

Walter Reed Pickleball Project - 2nd Engagement

10-mile boundary around Arlington



All participants

Filtered by Participant Segment



Project Engagement

VIEWS

6,766

PARTICIPANTS

1,075

RESPONSES

14,225

COMMENTS

1,666

SUBSCRIBERS

194

What do you **like** about Concept 1? Please check all that apply.

53%	Sound reduction measures	485 ✓
41%	Shade	374 ✓
40%	North and south court orientation	360 ✓
37%	Location of courts in the park	338 ✓
35%	Number of courts	320 ✓
29%	Landscaping	260 ✓
28%	Seating	254 ✓
26%	Parking	241 ✓
20%	Pedestrian circulation/ walkways	186 ✓
12%	Other	110 ✓

910 Respondents

Please use the space below to share any additional thoughts you have related to **draft concept 1**:

THIS PROJECT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE REGARDLESS OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS. INVADE YOUR NORTH ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOODS!! INVADE THE HIGHER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS!! WE DO NOT WANT THIS PROJECT IN OURS!!

4 months ago

There needs to be wind blocks attached to the fences around the courts.

4 months ago

The total number of PB courts at WR property should not be reduced due to the level of play and pleasure they generate.

4 months ago

these courts are too close to homes — nightmare on the weekends

4 months ago

We need more courts. The he county is giving lessons, but, there isn't enough places to play

4 months ago

There should still be at least 1-2 tennis court option.

4 months ago

I don't see the need to move the location of the courts. The BB court needs to be lined for Pickleball. There is no reason for the BB courts not to be used. It should be a multipurpose area

4 months ago

Don't believe sound reduction measure will be enough if only on fences. Need stronger barriers. While decibel level has been measured, what about affect on human brain of regular impulsive & continuous sound over long periods?

4 months ago

Keeps courts too close to 16th St - and to senior center portion of WR Community Center. Has anyone asked them if/how they are affected by the sound since some are there for several hours?

4 months ago

This plan is great

4 months ago

Dedicated pickleball courts do not belong at WRCC. Having courts at the WRCC both damages the ability to use existing amenities such as the sensory garden, as well as impacts others' ability to use the community center at times of peak pickleball play. Moreover, the county's vague at best sound mitigation plans are a slap in the face to nearby residents who will be heavily impacted from poorly considered / poorly funded sound mitigation plans. The county needs to find a non-residential location to build 12+ courts so that pickleball can be moved out of residential neighborhoods as is occurring all across the country. Finally, PB courts should not be operated from sunrise to 10pm at any location in residential neighborhoods. Facility operation should be limited to operating hours of the community center at most.

4 months ago

I liked everything about Concept 1, but the last answer didn't have a spot for that.

4 months ago

Suggest building more outdoor courts on the excess land at Long Bridge Park or Woodmont Elementary or other such places.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours

4 months ago

Please don't remove the pickleball lines from the basketball court. Please keep in the drop-in approach. I like the flexibility.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickle ball lines from the basketball courts and maintain the drop-in approach for pickle ball hours

4 months ago

Good concept. But please DO NOT eliminate the three shared courts on the the basketball field. And please DO NOT require reservations. Pickleball has a strong social aspect that must require drop-in play to be successful for socializing. This is especially important for older Arlingtonians.

4 months ago

I thought there was going to be 9 courts. Why only 6??

4 months ago

Do NOT removed the pickleball lines from them basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I think both concepts should be scrapped. Walter Reed is not an ideal location due to the proximity of the neighbors. Why not make the tennis courts at Bluemont Pickleball ready instead.

4 months ago

Please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain drop-in hours, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project, etc. And we want improvements like noise abatement, more paddle racks, etc.

4 months ago

Not enough courts. What happened to the concept of nine courts? Demand is high

4 months ago

The impact on the homes and nearby condo/apartments and townhomes is significant. The overall park is used by person who do not have access to a lot of green space and privacy around their homes. People need places where they can go without being overwhelmed by others. Move the pickleball project to a high school or to North Arlington. There are some courts way up on Glebe beyond Dominion. The majority of persons who want this project seem to be homeowners with backyards of their own.

4 months ago

I am not personally familiar with the space but the concept seems well thought-out

4 months ago

We need more courts at Walter Reed

4 months ago

Would recommend maintaining the additional court space on the basketball courts with soundproofing to keep 9 available Courts

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

There should be more courts

4 months ago

Concept #1 seems pretty well thought out in terms of community needs vs. Pball player needs. I recognize the challenges involved.

4 months ago

6 courts is NOT enough. The concept should be looking to increase the number of courts, not decrease them.

4 months ago

Note that courts that are close together allow communication so when a game is over another team moves swiftly to start play - downside is that errant balls jump into wrong court stopping play. Tradeoff.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball court. Do not reduce the number of courts in Arlington n

4 months ago

This is great for the community as well as for the health of residents

4 months ago

Overall reduction of number of courts does not help the demand of court time.

4 months ago

Should be 8 courts

4 months ago

More Pickleball courts needed.

4 months ago

Noise will be very disruptive to residents

4 months ago

Seems like a good concept. North South Orientation uses space well.

4 months ago

More parking is always needed.

4 months ago

Need more courts

4 months ago

I do not like the reduction in the number of pickleball courts from what is currently available. This survey design is flawed as some who select to "dislike" the number of courts in this survey could be doing so because they want more courts, and others because they want less courts.

4 months ago

Completely inappropriate to have a PB cluster at WRCC!

4 months ago

You need at least 7 feet from the sideline to the divider fence and from the sideline to the exterior fence. Beginners don't know what they're doing and they could get hurt with only 5 feet of space to chase the ball.

4 months ago

This option is WAY too close to houses. Experts have proven that no amount of sound mitigation will work under 150 ft.

4 months ago

I am hopeful that the sound mitigation measures are significant so that the neighbors will be in support.

4 months ago

I park area is heavily used and shouldn't be redesigned. Leaving the courts where they are I would think would be more cost effective

4 months ago

The sound would travel the same direction as the loud plastic balls. right into the houses less than 120 feet from the court. This reduces home value, and thus tax revenue for the county. Also, this plan costs 2.4 million dollars, which could be better spent elsewhere.

4 months ago

I love it! And I hope that the pickleball lines on the basketball remain as well as nets. I also hope the hours are extended.

4 months ago

I object to the tree removal.

4 months ago

Parking is still cramped - for any event at WRCC you have to park on the street. Current configuration allows players to start on the first court and move down as the other 2 courts' players finish their games. The separate courts would prevent that, and probably not be as efficient use of the space. Sound barriers are key to help the neighborhood.

4 months ago

Maintain the approach of drop-in players for pickleball hours. Leave pickleball lines on the basketball courts.

4 months ago

No dislikes of option 1

4 months ago

I think having the courts further away from the houses would help the residents.

4 months ago

Ideally would like to see more courts. Like that the court area is compact .

4 months ago

I like almost all the aspects of Option 1. Please don't remove the pickleball lines from the basketball courts. We need to maintain the 9 pickleball courts at the WRCC because it is used by 100 players every morning, 100 players every afternoon, and 100 players every evening. Six pickleball courts will be insufficient. Also, please maintain the drop-in approach during the pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Please maintain the multi-use of the basketball court for pickleball and basketball.

4 months ago

Currently, all nine pickleball courts are regularly filled. The loss of three courts will negatively impact pickleball play at Walter Reed.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Definitely need more courts! At least 8 to meet demand, 10 or 12 is better

4 months ago

Needs more courts in close proximity to each other. Social play of pickleball thrives when number of courts is 8+ next to each other. Needs place to sit while waiting too.

4 months ago

I like that this keeps the existing court footprint

4 months ago

Don't remove pickleball lines from Basketball courts

4 months ago

This is my preference

4 months ago

I'm a pickleball player who wants increased access to pickleball - keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain drop-in hours, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project. Please also add improvements like noise abatement for the neighbors so we don't disturb them and more paddle racks. Thanks!

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines. Maintain drop-in

4 months ago

- keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts
- restore the hours allowed for pickleball
- maintain drop-in hours
- maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project
- make improvements with noise abatement
- more paddle racks

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drip-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I usually go to Walter Reed basketball court to play pickleball along with many other players. I rarely see anyone play basketball there. I strongly suggest keeping the pickleball court on the basketball court.

4 months ago

wish we had more Pickelball courts - need more for the amount of players

4 months ago

- keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts
- restore the hours allowed for pickleball
- maintain drop-in hours
- maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project
- improve noise abatement
- more paddle racks

4 months ago

Fence separating north and south courts should be higher.

4 months ago

I usually go to Walter Reed basketball court to play pickleball along with many other players. I rarely see anyone play basketball there. I strongly suggest keeping the pickleball court on the basketball court. Thank you!

4 months ago

Need to maintain at least 9 courts and open drop-in throughout the day without reservations. This allows for folks of all ages and sociology-economics to meet and play together.

4 months ago

This is a blatant attempt to destroy the vibrant drop-in pickleball community at Walter Reed, and replace it with NOTHING. Where is drop-in supposed to go? You have no plan to move drop-in play, you only are presenting a plan to DESTROY. HERE'S A MESSAGE FOR YOU: STOP TRYING TO DESTROY PICKLEBALL BY DROPPING A BOMB ON DROP-IN PLAY. ALL OF THESE OPTIONS ARE NUCLEAR BOMBS ATTEMPTING TO OBLITERATE PICKLEBALL WHEREVER IT TAKES ROOT.

4 months ago

The 9 courts that currently exist are not enough. The county should be adding at least 3 more courts to make 12 total. The end result of this plan is less than half of what is needed. If this plan goes through, then the 6 courts will become extremely crowded and even more noisy than they are currently.

4 months ago

We need more, not less courts.

4 months ago

oops you accidentally took pickleball off the basketball courts! this will be the only dedicated pickleball facility in arlington with drop-in play, so it absolutely must have the same number of pickleball courts that it current has, which is nine. or it could have more courts.

4 months ago

I want increased access to pickleball - keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain drop-in hours, and increase the number of pickleball courts with this project, noise reduction, more paddle racks, restroom access, and a filtered water fountain. This isn't enough courts. Arlington should, in addition to this project, put at least 12 or more courts at another park that doesn't have noise issues like Long Bridge Park.

4 months ago

As pickleball becomes even more popular, it makes no sense to reduce the number of courts from the original plan. Either the basketball court should remain mixed use or an additional space should allocated to dedicated use courts.

4 months ago

I've seen and heard some comments about the possibility of eliminating the three pickleball courts from the so-called basketball playing area at WR. So wrong! In my 6-7 years of play at WR, not once has there been a problem of sharing the court based on the posted times for pickleball and basketball. Not once! So what is the source of comments to the contrary? We do not need false commentary.

4 months ago

The video doesn't explain what happens to tennis courts (people used to enjoy playing tennis in these courts). Even though it is a reduction from noise level 5 - Noise level 4 is unacceptable - this means that the people living near the courts will have to have noise level 4 all day long!

4 months ago

We need more courts! Going from 9 to 6 is ridiculous. The money has already been allocated in the budget. Does that mean nothing?. We have done. I don't know how many surveys. Get this done the way it was supposed to be done.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I only play PB at WR

4 months ago

keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, and maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project"

4 months ago

Please add PB courts.

4 months ago

Nothing I love the draft concept 1

4 months ago

Six courts that close together is not optimal.

4 months ago

We really think that we are making a huge compromise from widdling down the courts to 6 available courts.

4 months ago

Keep drop in hours. Keep pickleball on the basketball courts. Restore pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Maintain drop in hours for pickleball (ie no reservation system); keep pickleball lines on the basketball courts

4 months ago

6 courts in not enough. The is a huge demand for more courts.

4 months ago

Nothing

4 months ago

The original plan included 8-9 courts. It is important to keep the basketball court as a multi-use space with 3 pickleball courts. On a daily basis, those courts are crowded. We are happy to share space with basketball but please don't remove them. They do not cause noise complaints.

4 months ago

The courts could be moved closer to Walter reed and sound proofing put in place with additional courts added everyone would be satisfied. Every other community throughout the country has figured this out ahead of time with dedicated enviable facilities. While Walter reed is known throughout the mid Atlantic as the place to play when visiting the dc area our facilities are an embarrassment. Neither of the proposals meet the need. People want a dedicated place to play for drop in where they can socialize and meet and play with different people and different levels of competition. Onesy twosey facilities across the county is not how the sport works.

4 months ago

Need more courts!!!

4 months ago

I don't want the concept 1 nor concept 2. I like across the community center. Please build the pickleball center somewhere else.

4 months ago

I think Pickleball and tennis can coexist. It would be very much appreciated if the ability to also play tennis at the site was preserved (even if it means fewer Pickleball courts)

4 months ago

Six courts is not enough for this growing and friendly community.

4 months ago

Give some space from the homes

4 months ago

Looks excellent

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines from basketball courts - drop in approach is best

4 months ago

keep drop-in hours; do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball court; restore increased pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines at the basketball courts; maintain drop-in hours (no reservations); reinstate increased hours for pickleball.

4 months ago

There is already a high number of people waiting in line. Reducing the number of courts to 6 will make the wait even longer. I suggest adding 8 courts instead.

4 months ago

I don't think it's tight to stop people from exercising and meeting new people and having fun in a public space. I'm more active now than I have been in the last 10 years thanks to pickle ball.. I got my pep in my step back and it's do great for elders to keep mobile and get out and exercise please don't give into non players stopping people from using public resources.

4 months ago

Cutting courts down as demand for pickleball increases is tone deaf. Lack of pickleball courts is a problem and DPR's response is fewer courts and shortened hours

4 months ago

My understanding is that concept 1 does not get the courts far enough away from the houses on 16th Street so I would not support this plan. I am disappointed in both concepts b/c of the reduction in numbers of courts. I can only hope that DPR has a plan to add dedicated courts in areas of the county that can better accommodate them and meet the incredible demand for court.

