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To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Marla Phillips](#); [Chip Hanlein](#); pickleballambassador@gmail.com
Subject: April 24 meeting-tennis courts-pickleball
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:00:19 AM

Hi Aaron,

I know there is an upcoming meeting April 24 to address converting tennis courts in Burtonsville to multi-purpose use pickleball courts. While I will not be able to attend the meeting I did want to write and let you know of my support and that of many other pickleball players here in Montgomery County.

Often, there are long wait times to play indoors, especially during the day for us retired folks. I think all you need to do is check the numbers from the various community centers (there should be stats I would think since we all have to swipe our member cards)--and that is just for indoor play. These folks are a dedicated bunch and I see more and more beginners coming on board every week. The problem is finding new places to play.

I am hopeful that we can make use of some of many tennis courts around the county that go unused. It just makes sense.

Thank you for your time,

Linda Love

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Olney, MD

From: Michael Morse
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Burtonsville Columbia Local Park Project
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:44:40 PM

Dear Mr. Feldman,

I am writing in support of pickleball courts for the columbia local park project. I am not a Burtonsville resident but I know the scarcity of pickleball courts all over Montgomery county particularly down county where I live. To my knowledge there are only four outdoor pickleball courts in Montgomery county and all of them are on tennis courts which is not ideal (but it's better than nothing).

I have been playing pickleball indoors at the Montgomery County rec centers all over the county and they are all very busy with people waiting to play . It's important to know that many if not most pickleball players are over 55 years old which means that the courts are highly used during the day . I help run a pickleball for beginners class at Bauer drive rec center once a week and every week we have many new players. Is not an exaggeration or self-serving to say that this is a very fast growing sport. It is much much easier to play than tennis and therefore much more popular than tennis with the senior set.

In addition to Burtonsville I would encourage the county to stripe as many of the tennis courts as we can with pickle ball lines. I don't know if the nets can be adjusted but we can live with tennis nets (only 2 inches higher). And if you have any pull with the rec centers, I'd really like to see pickleball sessions at Coffield rec center. They have 6 beautiful indoor courts but no times we can use them.

Thank you very much for your consideration and holding the hearings.

—Michael Morse
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From: Scott Keenum
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [gary lyst](#); [Helen](#); [aeshenk@gmail.com](#); [robjcamp@gmail.com](#); [Sylvia Bell](#); [slf1749@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:46:57 PM

Dear Mr. Feldman,

My name is Scott Keenum and I attended the April 24th outreach session at the Praisner Community Center.

I am proud to say that I raised my three sons on Briggs Chaney Road and have owned a home there since 1987.

I coached in the Burtonsville Baseball Association, St. John the Baptist CYO programs and numerous programs within Montgomery County Recreation.

We heard much about the benefits of pickleball for the Senior Community but I also believe that the sport is becoming vibrant as a youth activity.

- Please see the link to the USAPA junior site.
 - <https://www.usapajuniors.org/>
- Pickleball is being played within the Montgomery County Public School System
- Through Helen White, USAPA Mid-Atlantic Ambassador, we introduced pickleball to over 600 participants at the NBC 4 Health Expo on March 11 at the DC Convention Center.

We lack a “center” in which to build our sport and I am convinced that we should use the Columbia Outdoor park for “dedicated” pickleball courts.

I want to thank you again for your concerns and efforts,
Scott Keenum

Scott Keenum

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From: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park - Project Update
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 8:12:50 AM

Thanks to the more than 530 individuals who visited the [Open Town Hall Forum for Columbia Local Park](#). Based on your feedback and input, we will be moving forward with Option 3, which includes a dog park, futsal court, four pickleball courts, a tennis court and shade structures serving both the court area and the dog park.

Of the 130 individual votes cast, Option 1 received 14 votes, Option 2 received 48 votes and Option 3 received 66 votes (two voters expressed No Preference). Of the 44 voters living within the [Fairland Planning Area](#) (where Columbia Local Park is located), Option 1 received 10 votes, Option 2 received 7 votes and Option 3 received 26 votes (one voter expressed No Preference). The strong support for Option 3 both within the Fairland Planning Area and Countywide, gives Parks Staff confidence that we will be able to provide for the best and highest use of parkland to users locally and countywide.

In addition to the votes cast, we also received several pages of valuable comments and suggestions for improvements. Once we have a chance to read through all of the comments, we will refine the preferred plan and prepare a Facility Plan report to be presented to the Montgomery County Planning Board for their approval this fall. A draft of the Facility Plan report, including the recommended plan, will be posted to the Parks website for one more round of public comment before the project is presented to the Planning Board. Upon Planning Board approval, we will then be able to move into detailed design and construction.

You can visit the [Open Town Hall forum](#) to review the plan options, see more demographic information on the votes cast and read comments made by the voters. Please check [Columbia Local Park's Project Page](#) for future updates as we further refine the preferred plan and develop the Facility Plan report.

Regards,
Aaron Feldman

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From: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:23:53 PM

Montgomery Parks is seeking public comments on plans to repurpose the hard surface courts at Columbia Local Park. Staff hosted a community meeting on 24 April, 2018 to determine future uses of the existing courts. Initial public feedback was used to develop the concept alternatives now available for review on our Open Town Hall web page. The public is encouraged to review the plans, vote for their favorite option and leave comments on the [Open Town Hall Project Page](#).

Voting will be open until Monday, 16 July. Parks staff will use public input to inform a Facility Plan to be presented to the Planning Board this fall. Please contact Aaron Feldman at 301-650-2887 or aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org with any questions.

Open Town Hall Main Page: <https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/#>

Columbia Local Park Project Page: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/columbia-local-park/>

Montgomery Parks Main Page: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Please feel free to forward this notification to anyone interested in the project.

Thanks!

Aaron Feldman

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From: Mary Gregos
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park Burtonsville
Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 8:15:15 PM

I support replacing the existing tennis courts in the Burtonsville's Columbia Local Park with pickleball courts. It is a fast growing sport for all ages. Access to pickleball courts is limited in Montgomery County. The pickleball courts would be of great use especially in the summer, when we can't use the gyms due to kid's activities.

Thank you,

Mary Gregos

From: Sylvia Bell
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park Improvements
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:08:35 PM

Aaron,

I have already voted for Option 2, and have read other people's comments about additional lines. However I wonder if at this stage we would need as many as 8 or 10 courts except for tournaments. We could always chalk those additional courts or tape them for those occasions, but what would help enormously would be to have permanent marks at the corners and NVZ line locations for each extra court. Such marks would not be noticeable to tennis players, but would save us from having to do the measuring each time. They use such a system at Aspen Hill Tennis Club and it works well with no complaints from the tennis players. I would be happy to discuss it with you.

At a later date, lines could be painted when they prove to be needed

Thank you.

*Sylvia Bell
USA Pickleball Association
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From: The Ingrams
To: [Feldman, Aaron](mailto:Feldman.Aaron); ashton.sylvia@verizon.net; donna19381@verizon.net
Subject: Columbia Local Park located at 14900 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville -Community Meeting 4/24/18
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:21:37 PM

Mr. Feldman,

I am hoping to attend the Planning Meeting related to the Columbia Local Park to encourage consideration for Pickelball play implementation. I am a senior living in Brookeville, Md. and have been actively playing for three years and strongly encourage the Parks Department to do what is necessary to see Pickelball is part of the proposed plan. I play at several venues now with usually three active courts and even with this we have people waiting several games to play. Having regulation standard courts are important and they will be utilized by many in addition to Senior population. Your reaching out to the general public is appreciated and hope to see you and others on 4/24/18.

Thank you,
Banning Ingram
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From: Ron Grill
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia local park project
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:48:52 AM

Mr. Feldman: I'm writing to express support for converting the three disabled tennis courts in the Columbia local park for use as pickleball courts. Pickleball is a gender neutral activity used by all ages making it an effective use of taxpayer dollars for adding new facilities. You must certainly be aware of the high level of usage during scheduled pickleball times in the county recreation centers.

Given the popularity of those courts suggests that adding pickleball courts in Columbia would contribute to your objective of making the local park more actively used.

Further evidence of the popularity of pickleball Maryland and Montgomery County in particular is the high level of participation in the pickleball events in the Maryland Senior Olympics.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Columbia local park project plan.

Sincerely,
Ronald J. Grill, Montgomery County Resident

From: [Wallis, Mark](#)
To: [Chris Fogleman \(cfogleman@gleason-law.com\)](mailto:cfogleman@gleason-law.com)
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 1:23:58 PM

Chris,

FYI

We are looking at doing some work on the abandoned tennis courts at Columbia. Here is the project link below.

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/columbia-local-park/>

How are the field renovations working out?

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From: Ron Lyons
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: bell1500@verizon.net
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:31:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I will not be able to attend the meeting on April 24th but hope you will give serious consideration to creating dedicated Pickleball courts. This is the fastest growing sport in the country and is played by teens to seniors. The Pickleball courts will be a huge attraction and generate players from all over the County. It would be a great use of taxpayer funds. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Ronald E. Lyons, Esq.
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From: Gabe Rivolta
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:36:03 PM

Hi Aaron,

My name is Gabe Rivolta and I was given your contact information through a close friend of mine name Jonas Tizabi so I hope this email reaches you well.

