



# OPEN COURT

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Thank you for your interest and support of the City of Atlanta Tennis Centers! This monthly newsletter serves to provide regular updates regarding tennis programming and facilities. Over the course of the past several weeks, the Department of Parks and Recreation has implemented several initiatives including expanding the number of teams that are able to reserve courts for leagues, conducting the Summer League random selection process, implementing a "Spring into Tennis" fee discount, and refurbishing the clay courts at Bitsy Grant. Special thanks to our *Friends of Tennis* groups for assisting us in distributing this newsletter. It is also posted on the City of Atlanta website and sent to registered users on Kourts. We invite you to share your comments and suggestions with us. We also encourage you to attend one of our upcoming virtual *Friends of Tennis* community meetings. Enjoy the April issue!

Doug Voss, Parks Director

## DID SOMEONE SAY 25% OFF?

We did! Now through June 30, receive **25% off** when you book reservations on the Kourts App or online at [www.kourts.com](http://www.kourts.com). Discounted rates available at all five City of Atlanta tennis centers. No promo code needed. Simply reserve your spot and the discount is automatically applied. Sign up today!

COURT TYPE	PER HOUR RATE			
	Resident regular price	25% off price for resident	Non-resident regular price	25% off price for non-resident
Hard Court (Non-Primetime)	\$3.00	\$2.25	\$3.50	\$2.63
Hard Court (Primetime)	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$4.13
Clay Court/Paddle Court (Non-Primetime)	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$4.88
Clay Court/Paddle Court (Primetime)	\$6.50	\$4.88	\$7.00	\$5.25

**Discount rates apply to reservations made on the Kourts App or [www.kourts.com](http://www.kourts.com) ONLY!**



Charles Brown II, Operations Director

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This month, we shine the spotlight on Operations Director, Charles Brown II. Recently promoted from his former position as Athletics Director, Brown has been actively involved with the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) since playing on multiple sports teams including the Atlanta Celtics AAU Basketball and Atlanta Pirates AAU Baseball teams, since the age of 13.

**"I am who I am because of the team!"**

At 16, he was offered his first job with DPR. "I'll never forget it," Charles explains, "I started the job the first day of Spring Break!" April marks his 14th year of service with DPR. Anyone who talks to Charles Brown more than five minutes quickly learns that he loves what he does, and greatly values his team. "I learn a lot from the people I work with. I am who I am because of the team!" he attests. Brown, who holds a bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration, aspires to further his career in community service perhaps as city manager or even mayor. Wherever he lands, Charles Brown II is sure to leave a lasting mark!

# CARING FOR OUR COURTS



Clay courts are a rare find among public courts. City of Atlanta tennis players are fortunate to have this option available at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center where clay courts were recently resurfaced. We spoke with Mike Imbornone of Signature Tennis Courts to learn more about the advantages of resurfacing and how players can help maintain them. "Over time, a build-up occurs through cycles of freezing and thawing making parts of the court nonbondable," Mike explains. By design, clay courts are less stressful on a player's joints. Resurfacing brings the court to "optimal" condition. To help keep courts in tip-top shape, Mike recommends players "groom the court" after each use. Drag brooms are available near the fences to smooth the courts readying them for the next match. Consider it a form of court etiquette.

## MORE SUN, MORE TIME, MORE PLAY!



*For your convenience, City of Atlanta Tennis Center hours of operation have now been extended, beginning April 15!*



Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bitsy Grant, Chastain Memorial and Sharon Lester @ Piedmont Park

Mon. – Fri. 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Washington Park and Joseph McGhee

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All Tennis Centers

**Sundays are reserved for scheduled league play only.**

Reservations can be made by emailing one of the following:

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

***We want to hear from YOU!***

Join us via Zoom for the next Friends of Tennis meeting.

Email Dereka, Adrienne or Charles to be added to the Zoom invitation or call 404.546.6788.

2nd Tuesday - Joseph McGhee @ 7:00 p.m. & Bitsy Grant @ 7:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday - Washington @ 6:30 p.m. & Sharon Lester at Piedmont @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting times subject to change.

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