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A Message from the Deputy Commissioner



Fall is a perfect time for tennis and racquet sports at a City of Atlanta tennis center or at one of over 100 open courts throughout the city. All City of Atlanta tennis centers are open 7 days a week and have expanded playing hours on Sunday mornings. In addition to league and individual tennis play, several sites, including Sharon Lester and Washington Park tennis centers, offer opportunities for pickleball. Bitsy Grant is also gearing up for another paddleball season.

The City of Atlanta continues to explore ways to expand opportunities for programming and invest in our facilities. Over the past year, we have partnered with the local chapter of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to offer apprentice programs for youth and adults. These programs have proven extremely popular and are currently being offered at several sites. More information on locations, times and dates of upcoming sessions can be found by contacting USTA at 770.416.4333 or visit http://www.ustaatlanta.com/tennisapprentice.

In September, we received our long awaited ServiceAce clay court grooming machine. This piece of equipment has become an industry standard for maintaining clay courts across the country. The equipment will help ensure that our popular clay courts can continue to be maintained efficiently and effectively. Thank you for your support of City of Atlanta tennis centers!

Doug Voss

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We are excited to welcome new members to our tennis staff!



Trayveon StokesCustomer Service - Sharon Lester



Tony HinesMaintenance – Bitsy



Yolanda StewartCustomer Service - - Bitsy

NOT PICTURED
Chanel McDowell
Customer Service - Sharon Lester

Marquis Colzie
Maintenance- Bitsy



Black Girls Tennis Club Hosts Tennis Clinic

In our September issue, we introduced the tennis community to the newest players on our Atlanta courts. Since finding the <u>Black Girls Tennis Club (BGTC)</u>, the group has hosted several introductory sessions

including their first tennis clinic at Washington Park Tennis Center in Northwest Atlanta.

The fall tennis clinic involved a group of adult women who met for the very first time. Clinic activities included team building and ice breaker sessions. The group later broke into pair exercises and took a couple of swings while learning different tennis stances and techniques. Check out more from BGTC during the adult clinic.



Keeping Our Courts Neat and Tidy with ServAce

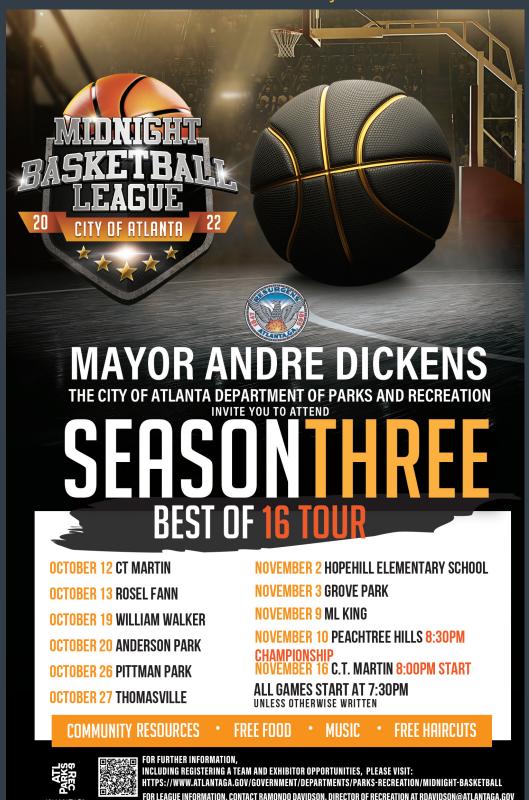
Wondering how we keep our courts clean? Take a close look at our ServAce equipment.

This newly added service vehicle will help groom and maintain our HarTru courts.

BE OUR GUEST FOR FALL PROGRAMMING

Take a break from tennis and join us for two events happening this fall in our parks and recreation centers!

Season Three of Mayor Dickens' Midnight Basketball is now on tour! Join us for the "Best of 16 Tour." Games will be held at various recreation centers throughout the city. Popsicles in the Park will continue as scheduled. During winter, hot chocolate will be served alternatively.







Beginning at 5:00 pm

Rodney Cook Sr. Park Thursday, September 8

> **Chastain Park** Thursday, October 13

Pittman Park Thursday, November 10

McClatchey Park Thursday, December 8

Central Park Rec Center Thursday, January 12

Coan Park Rec Center Thursday, February 9

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Join Our Online
Tennis Community
for Quarterly
Meetings.
All meetings will
take place this
Tuesday, October 18.

Sharon Lester at Piedmont Park (1:00pm)

https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/85024048316?pwd=UjJjVXM2UDdnWkxyZ1Q0b0ZlU2pyZz09

Chastain Tennis Center (6:30pm)

https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/85093832637?pwd=Wks4TFJNNVoxb0FkNFBhWVEycnFhdz09

Joseph McGhee (7:00pm)

https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/84395704929?pwd=UmhvNFNrOFU2S0VHajN5cnl1OWM5UT09

Bitsy Grant (7:30pm)

https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/81448445164?pwd=encyUmx2RkdIWWZzUkhieFlVbExOQT09

Washington Park (8:00pm)

https://atlantaga-gov.zoom.us/j/84658413855?pwd=ZFp5Z1RoRmRSYkdxekw4dXFLTHk0UT09







New Court Hours

*Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Courts at Joseph McGhee and soft courts at Bitsy Grant will be unavailable.



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
1 – 9 p.m.
Washington Park and Joseph McGhee

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. All Tennis Centers

SUNDAY: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. All Tennis Centers

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.



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