I have lived in Burtonsville my entire life and believe it or not I live directly across the street from Columbia Local Park off Forsythia Lane and I absolutely love what you are trying to do. I think a renovation of that park would be very useful and beneficial to the community and I even think we will start seeing more people use this park if all goes through.

With that being said, I would love to be apart of this whether it's just a simple vote on my part or more specifically providing a highly useful and beneficial service to not only you but also the company/contractors performing the renovation.

I am the owner/operator of Drone Riv Media, LLC. As a licensed and insured drone service provider I am authorized by the FAA to conduct commercial drone operations in and around the United States. Whether it's providing high resolution aerial photos, 4k aerial video or collecting precise and valuable data that can formulate into 2D maps and 3D Models or provide real time Plant Health (NDVI) maps as well as Elevation maps which all provide updated, accurate and precise planning that can not only lower costs, but more importantly, keep humans out of harms way.

If you happen to have an Instagram account all my accounts are public:

@gabe_riv - Instagram
Gabe Rivolta - Facebook

And I actually just posted today a flight mission and 3D Model of Columbia Local Park which included the library and recreation center as well. I conducted this test flight the other day to not only promote my company but to also share with you and others like you what I am capable of doing and to hopefully further assist. With that being said, I hope you have an opportunity to check out my work and consider working together for this project because I love helping people, I love resolving issues simply just making life easier...and not to mention it again but because I have lived here my whole life.

Again, I hope this email reaches you well and I would love to speak with you more in detail if at all possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me by replying to the email or giving me a call. Thanks again for all that you're doing and I hope to hear back from you soon!

Best regards,

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From: Robert J Campbell
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [gary lyst](#); [Sylvia](#); [Helen White](#); [Netflix](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:16:16 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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Mr. Feldman,

Good morning Sir. I submitted my feedback for Columbia Local Park and I added the information regarding the lights as we discussed this morning. In addition to my comments, I added a suggestion regarding Option 2 that I wanted to send to you via email since I could not attach it with my notes.

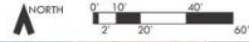
As I identified at the Town Hall meeting, I am a huge fan of GROWTH, one of the things I noticed in the proposal options was the opportunity to maximize the use of the entire area within the Option 2 proposal. What I would like to suggest for your consideration is taking something similar to the tennis court overlay from Option 3 and putting it into the Option 2 proposal. It does NOT change any of the structural components of the proposal, it just simply adds additional lines to an already proposed modification. Please see the original Option 2 Proposal below and then the Option 2.a Proposal to add two (2) additional courts and the Option 2.b Proposal to add four (4) additional marked courts. This would allow for six (6) permanent courts with 2 or 4 additional portable courts to accommodate 8 or 16 additional individuals. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

For your consideration:

ORIGINAL Proposal:

Option 2

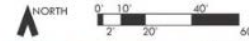
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UPDATED Proposal 2.a: (2 Additional Lined Courts / 8 Total Court Layout)

Option 2

Columbia Local Park



UPDATED Proposal 2.b: (4 Additional Lined Courts / 10 Total Court Layout)



Respectfully,

Rob Campbell
MoCo Pickleball Player
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From: Stuart Fribush
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:55:17 AM

Dear Mr. Feldman:

My name is Stuart Fribush and I am one of the pickleball community members who attended the April 24 regarding future uses for the northern section of Columbia Local Park. First, I would like to say that I appreciate that this is a local park (as its name implies) and I do think it is appropriate for local residents to have a substantial say in future use. At the same time, I think it is abundantly clear (both from local residents and the pickleball community) that there is a need for **dedicated outdoor pickleball courts** in Montgomery County.

It seems pretty clear to me that a consensus is forming towards a multi-use solution for the northern section of Columbia Local Park and I believe strongly that dedicated pickleball courts should be one of those uses. I recall you presented several concepts for future use at the meeting. Unfortunately, I could not find the briefing document on the Columbia Local Park page of www.montgomeryparks.org and I don't recall the specifics of the various concepts you presented. However, I do think it is in the best interests of Montgomery County to have as many **dedicated outdoor pickleball courts** as possible. Just as the soccer complex in Germantown has resulted in Montgomery County being a soccer hub, this site has similar potential to make Montgomery County a pickleball hub. In addition, since Montgomery County is committed to retaining and attracting active seniors, dedicated pickleball courts would be consistent with this objective.

Also, I am aware that there is a theory within the Montgomery Parks Department that simply adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts is the most cost-effective way to accommodate both sports and will increase utilization of existing tennis courts. However, I think when you dig beneath the surface, that theory may not hold. Tennis players will prefer to play on courts not "cluttered" with pickleball lines and pickleball players will prefer playing on courts not "cluttered" with tennis lines where they have to continually adjust the nets and spend a disproportionate amount of time chasing balls. In other words, it is entirely possible that lining tennis courts with pickleball lines will not lead to increased long-term utilization of the courts if there are better options available for each sport. That would include both indoor and outdoor dedicated courts for each sport, even if those courts were not located in Montgomery County. Lining tennis courts with pickleball lines might make sense as an interim solution to the growing demand for pickleball, but it is not likely to be an effective long-term solution.

Finally, I find there is a social aspect to pickleball that is an important part of the experience. Arlington County, VA has one facility (Thomas Jefferson Community Center) where indoor pickleball is available from 6 am to 10 pm on weekdays and additional times on weekends. As a result, this has become somewhat of a hub for regional pickleball players, some coming from as far as Frederick, MD. I play there at least once a week (I am a Rockville resident). Some come to play a little and hang out a little. This is also consistent with the objective of attracting and retaining active seniors. Columbia Local Park has similar potential to be a regional pickleball hub.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Stuart Fribush
Rockville, MD

From: Nancy I. Chu
To: [Feldman, Aaron](mailto:Aaron.Feldman@MontgomeryParks.org)
Subject: Columbia Local Park: northern section, hard surface courts, improvement plan [PUBLIC INPUT]
Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018 8:59:35 AM

To: Project Manager Aaron Feldman, Montgomery Parks
(Aaron.Feldman@MontgomeryParks.org)
From: Nancy Chu, 11819 Gordon Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Re: Columbia Local Park - northern section, hard surface courts, improvement plan [PUBLIC INPUT]
Date: April 15, 2018

This letter is intended as public input into the Montgomery Parks planning process for the improvement plan for Columbia Local Park's northern section. As a Montgomery County (White Oak) homeowner living 6.4 miles away from Columbia Local Park, I strongly support transforming these hard surface courts into 8 or more dedicated pickleball courts.

Pickleball is:

- Likely the fast-growing widespread sport in the US (per SFIA 2017 Pickleball Participant Report, pickleball player participation increased 12.3% over the previous year.)
- Enjoyed by a wide range of age groups, from youth to grandparents (and great-grandparents). Core pickleball players are predominantly age 55 or older.
- An inexpensive sport, accessible to low-income families (you can buy a wooden pickleball paddle for as little as \$10).
- An efficient use of hard surface court area (3 pickleball doubles courts (880 square feet) could fit into one regulation tennis doubles court (2808 square feet).

Current demand for pickleball courts exceeds available supply in Montgomery County. Pickleball players are always searching for less crowded courts, and over-crowding is a frequent discussion topic as my friends and I wait our turn to play. I drive to pickleball courts as far away as Gaithersburg (16 miles) and Montgomery Village (19 miles) to play.

Unfortunately, the pickleball court supply/player demand imbalance will only worsen as more baby boomers retire, and as planned East County development projects at the intersection of Route 29 and Cherry Hill Road (i.e., Washington Adventist Hospital, Viva White Oak) are completed. The new 170-bed Washington Adventist Hospital will open in Summer 2019, plus a 170,000 square foot medical office building will soon follow. Viva White Oak (formerly known as White Oak Science Gateway) is expected to result in 7 million feet of commercial development and 5,000 residential units. The rapid influx of new workers and residents from these major development projects will overwhelm existing public recreational assets in East County. So now is an excellent opportunity to get ahead of the curve by converting existing under-utilized hard surface courts in Columbia Local Park (and elsewhere in Montgomery County) into pickleball courts.

In summary, I strongly support transforming these hard-surface areas into 8 or more dedicated pickleball courts. This would allow more people in East County (including incoming new workers and residents), in a wide range of age groups and economic classes, to enjoy an increasingly popular widespread racquet sport at a public facility within reasonable driving distance.

Thank you for your consideration of my input.

From: Chuck Carter
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Dave Pullen](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park: POP Tennis and Blended Lines
Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 11:58:14 AM

I sent you information on POP Tennis under separate cover for consideration for the Columbia Local Park project.

Our Comprehensive Tennis Service Delivery Strategy (CSDS) sent to you earlier calls for blended lines for POP Tennis for all players from youth through seniors.

Grants are available for blended lines from the USTA.

Chuck Carter
301 466 9372

From: Jonas Tizabi
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Local Park: Public meeting follow-up
Date: Monday, May 7, 2018 7:46:38 PM

Hello Aaron,

Thank you again for hosting the public forum for Columbia Local park on April 24.

The purpose of this email is to suggest a few concepts for the re-modeling that include futsal. Below, I describe a few options that incorporate futsal courts and I discuss the benefits of each solution.

