffic only to find that the public facility my taxdollars created was not available to me and dozens of other county

residents -- but it WAS available to a handful of rich kids attending a private school. You can imagine my displeasure.

If the county parks department implements this bad idea I will immediately alert my county councilmembers as well as the County Executive, several of whom I know personally.

Sincerely,
Sean Dobson
506 Dartmouth Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Email: SeanDobson22@gmail.com
Phone: 240.393.6798

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 11:30 AM
To: richard.majewski@verizon.net
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024460

Dear Rich Majewski ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: richard.majewski@verizon.net

Received: 11/4/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Tennis Court Policy

I'm not sure why I am writing this because maybe this happens once every five years.

If only one tennis player is practicing by themselves on a tennis court they must yield to a group of 2 or more players.

If only one player arrives at a court before those he is going to play with, she/he must yield to 2 or more players that arrive before the first player's 2nd player.

Thanks,
Rich Majewski
11412 Cherry Hill Rd.
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-595-5744

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Frank
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024482

Dear Frank ,

Thank you for contacting Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and sharing your concerns regarding the proposed changes for the Outdoor Court Policy. Montgomery Parks has worked diligently to incorporate the policy recommendations of both permit holders and the general public, we understand that the proposed changes may not adhere to the desires of all players. The proposed changes will provide proper balance for court use and flexibility to accommodate large event requests. During the scheduled tournaments, we welcome you to visit one of our nearby tennis facilities that will be available for general use. For a list of our tennis facilities, please click [here.](#)

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: Frank

Received: 11/9/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Please keep Cabin John outdoor tennis court, or other public courts open to public

To whom it may concern:

Please keep Cabin John outdoor tennis court, or other public courts open to public.

I am a crazy tennis fan. I play lots matches in leagues and tournaments DMV areas. Sometimes, I played over 100 matches in a year. I would like USTA holding more matches for me.

However, I still prefer the public courts open to public. We build these public facilities to all publics but not for a small group, especially for the group trying to make money.

CJ tennis court is already fully filled from Spring to Fall. Sometimes, people have to wait for more an hour to get a court even after 9pm. If we keep limiting the use for public, more and more people will have no place to play.

Please keep CJ public court and any other public court open to public.

Regards,

Frank

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Jing Zhou
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024483

Dear Jing Zhou ,

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Best,

LaTifah McPherson

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

From: Jing Zhou

Received: 11/8/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Objection to proposed policy to use tennis court for tournaments

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm concerned about the proposed change to loosen restriction on tennis courts since public tennis courts are already in short supply, especially in the spring and summer. Tournaments should reserve those private court for competition since public courts are intended for the general public to play. Public tennis courts, like streets, which are funded by taxpayers and should be accessible to everyone. Thank you for taking my voice into consideration.

Sincerely,
Jing Zhou

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 10:33 AM
To: Yi Li
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024484

Dear Yi Li,

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Received: 11/8/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Objection to proposed change to public tennis courts policy

Dear Montgomery County Planning Board,

I'm writing to strongly object to the proposal of loosen restrictions in using public tennis courts for tournaments.

As public tennis courts are funded by tax payers, they should be available to all taxpayers on a first-come-first-serve basis and should not be blocked by any certain group or organization. Most of tournament charges fee to participants and they should reserve those private courts to compete. Public courts are typically in high demands. We have to wait for a public tennis court for a long time and don't wish to add more.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Yi Li

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 2:59 PM
To: xurenhuan@gmail.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024485

Dear Renhuan Xu ,

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From: xurenhuan@gmail.com

Received: 11/8/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Cc: MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org

Subject: Keep Cabin John tennis court open to the PUBLIC!

To whom it may concern:

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Renhuan Xu

14032 Great Notch Ter

N Potomac, MD 20878

Tel: 215-379-3132

Williams, Kristi

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Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Ping Fan
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024486

Dear Ping Fan ,

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

From: Ping Fan

Received: 11/10/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Against A Proposal

Dear Mr. Chair,

I am a resident living in Potomac. I am writing to protest the proposed use of the tennis courts by the USTA at the Cabin John Park.

