From: Gregor Wallace
To: Huang, Wen
Cc: "Hans Riemer"
Subject: FW: Spring(Summer) 2019 Takoma Tennis Update
Date: Sunday, February 17, 2019 4:49:54 PM

Hi Wen,

As the planning for the SSI Park redevelopment draws to a close, I'd like to draw your attention to the email below that I received from a local tennis coach as part of larger distribution list. I highlighted the relevant section in Yellow. Here it seems that he is advocating for retention of the tennis courts and asking his customers to participate in the Town Hall survey. Considering this individual uses the tennis courts for commercial purposes (i.e. people pay him to coach them tennis), it is hardly a surprise that he takes this position. Are you able to determine how much this advocacy has affected the survey results and decision-making process? I think this could potentially raise some questions about the integrity of the survey results. I know that many of the people who support the soccer courts are local – i.e. within walking distance of the park. Can the same be said of the tennis / pickle ball crowd? Thanks for your attention to this e-mail, and happy to discuss further if needed.

Regards,
Gregor

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Takoma Area Tennis Folks,
Several topics here, summarized at top with more details below. Read on for info on classes, playing and community support/advocacy, which I may need some help with to keep TPMS courts available during school renovations, and other tennis court reservations:

- Spring (Summer) Tennis classes, and free play days
- other learning/playing options
- updates on TPMS court access, 2 courts until June 2019?? Then none(?) until Aug 2021!!??
- improvements and comments by **MONDAY Feb 18** at Silver Spring Intermediate Park (near Mont College)
- Little Free Tennis Libraries
- and potential future tennis advocacy needs

short descriptions:

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Registration details for **Spring classes** and finalized dates for free tennis intro days coming soon. As you'll read below, the tennis court access is adjusting due to TPMS renovations. But things should look very similar to last fall/spring (several weekday afterschool/evening and sunday afternoon

classes, and private/small group options) - you can read last season's offerings here: http://movingforwardtennis.com/latest-info-email.html

Summer options are tentative -- as i have done in the past, look for group classes several mornings a week for a couple/few hours, ending midday and maybe a couple evenings - for June/July and maybe end of August. Other area day camp options detailed below -- It's possible I'll join as staff at one.

- other learning/playing options

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--there are other options, too....

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At Takoma Park Middle School, what was once 4 courts, is currently 2. Officially scheduled to re-open for school and community use in April (i'm lobbying for something sooner), but supposed to be closed completely June 2019 - Aug 2021 (and I'm hoping to negotiate that they be kept open). Renovation plans show FOUR fully restored courts at the end -- possibly we can add (with community fundraising support) to have storage shed(s), lights, and/or some kind of covered facility.

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The park and tennis courts at Boston and Chicago Ave across from Mont College have improvement plans; they are collecting final comments online - DUE Monday!
See/read more and do a quick survey here: https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.opentownhall.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue_7177#peak_democracy
(Includes: Tennis courts: leveled court surface, repainted to include pickle ball lines, new backstop walls, more benches) - I would recommend reorientation of pickleball lines so courts are same direction as tennis.

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will be a good long-term future for tennis facilities, but possibly a dip in availability over next 2-3 years. I may need to call on tennis community players, parents, supporters to help with advocacy now and then.

full details:

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Additional Area Tennis Camp options:

There are more robust programs of Tennis Center at College Park or Wheaton Indoor Tennis, or Silver Spring ymca, or Lafayette Tennis Assoc or Takoma DC (closest at 3rd and Van Buren, and maybe Fort Stevens, too at 13th and Van Buren via DC DPR), or Rock Creek Tennis Center at 16th and Kennedy (all with bathrooms and/or indoor options) which may be a better fit for families looking for more time/coverage. I've had direct feedback from some parents happy with Wheaton (I think they use ice rink sometimes in afternoon) and YMCA, and I know a coach at Lafayette who I like a lot, who may be there this summer. If you want to seek out more economic and racial diversity of kids, the programs at Rock Creek and Takoma DC tend to have more of that.

I may even consider working for DC parks and rec at the Takoma DC courts if that works best for me. But i'm hoping to continue something at TPMS like i've done in the past.

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In Nov/Dec, there were more portable classrooms delivered onto a second tennis court at Takoma Park Middle School. The fence was moved again, and what was once 4 courts, is currently 2. Even though facility is ready, they aren't officially scheduled to re-open for school and community use until April (i'm lobbying for something sooner), and they are supposed to be closed completely June 2019 - Aug 2021 (and I'm hoping to negotiate that they be kept open as long as the portable classrooms are in use, and there is a safe access from Darwin Ave parking lot and the new East gate.) One good piece of news is that the renovation plans show FOUR fully restored courts at the end of renovations -- around then I'll be looking to see if there could be any fantastic options added during restoration (possibly with community fundraising support) to have storage shed(s), lights, and/or some kind of covered facility.

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For about a year now, the park and tennis courts at Boston and Chicago Ave across from Mont College have been in community design phase and they are collecting final comments online - DUE Monday! Overall the plans are "to refresh the park to meet accessibility and environmental requirements and better address the community's current and future needs. The recreational facilities will stay and receive improvements as necessary."

See/read more and do a quick survey here (currently 19 responses, mostly within 1/2 mile): https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.opentownhall.com%2Fportals%2F260%2FIssue_7177#peak_democracy

(click "read more" to scroll down for final conceptual plan - which includes: Tennis courts: leveled court surface, repainted to include pickle ball lines, new backstop walls, more benches) I would recommend reorientation of pickleball lines so courts are same direction as tennis.

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Public Facilities, and elected officials as needed (we got a second gate installed at TPMS two summers ago). Though I may need to call on other tennis community players, parents, supporters to help with advocacy now and then. (and maybe even some fundraising for any special amenities we may be able to invest in.). Keep and eye out for action opportunities, and let me know if you have a connections that could be useful.

Thanks (enjoy the on/off again global warming weather and catch some time on court when the wind, sun, and temps are always at your back. - still time to donate -see link below)

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(2019 Polar Bear Plunge - tennis style! a climate change fundraiser - i'm MATCHING funds! Would love for you to join me in the water, or in spirit by making a donation of support: Here's my fundraising page: http://keepwintercold.org/sat-jiwan-sj-iklekhalsa)