Site Concept 1

Replace the dog park with futsal court(s). This solution would likely decrease costs of development. The budget savings could potentially be applied in the future to providing lighting for the facilities which would lead to increased programming and usage and an increased perception of safety.

Site Concept 2, 3, 4

Replace the tennis court with a futsal court. The availability of new, quality tennis courts nearby at Paint Branch high school and Banneker middle school ensure that the tennis playing population wouldn't be significantly inconvenienced. Furthermore, the creation of a futsal court nearby a recreation center, elementary school, middle school and highschool, lends itself well to potential for increased programming and impromptu utilization.

Please let me know if any additional information may be required. Also included, for your reference, is a visualization of the appropriate dimensions for a futsal court (similar in size to one tennis court).

Best,
Jonas

From: S Porter
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Park open Town Hall question
Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 1:05:03 PM

Mr. Feldman,

I attended the community meeting on 4/24/18 to discuss the Columbia Park project, and appreciated all the input and information provided. I am a homeowner in the Briarcliff Manor community adjacent to the park. I was wondering if I might have missed the window of opportunity to respond to the public survey/open Town Hall you mentioned during the meeting. I signed in at the meeting but do not recall receiving an invitation to participate in the Town Hall.

Have you already closed the open Town Hall period? If not, can you provide me with a link to provide comments?

Sincerely,
Shelley Porter
Resident, Briarcliff Manor community
301-257-6069

From: Tom Meyer
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Columbia Park Project
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 6:37:37 PM

I support Dedicated Pickleball courts be installed. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. It is especially popular among Seniors.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chuck Carter
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:12:22 PM
Attachments: [Talking Points for Community Meeting on Columbia Local Park 4 24 2018.docx](#)
[Comprehensive Service Delivery Strategy 4 24 2018.docx](#)

Attached are written comments for the record of the Columbia Local Park Community meeting.

Chuck Carter
301 466 9372

From: MC Pickleball Ambassador
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Community Meeting re Columbia Local Park
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:08:49 AM
Attachments: [MoCo Indoor PB venues v1 SPRING 2018.pdf](#)

Mr. Feldman.

I am one of the pickleballers expecting to attend next Tuesday's meeting.

We are very excited at the prospect of having dedicated pickleball courts. Most of us have never played pickleball on courts that have ONLY pickleball lines. To this point we have only played on courts that also have lines for tennis or several other sports, and even then we sometimes have to make do with badminton lines, where the measurements are slightly different. As I'm sure you know we only have outdoor pickleball courts at Meadowood, Bauer Drive, Longwood, and Potomac, so additional outdoor courts would be very welcome.

We can play indoors in the County every day of the week at one Community Center or another, until summer when the Summer Fun Camps and the like take over, and at most of those locations you will find several players waiting a turn to play. In other words pickleball is extremely popular in Montgomery County.

As County Ambassador, I maintain an email list, that presently numbers over 375 players, with more requests to be added coming in each week. I have taken the liberty of attaching the indoor schedule we send out to our players. You will note its includes Gaithersburg and Rockville and a couple of private places to play within the county boundary. This may give you an idea of the extent of pickleball play within the county boundary.

Do you have an agenda for the meeting? Will there be an opportunity for public comment?

Thank you.

Sylvia Bell

*USA PA Pickleball Ambassador
Montgomery County Maryland*

MC Pickleball Ambassador
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From: MC Pickleball Ambassador
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Community Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:40:16 AM

Good morning, Aaron.

It was good to meet you at last night's gathering. Congratulations on a very well run and informative meeting.

I hope we have convinced Parks that pickleball had a real need for all the larger of the two areas under consideration.

I, personally, think the two tennis court area should be left for tennis, and on the rare occasions when we have a large tournament, if we needed extra courts, could warn the tennis players well in advance and tape pickleball lines on the tennis court just for the event. At this stage I see no reason to take over the functioning tennis courts for pickleball. Pickleballers are numerous, but I hope, not greedy.

I 'd like to think we will get all the large area for pickleball courts, and not have to share it with a dog park. This is mainly because I think there are few, if any, other county parks with 3 or more tennis courts where we could have 8 or 10 pickleball courts. It would be a shame to break that large area into two. However if we do have to share, we will be grateful for what we can get. It would be an infinite increase on the number of dedicated courts we have now.

You discussed impermeable surface restrictions last night. Does the county ever use permeable asphalt? I understand it is used a lot in Japan and the Netherlands (90% of their highways).

Please add 5 to the number of pickleball players. I found two more potential players at the meeting last night, and 3 more in my email when I got home.

Again, thank you.

Sylvia Bell

USA PA MC Pickleball Ambassador

From: Robert Follit
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Dedicated Pickleball courts at Columbia Local Park in Columbia
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:28:09 PM

I am writing in support of the proposition to construct 6 out door Pickleball courts in Columbia Local Park.

The growing community of pickleball players in our area have for too long gone without dedicated out door courts.

Thankfully, Indoor venues have increased in numbers over the past few years but play time for pickleballers is typically constrained to a few hours on one or two days a week.

Well lighted out door courts at a single location would go a long way in meeting the capacity needs for this very popular and growing sport.

Thanks for your support on this proposition.

Rob Follit

From: [Quattrocchi, Dominic](#)
To: [Nina Kaplan](#)
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Dog Park Option for Columbia Local Park:
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:48:39 PM
Attachments: [Columbia Postcard.pdf](#)

There is a dog park option being considered for Columbia Local Park. You may be interested in participating though I realize this park is some distance away from you. See attached.

From: Nina Kaplan <nina.kaplan421@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 8:31 PM
To: Quattrocchi, Dominic <Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Burke, Sonya <Sonya.Burke@montgomerycountymd.gov>; Paul, Susanne <susanne.paul@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Re: Dog Friendly Spaces

Hi Dom,

Thank you so much for responding to my email. I really appreciate it.

Thank you for considering adding a dog park to the Caroline Freehand Local Park. It would be really convenient for local dog parents, especially those who want to bring their dog to the farmers market on Sundays at Bethesda Elementary School.

Best,

Nina

On Mar 19, 2018, at 7:42 PM, Quattrocchi, Dominic
<dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Hello Nina,

Feel free to contact myself and my colleague Susanne Paul who is coordinating site selection for future dog parks. The M-NCPPC is in the process of planning for and creating several new dog parks in Montgomery County. Having recently opened a dog park in Silver Spring, and with one about to open in Kensington, we are now focusing on Bethesda/Chevy Chase and Burtonsville.

Per your suggestion, I will schedule time specifically to look at Caroline Freeland Local Park to see if there is an option for a small dog park.

Have a Great Evening.

Dom

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

From: Nina Kaplan <nina.kaplan421@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:36 PM
To: Burke, Sonya <Sonya.Burke@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Dog Friendly Spaces

Hi Sonya,

It has come to my recent attention that dogs will no longer be allowed off leash at Bethesda Elementary School on Arlington. I spoke to an animal control officer this evening and he said that they would start fining dog owners if there were any dogs off leash, even during the weekends.

The signs at the elementary school clearly state that dogs are not permitted during school hours, however it does not state that dogs cannot be there on the weekends or after school hours. Dogs have been playing there for several years without an issue.

I understand that parents may not want dogs playing off leash on the field while there are children present. To rectify this situation, I would like Montgomery County to consider adding more dog friendly spaces in Montgomery County.

There is a park on the corner of Arlington Rd and Elm St (near Bethesda Row) that could potentially be a great space for dog owners. The city would need to invest money to install a gate around the park to prevent dogs from running into the street. There is a playground that is fenced in already so parents do not have to be concerned for their child's safety.

Please consider adding more dog friendly areas to Montgomery County. Since dog

owners can no longer bring their pets to Bethesda Elementary School, there needs to be an adjustment for this public need.

Best,

Nina Kaplan

<Caroline_Freeland_LP.jpg>

From: Scott Keenum
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Reissman Steve](#)
Subject: FW: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period
Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 2:47:02 PM

Aaron,

Questions:

- Standalone courts will have permanent nets?
- Option 1:
 - Fencing will be around the 4 courts—will there be any barriers between the courts?
- Option 2:
 - Fencing between tennis and pickleball courts?
- Option 3:
 - Fencing between basketball/pickleball and tennis court

Thank you,

Scott

From: Scott Keenum <sskeenum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Scott Keenum <Scott.Keenum@fitzgeraldfinancial.net>
Subject: Fwd: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

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From: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:23:51 PM
To: Feldman, Aaron
Subject: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

Montgomery Parks is seeking public comments on plans to repurpose the hard surface courts at Columbia Local Park. Staff hosted a community meeting on 24 April, 2018 to determine future uses of the existing courts. Initial public feedback was used to develop the concept alternatives now available for review on our Open Town Hall web page. The public is encouraged to review the plans, vote for their favorite option and leave comments on the [Open Town Hall Project Page](#).

Voting will be open until Monday, 16 July. Parks staff will use public input to inform a Facility Plan to be presented to the Planning Board this fall. Please contact Aaron Feldman at 301-650-2887 or aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org with any questions.

Open Town Hall Main Page: <https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/#>

Columbia Local Park Project Page: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/columbia->

[local-park/](#)

Montgomery Parks Main Page: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Please feel free to forward this notification to anyone interested in the project.

Thanks!