The courts are one of the very few courts in the area that have a good lighting. It's already very crowded. Sometime, people wait for almost one hour for one court to open up.

I sincerely hope when the MCP makes a decision on this matter putting the general public's interest first and the decision should not negatively affect the public use of the courts.

Thanks for your hard work and consideration.

Ping Fan
Potomac, MD.

Sent from my iPhone

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Jack Pan
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024488

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

From: Jack Pan
Received: 11/10/2016
To: MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org
Cc: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks
Subject: Tennis courts Schdule at CJ Park

Dear Mr. Chair,

I am a resident living in Rockville. I am writing to protest the proposed use of the tennis courts by the USTA at the Cabin John Park.

The courts are one of very few courts in the area that have a good lighting. It's already been so crowded, sometimes people enen waiting for almost one hour.

I sincerely hope when the MCP makes a decision on this matter putting the general public's interest first and the decision should not negatively affect the public use of the courts.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Jack Pan

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Daniel Yhuang
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024489

Dear Daniel Yhuang ,

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Received: 11/10/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Chair MCP-Chair; mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Cabin John lighted tennis courts

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Thanks,
Daniel

Williams, Kristi

From: McPherson, LaTifah
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 4:03 PM
To: deatley3@gmail.com
Cc: Adejo, Haviz
Subject: Montgomery Parks Outdoor Courts Policy Change CRM:0024490

Dear DeAtley Barish ,

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

From: deatley3@gmail.com

Received: 11/9/2016

To: MCP Parks; MCP-Parks; MCP-Parks

Subject: Court reservations

Hi,

Thanks for letting us voice concerns.

One big concern I and other players have with the courts is planning a game, getting there, and unexpectedly being bumped because the court is reserved, unbeknownst to us. It would help to understand the court reservation policy for the county, and post that on the courts for us to read. It could include a website where reserved courts are posted. Or, even indicate that certain courts could be reserved, or reservations made at certain times.

Thanks for asking, and for having the meeting.

DeAtley Barish

deatley3@gmail.com (deatley3@verizon.net is now inaccessible)

703-505-3451

Community Use of Public Tennis Courts

A Win-WIN Counter Proposal

November 2, 2016

We oppose policy changes that would increase the duration, court utilization, and expand eligibility of permitted events at the Olney, Cabin John and Wheaton tennis facilities. However, to address increasing permit demands, the county should consider using MCPS tennis courts.

Background

- User displacement and dissatisfaction at M-NCPPC public park courts are major issues as the number and duration of permitted events increase
- Over the last two years, calls and petitions signed by 200+ Olney Manor players to enforce current policy and eliminate regular permitting exceptions have gone unheeded

Current Status

- The courts at regional/recreational parks at Cabin John and Olney Manor Regional Parks are fully- to over-utilized during prime time on weekdays and weekends
- Conversely, MCPS school tennis courts are grossly under-utilized during many prime time hours, yet these are not practically available to permit applicants
- The permit policy in effect since 3/16/2009 is not being followed as exceptions routinely exceed the policy's own limits on event duration, resulting in growing public complaints
- Tennis facility permits are managed by MC Parks, but have no access to courts in MCPS schools. Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) manages use of county government and MCPS facilities, as well as M-NCPPC athletic fields, but not tennis facilities.

Proposal & Benefits

- Permit applicants should have access to MCPS and M-NCPPC tennis facilities. Pilot a project for CUPF to centrally administer permits at M-NCPPC and MCPS tennis courts.
- Under this pilot, retain the 2009 policy regarding Olney, Cabin John and Wheaton, with preference and authorization to use all tennis courts at an MCPS school(s).
- Expanding permit access to M-NCPPC and MCPS tennis facilities should help satisfy increased permit demands while reducing user concerns at M-NCPPC facilities

Respectfully submitted by:

Albert Lee (leejia@verizon.net, 301-530-4921), on behalf of the Cabin John Tennis Players