4 months ago

The three pickleball courts on the basketball court should not be eliminated because currently all nine courts are used and still there are players waiting to play. 9 courts are not enough.

4 months ago

I would suggest a 3' break in the divider fencing center at the net posts. This allows instructors and court monitors (tournaments) to easily flow from court to court when instructing or monitor more than one court. The 3' opening centered will rarely allow a ball to interrupt a neighboring game.

4 months ago

Reducing the number of courts doesn't make sense as they are already overcrowded.

4 months ago

Concept 1 is good because it keeps 6 courts together, facilitating the drop-in, first-come, first served access to court usage and sharing that is popular at that location in Arlington. Concept 1 should include keeping 3 additional pickleball courts striped within the basketball court. It has been shown time and again that there is demand for more than 6 pickleball courts. ****OR you could combine Concept 1 and Concept 2 to create 9 courts in the grassy area of the park.****

4 months ago

This is WAY too close to residential housing!

4 months ago

There aren't enough courts as it is, so reducing the number by a third only makes the capacity problem worse

4 months ago

No comment

4 months ago

Try to save as many trees as possible

4 months ago

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4 months ago

This is WAY too close to houses! Did DPR to ANY reasonable level of research on this? (obviously not)

4 months ago

WAY too close to houses! No amount of sound mitigation will work.

4 months ago

Need more courts to meet pickleball demand

4 months ago

Option 1 is irresponsible as it is WAY too close to residential housing!

4 months ago

Prefer draft concept 1 by far.

4 months ago

Allow both basketball and pickleball on the basketball courts.

4 months ago

keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, and maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project"

We also want to "continue the project as planned"

4 months ago

Need more courts minimum should 8

4 months ago

It is terrible, it actually reduces the number of courts

4 months ago

Each court should be 7' from a divider fence (not 5'). Today's players are younger and more athletic and need more runoff space. If it is not possible to add additional space to the footprint, eliminate the court divider fences. I would rather ask a player on another court to return my ball than crash into a fence trying to return a ball.

Increase the distance from sidelines to the perimeter fence to 7' for the same reasons.

A centrally located shaded seating area is preferred because it spreads out players waiting to play behind the courts rather than bunched up along the sidelines of two courts.

Thanks for widening the walkway to accommodate wheelchairs. FYI - the recommended total playing area for wheelchair play is 44' x 74'. Eliminating the divider fences will help to make the courts more wheelchair friendly.

4 months ago

Delete the two gates on the north end. Remove the divider fences between courts. Make the minimum distance between a fence and a court sideline seven feet.

4 months ago

I really like this idea

4 months ago

I oppose pickle ball project at Walter Reed.. It has been a parking and noise nuisance.

4 months ago

This is good but what would be better would be more pickleball courts

4 months ago

More courts please! There is already a wait for courts as is...

4 months ago

Once again, county board ignoring the wishes of senior citizens who pay taxes. Why do I even bother with these questionnaires?

4 months ago

Need more than 6 courts. Currently more than that and always a wait! If north/south, more likelihood of a stray ball in someone's court!

4 months ago

I live in the neighborhood nearby and the noise doesn't bother me at all - I can barely hear it.

4 months ago

Keep 9 total courts.

4 months ago

I fully support Malta use of Pickleball courts both on the tennis court and the basketball courts. All courts in Arlington should be multi use. We can all adjust to different lines.

4 months ago

Adding trees is a bonus for the concept,

4 months ago

i support this if and only if the county first builds a larger pickleball facility with 10 or more dedicated courts elsewhere

4 months ago

Keep pickleball on the basketball courts. Keep drop-in hours.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines on the basketball court. Maintain drop-in for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I like that you're leaving existing open area the same. So many people use that space to kick the soccer ball around or sit in the lawn and read. My niece has had her bday party there and I have fond memories of just hanging out in the grass. I would be so sad if you cut into that area just to make more pickle all courts when you can already use the existing footprint of the tennis courts.

4 months ago

None

4 months ago

Putting in anything that creates a constant noise for full time residents is unconscionable.

4 months ago

Prefer lower loss of existing trees over #2.

4 months ago

I like less impervious surface and more tree retention.

4 months ago

Awful!!! Save tennis. Pickleball will not always be here forever! It is growing but tennis is truly a sport! Pickleball will never be in the Olympics and is not something our kids can use as a vehicle to get an education.

4 months ago

I play at Walter Reed 3-4 days per week in the mornings (8:30-11:30). On any given day, there are 30-40 people playing on the tennis courts and 20-30 on the basketball courts. I hear there are similar numbers at other times of day. With those numbers, I think it is unreasonable to reduce the number of courts by one third. The county also offers Pickleball lessons, encouraging new players. Where will all these new players be able to play if you reduce the courts. I believe the County is being shortsighted and responding to a vocal minority of neighbors without fully considering the large numbers of players who use these facilities every day when developing a solution to the very real issues trying to be addressed with this project. Additionally, the County should consider the issue of the overall lack of pickleball courts and needs to develop a County-wide solution that will satisfy residents as well as players.

4 months ago

maintain multi-use of the basketball courts for basketball and pickleball

4 months ago

Are the multi-use basketball courts part of this plan?

4 months ago

Basketball court should be mixed use

4 months ago

Not enough courts

4 months ago

Control access to tennis / Pickleball courts by locking them overnight.

Control court lighting to preclude play after 8 pm.

Add port—a john (or retain existing)

4 months ago

please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court; please maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I support 1.

4 months ago

I am sick of them all, at Thomas Jefferson, You cannot even walk on half of the track because they have taken over, It is not safe, then they are practicing hitting the pickleball on the walls where you want to walk on the track. Noisy, they do not belong in a building..

4 months ago

Why are you not just finding an area in Arlington not residential and setting it up there? It must be costing a lot. The noise will still be there and people and animals will suffer. Put it down by Longbridge Swim Club. . The traffic getting into Walter Reed Community Center is bad enough. Shirlington, Jennie Park, find an area there.

4 months ago

Not enough courts!! It is always packed full there when the weather is nice. There's needs to be an increase in the supply of courts to keep up with the ever increasing demand!

4 months ago

I want increased access to pickleball - keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project, etc. And I want improvements like noise abatement, more paddle racks, etc.

4 months ago

You are shrinking courts when demand is outstripping supply.

4 months ago

Please keep the same number of pickleball courts as we have currently.

4 months ago

Concept 1 keeps the courts together, which better supports round robin Pickleball play

4 months ago

North/south orientation is extremely helpful for players. I would like to see nine courts (or more) included in the new plan.

4 months ago

Reducing from 9 to 6 courts is not solving the problem (We need more courts) raised by the incredibly active pickleball community

4 months ago

Why not do a study where u check out the 96 stand alone tennis courts and find the 3 that do not get much play and convert them to pickleball full time

4 months ago

It's unreal that a few neighbors are ruining this for hundreds of people

4 months ago

Not enough courts! We need the basketball courts to stay lined and more courts on the tennis area.

4 months ago

This is a waste of time and money

4 months ago

Still allowing pick me all play for overflow on basketball court

4 months ago

I almost completely avoid playing pickleball at Walter Reed or other locations in Arlington, even though I am an Arlington resident. The lack of pickleball courts, limited hours of play, and the long wait times are turning me away from the sport or forcing me to look outside of Arlington County to play.

4 months ago

Please keep the basketball court pickleball

4 months ago

Please keep the basketball pickleball courts

4 months ago

Clarification, keep the basketball courts for pickel all

4 months ago

Keep the basketball courts

4 months ago

Continue to use basketball courts for pickleball

4 months ago

I dislike that it reduces the number of pickleball courts by 33%. Pickleball courts are an amenity that not every county has. We enjoy playing pickleball. Our out of town guests are impressed by our courts. I don't understand why they are being decreased.

4 months ago

The basketball court should state "reserved for basketball" rather than "not striped for pickle ball"

4 months ago

It's so hard to find healthy outdoor activities this close to DC. Reducing the courts would be a detriment to the community.

Also, if you live next to the community center you should expect noise. People living by the highway don't complain about the sounds of cars.

4 months ago

Please pause the pickle ball construction project to be absolutely certain that nearby residents are not harmed by noise caused by pickle ball playing.

4 months ago

I am opposed to this plan. I live four blocks away and can hear the pickle ball. Never with Tennis or anything else caused this kind of annoyance.

4 months ago

Reducing the number of courts does not address the demand.

4 months ago

Need more courts, including lines on tennis and basketball courts; increase hours for PB so all can be accommodated including those who can only play in evening and on weekends; increase overall access to PB; add noise abatement and paddle racks.

4 months ago

Why isn't the basketball court included as both basketball and Pickleball

4 months ago

It,s hard to see anything except 6 courts in diagram above so I can,t comment

4 months ago

Every day pickleball is growing in Arlington. I am constantly meeting new players who are gravitating to the sport and community it brings. At the same time the wait times for a court go up. We need to be creating a place that has enough courts to support Arlington's vibrant and constantly growing drop-in community. Fewer courts is not the answer.

4 months ago

We need MORE courts, not less!

4 months ago

Pickleball is an extremely fast-growing sport for people of all ages, demographics, and capabilities. With its resources and generally progressive attitude towards most things, I'm really surprised that Arlington can't do a lot better than this. We need way more pickleball courts and opportunities for drop-in play (which is fairly unique to pickleball and one of its biggest drawing cards). My husband and I play pickleball a lot when we're in Florida for 3-4 months in the winter. There are all kinds of facilities with opportunities for drop-in play which is what most people prefer. It allows for more mixing of players and has the advantage of being able to "drop-in" when you want, for however long or short you want to play. It works great! Making PB courts reservation-only will be a real setback for this sport in this county. If people want to make some courts reservation-only, I would suggest either doing that where there are only a few courts (which is less attractive for drop-in programs) or designating certain times of day for reservations and other times for drop-in play. Right now, the only outdoor courts know of in Arlington that have good drop-in play are the 3 courts at WR, and it gets so ridiculously crowded that I mostly stay away and have to drive to places in Fairfax to play. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE listen to all the pickleball players who desperately want a decent new facility in Arlington. We can do better!

4 months ago

Disappointed re loss of tennis courts; remaining noise; anticipated large groups most times of day

4 months ago

1. The sound reduction measures are totally inadequate. The fences are too short to prevent straight line of sound to 2nd storey of houses and higher. West side needs sound reduction added to inhibit sound travelling to houses to the west of the courts. Somebody on one of the Monday night call-ins with County Board members mentioned that there is a national pickleball association that recommends pickleball courts be at least 300 feet from residences (I think that's still too close). I know the County did a sound study, but what is most important is the perception by nearby residents (those within a 2 block radius). I think the County should survey them. If/when sound reduction measures go into place, it would be good to have a survey of nearby residents done before and after. 2. Not sure why tennis court striping was removed? The park is on my exercise route, and I regularly saw people using at least one of the courts, although there's so much pickleball I haven't seen tennis play recently.

4 months ago

The current 9 courts are not enough to accommodate demand. We should not be decreasing this number. Why are you removing the shared usage with basketball?

4 months ago

Concept decreases the number of courts currently available. Sound problem is not adequately addressed.

4 months ago

There should be a permanent restroom facility.

An acoustical engineering study and design with published performance metrics needs to be done. Trees by are not a good sound barrier. You will need a continuous material to stop sound transmission. Given potential security concerns, the material you likely need is glass.

Please no pickleball between 8pm and 10am. We need sleep!

4 months ago

The Walter Reed Community Center Park is a completely inappropriate place for any additional pickle ball courts. There is already too much noise, traffic and parking congestion for this quiet neighborhood park and community center to handle. The residents of the surrounding neighborhood have been complaining about the current level of noise, etc., for some time. To add more is an insult and a grossly insensitive plan when there are literally dozens of other sites in the county that would be more insulated from the neighbors and less intrusive to the quality of life.

4 months ago

INDOOR pickleball with soundproofing walls and doors -- we do NOT want this noise pollution outdoors in our neighborhood!!!

4 months ago

No need to add more P courts. Just need to manage with the ability of non P-ball players to use the courts as well

4 months ago

While the 6 courts work for the "tennis space", we still need more. Since I've never seen a basketball player on that court, the BB Courts need to maintain their pickleball lining so that more people can have access to pickleball at least at certain times. The #'s of pickleball players far outweigh the #'s of basketball players. There are also more BB courts in Arlington and few pickleball courts. I strongly advocate for the basketball courts to be lined for pickleball too. I hope you'll strongly consider this. Thank you!!

4 months ago

Do not want three mature trees to be removed from a park with a small number of trees already. This is the wrong place for pickleball. Find a non-residential area with lots of parking similar to what is available at the long branch facility. The pickleball activity has ruined the area around in Walter Reed community center.

4 months ago

I believe pickle ball should be relocated not at this park

4 months ago

Don't do this at all. The neighborhood needs peace and quiet, not more noise and traffic.

4 months ago

Six courts will be too few for the number of people interested in playing. Do like that there will be good lights...but also need longer times if play.

4 months ago

More needs to be done to reduce sound. Also lights need to be put on basketball court.

4 months ago

The nine courts currently available for Pickleball are insufficient to accommodate the number of people who want to play. There are frequently long wait times on both sets of courts. Reducing the number of courts would only exacerbate the problem.

4 months ago

Concept 1 preserves the green space and area for quiet activities.

4 months ago

I want I make sure that the pickle all hours are not increased to sunup to sundown every day. It has made a considerable difference to the sanity of the neighborhood with mirroring the hours of the Rec center.

4 months ago

6 courts is not enough

4 months ago

Please do not do this. I live in Arlington Village near those courts and I can hear that noise constantly! I also have concerns ensuring there will be enough parking in the area because it is already tight.

4 months ago

It looks good!