Aaron Feldman

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From: [Girr-Borrayo, Alex](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Cc: [Paniati, Kimberly](#); Trish.Gil@montgomerycountymd.gov
Subject: FW: Columbia Local Park in Burtonsville
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:00:18 AM

FYI

From: Jane Wilber <janewilber2102@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Columbia Local Park in Burtonsville

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Thank you for including pickleball courts in the plan for this facility. I use the Praisner rec center and library all the time and can't wait to be able to play pickleball so close to home. With the huge growth in the number of pickleball players in MOCO the more courts in more locations ...the BETTER!

Thank you.

Jane Wilber

Spencerville

From: [McManus, Patricia](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: FW: Columbia Park - community questions for you
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:08:54 PM

Ching-Fang,

FYI. I did receive another request for information today from someone in this neighborhood, which I will copy you on.

Thanks,

Tricia

From: McManus, Patricia
Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 12:56 PM
To: S Porter <rporter1010@verizon.net>
Subject: RE: Columbia Park - community questions for you

Hello Ms. Porter,

I'm sorry to report this project has been on hold for some time. Our project manager moved out of the area, and several of our vacancies have been frozen for hiring due to budget reasons. We understand how important this project is to the community, and our team has been actively discussing how we could get this project (and several others) reassigned. We don't have a new project manager assigned yet, but are trying to do so in the near future.

With respect to the project status, we developed a recommended plan that was reviewed with the community. The next steps for the project are to complete the facility plan and obtain permits, and present the project to the Montgomery County Planning Board for approval of the plan and budget. Once approved, we would be able to continue with final design and construction for the project. Under the best scenario I'm estimating we would be under construction in spring 2022, so I'm very sorry to relay this disappointing news.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best wishes,

Tricia McManus

Patricia McManus, PLA, ASLA | Design Section Manager

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From: S Porter <rporter1010@verizon.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 10:01 PM

To: McManus, Patricia <patricia.mcmanus@montgomeryparks.org>

Subject: Columbia Park - community questions for you

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Hello Ms. McManus,

My name is Shelley Porter, and I am President of the Briarcliff Manor community which lies just north of, and adjacent to, Columbia Park in Burtonsville, MD. Our homeowners have taken a keen interest in the Columbia Park project but in light of the covid-19 pandemic, we were wondering how that will be impacting the timeline for implementing the new Columbia Local Park project, Option 3.

Our community is holding our Annual Meeting on October 26th. I would like to be able to tell our residents the latest news regarding the park project. Would you mind providing us with the latest information as to estimated time to break ground, etc.? We are eagerly awaiting the pickleball courts, dog park and the other new facilities. Or feel free to call me at 301-257-6069.

Sincere regards,

Shelley Porter

President,

Briarcliff Manor HOA

From: [Girr-Borrayo, Alex](#)
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [McManus, Patricia](#)
Subject: FW: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:09:22 PM
Attachments: [Talking Points for Community Meeting on Columbia Local Park 4 24 2018.docx](#)
[Comprehensive Service Delivery Strategy 4 24 2018.docx](#)

FYI

From: Chuck Carter <coachcicarter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Fw: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

Resending...

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcicarter@yahoo.com>
To: alex.girr-borrayo@monomeryparks.org <alex.girr-borrayo@monomeryparks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 02:29:14 PM EDT
Subject: Fw: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

I think there needs to be more direct input by community residents. Outside public interest groups (aka pickleball and tennis) should not dominate the discussion and be given priority consideration over the local community. Why can't there be a survey done by social media and other means?

Chuck Carter
301 466 9372

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcicarter@yahoo.com>
To: Aaron Feldman <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Mark Wallis <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 02:02:49 PM EDT
Subject: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

Attached are written comments for the record of the Columbia Local Park Community meeting.

Chuck Carter
301 466 9372

From: Chuck Carter
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Dave Pullen](#)
Subject: Fw: Re: RE: Pickleball
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 8:57:46 AM
Attachments: [Comprehensive service delivery strategy revised.docx](#)

Fyi...

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcarter@yahoo.com>
To: Robert J Campbell <robjcamp@gmail.com>; Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Dave Pullen (dave_pullen@outlook.com) <dave_pullen@outlook.com>; Sylvia Bell <ashton.sylvia@verizon.net>; Adejo, Haviz <haviz.adejo@montgomeryparks.org>; Mendoza, Jimmy <Jimmy.Mendoza@montgomeryparks.org>; Evans, Megan <Megan.Evans@montgomeryparks.org>; Burnett, Gary <Gary.Burnett@montgomeryparks.org>; Ludwig, Doug <doug.ludwig@montgomeryparks.org>; Kines, Charles <charles.kines@montgomeryparks.org>; Cole, Jai <jai.cole@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 08:49:06 AM EDT
Subject: Re: RE: Pickleball

Good morning. I will attend the meeting.

For your information attached is the service delivery strategy for tennis. It was developed by the tennis community and ratified by the Montgomery County Tennis Association and USTA Mid-Atlantic Section.

From: Keith Furman
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#); gjlyst@gmail.com
Subject: I support the 8 Pickleball Courts in Beltsville
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:39:24 PM

Aaron,

I'm a 59 yr old former #1 singles tennis player for Magruder H.S. (1977) in Montgomery Co. MD. and I fully support the plan to develop 8 dedicated Pickleball courts there in Beltsville. While it's about 30 min from my Gaithersburg home, I'd drive even further for dedicated courts—and I even have a Pickleball court on my driveway! Dedicated courts are almost non-existent in the area.

I always see many tennis courts going unused in the area but there are never enough Pickleball courts now that **Pickleball is bigger than racquetball AND futsal** (see Google Trends search <https://t.co/k0GGkVfVH8>).

Sorry I can't physically be at the meeting tonight to show my support.

Keith Furman, PhD
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@Pickleball_5 on Twitter
Pickleball5 on Facebook

From: gary lyst
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 1:30:27 PM

Mr. Feldman, I am a retired tennis pro, I taught tennis for over 35 yrs and now I play pickleball 5 days a week. The injuries and the condition of my body prevents me from being competitive at tennis in my age group.

But I can play with top pickleball players now and its not damaging to my health. I live in Silver Spring and within 3 miles of my house there are 50 tennis courts but no pickleball courts. We need outdoor courts.

If U pick a popular time for tennis and check the tennis courts in my area, you would find less than one third are being used. I was at the recent meeting in Burtonsville and on my way there, I saw 8 perfect tennis courts at Paint Branch hs, 4 courts at Banneker MS and 6 more courts at Greencastle Park . Please help us with pickleball courts.

Thanks

Gary Lyst

From: [TINA SMITH](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: Open Town Hall comment- Pickleball at Columbia Local Park, issue 6416
Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:59:38 AM

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I received a card in the mail regarding an open town hall and would like to give my vote and comment on the configuration of the proposed Columbia Local Park. However, the website states comments are closed.

https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/260/Issue_6416

If you are still accepting votes, please record mine as option 3. I believe it provides accommodation for all parties. It is important to still have a basketball court in most communities while it also provides something for the tennis players. At the same time, it keeps all pickleball players in the same proximity which is important during rotation and tournaments.

By contrast, option 1 splits up the pickleball courts and option 2 fails to include a basketball court.

Thank you,
Tina Hao Smith

Reference-

Option 3- Similar to Option 2, a dog park would replace the two tennis courts. A futsal court, four pickleball courts, and a tennis court would occupy the open paved area. The tennis court would be overlain with two pickleball courts to create a total of six possible pickleball courts. A new shade structure, benches and drinking fountain would go next to the futsal court and pickleball courts. A new path and stairs would connect the park with the neighborhood to the north.

From: edna bradshaw
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Outdoor Pickleball courts
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:07:28 AM

Good Morning, Gentlemen!

I am in support of the Outdoor Pickleball Courts in Spencerville.

It would draw more people out to play and it would make it more inviting for others, in addition, to enjoy the amenities at the park.

My kids played ball on the fields next to and behind Praisner Community Center for years, but I have to admit I never noticed that (now decrepit) tennis court.

I believe it would have a positive outcome with the new Pickleball courts because of the increasing number (of seniors) of PB players, the courts would be in good use.

Thank You!

Edna Bradshaw

Sent from my iPad

From: Elizabeth Taylor
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: pickleball on county tennis courts
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:52:02 PM

I am in favor of placing yellow tape on all tennis courts in Mont. Co Parks; have you considered the ones on Queensguard Rd in Silver Spring. It is very seldom used for tennis and many pickleballers would be happy to frequent it during the summer months

Elizabeth Taylor
elizabetht4111@verizon.net

From: Leslie Feldman
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#); [Edward Feldman](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Burtonsville
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 9:42:09 AM

We are writing in support of pickleball courts at Columbia Local Park in Burtonsville. We currently use Mid-County and White Oak. Want to continue playing all year.

Leslie Feldman
Ed Feldman
9310 Ocala St.
Silver Spring 20901

From: PARKE BREWER
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts Burtonsville
Date: Friday, April 20, 2018 2:24:15 PM

Aaron,

I am unable to attend next Tuesday's meeting, but please know I am 100% in favor of converting the Burtonsville tennis courts to Pickleball courts. I took up the sport in December and have been playing indoors all winter and now into spring. I can not believe the increase of players since I started. I won't even go to some of the indoor facilities anymore because the wait is too long because of so many players. This sport is exploding as more and more baby boomers, like myself, are retiring and looking for fun activities that are both good physically and socially. Please help make this happen. Thanks.

