

OPEN COURT



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A Message from the Deputy Commissioner

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. During the past month, we have had a number of projects completed and have welcomed many new users to the centers. In June, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) completed the resurfacing of the courts at the Sharon Lester Tennis Center which also included windscreen and interior fence replacement. We also completed resurfacing of the outdoor courts adjacent to the William Walker Recreation Center.

In addition to making these improvements, we have seen many new users participate in several programs including enrolling over 125 children in the Swim and Tennis Camp at Washington Park, offering free pickleball during designated round-robin times at Washington Tennis Center and filling all the available spaces in the USTA Apprentice Program offered at multiple sites, including Joseph McGhee and Bitsy Grant. Several of the participants enrolled in the first USTA Apprentice Program have since formed their own teams and currently participate in league play.

Thank you for your continued support of the City of Atlanta tennis centers.

Doug Voss

Staying Cool On Our Atlanta Courts

With summer temperatures rising quickly, we are all going to feel the effects of the warmer weather and sun faster than we might think. Heat illness is a serious health-related issue and one that we all want to avoid while enjoying our Atlanta tennis courts.

By learning about the stages of heat illness, being aware of the signs and symptoms, and following these simple tips to stay hydrated, players can stay safe on the court even during soaring temperatures.

Three Stages of Heat Illness

1. Heat cramps.
2. Heat exhaustion.
3. Heat stroke.



Minimize Heat Exposure, Maximize Court Time

1. Hydrate often.
2. Physically prepare.
3. Apply sunscreen.
4. Wear a hat.
5. Wear sun protective clothing.
6. Use an ice towel.
7. Stay out of the sun.



Our thanks to DPR Project Manager, Luke Burden, for contributing this article.

CBF @ WASHINGTON PARK TENNIS



Camp Best Friends tennis instructors Brandon Sanders (left) and Javen Gilmore (right) prepare for a game they created called Kings and Queens of the Court. This game is double-matched and helps build teamwork.



William Walker

WILLIAM WALKER TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS

We are proud to announce the final renovations of our courts at William Walker Recreation Center. Renovations include court resurfacing, new nets, and windscreens. We invite you to check out the newly upgraded courts!



Sharon Lester's New Look

If you haven't checked out the latest upgrades at our Piedmont location, here's a look at the new courts!

SEND US
YOUR STORY!



If you have a tennis story, accomplishment, celebration or picture you'd like featured in *Open Court*, we want to hear from you! Email Phillip Smith at pesmith@atlantaga.gov.

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



JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY

Join us on Zoom in July for our quarterly tennis community meetings! It's a great way to connect with other players, talk to us directly and share your ideas. Join the meeting of your choice and bring a friend! SCAN the QR code and join the conversation.

Tuesday, July 19 – Sharon Lester at Piedmont Park @ 1:00 p.m. & Washington @ 6:30 p.m.

For questions, call 404.546.6788



WELCOME PLAYTOMIC

Our former Kourts system is now Playtomic! Download the Playtomic app via Apple App store or Google Play or visit the main website to make all court reservations going forward. Players can still log in with same account details as from Kourts.



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