4 months ago

Loss of 1/3 existing courts. Drop-in nature of PB lends itself to greater number and concentration of courts. If reduction occurs, some other primary PB complex would be needed. This proposal is the lesser of the two evils. Loss of courts trumps seating and landscaping.

4 months ago

Is there going to be shade? Shade is needed.

4 months ago

Arlington should pursue an alternate location that can support an adequate number of courts to address the long term needs of the pickleball community. This concept fails to address the already difficult parking situation for residents and persons who utilize the community facility as those parking spots are always taken by pickle ball players. This is unfair to the local community.

4 months ago

My concern is that there will be fewer courts than currently available.

4 months ago

What I don't understand is why you would remove the courts that are currently on the basketball courts. I understand that A FEW neighbors have complained but none of those are around those courts. We had been told the six current PB courts on the tennis courts would be replaced by 8 courts . I thought it would be too crowded on the current footprint but we would have had 11. Now you want us to be happy with six.

4 months ago

I dislike that the number of courts will be reduced. This is a popular place to play and there is already considerable waiting times. It will be worse if the basketball courts are unlined for pickleball.

4 months ago

insufficient

4 months ago

I think this plan is insufficient

4 months ago

Entry/exit should align with each court to avoid play interruption (similar to concept 2). Or create a channeled walkway that would not interrupt play.

4 months ago

I think it is a lovely spot. Orientation better than now , and the sound reducing efforts will be great . Shade is always something we could use more of

4 months ago

Do not build these courts! Keep the temporary nets to keep courts as is.

4 months ago

Your questionnaire asks nothing about the hours for the Walter Reed facility. I haven't talked with anyone who quibbles with closing the courts by 9PM. However, almost everyone I speak with is absolutely incredulous that, on Sundays, when most people have time to recreate, that DPR has closed the courts until 1PM. Especially during our long, hot summers, you are ensuring players will experience a higher risk of heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or worse. I just cannot believe you've curtailed the hours on the weekend as much as you have. This is when people have time to play! Please "align" the weekend hours with the weekday hours. Thank you.

4 months ago

I believe we should include the basketball courts for an addition 2 courts. It would be most unfortunate to decrease the total number of courts.

4 months ago

Good use of space

4 months ago

BUILD THIS HOE

4 months ago

There are less Pickleball courts and there are today

4 months ago

You are reducing the umber of courts. Not acceptable.

4 months ago

Is there enough room for non-players to gather without being right on the first courts? It might be better to have the benches/shade outside the fencing.

4 months ago

The tennis courts are used often. I'd prefer a mix of tennis and pickle ball.

4 months ago

Proximity to homes.

4 months ago

You need more courts. You can do that without sound problems by putting up a structure and making it indoor. No noise, more courts. Less problems!

4 months ago

It is ok

4 months ago

Sad to see so many trees removed

4 months ago

I oppose the proposed hours of pickleball play. Also I oppose removing trees to build pickleball courts. Let's start with upgrading the Walter Reed playground since it's a dump compared to other playgrounds around Arlington. I also think pickleball is a fad and will eventually fade in popularity. I like playing pickleball but don't like the cult of pickleball players taking over Arlington. Let's move a little slower and remember the other stakeholders in the process.

4 months ago

Need more than 9 courts. Should continue to line basketball court and allow play when available.

4 months ago

Of all the pickleball courts that I have played on, Walter Reed has the most efficient system for maximizing player time for everyone. In some courts a group will effectively take ownership of the court until they are finished playing. The Walter Reed sign-up and court-slide procedure is exceptionally efficient in giving everyone ample opportunity to play with minimal wait times.

4 months ago

I'm a senior and live one block away and sit outside on my patio (I'm handicapped so I stay out a lot) and have to listen to the darn pings now, definitely don't want to hear more of them. Stop this. Go somewhere else.

4 months ago

There should be at least 12 courts and the basketball courts should not be taken away from pickleball.

4 months ago

Need to be 12 courts

4 months ago

Seriously keep the pb courts on the bball court. We all have learned to share the doace

4 months ago

We need at least 9 courts total, 3 more at the current tennis courts would be ideal and or 3 st the basketball courts.

4 months ago

There is no need for the basketball court to be solely dedicated. There are many hours that the court would sit empty that could be utilized by pickleball players. Also - there is no reason to not line all county tennis courts with pickleball lines. The pickleball community is growing by leaps and bounds and we need more available places to play - NOT less.

4 months ago

6 courts is not acceptable. We currently have 9 courts and their are still long waits to play. Please continue the usevof the basketball court space, especially during weekday mornings when the children are in school. Also please restore the court hours so they are open all day 7 days a week, not just community center hours.

4 months ago

I work and spend time with my daughter until she goes to bed: the new restricted nighttime hours make it nearly impossible to play. Please consider extending hours and letting people play on the basketball court when there isn't anyone using the facilities

4 months ago

We need more not less pickleball courts keep the ones on basketball area open OR build more courts in grassy area

4 months ago

Fell that 6 courts aren't enough to meet the needs.

4 months ago

There should be at least 12 courts to ensure maximum use of space.

4 months ago

Please keep pickleball access on the basketball courts. Due to demand for pickleball at WR - more courts are needed - not fewer. Keep pickleball lines on all of the tennis courts. I'd also like to see noise abatement measures and more paddle racks. Don't limit the play hours anymore than they currently are - and allow play prior to 1pm on Sundays. Not fair to those who work during the week and can only play on the weekends.

4 months ago

please proceed with Option 1

4 months ago

Right now there are 9 courts that are always busy. There are many other non-pickleball facilities in Arlington that are not used to the extent WR is used. Keep this community of players thriving - increase the number of courts. Do not decrease the number of courts.

4 months ago

In the photo, I only see 6 courts. The key to solving the pickleball issue is increasing the number of courts. The county also needs to explore creative ideas of converting old unused parking lots to pickleball courts. A venue with 24 courts would permanently solve the issue long term.

4 months ago

Dislike the reduction in number of courts

4 months ago

Please do not take away pickleball courts. If anything, you should add more courts

4 months ago

I think the \$2m for this project should instead be spent on installing shade at all the different playgrounds that currently have zero shade, including the sandbox here. Cancer is a much more serious concern. So do that.

4 months ago

please don't take away p-ball on basketball court

4 months ago

More courts needed.

4 months ago

There should be no plan that reduces from 9 to 6 courts. Combine Concept 1 and Concept 2 to retain 9 courts. There are lengthy waits even with 9 courts. Reducing to 6 courts would be acceptable ONLY if free drop-in play was instituted at another location with 4 Pickleball courts - say, Glebe Road, Marcey Park, or Hayes Park. The latter two would need addition of Pickleball lines and nets.

4 months ago

I'd like to see more dedicated pickleball courts. They get crowded

4 months ago

There should be no plan that reduces from 9 to 6 courts. Combine Concept 1 and Concept 2 to retain 9 courts. There are lengthy waits even with 9 courts. Reducing to 6 courts would be acceptable ONLY if free drop-in play was instituted at another location with 4 Pickleball courts - say, Glebe Road, Marcey Park, or Hayes Park. The latter two would need repaving and addition of Pickleball lines and nets.

4 months ago

I don't understand why the pickleball courts on the basketball court are being taken away. We need more courts, not less.

4 months ago

Not enough pickleball courts. For a community as large and wealthy as arlington - there should be more than 6 permanent courts

4 months ago

There are already pickle ball courts that should be limited to times when it will not disturb neighbors. Please do not turn the tennis courts into pickleball courts. Residents appreciate good tennis courts nearby that they can use.

4 months ago

Need more courts

4 months ago

need more courts - share with basketball

4 months ago

Stupid concept

4 months ago

Simply hoping for more courts! So many Arlingtonians love pickleball!

4 months ago

Looks great!

4 months ago

It's a net loss of three courts. Weekday mornings, when I typically play, the six courts on the tennis courts are reserved for senior players- everyone else uses the three courts on the basketball courts and there can already be a surplus of 20+ players there.

4 months ago

Please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball courts and restoring/increasing hours

4 months ago

9 courts to 6 is worse for the most popular pickleball drop in spot in the region. People from DC and MD all come to Walter Reed

4 months ago

No further comments!

4 months ago

I like this concept with addition of trees. Similar to the existing flow of the park and courts.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball courts on the basketball court. Add two more dedicated pickleball courts

4 months ago

I dislike when people put things on my car

4 months ago

Decreasing the number of courts will only increase the parking problems faced during evening pickleball hours. Having dedicated courts is helpful. It appears you are replacing all the tennis courts with pickleball? If that is the case you can definitely fit more than 6 courts in that space.

4 months ago

Is this enough courts?

4 months ago

More courts

4 months ago

Two more courts on the grass side would be ideal and keeping the barely used basketball court as overflow when no one is playing basketball.

4 months ago

It's great to have dedicated Pickleball courts. However, you really need more than six. Even now when there are 9 courts they are often completely full and the wait time is substantial.

4 months ago

Will there still be pickleball at the basketball court?

4 months ago

seems like an awful lot of courts for one game

4 months ago

Should pause the project

4 months ago

Figure out how to add additional sound mitigation

4 months ago

Please find another place not so close to a residential area .

4 months ago

Don't build any courts, cancel them.

4 months ago

Build an indoor court. Outdoor courts are an environmental atrocity. Go to one of those courts right now and look into the trash cans. You'll see it full of pickle balls that have been thrown away after being worn down on the concrete. Build in indoor court with a floor similar to TJ or don't build anything at all. I live across the street and can hear it over the traffic of Walter Reed drive. That's absurd and north arlington residents would never be subjected to this. Build it there or don't build it anywhere.

4 months ago

I think the hours should be cut back due to the amount of noise into the evening. It's not fair for the residents that live close by.

4 months ago

Courts are way too close to residential homes. The pickle ball noise that will result from these courts will be an incredible nuisance for these homeowners. You will absolutely have a more significant problem to deal with when these homeowners start complaining about the noise to the city and start hiring attorneys to fight this. Please consider the well being of these neighbors, what you are proposing will be terrible for them.

4 months ago

Pickleball courts do not belong near residential properties

4 months ago

Stop the project. Or at least reduce the hours for playing

4 months ago

Sounds like a nightmare for nearby residents.

4 months ago

It will be too disruptive to have so many courts so close to residential areas until 10pm! My children sleep at 7pm. This is awful. It should end by 7pm.

4 months ago

I am completely frustrated by the presence of pickle ball at Walter Reed. I can hear it in my home and my neighborhood has lost the beautiful sense of peace had before. I feel there are more pressing issues that need to be addressed with the finance planed for this.

4 months ago

Really?

4 months ago

This is too close to the nearby residents. Build this in north Arlington.

4 months ago

Why no tennis courts?

4 months ago

It is cruel to build Pickleball courts within 1000 feet of a residence. The noise is annoying throughout the day.

4 months ago

Pause, you are harming homeowners. It's bad enough that you let builders cut off neighborhood power and water without notice, and have zero enforcement of builders, but to damage the privacy and peace of homes is too far. Please come to your senses, or build a bunch of courts 79 feet from your front door and live with the noise and traffic.

4 months ago

Allowing 16 hours of Pickleball day on the courts is too much. The sound reverberates for blocks and this especially loud for those homes are nearby. They will not be able to open their windows in nice weather, and the noise interferes with the sleep of babies and children. Ours should be much more confined

4 months ago

The hours for play are ridiculous and need to be much more constrained

4 months ago

Stop catering to pickle ball lobby. Disruptive to neighbors and park users.

4 months ago

Both concept 1 and concept 2 fail to question the validity of the premise that pickleball is somehow creating a hardship for the neighbors. Concept 3 should ask questions about whether either concept 1 or concept 2 is necessary. Arlington is an urban county. If those neighbors want the sound level associated with a rural environment, they need to move.

4 months ago

Considering that land is so precious in Arlington, to dedicate the basketball court to one sport makes no sense, especially they, bball and pickleball, typically use the area at different times.

4 months ago

I like the park the way it is. I use the tennis courts. I don't play pickle ball.

4 months ago

I mostly like how close together the courts are. It feels more like a community. Concept 2 spreads people to far apart which I think encourages more anti-social behavior.

4 months ago

We need to keep the pickleball courts open at the basketball location. Courts now are 9 total and they are too crowded. Bad idea to reduce number of courts.

4 months ago

Why are you taking the community center away from the community and handing it over to people who don't live in the neighborhood & therefore aren't engaged in keeping the area quiet, clean & safe?

4 months ago

There is nothing to like about this design. It is still WAY too close to houses for any level of sound mitigation to be effective. Experts (e.g.; Spendiarian & Willis) have PROVEN that no level of sound mitigation will work under 150 feet from homes. In addition, the North South orientation will INCREASE the noise for the homes on 16th ST S, as the sound travels IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BALL! The addition of 2 parking spots is a joke, when there are 60+ people driving in to play pickleball ON TOP of community center activities! They aren't walking there, folks! It also doesn't meet the needs of the pickleball community. Why is DPR being so senseless with tax money?

4 months ago

Since the pickleball courts are crowded, the number of pickleball courts shouldn't be reduced.

4 months ago

Should go ahead and add 6 more courts adjacent to the existing 6 - Arlington seems to not have enough land to have more courts elsewhere.

4 months ago

Concept 1 looks fine

4 months ago

Preserves existing green space for picnics

4 months ago

Pickleball pkayers are 16:1 ratio to tennis players. However they tend to be the same 16 people on the same courts all the time for hours. Tennis players average 2-4 per court abd we play 60-90 mins vs the pickle people will stay 3-4 hours. They monopolize the courts and park l g. We need more tennis courts!!

4 months ago

Overall pretty good draft

4 months ago

Hitting the ball "around the post" holding the net up is part of pickleball. This cannot be done safely with draft concept 1 because there is a metal fence placed too close on both sides of each court. Either add more space between courts or remove the metal fences on the side of each court.

