



# OPEN COURT

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## A Message From The Deputy Commissioner

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the City of Atlanta tennis centers. As we move into fall, interior and exterior facility improvements at each of the centers continues. Currently, crews are removing the existing railroad tie seat walls at Joseph McGhee and replacing them with block. New outdoor patio furniture and an ice machine will also be installed at McGhee Tennis Center. Interior painting, vegetation removal and tree pruning is now complete at Washington Tennis Center with additional tree pruning scheduled for the other centers. Contractors will begin painting at Sharon Lester, Bitsy Grant and Chastain and carpet is scheduled for replacement at Bitsy Grant. Additionally, a new ice machine is planned for Sharon Lester,

and we are reviewing estimates for hard court resurfacing. Even more exciting, Fall Leagues are underway at all City of Atlanta tennis centers! Although pickleball is only offered at Sharon Lester, we are exploring the option of making this sport available at other locations. The cooler months provide ideal opportunities for platform tennis at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center. With winter approaching, we have received numerous requests concerning the use of our indoor tennis facilities. However, due to COVID-19 guidelines, use remains limited. We will keep you up to date as changes occur. As always, thank you for sharing your feedback with us. We look forward to seeing you at the centers soon!

Doug Voss

## In the Spotlight

Welcome one of our newest team members, Javen Gilmore. A Customer Service Representative at Sharon Lester @ Piedmont Park, he joined the team as a seasonal employee this past summer. Born and raised in Decatur, Javen's passion for tennis began in middle school and he served as team captain at Southwest Dekalb High School. As a full-time Sociology junior taking five classes at Georgia State University, Javen practices with GSU's tennis team occasionally. Once he balances his schedule, he'd like to take his passion for tennis to the next level. "The possibility of becoming a tennis pro is a consideration!" Javen exclaims. When he initially joined the team, he thought it would only

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be a temporary assignment. Now he's full time! To anyone who may be on the fence about pursuing a goal, Javen says, "Don't be afraid to take the road less traveled. Take the first step and you may be surprised where it leads."

# Platform Tennis Is Here!



NPR refers to it as “The Chess of Raquet Sports!” Platform Tennis is an exciting, social, outdoor racquet sport perfect for all age groups and skill levels. The City of Atlanta offers platform tennis at Bitsy Grant with easy sign up on the Kourts App or at Kourts.com. See players in action here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt-1F8SKVfQ>

Sign up today and let the fun begin!



## Get in the Game



If you haven't tried it, sign up for pickleball on the Kourts App or at Kourts.com. Now offered Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Sharon Lester @ Piedmont Park.

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of the Veteran's 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 Thursday, November 11.



*Operating hours for golf will not be affected.*

The courts at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center hitting wall is being resurfaced soon. Your patience is appreciated.



# TENNIS COURTS OPEN DAILY

**DAILY** 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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 p.m. – 5 p.m.

All Tennis Centers



Bitsy Grant and Joseph McGhee Tennis Centers will be closed Election Day, Tuesday, November 2.

## Community Connection

There will be no *Friends of Tennis* online gatherings this fall. Meetings will resume in January and will be held quarterly. More information to come!

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