



OPEN COURT

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A Message From The Deputy Commissioner

Thank you for reading the latest edition of *Open Court*, the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation’s monthly tennis newsletter. In this edition, we recap several projects that were completed during the past year. As well, we share new programs and provide updates on facility improvements. Although our facilities remain in alignment with the City’s COVID-19 guidelines, we were able to open our tennis centers and extend hours of operation to seven days a week this year! League play is offered at all five sites and team practice opportunities continue to expand. After thorough assessment of our tennis centers, we made numerous facility improvements and our efforts continue. We plan to paint the facilities at Chastain and Sharon Lester at Piedmont Park, resurface the practice court at Bitsy Grant, make seating improvements at Joseph McGhee and more! We have learned a great deal this first year and appreciate your feedback and insight. Thanks for helping us to ensure that City of Atlanta tennis centers remain a special asset for all those who live in and visit our great city!

Doug Voss, DPR Deputy Commissioner



CELEBRATING A YEAR OF FIRSTS!

This month marks the first-year anniversary since DPR began managing City of Atlanta tennis centers in-house! It has been a huge year of growth and expansion for our team, and we could not have done it without the tremendous support of our amazing tennis community! We made significant strides to increase our marketing and communications efforts by distributing this monthly newsletter, providing timely updates and special promotions on our website and



social media channels, and by offering reservations through Kourts.com, the Kourts App and iPARCS. In addition, we resurfaced clay courts at Bitsy Grant, refenced and resurfaced courts at Joseph McGhee, painted building interiors at Washington and McGhee, and installed benches and pressure washed courts at

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You Asked, We Listened

Six new courts have now been resurfaced at Perkinson Park! Additional repairs include a newly surfaced parking lot, upgraded lighting, new fencing and installed wind screens. Visit us soon!



Pickleball is Here



If you like badminton or table tennis, here's something new! Pickleball Clinics are now offered at Sharon Lester at Piedmont Park every Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Sign up available on the Kourts App or at [kourts.com](https://www.kourts.com)



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation offices as well as all tennis centers, recreation and aquatic centers will be closed **Monday, September 6.**

Operating hours for golf, splashpads and outdoor pools will not be affected.

Play Every Day!



DAILY 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Perkinson Park and all COA tennis courts at our parks across the city

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Bitsy Grant, Chastain Memorial and Sharon Lester @ Piedmont Park

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1 – 9 p.m.

Washington Park and Joseph McGhee

SATURDAY 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All Tennis Centers

SUNDAY

12 – 5 p.m. All Tennis Centers

Closed Labor Day!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Phase 3 guidelines now enforced. All City of Atlanta buildings remain closed to the public until after the Labor Day holiday. Masks are required for use of all indoor restroom facilities.



Team Practice Just Got Better



Get ready! Starting September 1, teams may reserve courts at any City of Atlanta Tennis Court for the low price of just \$20 per court/hr. (hard court) or \$24 per court/hr. (clay court). No maximum on the number of participants. To lock in your dates now, call Charles or Adrienne at 404.546.6788.

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF FIRSTS! continued

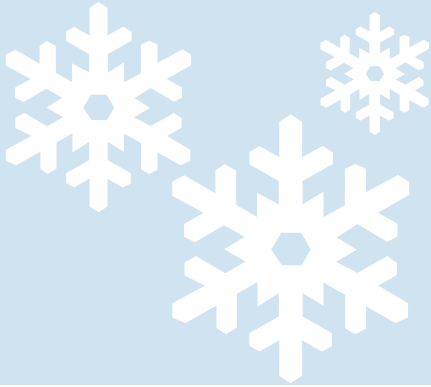
various locations! Other accomplishments include:

- Increased play from single matches to doubles
- Expanded hours of operation from 44 to 73 hrs./week
- Improved league participation from 40 to 58 teams
- Added Sunday play and the return of spectator return
- Made team practices, coaching and private lessons accessible

It's been a great year, and we look forward to collaborating with you monthly during our *Friends of Tennis* meetings on Zoom!



WINTER LEAGUE REGISTRATION UNDERWAY



Winter League Registration opens Friday, August 20 and closes Monday, September 20 at noon. Random selections will be announced via Zoom, Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. You do not need to be present. Those selected will be notified electronically. Winter League submissions are ONLY accepted via email. Contact Dereka, Adrienne or Charles to begin the process!

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Join our Online Community

Bring a friend to the next *Friends of Tennis* meeting on Zoom!



2nd Tuesday – Chastain @ 6:30 p.m., Joseph McGhee @ 7:00 p.m. & Bitsy Grant @ 7:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday – Sharon Lester at Piedmont @ 1:00 p.m. & Washington @ 6:30 p.m.

SIGN UP TODAY! Email Adrienne, Charles or Dereka or call 404.546.6788.

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Contact Us

We're here for you and happy to answer your questions! Email our friendly staff or call **404.546.6788**.

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