4 months ago

We currently have total of 9 courts and there is long wait between games. Now reduced to total of 6 courts. It's going to be much worst. Two courts are occupied by lessons almost everyday.

4 months ago

Pickleball is a community activity, that is what makes it so great. Drop-in play is the culture of the game. Walter Reed is a HUB for the drop in style of play. With the existing 9 courts they are already at capacity. If you make fewer courts, you are only making the problem worse. My suggestion is to keep the 9 court configuration and add the sound barrier fencing to alleviate the noise to the surrounding neighbors . The sport is continuing to grow and you will likely need more HUBs around Arlington but if you create a HUB at WR with 9 courts, that will help the overcrowding . . .then at some of the other parks in Arlington you can just have a few courts here and there for smaller groups/ casual games

4 months ago

Why not use open space to left of courts to put in 6 additional courts? Then we would go to 12 courts total instead of reduction from 9 to 6.

4 months ago

No pickle ball court.

4 months ago

I like this concept because there is less disruption to existing open space.

4 months ago

No pickle ball

4 months ago

Concept one is good but does not allow construction to take place in stages so people can still play while phase 1 is going on, and then play on new courts as phase two is taking place.

4 months ago

Walter Reed has become the go to place to play pickleball on a drop in basis. We've formed a massive community and it's been incredible getting to know our neighbors and turning them into close friends. By taking away additional courts and shrinking it to 6 courts only will be a massive massive mistake. There is so much potential to do something great here and make this a really special place. I really really hope you don't continue down this path and rethink what you're doing by taking away courts. Please don't make this another flop at the hands of Arlington tax payers.

4 months ago

Need to ensure sound reduction measures work.

4 months ago

Would be nice to combine both concepts for more courts

4 months ago

Would be nice to have 9 or 12 courts - always a line to play at ngt

4 months ago

Pickleball is so popular removing current courts is a disservice to the community. I support a solution with at least 9 courts. I am an Arlington resident

4 months ago

Today there are 11 courts at one time and still people waiting. Reducing to six courts ruins the goodness of what Walter Reed is today

4 months ago

How is reducing the number of courts an improvement? Should at least be kept the same ... it's busy enough as it is!

4 months ago

So we're losing tennis courts completely?

4 months ago

I don't think 6 courts is enough as there are already huge wait times with 9 courts. I think it would make sense to increase courts here and you could potentially remove courts in other locations. Pickleball only works if there is a central place where people can drop in to play. I would also encourage alternate locations for any pickleball classes. Don't think classes should take up space on drop in courts, when there are other smaller courts that don't get used because they are too small for drop in

4 months ago

I'm not sure if my comment registered under "Other," so I'm specifying it here as well. I am concerned that the chain link court separators are too close to the courts themselves, which can hinder movement.

4 months ago

Would be nice to at least keep same number of courts if doing a renovation. Also I really hope drop in play continues. I really enjoy playing whenever I want to and meeting people on the court. I won't play if I have to reserve a court in advance as I often don't know my schedule. I will not be a pickleball player anymore if drop in is stopped.

4 months ago

The number of courts should be 9 or more and keeping the current basketball courts is a way to foster & maintain community

4 months ago

Keep pickleball on basketball courts

4 months ago

I'd love more courts, but I like the greenery

4 months ago

It seems like concept would offer the least amount of cost to the county.

4 months ago

In any case it seems we will have less courts than at present. Is the choice of shade optimal for sun during the hottest months of the year? It would be great to be able to use the courts rain or shine.

4 months ago

no comment

4 months ago

no comment

4 months ago

How can we contain pickleball to the designated locations? Will tennis not be able to be played in the future due to Pickleball?

4 months ago

What you are not addressing is, once this is built, what is preventing PB courts from taking over all of the existing tennis facilities?

4 months ago

I don't like pickleballers being so close by. Too loud and distracting for tennis players

4 months ago

I disapprove of plans to reduce the number of courts from 9 to 6.

4 months ago

I think sound reduction measures are important for the sake of those who live close to the courts but I think the County needs to make sure that those measures will actually be effective in significantly reducing noise, including any noise that may go above the ground floor of homes.

4 months ago

I feel sorry for the people living directly across the street from the WR court. My bet is that the value of their homes will decrease.

4 months ago

Your plans do nothing to address the pickleball conundrum at WR. Switch sites with tennis at WR and Pickleball at Bluemont.

4 months ago

I believe that the concept #2 is more aesthetically pleasing and would do better at sound reduction, but from a logistics standpoint I believe that the concept 1 will be most efficient in moving teams throughout the day as you can see all 6 courts and will be more fair to pickup play. My main concern of the entire project is the removal of 3 courts. It is already quite busy and new courts will only increase popularity. Merging the advanced players currently on basketball court will be difficult with existing tennis court players.

4 months ago

I want more pickleball courts

4 months ago

I don't really like this one.

4 months ago

I would prefer 8 courts instead of 6 to offset the loss of the basketball courts for pickleball play.

4 months ago

I hope these are used frequently! Thanks for for building!

4 months ago

My only piece of feedback is that I really believe there should be a total of nine (9) courts.

4 months ago

I don't see how the sound will be dulled or reduced. Why aren't there any pickleball courts at long bridge? there are no residents there to be harassed by the noise and rude pickleball players.

4 months ago

Bad idea to convert all the tennis courts for pickleball use.

4 months ago

Please do not add pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Demand suggests maintaining nine courts instead of six would be most appropriate. Basketball and pickleball can share space on defined schedules, as is current practice.

4 months ago

We need more courts! Anything less than the current number of courts AND sound reduction measures is a loss!

4 months ago

This draft concept is terrible, it is actually reducing the number of pickleball courts. The 9 pickleball courts we have right now is not even enough. There is a long wait for courts every morning, every evening and all weekend. Reducing to 6 courts is ridiculous. The county need more courts in one area to encourage drop-in play.

4 months ago

This will make the already untenable situation WORSE, and the community will NOT accept this.

4 months ago

The courts can stay dual purpose for PB and tennis

4 months ago

Reducing the number of courts is a terrible idea.

4 months ago

Having all the courts together rather than separated by a seating area will serve drop-in play much better, as it is easy for teams to rotate in and move down as games complete and courts open. BUT CUTTING THE NUMBER OF COURTS FROM NINE TO SIX IS CRAZY! Demand is way too high for that to make any sense and all — especially when combined with reduction of hours, which is also awful.

4 months ago

This is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Reducing the number of courts is only going to cause a larger problem with the volume of players.

4 months ago

Any concept that reduces the amount of courts, as demand for their use is only increasing, fails to take into account the voices of Arlington residents who play pickleball.

4 months ago

I like it because of the north and south orientation but you are removing the number of courts from 9 to 6 courts!!!

4 months ago

This concept stacks the pickle ball courts and keeps some closer to the street, which is a nuisance to the neighbors. It is also not the best use of space considering the greenspace is not currently well-utilized, placing the additional courts to the left (per concept 2) is a better flow and keeps the courts in the middle of the property, away from the street.

4 months ago

Minimize tree removal

4 months ago

If selected, maintaining a pedestrian pathway along the 16th St. side that's not the sidewalk would allow folk to move within the whole area without exiting. Useful for kids/dogs.

4 months ago

Should be

4 months ago

Arlington needs more courts, not less. Moreover, 1-2 courts are used M-TH most of the year for pickleball classes, which further limits availability for people who just want to come out and play.

4 months ago

This draft concept will redo existing court space, thus presumably cause less construction disruption to the area, and deliver value (playable courts) quicker. Any ancillary changes to the surrounding area (seating, shade, landscaping, sound barriers) can be added incrementally after playable courts are available for play, thus causing less disruption.

4 months ago

Six courts is too few. The courts are already crowded. A public park is for the public. We should be happy that people want to congregate outside instead of limiting their ability to participate.

4 months ago

Mainly, there are too few courts for even the current level of interest and play at WR. Mixed use on the basketball courts should be maintained. There should be no pause to plans for the courts, but an incremental approach should have been, and should be the guiding principle. There was current high demand at the existing 9 courts with full use. In the face of increasing demand, instead of noise reduction steps with plans to build more courts, DPR has reduced the availability of courts for pickleball play, often when courts remain unused, or only placeholder used (which is absurdly allowed), and now is even set to solidify a capacity need of 2 years ago. That's no way to keep pace with demand, plan for the future, and limit costs future costs by planning for the current and future demand.

4 months ago

I prefer this to draft concept 2

4 months ago

For reasons the comment below explains, abort entirely the project to convert the tennis courts at Walter Reed to dedicated pickleball courts.

5 months ago

Draft concept one has only one positive attribute: orienting athletic courts north-south instead of east-west, the direction the tennis courts at Walter Reed unfortunately were constructed. In general, tennis courts are built north-south to minimize disruption from the sun mornings and late afternoons. However, draft concept one fundamentally fails because it would eliminate three tennis courts while providing only limited capacity (six courts) for playing pickleball. The tennis and pickleball communities would be better served by reorienting the tennis courts north-south and dual striping them to permit playing both tennis and pickleball. Both sports can be played on a tennis court. Once, however, a tennis court has been converted to a pickleball court, only pickleball can be played on it. That's why draft concept one (and the entire Walter Reed conversion project) fundamentally fails.

5 months ago

Pickleball courts should be indoors only. Residents shouldn't have to hear this noise.

5 months ago

The fact that the Pickleball Striping will be removed from the basketball court, without any idea of how much the court will be used by basketball players - particularly Weekdays, between 8:00am - 1:00pm

5 months ago

My ideal would be to have 6 designated courts and the 3 lined PB courts

5 months ago

We need to retain 9 courts. Spending this amount of money at WR where there will still be noise/neighbors issues to reduce the total number of courts is bad planning and bad fiscal management

5 months ago

this is my preferred concept.

5 months ago

Use plexiglas to build sound barriers around the courts, this will address the sound issue.

5 months ago

Cutting back the number of courts is not going to solve the high demand issue. With sound barriers and shrubbery, consolidating the two concepts should dampen the noise for the neighbors.

5 months ago

The flow of pickleball participants needs to be altered so those waiting do not have to walk all the way around to enter the gate closest to the court. Would prefer more courts -- combine concept 1 with concept 2.

5 months ago

We should not add pickleball courts in Walter Reed. I imagine it's too late and the question is just which one, but they're a scourge to anyone trying to enjoy nature. It's unfair to residents and those who use the park.

5 months ago

As requested by the Arlington Civic Federation, Columbia Heights Civic Association, and neighbors we need to see the results of the sound study conducted by the county. Our homes are less than 90 feet from the pickleball courts.

5 months ago

The courts are generally full. Why reduce the number from 9 to 6 when they are always busy? I don't see that giving up 3 courts to give more walkways between courts worthwhile.

5 months ago

I think there should be better seating options in this concept.

5 months ago

Build additional Pickleball courts at Bluemont Park and Bon Air Park!!!!!!!!!!!!

5 months ago

I think the County should do this right: Add *nine* courts to allow for more players at once and to justify more *limited hours*, and invest in the very best sound mitigation possible, beyond the current design.

5 months ago

Prefer that courts be placed in area of the parking lot next to playground. This eliminates need for tree removal, places courts further from homes, enable more greenery to absorb sound to be planted. Eliminates some parking spaces, but Arlington is on a "Car-Free Diet".

5 months ago

When there are pickleball players filling NINE courts, why are you reducing the number of courts to SIX? It does not make sense.

Arlington is putting a premiere tennis facility at Blue Mont - nine courts--and there are dozens of additional courts in the county.

If this is going to be the central pickleball facility - it's not sufficient. It seems you totally missed the point.

5 months ago

As in Concept 1, the strongest objection is converting the existing tennis courts into EXCLUSIVE pickleball courts. This is a radical reduction of the natural mix of recreational outlets for our community. Evidently, DPR has already decided to make Walter Reed Community Center a major pickleball center, completely disregarding our local community's recreational needs. Plainly, DPR has no interest in our local community. All other planned amenities are secondary to this decision. The sound mitigation measures seem questionably effective, given the logistics.

5 months ago

I like having all of the courts together rather than have 3 courts in one enclosed and 3 courts in another enclosure. Very disappointed with County caving to a vocal minority vis a vis noise reduction measures when sound from pickleball is less than cars. Also, cutting back number of courts from 9 courts to 6 courts. This is a net reduction of 6 courts—3 from original plan and 3 from basketball courts at Walter Reed.

5 months ago

How is the reduction of nine courts to six courts in any way an improvement? It's not----no matter how many bells and whistles are included, in either draft concept. We need more courts, not fewer.

5 months ago

I prefer option 2

5 months ago

Love it.

5 months ago

I want to have more than six courts. Please keep the pickleball lines on basketball court. Please do not remove any pickleball lines from any of the existing tennis courts.

5 months ago

Draft 1 is a much better concept than draft 2 because it would still allow for the open area park for us in the community to use the open area. Living in the area I can tell you the grassy area is used quite frequently and if you were to pick concept 2 you would hurt those in the community rather than those outside who come to the pickleball court.

5 months ago

I don't understand why you reduced the number of courts. Have you visited the site? Have county administrators visited? The courts (both tennis and basketball courts for pickleball) are full ALL morning and ALL evening with anywhere from 12-24 people waiting to play. This location has outgrown 6 courts.

Reservations only? Do you understand the culture of pickleball play? Keep it drop in play and open to all. Please come out and join a game and understand the set up of open play.

5 months ago

n/a

5 months ago

This is the better plan as it leverages existing surfaces, space, and infrastructure, thus reducing the environmental impact of the project and likely, the cost.

5 months ago

Please don't take away pickleball from the basketball courts, especially on weekday mornings when kids are in school. Also we need more courts than six on the tennis courts.

5 months ago

This software form is awful because it won't let me edit my responses.