Parke Brewer
12105 Renick Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20904

From: Joan Frye
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:05:09 PM

Hello Mr. Feldman,

I'm not sure I have the correct person to make a pickleball court request. If you are not the right person, please forward.

Would it be possible to tape one or both of the Olney Square tennis courts at Gelding for pickleball? It would be much appreciated. There are lots of players in the Olney area and only Longwood courts.

Thanks in advance for considering this request.

Joan Frye
Darnell Drive
Olney

From: Massimo Fuggitti
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Pickleball failities
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:04:07 AM

My name is Massimo G Fuggitti, I have been a Montgomery County resident since 2011. I am a PB player who travels regularly to Howard County where there are dedicated pickleball courts, both counties enjoy a large population of pickleball players making the available courts always crowded,

After finishing this email I will be going to Atholton Park in Howard county in the hope to find open court to play.

Thanks for your consideration.

From: [Wallis, Mark](#)
To: [Dave Pullen \(dave_pullen@outlook.com\)](#); [Charles Carter \(coachcarter@yahoo.com\)](#); [Sylvia Bell](#)
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [Kines, Charles](#)
Subject: Public meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:42:07 AM
Attachments: [Columbia Postcard.pdf](#)

Dear Pickleball and Tennis Advocates:

Please find enclosed a public meeting being held at the Praisner recreation center.

Come and listen and exchange some ideas.

Thank you in advance.

Mark Wallis
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From: [Schmidt, Noelia](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: RE: Box turtles in Columbia LP
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:13:11 AM

Thank you for all the information and your consideration to minimize disturbance to the turtle nesting area. I'm not exactly sure where the turtle nesting site is located, but our team can assess, consult with you and possibly flag the area off. The resident said they typically nest in the small sandy area behind the old tennis courts. Box turtles typically nest May – June. If the construction starts in the fall of 2022, then for the next two nesting seasons, any active nest will be at reasonably low risk. Overall, I don't believe the nesting area will be impacted too greatly since it appears that the existing amenities will be renovated, and there will be limited disturbance to the ground since the existing impervious surface will not expand.

I appreciate all the information you provided. I will be in touch if I have any suggestions or questions.

Noelia Schmidt | Natural Resources Specialist (Wildlife Ecology), PPSD

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From: Chen, Ching-Fang <ching-fang.chen@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Schmidt, Noelia <Noelia.Schmidt@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: RE: Box turtles in Columbia LP

Hi Neolia,

Thanks for reaching out. The [project](#) is in the facility planning phase and will be submitted to the Montgomery County Planning Board for approval this spring. If approved, the project will start detail design this summer and construction in fall 2022 or later. We will need your guidance to protect the box turtle habitat.

The intent of the project is to renovate and activate the northern portion of the park where the existing tennis courts are located. A recommended plan was developed based on prior public input that converts the existing tennis courts into a futsal court, four pickleball courts, a tennis court, and a dog park while maintaining the amount of impervious surface. Attached are project info and grading plan to share with you. Feel free to let me know if you have any suggestions. Thanks.

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From: Schmidt, Noelia <Noelia.Schmidt@montgomeryparks.org>

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:08 AM

To: Chen, Ching-Fang <ching-fang.chen@montgomeryparks.org>

Subject: Box turtles in Columbia LP

Good morning,

I work in Parks' Wildlife Ecology and Management Unit and cannot recall if we have met before. I'm looking to gather some information regarding the renovation project at Columbia LP. Customer Service forwarded me an email from a resident that is concerned the renovations will impact the box turtles that typically nest in the park in the spring/summer. The resident mentioned they nest in the small sandy area behind the old tennis courts. I'm developing a response for Customer Service and was curious to know what the timeline for this renovation project is. Will it begin this spring/summer or later? While I understand not much can be done to change project plans, I just want to convey to the resident that if turtles are observed nesting in the park this spring/summer, wildlife staff can assess. Typically if turtles are observed nesting in areas people frequent, we flag the area to make folks aware to minimize disturbance. If you could provide me with any timeline information for this project, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,

Noelia Schmidt | Natural Resources Specialist (Wildlife Ecology), PPSP

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From: Art Shenk
To: [Scott Keenum](#)
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [gary lyst](#); [Helen](#); [robjcamp@gmail.com](#); [Sylvia Bell](#); [slf1749@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:49:11 PM

Scott, below is excellent! Art

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2018, at 12:46 PM, Scott Keenum <Scott.Keenum@fitzgeraldfinancial.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. Feldman,

My name is Scott Keenum and I attended the April 24th outreach session at the Praisner Community Center.

I am proud to say that I raised my three sons on Briggs Chaney Road and have owned a home there since 1987.

I coached in the Burtonsville Baseball Association, St. John the Baptist CYO programs and numerous programs within Montgomery County Recreation.

We heard much about the benefits of pickleball for the Senior Community but I also believe that the sport is becoming vibrant as a youth activity.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Please see the link to the USAPA junior site.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]--><https://www.usapajuniors.org/>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Pickleball is being played within the Montgomery County Public School System

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Through Helen White, USAPA Mid-Atlantic Ambassador, we introduced pickleball to over 600 participants at the NBC 4 Health Expo on March 11 at the DC Convention Center.

We lack a “center” in which to build our sport and I am convinced that we should use the Columbia Outdoor park for “dedicated” pickleball courts.

I want to thank you again for your concerns and efforts,
Scott Keenum

Scott Keenum

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From: sskeenum@gmail.com
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park - Project Update
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 5:20:33 PM

That is exciting

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2018, at 9:28 AM, Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

We hope to start construction in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020.

Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887

From: sskeenum@gmail.com <sskeenum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park - Project Update

Thank you for your response and positive feedback.

Scott Keenum

When do you expect the ground breaking?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2018, at 8:12 AM, Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Thanks to the more than 530 individuals who visited the [Open Town Hall Forum for Columbia Local Park](#). Based on your feedback and input, we will be moving forward with Option 3, which includes a dog park, futsal court, four pickleball courts, a tennis court and shade structures serving both the court area and the dog park.

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From: S Genua
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park - Project Update
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 1:07:54 PM

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From: Dave Pullen
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Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park - Project Update
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 9:31:01 AM

Perfect!

Dave

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Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 9:30 AM
To: Dave Pullen <dave_pullen@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park - Project Update

Yes. The report will be posted onto the Planning Board's website a few weeks before the Planning Board Presentation. Once we have that date confirmed, I will send another email out. Expect that update sometime in September or October.

Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887

From: Dave Pullen <dave_pullen@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2018 9:00 AM
To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park - Project Update

Thank you, Aaron!

Will you send email notice to this same distribution list once the (final?) Facility Plan Report is available on-line?

Regards,

Dave

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From: Scott Keenum
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period
Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:09:50 PM

Thank you for the quick response

From: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Scott Keenum <Scott.Keenum@fitzgeraldfinancial.net>
Cc: Reissman Steve <sgreiss44@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

Good afternoon, Mr. Keenum –

Responses to your questions below.

Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887

From: Scott Keenum <Scott.Keenum@fitzgeraldfinancial.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Reissman Steve <sgreiss44@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

Aaron,
Questions:

- Standalone courts will have permanent nets? Yes. All tennis courts will have permanent nets. All stand-alone pickleball courts will have permanent nets. Pickleball courts overlain on tennis courts will require portable nets.
- Option 1:
 - Fencing will be around the 4 courts—will there be any barriers between the courts? Based on feedback I've received thus far, we will likely enclose each pickleball court with a low fence. This applies to all three options.
- Option 2:
 - Fencing between tennis and pickleball courts? The fence enclosing each pickleball court (mentioned above) would also serve as a barrier between the pickleball courts and tennis court.
- Option 3:
 - Fencing between basketball/pickleball and tennis court There is no basketball court proposed in this option. There will be a fence or low wall surrounding the futsal court, as that is what defines the limits of the playing surface (similar to hockey). A fence enclosing each pickleball court would also serve as a barrier between the pickleball courts and tennis court.

Thank you,

Scott

From: Scott Keenum <sskeenum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Scott Keenum <Scott.Keenum@fitzgeraldfinancial.net>
Subject: Fwd: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

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From: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 3:23:51 PM
To: Feldman, Aaron
Subject: Columbia Local Park - Public Comment Period

Montgomery Parks is seeking public comments on plans to repurpose the hard surface courts at Columbia Local Park. Staff hosted a community meeting on 24 April, 2018 to determine future uses of the existing courts. Initial public feedback was used to develop the concept alternatives now available for review on our Open Town Hall web page. The public is encouraged to review the plans, vote for their favorite option and leave comments on the [Open Town Hall Project Page](#).

Voting will be open until Monday, 16 July. Parks staff will use public input to inform a Facility Plan to be presented to the Planning Board this fall. Please contact Aaron Feldman at 301-650-2887 or aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org with any questions.

Open Town Hall Main Page: <https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/#>
Columbia Local Park Project Page: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/columbia-local-park/>
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Please feel free to forward this notification to anyone interested in the project.

Thanks!
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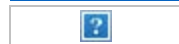
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Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [Adejo, Haviz](#); [Mary, King](#); [Mendoza, Jimmy](#); [Badaczewski, Andrew](#)
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:52:56 PM

The community meeting is limited to the tennis courts.