5 months ago

You are trying to suffocate and exterminate pickleball and you should be ashamed! Removing pickleball from the basketball courts?? A dastardly deed! Only six courts on the tennis pad? This should be at least eight! Did you get County Board signoff to act contrary to the Public Space Master Plan? WHERE IS THE OPTION THAT KEEPS PICKLEBALL ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS?? This survey is a farce because it doesn't give the citizens the options that they prefer. You're stacking the deck, and it's egregious.

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5 months ago

We need MORE courts, not fewer.

5 months ago

I think this is a killer for the residents immediately opposite the courts on 18th street. Even if the sound reduction is adequate for the courts, there is likely to be an increase in sidewalk/observer traffic which cannot be mitigated by soundproofing.

5 months ago

I already wait up to 30 minutes for a pickleball game. Eliminating three courts could mean that I will have to wait 45 minutes to an hour to play. This is totally unacceptable. The number of pickleball players is only increasing, thus this plan is not forward-thinking.

5 months ago

Theses courts are being used by people outside this neighborhood and in some cases outside the county. The immediate residents would like to use the tennis courts and basketball courts.

5 months ago

Walter Reed Rec.Center is not a Sports Arena. Take the Project to BlueMont. The Residents of this neighborhood that do not play pickleball are unaware of this project. This Rec Center is our community center, not a pickleball center for the DMV. If you lived here, you all would feel the same. Stop this Project from moving forward.

5 months ago

Not happy about the reduction in number of the courts. With the sound abatement measures, no need to fewer than there are now.

5 months ago

I strongly prefer reuse of existing court space to relocation or expansion, but I feel any conversion of courts to be unnecessary preferential treatment and bias against sports previously designated for those areas.

5 months ago

It seems like too much of a concentration.

5 months ago

Arlington is so far behind other VA counties regarding pickleball. You are reducing courts, hours and locations. It's so crowded at Walter Reed. Many of us cannot play during the day. Instead of counting pickleball players, count basketball players, and other space areas. Hardly used or 1 player gets 3 pickleball courts to shoot hoops. Insane. And there are other basketball courts within walking distance of WR. Chesterfield, VA Beach and Fairfax make Arlington look ridiculously backwards in how it provides facilities. When is the country going to recognize pickleball is real and not a passing fade. A group of 12 of us used the three courts you have basically taken offline - we played there because the other courts are so crowded, you play a game (10 minutes) and sit for 20. We have essentially been displaced. And Please Don't turn WR into a reservation system- it won't help the problem and makes it hard for people who don't have set schedules for work to participate. Drop in play is part of the magic of the pickleball community. Everyone has very low expectations of what Arlington will do. We don't feel heard and think you have decided and are pretending to involve the community. 6 courts is a joke when it was crowded with 9. How disappointing.

5 months ago

Does not improve set back from homes on 16th st

5 months ago

With less courts than we currently have, is this worth the investment?

5 months ago

I would prefer a playground rebuild instead of new pickleball courts. Courts are used by DC and MD residents, who should pay to use them. No dedicated pickleball courts. Tennis is necessary as well..

5 months ago

Listen to the neighbors. They have to deal with this more intensely and constantly. 60 db pop is much more disruptive and unsettling than 60 decible constant sound. Also, see <https://www.npr.org/2023/05/24/1072791328/more-silence-less-noise-children-lives-helps-them-grow-brain-development-memory>

5 months ago

The lesser of two evils. Honestly, the PB obsession here is ridiculous.

5 months ago

Losing 3 courts for basketball will force those players onto the tennis/pickleball courts. Weekday mornings these courts are used mostly by a 55+ group (but all ages are welcome) that have become a close group of friends who rotate playing in groups of 4. In the past 3 years, we have had a diverse group (over 80 players born in over 26 countries coming together as friends). Pausing this project is not conducive to maintaining these interactions.

5 months ago

I dislike that this concept reduces the number of courts and thus disperses the friendships and community created over many years. Socialization and new friendships for seniors is difficult and pickleball brought so many of us together. Now you are breaking it up. Keep pickleball on the pickleball and basketball courts.

5 months ago

It seems like this would be a more cost effective and less damaging to the trees.

5 months ago

Sound reduction seems unnecessary

5 months ago

You need more courts due to the popularity of the sport with all age groups.

5 months ago

too few courts. The courts today already have way too many players. The waiting makes it almost impossible to play in extreme cold and hot temperatures since you often have to wait up to 30 minutes to play.

5 months ago

When racket sports are oriented like they are in this concept, the potential for balls from other courts coming into your court increases. Not just from left or right, but from back or front.

5 months ago

More contained and lesser impact on existing park space.

5 months ago

I started playing pickleball in 2016 indoors at Walter Reed and now play indoors at TJ in the winter months and hot summer days. Since Covid the number of pickleball players has increased greatly at Walter Reed and last year the plans seem to be going in the right direction with the possibility of 8 courts where 6/are now in addition to the 3 sharing time with basketball. These new plans are going backwards and are not providing more courts for open play.

5 months ago

Leave the status quo.

5 months ago

Makes drop in group play easier to organize with all courts together. Easy to see when next court opens for waiting players to take court when it is their turn. If you don't understand this ask those currently using drop in court times.

5 months ago

6 courts is not enough for the Pickleball community that has developed around Walter Reed. The number of players that actively use those courts every day is too large for six courts to handle and will result in long wait times.

5 months ago

Strongly prefer to relocate these courts but if they must be at this location, please consider extending the sound mitigation barrier completely around the courts and that the sound reaching private property is barely audible.

5 months ago

Would prefer to see no pickleball courts

5 months ago

Your plans please no one. Please explore Bluemont as a primary Pickleball location

5 months ago

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5 months ago

I might not be clear on the layout but it seems like there is less shade seating.

5 months ago

permanent operating hours should be sunrise to 10pm 7 days/week.

5 months ago

Reduction in total available courts from 9 to 6 is a serious planning error. Intent of project is to accommodate the growth of the sport; reducing the number of courts runs counter to the intent. recommend 9 total courts using court footprints of Concepts 1 and 2 combined. Alternatively, maintain pickleball striping for 3 courts on existing basketball court. Court operating hours should expand beyond community center operating hours with installation of noise reduction measures.

5 months ago

Only 6 courts is far insufficient given the number of courts existing now incl by the basketball court. With the total number of players far exceeds the number of courts available

5 months ago

What about a staggered wall all along 16th? I'm thinking 8' high slabs off-set by a 24". Of course greenery too. This would baffle the sound greatly for the residents. I'm curious about the "shade" on the courts. I find as summer arrives we all move in the direction of the center for shade, (sorry I'm a bit confused by compass directions) If we sit along the fence that faces the main parking area, the sun beats on us.

5 months ago

Why eliminate some pickleball courts when there is so much demand?

5 months ago

Looks like a reasonable, cost-effective improvement to existing infrastructure. The sound reduction measures seemed to have a modest impact on decibel levels.

5 months ago

It's less aesthetically appealing than concept 2.

5 months ago

seems like this would be a good plan.

5 months ago

I like that it mostly uses existing tennis courts and doesn't significantly change the footprint of the existing structures.

5 months ago

I am against increasing pickleball courts.

5 months ago

Given how popular pickleball is and how it is still growing, and how long it can take to get a court, I think it's a shame to REDUCE the number of courts.

I do like that the courts are together which will facilitate play.

5 months ago

Save money and have people sign up as many do for tennis courts

5 months ago

It's a lot of noise and extra people at a center that already struggles with parking

5 months ago

I like that this creates/maintains a space that feels like dedicated 'park' area and a dedicated 'courts area. Concept 2 feels like the park that runs along 16th street will be less enjoyable to use as a park goer. (like, if I was going to do a picnic, there's fewer options for where to sit away from pickle ball courts in concept 2)

5 months ago

The original plan had 8 courts plus the 3 on the basketball courts. Concept 1 is a step backwards and impacts the drop-in Pickleball community, negatively. We need 11 drop-in courts at Walter Reed for the community of Pickleball players. The county is operating on an outdated model of reserve and play. There is a large community of players that approach playing more organically wanting to show up and have like-level players to play with.

5 months ago

NO pickleball at Walter Reed. Keep the tennis courts and let pickleball players go elsewhere.

5 months ago

Not enough pickleball courts. This proposal goes from 9 courts to 6 in already crowded conditions. More courts are needed - not fewer. Please keep dual use pickleball/basketball courts.

5 months ago

The landscaping off 16th street takes away from grassy areas and I don't believe 6 courts are enough. Courts are already full using the basketball court as well.

5 months ago

Adding sound mitigation to only part of the project will be worthless. These courts must be moved away from the residential areas. Mental health of your residents must take priority over recreational play... no matter how vital the participants couch it, it's still doesn't rise to an equal level of the quiet enjoyment of one's own home and sanctuary. Your priorities are wrong, so very wrong.

5 months ago

Thank you for the time and effort put into this project especially with regard to the impact on the current green space and the change in noise levels. I believe Draft Concept 1 does the best job to keep alterations to the current hardscape and therefore retain most of the current green and open space. I am sorry to see that there will not be a single tennis court available. I'm guessing there is no option to split the current tennis court surface to create three pickleball courts on the north side and retain one tennis court on south side nearest 16th street.

5 months ago

The courts are busy all the time so I wonder why you are reducing the number of them.

5 months ago

Have a better way to get to the individual courts, maybe a larger center area for congregating.

5 months ago

Currently we have 9 courts and large crowds waiting- why are you eliminating the courts on the BB courts - never seen anyone playing BB - at least keep it PB during the morning

5 months ago

I think that this concept shortchanges the community. It appears that WR was chosen because it was thought to be the easy button. Unfortunately, sufficient neighborhood due diligence wasn't completed and the result will be a too small facility with too many time restrictions. There are underutilized court spaces in the county that with the right amount of effort and imagination could be made into a both larger and less intrusive pickleball center.

5 months ago

Pickleball is extremely noisy and DOES NOT BELONG IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD!

5 months ago

I don't like it as well as draft concept 2.

5 months ago

Not enough courts. It makes no sense to go from 9 courts to 6.

5 months ago

N/a

5 months ago

I am concerned there are not enough sound reduction measures, especially because this design puts 3 courts closer to the residential area.

5 months ago

More dedicated pickleball courts are needed; if unable to provide more dedicated courts, have lines painted on basketball court to allow for inevitable overflow.

5 months ago

no comments

5 months ago

6 courts does not properly address the capacity needed by the pickleball community

5 months ago

Honestly, concept one is the best, but the presence of Pickleball in my neighborhood has seriously decreased the quality of my life to the point that I am frustrated on a daily basis. I am really getting the opinion that Arlington county doesn't care about the existing residents. We just have to except the plans that benefit visitors from other communities. I am outrageously frustrated that none of these designs support tennis, which is one of the reasons I bought my house across the street. I think there are so many other pressing issues where our tax money should be spent.

5 months ago

Quite often all of the courts are filled. The basketball courts include competitive players while the tennis courts have recreational players. Mixing these groups will reduce the enjoyment of the game, make it more difficult for newcomers to become proficient, and create confusion among drop-in players.

5 months ago

Too close to houses

5 months ago

I would like to see the number of courts increased at Walter Reed and at other sites. Thanks

5 months ago

Do these include tennis too?

5 months ago

This looks fine to me and an important on the existing setup.

5 months ago

6 courts are already over crowded. Need more courts.

5 months ago

Test

5 months ago

Test

5 months ago

The lack of courts in this concept will drive up the population of surrounding pickleball courts and increase wait times across the county.

5 months ago

I am a whitewater kayaker and would like the county to build a whitewater facility at Walter Reed

5 months ago

There is already a waiting issue to play so reducing the number of court isn't helping anyone

5 months ago

Test

5 months ago

Pickleball participation is exploding nationwide. Arlington's plan for one location with 6 dedicated courts is a glaring under response. There are approximately 72 tennis courts in the County. There should be at least 15-20 pickleball courts. Converting underused, or even frequently used tennis courts into dedicated Pickleball courts is the solution.

5 months ago

The County's Plan, option 1 or 2, is underwhelming at best. 6 courts at this location is too much Pickleball on this site and not enough dedicated courts for the County. There should be several locations with 4-6 courts. Glebe Park is an obvious choice. 4 mile run might be another.

5 months ago

Pickleball needs far more courts

5 months ago

I think that this concept shortchanged the community. It appears that WR was chosen because it was thought to be the easy button. Unfortunately, sufficient neighborhood due diligence wasn't completed and the result will be a too small facility with too many time restrictions. There are underutilized court spaces in the county that with the right amount of effort and imagination could be made into a both larger and less intrusive pickleball center.

5 months ago

Need at least 10 courts. Pickleball is very communal in nature and requires at least 10 courts to support this.

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

This format needs to be expanded to include 12 total courts to meet the overwhelming demand for pickleball. No other sport in the community has extensive waits to play (tennis, basketball, etc).

5 months ago

Looks great. Would just like to keep basketball court as shared space with pickleball. The neighbors never complained about noise when we played here (even very early during hot months). Thanks for all you do!

5 months ago

Is there some reason we can't keep one tennis court here?

5 months ago

Glad to support sound abatement but u do not support reducing g the number of courts at Walter Reed. These concepts do nothing to address the growing pickleball cmty in Arlington

5 months ago

I have played Pickleball in other parts of the country on dedicated Pickleball courts where eight (8) courts and appropriate spacing/ fencing fit an area about same size as the existing tennis courts pad. Has there been any consideration of providing 8 courts?

5 months ago

With respect to the number of courts, wasn't the original discussion by DPR about eight courts oriented N-S with a central corridor which was in addition to keeping three pickleball courts on the basketball courts, a total of eleven courts with three multi-use with bball? We are losing significant court availability.

DPR later decided that the number of courts should be nine since that's what's currently at WR (6 on tennis courts + 3 on basketball), and the first Open House pushed that number, despite the obvious geometric silliness of trying to make a layout with nine courts, given the footprint. It would basically be the ten court design with all the squishing but leaving one court empty.

5 months ago

Closing the PB courts on the BB court is insane.
We need PB courts. You are reducing the number of PB courts.

5 months ago

Need more courts!

5 months ago

Perfect solution!

5 months ago

More than 6 courts are required to meet the growing demand.

5 months ago

Pickleball at the BB courts must remain (at least to 3PM on weekdays- no one will be playing BB until school is out) weekdays the tennis court tend to be 55+ (WR is a senior center) and BB courts tend to be <55.

5 months ago

Given the high demand (often as many as 30+ people are waiting to play pickleball), any plan with only 6 courts is insufficient. The plan should include bringing back the basketball courts, or adding more PB courts in the main/central area. Also, the standing/shading area should run up the middle so that groups rotating on don't have to run past / disrupt ongoing games or go all the way around the exterior of the courts. I'm happy to read above that acoustic fencing will be installed this summer (2023)! The PB players hope this will give neighbors relief.

5 months ago

What do you **like** about Concept 2? Please check all that apply.

48%	Sound reduction measures	359 ✓
38%	North and south court orientation	284 ✓
36%	Location of courts in the park	264 ✓
32%	Shade	235 ✓
30%	Landscaping	220 ✓
29%	Number of courts	219 ✓
29%	Seating	218 ✓
28%	Parking	207 ✓
22%	Pedestrian circulation/ walkways	165 ✓
13%	Other	95 ✓

743 Respondents

What do you **dislike** about Concept 2? Please check all that apply.

60%	Number of courts	431 ✓
36%	Location of courts in the park	258 ✓
19%	Other	136 ✓
15%	Sound reduction measures	107 ✓
12%	North and south court orientation	89 ✓
12%	Landscaping	86 ✓
11%	Seating	79 ✓
10%	Parking	74 ✓
9%	Shade	68 ✓
8%	Pedestrian circulation/ walkways	60 ✓

718 Respondents

Please use the space below to share any additional thoughts you have related to **draft concept 2**:

WE DO NOT WANT THIS PROJECT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PERIOD. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO THIS AND WE WILL SUE TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT HAPPEN.

4 months ago

There should be more courts, not less.

4 months ago

Same as draft concept #1

4 months ago

There's no reason to move the courts. It just adds to the cost on construction. We need more Pickleball courts. The BB court should be lined for Pickleball. It should be a multipurpose area

4 months ago

Would like to see more tennis options.

4 months ago

Like my response for Concept 1: Don't believe sound reduction measure will be enough if only on fences. Need stronger barriers. While decibel level has been measured, what about affect on human brain of regular impulsive & continuous sound over long periods?

4 months ago

This plan is also great

4 months ago

Dedicated pickleball courts do not belong at WRCC. Having courts at the WRCC both damages the ability to use existing amenities such as the sensory garden, as well as impacts others' ability to use the community center at times of peak pickleball play. Moreover, the county's vague at best sound mitigation plans are a slap in the face to nearby residents who will be heavily impacted from poorly considered / poorly funded sound mitigation plans. The county needs to find a non-residential location to build 12+ courts so that pickleball can be moved out of residential neighborhoods as is occurring all across the country. Finally, PB courts should not be operated from sunrise to 10pm at any location in residential neighborhoods. Facility operation should be limited to operating hours of the community center at most.

4 months ago

much better to have all 6 courts away from the residences on 16th Street

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours

4 months ago

Please keep the lines on the basketball courts and the drop-in approach to hours.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from basketball courts and maintain the drop in pickle ball approach

4 months ago

I thought there was going to be 9 courts. Why only 6?? Also, I prefer the courts to be in one large area than in 2 smaller areas

4 months ago

Scrap this. Work on a Bluemont plan

4 months ago

Do NOT remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

The impact on the homes and nearby condo/apartments and townhomes is significant. The overall park is used by person who do not have access to a lot of green space and privacy around their homes. People need places where they can go without being overwhelmed by others. Move the pickleball project to a high school or to North Arlington. There are some courts way up on Glebe beyond Dominion. The majority of persons who want this project seem to be homeowners with backyards of their own.

Further, the center also needs to continue to be accessible to community members who use the adult daycare facilities.

4 months ago

Poor layout, will make it difficult to play. Where will people gather in between games, find teams, put their paddles up?

4 months ago

As a very occasional user of Walter Reed Courts I am impressed by both concepts and do not feel qualified to express a particular preference.

4 months ago

We need more courts.

4 months ago

Do not remove the pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

I prefer the balance of # 1 concept. Thanks

4 months ago

6 courts is NOT enough. The concept should be looking to increase the number of courts, not decrease them. You could do Concept 1 and concept 2 together to maintain the existing 9 courts. Also, taking away 3 courts on the basketball court is a waste of space. The basketball court is very rarely used. That court will sit unused most of the time.

4 months ago

If possible have sloping grass so balls do not escape and roll away!

4 months ago

Still results in a net overall loss of number of courts which does not help the situation.

4 months ago

Should be 8 courts all together

4 months ago

Based on the demand - there is a need for more than 6 courts - at a minimum 9

4 months ago

More Pickleball courts needed

4 months ago

Will be very loud for residents

4 months ago

I like it also! I am ambivalent about more parking generally. We need to get off cars!

4 months ago

first design is better

4 months ago

Need more courts

4 months ago

This design will result in longer wait times than Concept 1 because having 6 courts together - instead of two groups of three - allows the line to move the quickest. Whenever there is a longer than usual game on one court, that does not significantly impact the wait time when all 6 courts are together, but it would significantly impact the wait time if there are only two alternate courts that are being waited on.

4 months ago

There should be more courts not less

4 months ago

This is better than option 1, but it is still completely inappropriate to put a cluster at this location. DPR has received complaints from multiple civic associations (Old Glebe, Douglas Park, CHCA), most of which have WAY fewer courts and are farther from houses. What is are you people thinking???

4 months ago

I am hopeful that the sound mitigation measures will be significant so that the neighbors are supportive.

4 months ago

I think this design would cost more. BB courts need to be multipurpose and lined for pickleball

4 months ago

Again, please don't put so many courts here. Also, the north south orientation makes it worse for the residents, the homeowners, the tax payers.

4 months ago

Love the drop in pickleball hours

4 months ago

This looks nice but more complex and more construction. Draft 1 pretty much stays on the original footprint of the tennis courts which likely will be cost effective and less disturbing to the natural environment.

4 months ago

I object to the removal of park trees. Move pickleball indoors.

4 months ago

Seems like the better of the two concepts

4 months ago

Has the county considered whether building a higher perimeter fence with similar sound proofing would further abate boundary issues?

4 months ago

More parking. Reduces overall number of courts, as does Design 1.
Hopefully protects neighborhood better as courts are a further distance from the houses.

4 months ago

As with Option 1: continue with the drop -in approach for pickle ball players and leave the pickleball lines in the basketball courts.

4 months ago

No dislikes of concept 2

4 months ago

This is the better option

4 months ago

I'm all for noise reduction even though I don't hear it on S. Barton St. Am concerned about the impact on the trees and green space for the courts location and new parking spaces.

4 months ago

Ideally would like to see more courts at the site.

4 months ago

Right now the 3 pickleball courts, inside the basketball court, are used by 20 to 30 people during the morning and the other 6 pickleball courts are used by 50 to 60 people every morning. We cannot lose 3 pickleball courts, we need all 9 courts. Please maintain the drop-in approach during the pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Same as above, losing three courts will negatively impact pickleball play at Walter Reed.

4 months ago

You really reduce the usability of the open space by making it so much narrower.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Need at least 8

4 months ago

Needs more courts in close proximity to each other. Social play of pickleball thrives when number of courts is 8+ next to each other. Needs place to sit while waiting too.

4 months ago

Don't remove pickleball lines from basketball courts

4 months ago

I do not like losing green space

4 months ago

I'm a pickleball player who wants increased access to pickleball - keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain drop-in hours, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project. Please also add improvements like noise abatement for the neighbors so we don't disturb them and more paddle racks. Thanks!

4 months ago

Don't remove pb lines. Maintain drop-in

4 months ago

- keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts
- restore the hours allowed for pickleball
- maintain drop-in hours
- maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project
- make improvements with noise abatement
- more paddle racks

4 months ago

Creative, thoughtful, offers much more than pickleball - - families welcome to join and watch while no fear of interfering with play or being hit by balls.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drip-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

- keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts
- restore the hours allowed for pickleball
- maintain drop-in hours
- maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project
- improve noise abatement
- more paddle racks

4 months ago

Spending money to give less to pickleball players.

Pickleball at WR M-F mornings gathers seniors (as well as non-seniors) who rotate and play together. This is vital to maintain as the sport does not cost more than a paddle, provides exercise, socialization, fresh air and sunshine, which all lead to the health, longevity, and happiness of our Arlington seniors. I can say this is my social circle.

4 months ago

During busy times, it is not clear to me how those pickleball players who are waiting to play will be able to see when games at particular courts conclude and the court becomes open for a next group of players.

Also, this comment applies to BOTH concepts: where will there be a place for waiting pickleball players to place their rackets in the 'waiting line' as courts become open (upon conclusion of a game) for a next set of players.

4 months ago

Need to maintain 9 courts with open play/no reservations. Separate seating is not conducive to socializing between games.

4 months ago

Same garbage, different layout. I guess it's inconvenient for you that taxpaying citizens actually want to use the amenities that we pay for. This concept should also include a webcam that streams live video from the basketball court with the caption "WE SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED DROP-IN PLAY - DPR DOES NOT TOLERATE WELCOMING AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES - THE ONLY GOOD COURT IS AN EMPTY COURT - ADMIRE THIS EMPTY BASKETBALL COURT AND HOW EMPTY IT IS"

4 months ago

I think Concept 2 offers more space from neighboring homes that could be opposed to the sound created by those playing.

4 months ago

The 9 courts that currently exist are not enough. The county should be adding at least 3 more courts to make 12 total. The end result of this plan is less than half of what is needed. If this plan goes through, then the 6 courts will become extremely crowded and even more noisy than they are currently.

4 months ago

Arlington took the lead on providing Pickleball opportunities for seniors but for some reason seems to have lost it's enthusiasm for the sport in the last few years.

4 months ago

Basketball should remain mixed use.

4 months ago

oops you accidentally took pickleball off the basketball courts! this will be the only dedicated pickleball facility in arlington with drop-in play, so it absolutely must have the same number of pickleball courts that it current has, which is nine. or it could have more courts.

4 months ago

See comments for concept 1

4 months ago

This concept eliminates shade structures, separates the courts which will impact the open play process. I like that the PB courts are further from 16th st. for noise mitigation. I would amend this concept to include a large shade structure with one single paddle rack for all available courts. i would also place the (single use) basketball court on the adjacent green space near 16th and the parking lot. I would keep (single use) pickleball courts on the existing basketball space further from homes.

4 months ago

Fewer courts for a growing sport and community involvement does not make sense.

4 months ago

It is ok

4 months ago

again, noise level 4 should be unacceptable. Additional sound reduction measures should be explored - or use of courts in other Arlington parks that are not set within residential neighborhoods explored for pickle ball courts.

4 months ago

We need more courts! Going from 9 to 6 is ridiculous. The money has already been allocated in the budget. Does that mean nothing?. We have done. I don't know how many surveys. Get this done the way it was supposed to be done. I understand that the courts on where the basketball nets are may be removed. That is also ridiculous because those are far away from residential housing.

4 months ago

Do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball courts. Maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, and maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project"

4 months ago

I choose concept 2.

4 months ago

Being an individual that uses the park, I feel as if this is option is taking up too much space

4 months ago

Keep drop in hours. Keep pickleball on the basketball courts. Restore pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Maintain drop in hours for pickleball (ie no reservation system); keep pickleball lines on the basketball courts

4 months ago

Like separating into two sets of 3 as this reduces likelihood of your game being interrupted by stray balls from other courts

4 months ago

Need more courts!!!

4 months ago

I'd like to see better use of the open space between 16th street and the courts. I liked the center concept area but I don't think it provides enough seating as it was shown in the concept. I appreciate you keeping the trees

4 months ago

I don't want the concept 1 nor concept 2. Please build the pickleball courts somewhere else. I live across the community center.

4 months ago

We need more courts. I think a combination of plan 1 and 2 for 9 courts would be great.

4 months ago

This one gives more space away from the homes

4 months ago

Pickleball courts must be grouped together for successful rotational play. Pickleball is a social sport and the most successful courts are the ones that are grouped together for ease in rotational play.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines from basketball courts - drop in approach is best

4 months ago

keep drop-in hours; do not remove pickleball lines from the basketball court; restore increased pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines at the basketball courts; maintain drop-in hours (no reservations); reinstate increased hours for pickleball.

4 months ago

Adding trees will help with shades. No need to take away precious court space to create shade

4 months ago

Fewer courts at this location is only acceptable if the county has located other areas that can accommodate the three courts list at WR. Long Bridge seems to be one possible solution but I have not heard a plan for that.

I am also unsure that the sound mitigation measures are adequate for the surrounding community. It would be great if there were a dedicated indoor pickleball center or two in Arlington or a mostly covered location with sound mitigation etc. As a community member who plays pickleball, I do not want to be at odds with my neighbors. Pickleball has been a vibrant sport in Arlington County for over 20 years that has expanded exponentially in the last five years AND the need has not been met by DPR.

4 months ago

Same as above. Why are you decreasing courts?

4 months ago

While I like the Central social area, my priority would be the better court complex management that is available in concept 1.

4 months ago

I do not like this option

4 months ago

Reducing the number of courts doesn't make sense as they are already overcrowded.

4 months ago

better than option 1, but still inappropriate for this location

4 months ago

This option is better than option 1, as it is farther from residences, but it is still a STUPID idea to put a cluster of courts in this location.