We looked at constructing a 90 Ft field and the estimate was very high. It was \$400,0000 +. It I still on my list and we will have to re-look at the scope and costs.

Instead I have another idea to consider:

We could look at making Cloverly #1 a Baseball.
Good Hope Local Park should re-open Spring of 2019 for both diamonds. Perhaps the Cloverly use could be moved there
What is the situation at Briggs Chaney Middle School #1. Could Cloverly use move there?
Is there another field BAA uses that we could look at to expand to 90.

I am looking at Greenwood Local Park to expand into a 90 but that is in Olney. May be too far to go for BAA.

From: Chris Fogleman [mailto:CFogleman@gleason-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park

Mark,

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Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:19:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Ingenious

From: Robert J Campbell <robjcamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:16 AM
To: aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org
Cc: gary lyst <gjlyst@gmail.com>; Sylvia <bell1500@verizon.net>; Helen White <hmwhite33@verizon.net>; Netflix <robjcamp@gmail.com>
Subject: Columbia Local Park

Mr. Feldman,

Good morning Sir. I submitted my feedback for Columbia Local Park and I added the information regarding the lights as we discussed this morning. In addition to my comments, I added a suggestion regarding Option 2 that I wanted to send to you via email since I could not attach it with my notes.

As I identified at the Town Hall meeting, I am a huge fan of GROWTH, one of the things I noticed in the proposal options was the opportunity to maximize the use of the entire area within the Option 2 proposal. What I would like to suggest for your consideration is taking something similar to the tennis court overlay from Option 3 and putting it into the Option 2 proposal. It does NOT change any of the structural components of the proposal, it just simply adds additional lines to an already proposed modification. Please see the original Option 2 Proposal below and then the Option 2.a Proposal to add two (2) additional courts and the Option 2.b Proposal to add four (4) additional marked courts. This would allow for six (6) permanent courts with 2 or 4 additional portable courts to accommodate 8 or 16 additional individuals. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

For your consideration:

ORIGINAL Proposal:

Option 2

Columbia Local Park



- 01 Large Dog Area (Paved)
- 02 Small Dog Area (Paved)
- 03 Tennis Court
- 04 Junior Tennis Overlay
- 05 Pickleball Courts
- 06 Fence
- 07 Existing Shade Structure
- 08 New Shade Structure
- 09 Benches
- 10 Drinking Fountain
- 11 Artificial Turf Mound
- 12 Accessible Parking Spaces
- 13 Existing Path to Neighborhood
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UPDATED Proposal 2.a: (2 Additional Lined Courts / 8 Total Court Layout)

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UPDATED Proposal 2.b: (4 Additional Lined Courts / 10 Total Court Layout)



Respectfully,

Rob Campbell
MoCo Pickleball Player
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Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:29:00 AM

Thank you Mr. Feldman.

Stuart Fribush

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On Mon, Apr 30, 2018 at 11:21 AM, Feldman, Aaron
<aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Mr. Fribush –

Thanks for your comments. We will certainly take them into account as we develop our concepts further, and I will add them to the record for my report to the Planning Board. Unfortunately, I am at the mercy of our web managers when it comes to uploading documents to our website and they have not yet had the opportunity to post last Tuesday's presentation. Attached is a copy of the presentation for your reference. I hope to get this updated to our website in the next couple of days. Once we have a chance to review all public comments and refine our concepts, I will send out an email notification with a link to view the refined concepts on our webpage.

Regards,

Aaron Feldman

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Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Columbia Local Park

Dear Mr. Feldman:

My name is Stuart Fribush and I am one of the pickleball community members who attended the April 24 regarding future uses for the northern section of Columbia Local Park. First, I would like to say

that I appreciate that this is a local park (as its name implies) and I do think it is appropriate for local residents to have a substantial say in future use. At the same time, I think it is abundantly clear (both from local residents and the pickleball community) that there is a need for **dedicated outdoor pickleball courts** in Montgomery County.

It seems pretty clear to me that a consensus is forming towards a multi-use solution for the northern section of Columbia Local Park and I believe strongly that dedicated pickleball courts should be one of those uses. I recall you presented several concepts for future use at the meeting. Unfortunately, I could not find the briefing document on the Columbia Local Park page of www.montgomeryparks.org and I don't recall the specifics of the various concepts you presented. However, I do think it is in the best interests of Montgomery County to have as many **dedicated outdoor pickleball courts** as possible. Just as the soccer complex in Germantown has resulted in Montgomery County being a soccer hub, this site has similar potential to make Montgomery County a pickleball hub. In addition, since Montgomery County is committed to retaining and attracting active seniors, dedicated pickleball courts would be consistent with this objective.

Also, I am aware that there is a theory within the Montgomery Parks Department that simply adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts is the most cost-effective way to accommodate both sports and will increase utilization of existing tennis courts. However, I think when you dig beneath the surface, that theory may not hold. Tennis players will prefer to play on courts not "cluttered" with pickleball lines and pickleball players will prefer playing on courts not "cluttered" with tennis lines where they have to continually adjust the nets and spend a disproportionate amount of time chasing balls. In other words, it is entirely possible that lining tennis courts with pickleball lines will not lead to increased long-term utilization of the courts if there are better options available for each sport. That would include both indoor and outdoor dedicated courts for each sport, even if those courts were not located in Montgomery County. Lining tennis courts with pickleball lines might make sense as an interim solution to the growing demand for pickleball, but it is not likely to be an effective long-term solution.

Finally, I find there is a social aspect to pickleball that is an important part of the experience. Arlington County, VA has one facility (Thomas Jefferson Community Center) where indoor pickleball is available from 6 am to 10 pm on weekdays and additional times on weekends. As a result, this has become somewhat of a hub for regional pickleball players, some coming from as far as Frederick, MD. I play there at least once a week (I am a Rockville resident). Some come to play a little and hang out a little. This is also consistent with the objective of attracting and retaining active seniors. Columbia Local Park has similar potential to be a regional pickleball hub.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Stuart Fribush
Rockville, MD

From: Robert J Campbell
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [gary lyst](#); [Sylvia](#); [Helen White](#); [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:21:31 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

Thank you Mr. Feldman. I look forward to speaking with you again in the near future.

Respectfully,

Rob Campbell
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On Tue, Jul 10, 2018, 10:18 AM Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Mr. Campbell –

Thanks for your comments and accompanying graphics. I will compile them with the comments received on the website for inclusion in the Facility Plan and presentation to the Planning Board.

I have gotten several responses advocating both for and against striping overlays, allowing multiple sports to be played on the same court. I can see both sides of the argument and will carefully consider all of the feedback before putting forth a recommended concept plan. As you pointed out, your striping concepts do not change the physical structure of the plan. Regardless of which option is selected, we always have the opportunity to re-strip the courts based on changing needs and preferences.

Also, please keep in mind that the proposed pickleball courts at Columbia Local Park are likely just the first dedicated pickleball courts in the county. Our park planners are actively looking for additional opportunities for dedicated pickleball courts in the county, and will continue to propose new locations for courts as the sport grows.

Thanks again for your advocacy and stay tuned for the facility plan and Planning Board presentation this fall. I will be sure to give as much advance notice of the Planning Board date as possible. The most effective form of advocacy in the parks is to testify at the Planning Board, as they set our priorities and funding.

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Cc: gary lyst <gjlyst@gmail.com>; Sylvia <bell1500@verizon.net>; Helen White <hmwhite33@verizon.net>; Netflix <robjcamp@gmail.com>
Subject: Columbia Local Park

Mr. Feldman,

Good morning Sir. I submitted my feedback for Columbia Local Park and I added the information regarding the lights as we discussed this morning. In addition to my comments, I added a suggestion regarding Option 2 that I wanted to send to you via email since I could not attach it with my notes.

As I identified at the Town Hall meeting, I am a huge fan of GROWTH, one of the things I noticed in the proposal options was the opportunity to maximize the use of the entire area within the Option 2 proposal. What I would like to suggest for your consideration is taking something similar to the tennis court overlay from Option 3 and putting it into the Option 2 proposal. It does NOT change any of the structural components of the proposal, it just simply adds additional lines to an already proposed modification. Please see the original Option 2 Proposal below and then the Option 2.a Proposal to add two (2) additional courts and the Option 2.b Proposal to add four (4) additional marked courts. This would allow for six (6) permanent courts with 2 or 4 additional portable courts to accommodate 8 or 16 additional individuals. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

For your consideration:

ORIGINAL Proposal:

cid:ii_jjfoxfp02_164843b819036423



UPDATED Proposal 2.a: (2 Additional Lined Courts / 8 Total Court Layout)

cid:ii_jjfoww541_164843b17cd4ad39

UPDATED Proposal 2.b: (4 Additional Lined Courts / 10 Total Court Layout)

cid:ii_jjfp8znw3_1648443bb347d9b5

Respectfully,

Rob Campbell

MoCo Pickleball Player

571-201-0026

From: Pete Ture
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Local Park: northern section, hard surface courts, improvement plan [PUBLIC INPUT]
Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018 1:18:00 PM

To: Project Manager Aaron Feldman, Montgomery Parks
(Aaron.Feldman@MontgomeryParks.org)

As a new, but already very avid, Montgomery County pickleball player, I'm submitting this letter as public input into the planning process for Columbia Local Park's northern section. I strongly support considering transforming these hard surface courts into 8 or more dedicated pickleball courts.