4 months ago

Each court should be 7' from a divider fence (not 5'). Today's players are younger and more athletic and need more runoff space. If it is not possible to add additional space to the footprint, eliminate the court divider fences. I would rather ask a player on another court to return my ball than crash into a fence trying to return a ball.

Increase the distance from sidelines to the perimeter fence to 7' for the same reasons.

Move the two sets of courts closer together with a shade structure running the length of a pickleball court. This makes it easier to move players on and off the court. A shade structure should be large enough to accommodate 20-30 people waiting to play.

Thanks for widening the walkway to accommodate wheelchairs. FYI - the recommended total playing area for wheelchair play is 44' x 74'. Eliminating the divider fences will help to make the courts more wheelchair friendly.

Will there be access to a bathroom during all the hours of play?

What are the plans for the relocated open space?

4 months ago

Reducing the number of courts will make capacity issues worse

4 months ago

Courts separated is not as conducive for this sport

4 months ago

Far too few pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Would prefer less pickle ball courts more trees and volleyball court instead.

4 months ago

Need more courts

4 months ago

Option 2 is farther from homes, but the proposed sound mitigation is still woefully inadequate and will not be effective for the nearby homes.

4 months ago

Would prefer less courts.

4 months ago

The 3 x 3 breaks up flow of play and will slow down play

4 months ago

How can the county actual reduce the number of courts at one place, Walter Reed needs more courts not less.

4 months ago

Enlarge the seating/shade area. Change the circular roof (#6?) to a rectangular and larger shape by using more of the green area between the courts. This would not only provide more shade but also provide additional cover from rain showers.

4 months ago

I oppose pickleball at Walter Reed. The parking and noise has been a nuisance.

4 months ago

this is also good but what would be better would be more pickleball courts

4 months ago

Beautiful design

4 months ago

More courts please. There's already a wait for courts as is so extra courts are needed

4 months ago

Need more than 6 courts!! Always packed, always a wait and currently there are 9! Plus easily add 3 more courts!

4 months ago

There should be more courts because the pickleball people want more courts and it's silly not to let them play.

4 months ago

Keep 9 total courts

4 months ago

i support this if and only if the county first builds a larger pickleball facility with 10 or more dedicated courts elsewhere

4 months ago

Keep pickleball on the basketball courts. Keep drop-in hours.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines on the basketball court. Maintain drop-in for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Putting in anything that creates a constant noise for full time residents is unconscionable

4 months ago

X

4 months ago

Fewer courts-bah

4 months ago

None

4 months ago

I like the look of the landscaping and I prefer the courts side by side rather than front to back. Not sure of the quality of the trees being lost but always prefer to lose the lowest number of existing trees.

4 months ago

I dislike the addition of the raised circular seating between the courts. This space would be better used for an additional court. Another disadvantage of this option is the removal of additional trees and current open space.

4 months ago

Arrangement is great for court access and more ideal for noise reduction. Would like to see covered shade areas while people waited to play in front of the courts. Wonderful work overall.

4 months ago

No enough courts

4 months ago

please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court; please maintain the drop-in approach for pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Don't like 2

4 months ago

Nice concept just not at Walter Reed, you need to go down to Long Bridge, lots of open space. One location, for all pickleball addicts.

4 months ago

Signs with directions to Barcroft park on S four mile run. Away from a residential area.

4 months ago

I want increased access to pickleball - keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project, etc. I want improvements like noise abatement, more paddle racks, etc.

4 months ago

6 courts is inadequate. I live in Rosslyn. I hear airplanes all of the time. I'd trade the neighbors at WR. Pickleball is great exercise. We want a healthy community.

4 months ago

Bad idea to separate the courts

4 months ago

Please keep nine courts, or add more.

4 months ago

Need 9, not 6, courts.

4 months ago

Not enough courts.

4 months ago

Concept 2 is my preference. It seems nicer and further away from homes and I like the central space between courts. Can we have rain gardens with it. Maybe as part of the central space. That would be enjoyable to walk through and hang out.

4 months ago

I dislike that it reduces the number of pickleball courts by 33%. Pickleball courts are an amenity that not every county has. We enjoy playing pickleball. Our out of town guests are impressed by our courts. I don't understand why they are being decreased. 2. If # 2 removes more existing trees than # 1 (I can't tell with the wording about removing trees) then I would lean toward # 1. Existing, mature trees can't really be replaced by tiny new trees. Young trees don't provide the same environmental benefits, runoff protection, shade, or shelter/food for birds and animals.

4 months ago

Draft concept 2 does little to mitigate noise for the northernmost Walter Reed residences. It also seems wasteful to completely move the courts and reconfigure the park. It also barely

4 months ago

More sound reduction to the satisfaction of near by residents.

4 months ago

Put on hold

4 months ago

Doesn't meet the needs of variety of PB players

4 months ago

Why isn't the basketball included as basketball and Pickleball court

4 months ago

Test3

4 months ago

Test2

4 months ago

Test

4 months ago

Every day pickleball is growing in Arlington. I am constantly meeting new players who are gravitating to the sport and community it brings. At the same time the wait times for a court go up. We need to be creating a place that has enough courts to support Arlington's vibrant and constantly growing drop-in community. Fewer courts is not the answer.

4 months ago

Still need MORE courts not less!

4 months ago

If we want to be able to use the 6 pickleball courts for drop-in play, it would be much better to have all the courts together like in Concept 1. Also, I'd still like to see the basketball court have pickleball lines and make it available for PB at certain times.

4 months ago

Disappointed re loss of tennis courts; remaining noise; anticipated large groups most times of day. Of the two concept options, Concept 1 is preferable because it is less disruptive to the layout of the park. Concept 2 will feel and appear to take up more space (regardless of the square footage comparisons).

4 months ago

Same as Draft Concept #1, except that there should be sound reduction measures on the north side of the courts to inhibit sound going towards the condos to the north.

4 months ago

The current number of courts do not accommodate demand. Reducing the number of courts does not make sense. By moving the courts further from 16th Street and adding noise absorbing material to the fencing, you are adequately addressing concerns of those who live on 16th Street. Why would you remove the shared courts with basketball?

4 months ago

1. The sound reduction measures are totally inadequate. They are too short to prevent straight line of sound to 2nd storey of houses and higher. North side needs sound reduction added to inhibit sound travelling to the condos to the north. 2. Not sure why tennis court striping was removed? To make the facility as useful as possible to the community, it should have tennis as an option. The park is on my exercise route, and I regularly saw people playing tennis there, although there's so much pickleball they've been chased off.

4 months ago

There should be a permanent restroom facility.

An acoustical engineering study and design with published performance metrics needs to be done. Trees by are not a good sound barrier. You will need a continuous material to stop sound transmission. Given potential security concerns, the material you likely need is glass.

Please no pickleball between 8pm and 10am. We need sleep!

4 months ago

It is laughable in both cases to claim that the number of courts is being reduced! All that's going on is that you are increasing the number of courts by converting the existing tennis courts to pickle ball courts. It will have the effect of increasing noise, traffic and parking congestion as you very well know. Shameful.

4 months ago

This would completely disrupt the communities use of this park. That open space is used daily for multiple reasons.

4 months ago

INDOORS only -- Soundproof walls and doors. No extra Noise pollution please! -- we have enough outside already

4 months ago

This is not the place for Pickleball. Arlington County needs to pause this project and find a non-residential location in the county with lots of parking to make room for this activity. There are places in Arlington better suited to this instead of shoehorning this activity into this small space, Cutting down mature trees in a park, bringing people from all over the county to this very small area, where there is not enough parking, and otherwise going against the wishes of the neighborhood, and the people who have lived near this park for a very long time. neither of these concepts will solve any of the problems, and money will be wasted because it will have to be redone. This is not the place for Pickleball.

4 months ago

I believe pickle ball should be relocated not at this park

4 months ago

We DO NOT NEED THIS!!!! Leave the neighborhood in it's quiet and peaceful state.

4 months ago

There's already too much demand for the 9 courts that are at Walter Reed. Reducing to 6 courts is a clear move in the wrong direction.

4 months ago

Six courts will be too few for the number of people interested in playing. Do like that there will be good lights...but also need longer times if play.

4 months ago

More lighting on the basketball courts

4 months ago

See comments above

4 months ago

Concept 2 is significantly closer to walter Reed houses, it relocates existing quiet usable green space to an impractical area, and overall reduces the portions of park that can be used for quiet. This is a remarkably worse concept.

4 months ago

This creates more congestion and decreases the distance to the houses on Walter Reed and the Commons Condominiums. It also takes away existing green space.

4 months ago

6 courts are not enough. I don't like that in this design the courts are not together. I believe this will not allow for the same community play as 6 courts together

4 months ago

Same response - I am a resident of Arlington village and the noise is already ridiculous. Additionally, parking is a huge concern.

4 months ago

Again, loss of 1/3 existing courts trumps seating (players are happy to bring lawn chairs) and landscaping. I am skeptical as to how much moving courts farther from houses is going to lessen concerns about noise. Neither plan does much to address parking concerns - is this really a problem daily or just on vaccination or voting days?

4 months ago

Arlington should pursue an alternate location that can support an adequate number of courts to address the long term needs of the pickleball community. This concept fails to address the already difficult parking situation for residents and persons who utilize the community facility as those parking spots are always taken by pickle ball players. This is unfair to the local community.

4 months ago

It will be harder to have a queue with this configuration.

4 months ago

My concern is that there will be fewer courts than currently available.

4 months ago

No concept 2

4 months ago

I don't like that the courts are separated 3/3. This does not work at all for the way drop-in pickleball takes place. I also don't like that you've eliminated 3 courts from the basketball courts. The FEW neighbors who complained about the noise were NOT on that side. Those PB courts are not displacing basketball players in the a.m. So why not leave well enough alone.

4 months ago

Same reason as #1 for number of courts. The separation of the 2 sections of courts doesn't seem as conducive to the social aspects of the game. However, this is not as problematic as the total number of courts.

4 months ago

Big problem remains the noise pattern & volume. Concept 2 is better than Concept 1 regarding distance from 16th street houses, but still doesn't solve noise problem. News reports from other cities/towns say these proposed noise barriers don't reduce noise by much. Pickleball courts should not be primarily concentrated in one residential neighborhood due to the noise; should be scattered around in parks with more distance from houses or kept indoors. Private sports facilities tend to include indoor but not outdoor pickleball courts due to noise problems. Pickleball courts at Lubber Run are ok because there are fewer courts and they are not located near houses.

4 months ago

insufficient

4 months ago

I like the increase of accessible parking.

4 months ago

Dividing the 6 courts like shown in concept 2, takes away from some of the appeal . It's not horrible but less attractive for pickleball play .

I suggest concept 1 and 2 both need divided fencing to prevent balls from going into each others court

4 months ago

Do not build these courts! Keep the temporary nets to keep courts as is.

4 months ago

Great layout

4 months ago

You are failing g to address the need for more courts.

4 months ago

BUILD THIS TOO

4 months ago

Multiple access points to enter the court is great. Lack of shade, not great

4 months ago

I'd like to see a mix of tennis and pickle ball

4 months ago

Not enough courts. Put up a structure or tennis bubble to be indoors. No outside noise, , more courts, less problems

4 months ago

Sorry to see so many trees removed

4 months ago

There should be 9 permanent courts and 3 flexible on basketball court. 3 additional courts will get more usage and serve more people than additional open space.

4 months ago

The ping sounds travel a block away. I can't enjoy my patio now, let alone if there are more courts. You are devaluing the sale of my home. Nobody, not even players, wants to hear these pings when in their back or front yard. You need a sound survey done professionally. The sound bounces off the buildings and travels. Awful now, let alone with more. Ick!

4 months ago

I love this design! This is a major bus stop and having more green space where the kids wait would be great. It would also be great if you could add benches so that families had a place to sit where they wait.

4 months ago

There needs to be more courts for the amount of players that use the courts.

4 months ago

Need to be at least 12 courts

4 months ago

Again we need more not less courts to meet demand. The idea to reduce the number of courts to six from nine makes no sense! And don't pause continue discussion.

4 months ago

If you combine both Options then there would be 9 courts and none on the current basketball courts which would be the best option for everyone using these facilities.

4 months ago

It seems an economic shame to make these changes. From my understanding the neighbors want noise abatement and the players want courts. Why spend a huge amount of taxpayer money in concept 2?

4 months ago

6 courts are too few

4 months ago

Draft 2 breaks up the flow of green space in the park.

4 months ago

Need at least 12 courts

4 months ago

Splitting the 6 courts makes it impossible to maintain sense of community and harder to manage drop in play.

4 months ago

Dislike the reduction in number of courts

4 months ago

We need more courts rather than fewer. Can you come up with a new plan?

4 months ago

Please do not remove courts. At least keep the same number

4 months ago

please don't reduce number of p ball courts

4 months ago

I do not like how the courts are separated

4 months ago

More courts needed

4 months ago

There should be no plan that reduces from 9 to 6 courts. Combine Concept 1 and Concept 2 to retain 9 courts. There are lengthy waits even with 9 courts. Reducing to 6 courts would be acceptable ONLY if free drop-in play was instituted at another location with 4 Pickleball courts - say, Glebe Road, Marcey Park, or Hayes Park. The latter two would need addition of Pickleball lines and nets.

4 months ago

Same as above.

4 months ago

Not enough courts. For a large community such as arlington, there should be more than 6 permanent courts county wide

4 months ago

Need more courts

4 months ago

need courts all together and not broken apart

4 months ago

Put some of these options of the other side of 50. The county is always trying to stockpile everything on this side of town. Last time I checked the northside has a lot more space and comedy. These courts in the less populated area.

4 months ago

It's too bad the courts aren't together. Having us play together fosters a greater sense of community!

4 months ago

It's a net loss of three courts. Weekday mornings, when I typically play, the six courts on the tennis courts are reserved for senior players- everyone else uses the three courts on the basketball courts and there can already be a surplus of 20+ players there.