Pickleball has proven to be a very friendly, social game that is low-cost, has inter-generational appeal and provides excellent cardio and overall exercise for players of all ages and abilities.

In addition, as a public dedicated Pickleball facility this would represent an opportunity to put Silver Spring/Montgomery County on the map as an East Coast destination for this fast-growing sport much like the SoccerPlex has transformed South Germantown.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this exciting initiative.

Peter D. Ture

From: Chuck Carter
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Dave Pullen](#); [Wallis, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: Columbia Local Park: POP Tennis and Blended Lines
Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 12:27:58 PM

Just to clarify, POP tennis is not competing for additional space. It is played on existing tennis courts with blended lines. So to the extent the tennis courts remain, it is just a matter of adding blended lines for POP as well as youth tennis.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 12:17 PM, Feldman, Aaron
<aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Thanks for the info. I don't know that POP tennis makes sense competing for space with all the other uses the community wants at Columbia, but will forward your emails on to Mark Wallis for his consideration with countywide tennis planning efforts.

Aaron

Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887

From: Chuck Carter <coachcicarter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: Dave Pullen <dave_pullen@outlook.com>
Subject: Columbia Local Park: POP Tennis and Blended Lines

I sent you information on POP Tennis under separate cover for consideration for the Columbia Local Park project.

Our Comprehensive Tennis Service Delivery Strategy (CSDS) sent to you earlier calls for blended lines for POP Tennis for all players from youth through seniors.

Grants are available for blended lines from the USTA.

Chuck Carter

301 466 9372

From: Tom Meyer
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: Re: Columbia Park Project
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 9:23:42 AM

Thanks for your prompt response

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 9:01 AM, Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:
>
> Mr. Meyer -
>
> Thank you for sending your comments regarding the improvements at Columbia Local Park. I will be sure to take them into account moving forward. Please check back on the project's website, <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/columbia-local-park/> for project updates.
>
> Thanks,
> Aaron Feldman
>
> Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Tom Meyer <tomhowto@hotmail.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 6:38 PM
> To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>
> Subject: Columbia Park Project
>
> I support Dedicated Pickleball courts be installed. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. It is especially popular among Seniors.
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: [McManus, Patricia](#)
To: eric@coaxum.com
Cc: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: RE: Columbia Park Projects (Burtonsville)
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:29:43 PM

Hello Eric,

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Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best wishes,

Tricia McManus

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Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:27 AM
To: McManus, Patricia <patricia.mcmanus@montgomeryparks.org>
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Eric

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To: [McManus, Patricia](#)
Cc: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#); [Turnbull, Bob](#)
Subject: RE: Columbia Park Projects (Burtonsville)
Date: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:32:37 PM

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Thank Patricia for the previous emails and the updates. Cannot wait for the Pickleball and Dog park in 2022.

Eric Coaxum

From: McManus, Patricia <patricia.mcmanus@montgomeryparks.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Eric Coaxum <eric@coaxum.com>
Cc: Chen, Ching-Fang <ching-fang.chen@montgomeryparks.org>; Turnbull, Bob <bob.turnbull@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: RE: Columbia Park Projects (Burtonsville)

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From: [Garland, Hyojung](#)
To: [Elizabeth Mendoza](#)
Cc: [Quattrocchi, Dominic](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: RE: Dog Park Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:01:16 PM

Elizabeth,

Thanks for your interest in Montgomery Dog Parks. You found the right information and landed in the right section, which conducted a dog park suitability study. Dominic Quattrocchi is the newly assigned dog park manager, but since he is on medical leave. Therefore, I will address your questions (he is copied in this email for the potential future follow-up from next week).

In May 2021, Planning Board approved [Norwood Dog Park](#) in the western county, and since the next dog park implementation is more likely coming from the same Urban Park Element, the next dog park might be a while using the Urban Park Element. However, the Columbia Local Park you are referring to is using a different pot of money, and the [Columbia Local Park facility plan](#) is supposed to be reviewed by the Planning Board's approval during 2021. For the status update, I will refer the project manager, Ching Fang, and her supervisor Tricia McManus.

Additionally, the [Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\) forum](#) (Thursday, 6 pm, 6/10) is an excellent venue to advocate more budget for parks. While the testimony sign-up deadline is passed, please feel free to watch the session for future reference.

Thanks,

Hyojung

Hyojung Garland (she/her/hers), AICP, LEED AP | Supervisor, Park Planning

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From: Elizabeth Mendoza <emendoza@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Garland, Hyojung <hyojung.garland@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Dog Park Inquiry

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Hi,

I called 311 last week to ask some general questions about dog parks.. and they suggested contacting you. Just writing to follow up.

I have a very general question, but also one tinged with interest... is there any chance of getting a dog park in East County?

I live in zip code 20904.. near Martin Luther King Jr. Park. I know MLK Jr. Park is one of six candidates for consideration last I checked in East County.. <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/uploads/2019/01/Eastern-Co-Map.jpg>

I'm not up to date on things... but is there any chance of a dog park being approved for East County? I see there is a blue dot saying a "Columbia Dog Park" is in progress... is that a reality?

Sorry if I'm behind or not up to date on things... but I was wondering if you could so kindly fill me in.

I'm very interested in getting a dog park closer to me if possible, and I appreciate your time.

Thanks sincerely,
Elizabeth.

From: Keith Furman
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Cc: [Wallis, Mark](#); gjlyst@gmail.com
Subject: Re: I support the 8 Pickleball Courts in Burtonsville
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:31:11 PM

That would be Burtonsville, not Beltsville. Sorry, I used to live in one and work in the other and always got the names confused.

Keith

On Apr 24, 2018, at 5:24 PM, Keith Furman <keith.furman@verizon.net> wrote:

Aaron,

I'm a 59 yr old former #1 singles tennis player for Magruder H.S. (1977) in Montgomery Co. MD. and I fully support the plan to develop 8 dedicated Pickleball courts there in Beltsville. While it's about 30 min from my Gaithersburg home, I'd drive even further for dedicated courts—and I even have a Pickleball court on my driveway! Dedicated courts are almost non-existent in the area.

I always see many tennis courts going unused in the area but there are never enough Pickleball courts now that **Pickleball is bigger than racquetball AND futsal** (see Google Trends search <https://t.co/k0GGkVfVH8>).

Sorry I can't physically be at the meeting tonight to show my support.

Keith Furman, PhD
9500 Foxlair Place
Gaithersburg, MD 20882
301-502-1784
@Pickleball_5 on Twitter
Pickleball5 on Facebook

From: [Wallis, Mark](#)
To: [MC Pickleball Ambassador](#)
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [Punase, Shubha](#); [Girr-Borrayo, Alex](#); [Mendoza, Jimmy](#); [Pirtle, Sabrina](#)
Subject: RE: Last night's meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:49:50 PM

Thank you for your feedback.

Have your group use the "town hall feature" so everyone can read all the comments.

From: MC Pickleball Ambassador [mailto:pickleballambassador@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:36 PM
To: Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Last night's meeting

Hello Mark.

Hello Mark

Good to see you again last night. I thought that was an excellent meeting, especially as so many pickleballers showed up.

I trust you fully understood why Stacy Sigler and I rejected Praisner as a place to play indoor pickleball. To us the small distance between the outer court lines and the wall seemed very dangerous. At some of the places we play there is padding on the walls, originally intended for the basketball players, I presume. It gets run into often by pickleballers in pursuit of a ball, even though there is a reasonable gap between the line and the wall. We did not turn down Praisner lightly.

I just talked to Willie Khaarid, and he told me to remind him to look into Praisner with regard to re-orienting the courts. He also told me of his plans for East County and for Wheaton. He asked for input from the players about Wheaton, because I was not sure of the answers to all his questions. I also heard about the proposed south county regional center. We discussed floors, and glare from windows and the possible ways to mitigate that. He said they had learned lessons from White Oak, North Potomac and Ross Boddy, and will add shades at Wheaton, and probably nix gym windows altogether at South County.

So much is going on that will positively affect pickleball. I found it is all very exciting, and was really glad I had called him. And I hadn't even calmed down after last night's meeting! I know it's not a done deal, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we can get the larger of the two areas at Columbia for pickleball. I'd vote for leaving the two functioning tennis courts as is. I know that leaves the dogs out on a leash, but maybe there are other solutions. I've asked Aaron if they ever used/considered using permeable asphalt. Apparently it works in the Netherlands.

Thank you for all your support. We really appreciate all you have done and are doing for the

pickleball community.

Sylvia

*Sylvia Bell
USA PA Pickleball Ambassador
for Montgomery County*

MC Pickleball Ambassador
pickleballambassador@gmail.com

From: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
To: [TINA SMITH](#)
Cc: [Girr-Borrayo, Alex](#)
Subject: RE: Open Town Hall comment- Pickleball at Columbia Local Park, issue 6416
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:20:00 AM
Attachments: [2021 Postcard Columbia LP012121-I.pdf](#)

Good morning,

I really appreciate your comments. Attached is the postcard with the correct link to the recommended plan which is a refinement to Option 3. Feel free to let us know if you have other thoughts. Thank you.

https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/public-input/?pd_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.opentownhall.com%2Fportals%2F260%2Fforum_home#peak_democracy

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From: TINA SMITH <tinasmithh@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Chen, Ching-Fang <ching-fang.chen@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Open Town Hall comment- Pickleball at Columbia Local Park, issue 6416

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I received a card in the mail regarding an open town hall and would like to give my vote and comment on the configuration of the proposed Columbia Local Park. However, the website states comments are closed.

https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/260/Issue_6416

If you are still accepting votes, please record mine as option 3. I believe it provides accommodation for all parties. It is important to still have a basketball court in most communities while it also provides something for the tennis players. At the same time, it keeps all pickleball players in the same proximity which is important during rotation and tournaments.

By contrast, option 1 splits up the pickleball courts and option 2 fails to include a basketball court.

Thank you,
Tina Hao Smith

Reference-

Option 3- Similar to Option 2, a dog park would replace the two tennis courts. A futsal court, four pickleball courts, and a tennis court would occupy the open paved area. The tennis court would be overlain with two pickleball courts to create a total of six possible pickleball courts. A new shade structure, benches and drinking fountain would go next to the futsal court and pickleball courts. A new path and stairs would connect the park with the neighborhood to the north.

From: [Wallis, Mark](#)
To: [Joan Frye](#)
Cc: [Sylvia Bell](#); [Feldman, Aaron](#); [Jones, Mike](#); [Burnett, Gary](#); [Ludwig, Doug](#); [Kines, Charles](#); [Cole, Jai](#)
Subject: RE: Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:56:26 PM

Hello,

Sylvia Bell is our Pickleball Ambassador and we try to work through her on all Pickleball requests. She is cc on this e-mail.

Longwood is our Pickleball courts for now. The issue at Longwood is the blended lines blended too much and are hard to see. They are also sharing with tennis and using the tennis net which is not optimal. I am awaiting word on some extra money to work on the pickleball shortage issue after July 1. My first order of business is to re-look at the Longwood courts. By the way I was at the Longwood Courts on a very nice weather Friday and nobody was there. Summer may be more of a problem when MCRD is having their camp in the building.

People have used temporary tape. In some cases it works fine and others not so much. The park manger is cc on this e-mail if he wants to allow tape as a pilot pickleball area at Olney Square, I will leave it to his discretion.

From: Joan Frye [mailto:joan.frye@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 9:12 AM
Cc: Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Re: Pickleball Courts

Mr. Wallis,

Would it be possible to stripe the tennis courts for pickleball at the Olney Square Park?

There are lots of seniors that play pickleball at the indoor courts at the Longwood Rec. Center but during the summer the two outdoor courts aren't enough for all that want to play.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joan Frye

On Thu, May 3, 2018 at 4:31 PM, Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Ms. Frye –

Mark Wallis would be the person to contact about that striping additional courts for pickleball. He is copied on this email.

Aaron Feldman

Aaron Feldman | M-NCPPC | 301.650.2887

From: Joan Frye <joan.frye@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 4:05 PM

To: Feldman, Aaron <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>

Subject: Pickleball Courts

Hello Mr. Feldman,

I'm not sure I have the correct person to make a pickleball court request. If you are not the right person, please forward.

Would it be possible to tape one or both of the Olney Square tennis courts at Gelding for pickleball? It would be much appreciated. There are lots of players in the Olney area and only Longwood courts.

Thanks in advance for considering this request.

Joan Frye
Darnell Drive
Olney

From: [Wallis, Mark](#)
To: coachcarter@yahoo.com
Cc: [Feldman, Aaron](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [Cole, Jai](#); [Kines, Charles](#); [Turnbull, Christy](#)
Subject: RE: Public meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 10:30:16 AM

Aaron Feldman is the project manager and is running the meeting.

Bring hard copies at a minimum.

From: Chuck Carter [mailto:coachcarter@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Re: Public meeting

I have it on my calendar. I plan to bring pictures of hard courts for multi-sports. Will there be a computer setup for showing the slides on a screen?

Thanks,

Chuck Carter
301 466 9372

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 9:42 AM, Wallis, Mark
<mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

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Thank you in advance.

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From: Dave Pullen
To: [Wallis, Mark](#); [Charles Carter \(coachcarter@yahoo.com\)](#); [Sylvia Bell Feldman, Aaron](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [Kines, Charles](#)
Subject: RE: Public meeting
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 11:09:18 AM

Thanks, Mark!

I'll mark my calendar but may have a conflict with officiating an ITA match.

Dave

David E Pullen
MCTA Community Outreach Advisor
C: 301-523-2448
E: dpullen@mctatennis.org or dave_pullen@outlook.com

From: Wallis, Mark <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>
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Subject: RE: RE: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:32:57 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)
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Morning Coach,

I would prefer that we forward your request and contact information to him, so that we can stay in compliance with our privacy guidelines. We will get your number and email to him as soon as possible.

Chuck Carter
Outdoor Tennis Court Advocate
301-466-9372
coahcarter@yahoo.com

Best,

Alex

Alex Girr-Borrayo

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcarter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 8:20 AM
To: Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Re: RE: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

Alex, can you give me the contact information for the futsal representative that attended the Columbia Local Park meeting this week? Thanks.

Chuck

301 466 9372

On Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:07:32 PM EDT, Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Thank you for the note. We will be looking at submitting an [Open Town Hall](#) survey asking for public comment once the designs have been rendered. We can also look at placing the notice at the library and recreation center for more public opportunity to comment.

I will send you a note once it is live.

Alex



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From: Chuck Carter <coachcarter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org>
Subject: Fw: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

Resending...

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcarter@yahoo.com>
To: alex.girr-borrayo@monomeryparks.org <alex.girr-borrayo@monomeryparks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 02:29:14 PM EDT
Subject: Fw: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

I think there needs to be more direct input by community residents. Outside public interest groups (aka pickleball and tennis) should not dominate the discussion and be

given priority consideration over the local community. Why can't there be a survey done by social media and other means?

Chuck Carter

301 466 9372

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From: Chuck Carter <coachcarter@yahoo.com>

To: Aaron Feldman <aaron.feldman@montgomeryparks.org>

Cc: Mark Wallis <mark.wallis@montgomeryparks.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 02:02:49 PM EDT

Subject: Comments for Columbia Local Park Meeting

Attached are written comments for the record of the Columbia Local Park Community meeting.

Chuck Carter

301 466 9372

From: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
To: [Cheryl Wild](#)
Subject: RE: Update on Columbia Local Park
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:38:00 AM

Good morning,

Thanks so much for your support on the project.

The park facility plan is on the Montgomery County Planning Board agenda for July 29th, 2021. Notices will be sent to the community in early July. You can sign up to testify at the Planning Board meeting two weeks in advance.

<https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/signup-to-testify/sign-testify-form/>

If approved, the project will be proposed for final design and construction in FY 2022-2023.

Thanks,

Ching-Fang Chen, PLA, LEED-AP
Landscape Architect

M-NCPPC - Montgomery Parks

Park Development Division

2425 Reedy Drive, 11th F

Wheaton, MD 20902

301.495.2557

Ching-Fang.Chen@montgomeryparks.org

From: Cheryl Wild <wildnmd@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Chen, Ching-Fang <ching-fang.chen@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: wildnmd@verizon.net
Subject: RE: Update on Columbia Local Park

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Hi,

Please provide an update on the status of the pickleball courts. When will they break ground? What is the completion date? Will the park be closed during construction or partially closed? What is the first area to start on the park redesign. Specifics are appreciated. This project is moving exceptionally slow and appears to be at a stand still. It seems changes are made just to prevent moving forward. What can be done and who can I call to voice support to move this along?

Montgomery County Resident for 59 years.
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Cheryl Wild](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Cc: wildnmd@verizon.net
Subject: RE: Update on Columbia Local Park
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:27:41 PM

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From: [wildnmd](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: Update on Columbia Local Park
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:23:57 PM

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From: [SHIELDS L C](#)
To: [Chen, Ching-Fang](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (30 seconds)
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:45:13 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

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Hi, I'm calling about the park, an Columbia local park. I think it's a great idea. I think the dog park would be a welcome addition and I hope that you'll start work on it soon bye I.

You received a voice mail from [SHIELDS L C](#).

Thank you for using Transcription! If you don't see a transcript above, it's because the audio quality was not clear enough to transcribe.

[Set Up Voice Mail](#)

From: Jim Fessler
To: [Feldman, Aaron](#)
Subject: What to do with Columbia Local Park?
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 5:33:32 PM

Dear Mr. Feldman,

If you ask the question "what is the fastest growing sport in America" you will get a lot of different answers. Below is a link to one of them. Their answer is pickleball!

<http://www.week.com/story/35838021/2017/07/Saturday/pickleball-is-fastest-growing-sport-in-america>

Howard County government agrees.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/pickleball>

Howard County government also says in the same paragraph, "This fun sport is enjoyable for all age groups."

I guess it depends on who you survey and what are the criteria. However, if you ask the question "what would be the most natural or even the easiest thing to do with an old tennis court", that would be to convert it to an outdoor pickleball court.

So, that is my vote and recommendation.

Make courts for a very popular sport that can be enjoyed by all age groups. And maybe it would be the easiest, that is, least costly.

Sincerely,

Jim Fessler