I think the location of the courts in this plan would be far better for those living along 16th street. In addition to sound barriers it should alleviate a lot of the noise.

4 months ago

Please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball courts and restoring/increasing hours

4 months ago

6 courts is too few. Sometimes on a given evening there are 50 people at WR. need AT LEAST 9 courts but 12 would truly satisfy the need of the community

4 months ago

9 courts to 6 is worse for the most popular pickleball drop in spot in the region. People from DC and MD all come to Walter Reed

4 months ago

If my lovely neighbors don't like the sounds of pickle ball. Construction and changing the format of the park will REALLY make them happy

4 months ago

Keep pickleball lines on the basketball court. Add more dedicated pickleball courts

4 months ago

This concept has many of the same flaws as the first. Those extra few parking spots aren't going to matter because fewer courts means people have to stay longer to play the same amount of games. With this design it seems prudent to keep a dedicated tennis court since you have the space, rather than turning it into greenery.

4 months ago

More courts

4 months ago

If no pickleball on the basketball court, keep draft 2 and put 3 more courts on the relocated open space. The courts get used and the purpose of the park is use.

4 months ago

It's all about the number of courts

4 months ago

Looks wonderful. I like the spacing of the courts on concept 2 best. Thank you!

4 months ago

Why reduce the number of courts?

4 months ago

please please please don't put the courts in the grassy area with shade near the street!! duh!

4 months ago

Pause the project and find another location

4 months ago

Find additional ways to mitigate sound

4 months ago

No courts

4 months ago

Not enough sound reduction measures. Courts should be lumped together. 4 courts max to help reduce noise produced.

4 months ago

Don't even think about cutting into our green space. Move this eyesore plan to north arlington and see the response you receive. Stop dumping this mess on south arlington. We don't want this!

4 months ago

Courts are way too close to residential homes. The pickle ball noise that will result from these courts will be an incredible nuisance for these homeowners. You will absolutely have a more significant problem to deal with when these homeowners start complaining about the noise to the city and start hiring attorneys to fight this. Please consider the well being of these neighbors, what you are proposing will be terrible for them.

4 months ago

Pickleball courts do not belong near residential properties

4 months ago

Sounds like a nightmare for nearby residents

4 months ago

The hours should end by 7pm

4 months ago

This design is worse because it will bring the noise closer to my house. I am absolutely frustrated hoe changes. This neighborhood are benefiting people that don't even live in Arlington, and making my life worse as a resident.

4 months ago

67 trees removed and a net gain of 67?

4 months ago

Looks good.

4 months ago

Too many court. Too close to neighbors. Hours too long

4 months ago

Why no tennis courts?

4 months ago

Again, this is too close to homes and it will attract cars, noise, and litter, you need to rethink this. Build a huge pickle ball facility at the huge pool site off 395, it can handle the cars, noise, litter and long hours. And parents could play while kids were taking lessons inside.

4 months ago

It is really important to limit the hours of operation. The sound of Pickleball is annoying and people who live nearby will have to endure it. It interferes with sleep a vulnerable people, and means people who live nearby I can't open their windows. It is terrible to be subjected to a sound you cannot control for 12 to 16 hours a day!

4 months ago

Hours are ridiculous and not appropriate for a residential area. They need to be severely curtailed

4 months ago

Less pickle ball courts. Redo park it sucks. No shade and it's inequitable to other parks. Nothing for children.

4 months ago

Likes: (1) parking lot is no longer immediately adjacent to the courts -- for both concepts 1 and 2. Because of this incident which occurred earlier this year: I had parked my car (head-in, facing the pickleball courts on the Walter Reed side) and was exiting the car when a pickleball player approached me to request that I re-park my car, backing into the space -- because there was a glare off the car's windshield. I did not want to engage in any dialog (friendly or otherwise), drove off the parking lot, and instead parked on the street. After that incident, I rarely park in the lot since it is usually full, and am able to find street parking or in the lot behind the community center. I am a senior and have no problems walking, however, there should be additional parking spaces dedicated for seniors who do have mobility issues. (2) Sound reduction screens -- which would also address the "glare off windshield" problem.

4 months ago

The number of courts in both concepts is not sufficient to meet the demand. Concept 2 is slightly superior and could be acceptable if the 3 courts on the court basketball court area are retained.

4 months ago

Option 3, build 9 courts if you remove pickle ball use of the bball court. I used to play ball on county courts, I never found a game on the one here.

4 months ago

Again, we are losing tennis courts to pickle ball which is an annoying, noisy sport. People will come from all over to our neighborhood to play. Park should only be for the pleasure of the community that lives here. Will make it busier, more cars, more people and ruin the enjoyment of the way the park currently exists.

4 months ago

I don't like the orientation. It takes away from a "community" vibe.

4 months ago

Need to maintain Pickleball courts at basketball location. 9 total courts now are too crowded. Bad idea to reduce total number of courts.

4 months ago

Same as my comments for draft concept 1. Absolutely no planning or consideration for the local community who uses the area for activity other than Pickleball. And, no planning for trash and other junk left by players who don't live in the area and who could care less about the mess they leave behind.

4 months ago

While this is an improvement on option 1, it is still WAY too many courts for a small community center and it is still too close to housing. The north south orientation, which is admittedly needed by the players, will actually INCREASE noise to homes, as sound travels in the direction of the ball! In addition, how do you think the 60+ people (most of which drive alone due to the nature of drop in play) will fit into the proposed SIX extra parking spots?? Answer: They won't. Users of the center will not be able to park (most of which are seniors and cannot walk from the street), and residents will be forced to file for permit only parking on the streets. It's going to get ugly.

4 months ago

While this option is better than the first one as it is somewhat further from homes, the north south orientation (which is admittedly needed by the players), will actually INCREASE the noise, as sound moves in the direction of the ball! In addition, how do you think cars for 60+ people, many of which drive alone due to the nature of drop in play, will fit into the proposed 6 extras parking spots? Answer: They won't. Users of the center will not be able to find parking, and the residential streets will fill up and force residents to petition for permit only parking.

4 months ago

Since the pickleball courts are crowded, the number of pickleball courts shouldn't be reduced.

4 months ago

KEEP existing 6 side-by-side courts, ADD 3 more off to their side as in "draft concept 2" depiction

4 months ago

Space should be made for other sports—tennis/basketball

4 months ago

I don't like removal/ division of existing open space ground, and adding a lawn next to the street & parking lot isn't appealing.

4 months ago

Cuts in to existing green space

4 months ago

Stop the Walter Reed project and do not use tax dollars for pickleball. Build new tennis courts.

4 months ago

We need more tennis courts! Stop using tennis courts for pickleball! There are many tennis players and not enough tennis courts! The county needs to build new tennis courts and give pickle heads their own courts! Stop ruining tennis courts by putting pickleball on our courts!

4 months ago

The community is using the Walter Reed park. Observing pickleball players that have come to Walter Reed, many do not appear to be from this neighborhood. While it is perfectly fine to share amenities, I am troubled by the amount of disruption and displacement that this proposal would bring. Why is pickleball still being concentrated at Walter Reed? Do we have that many pickleball players in this part of Arlington? Can we locate more courts where more players reside? That seems to be the equitable way, given the noise issues with this sport, use of parking etc.

4 months ago

Much better concept than #1

4 months ago

Hitting the ball "around the post" holding the net up is part of pickleball. This cannot be done safely with draft concept 2 because there is a metal fence placed too close on both sides of each court. Either add more space between courts or remove the metal fences on the side of each court.

4 months ago

We currently have total of 9 courts and there is long wait between games. Now reduced to total of 6 courts. It's going to be much worst. Two courts are occupied by lessons almost everyday.

4 months ago

Same comment as above - Walter Reed has become a HUB and has already outgrown the 9 existing courts - anything less than 9 is just going to make the situation worse and drive players to other areas . . .while the neighbors at WR might want players to go elsewhere - does Arlington county want to build 3-4-5 smaller HUBS? doesn't it make sense to have 2 adequately sized HUBs and then a few parks with maybe 2 courts for more casual games? Arlington is way behind other jurisdictions - DC just ADDED money in their 2024 budget for 2HUBS (each with a min of 8 courts) and two other projects. Arlington can't ignore the fastest growing sport in the country

4 months ago

no pickle ball

4 months ago

no pickleball

4 months ago

Concept 2 is more disruptive of existing open space and appears to add more hardscaping.

4 months ago

Please rethink shrinking down to 6 courts for my reasons listed above. Walter Reed has become a very special place to A LOT of people and doing this would destroy the community that's been built over the last couple of years.

4 months ago

Phase 2 is the best option because you can begin on the two new courts right away while residents of Arlington play on existing courts, then when the new courts are done, you can work on existing area and complete the job. It might require a bit more thought process to keep play available, but it would best serve the community if you could build the new courts first. Otherwise, the APR should line 10 more courts around the county while construction is going on to compensate for the lost courts during construction.

4 months ago

Need to ensure sound reduction measures work.

4 months ago

Love to combine and have 6 - 12 courts

4 months ago

Pickleball is so popular removing current courts is a disservice to the community. I support a solution with at least 9 courts. I am an Arlington resident

4 months ago

Too few courts vs 11 today. Also difficult for large pickup when separated into 2 areas

4 months ago

I dislike that more trees would be removed in this concept.

4 months ago

This concept does not promote socialization like #1 does. It's segmented. Seems like a lot of extra construction just to have 6 courts which could occupy the existing footprint.

4 months ago

Worse than concept 1 in all ways.

4 months ago

Not enough courts to support the large drop in community.

4 months ago

I like the 3 and 3 separation, and the fact that there is more distance between the courts and the houses

4 months ago

We definitely need more or the same amount of courts please

4 months ago

no comment

4 months ago

Glad pickleball courts will be added for pickleballers and leave tennis courts to tennis.

4 months ago

I disapprove of plans to reduce the number of courts from 9 to 6.

4 months ago

I dislike how this breaks up the beautiful grassy expanse on the Southwest corner.

4 months ago

I want more pickleball courts

4 months ago

I prefer draft concept 2. It has more parking spaces, and better spectator space than concept 1.

4 months ago

I prefer to see no increase in parking spaces. The County is trying to get people to make fewer trips by car for environmental and sustainability reasons. Increasing parking spaces is in conflict with that goal.

4 months ago

I think this is much better design. It moves the courts away from the houses and hopefully will cool the animosity between homeowners and pickleballers. It also moves the courts more in visual contact with the court across the parking lot. You can see better which courts have the shortest lines.

4 months ago

Same comment about number of courts as for Draft Concept 1. For the morning weekday pickleball group with which I play, having the courts in one location rather than divided into two locations would be preferable. Otherwise, for all practical purposes, you would to divide into 2 different groups for play.

4 months ago

Looks good. I like them linear for viewing and heat-island / shade issues.

4 months ago

The neighborhood should have basketball courts for the teens. They need some place to go and to do something constructive. They don't play pickle ball! When kids have a place to go they are more likely to stay out of trouble!!

4 months ago

This many courts is not necessary.

4 months ago

how is removing any trees going to help with the noise?

4 months ago

please do not add pickleball courts

4 months ago

Do not like all the extra costs to redo this work.

4 months ago

Demand suggests maintaining nine courts instead of six would be most appropriate. Basketball and pickleball can share space on defined schedules, as is current practice. Observation suggests basketball courts are under utilized.

4 months ago

We need more courts than we currently have, NOT less. More courts (9-12) and sound reduction measures for neighbors is what is needed.

4 months ago

This draft concept is terrible, it is actually reducing the number of pickleball courts. The 9 pickleball courts we have right now is not even enough. There is a long wait for courts every morning, every evening and all weekend. Reducing to 6 courts is ridiculous. The county need more courts in one area to encourage drop-in play.

The only thing good about this plan is that they are dedicated courts with permanent nets and that they are tearing down the old cracked courts and building new ones.

4 months ago

Dual purpose courts are the way to go

4 months ago

Why would you increase the number of parking spaces and reduce the number of courts?

4 months ago

Same comment as with the other concept. The biggest issue is that courts and hours at WR are being at WR reduced, when the opposite should be happening.

4 months ago

Again, this concept reduced the amount of existing courts, which is wholly unacceptable. More demand for six courts will only bring more noise to the area. The basketball courts must continue to be lined for pickleball as well, as those courts are further away from the residents even complaining about the noise.

4 months ago

Again the county reduce the number of courts in WR!!

4 months ago

Please also consider this community center is a polling place, please plan to lock courts on election days so parking can be available for voters.

4 months ago

This version seems to allow space to keep at least one if not two dedicated tennis-only courts in addition to the pickle ball courts, if you place the tennis courts directly underneath the pickle ball courts reflected on the right-side of the drawing. The neighbors do not complain presently about tennis court noise, so these tennis courts would be closest to the street but hopefully not nuisance them. It is not fair to the community to totally remove all tennis courts in favor of pickle ball-only courts. Please also keep the basketball court as basketball-only. This is a COMMUNITY CENTER, not a dedicated pickle ball facility. It needs to serve ALL community members.

4 months ago

This is awful & reduces open green space

4 months ago

I'm not a fan of reducing the wide open spaces into a more "L" shape couple of corridors.

4 months ago

find another site than Walter Reed

4 months ago

both concept one and concept two are a problem for their neighbors and do not provide as much playing space as the pickleball community wants and needs. Neither is anywhere close to an optimal solution for either group.

4 months ago

Arlington needs more courts, not less. Moreover, 1-2 courts are used M-TH most of the year for pickleball classes, which further limits availability for people who just want to come out and play.

4 months ago

Draft 2 will probably also take longer to deliver - the redo on the existing courts will deliver value faster.

4 months ago

Six courts is too few. The courts are already crowded. A public park is for the public. We should be happy that people want to congregate outside instead of limiting their ability to participate.

4 months ago

The added division of the courts into 2 groups of three will be counter to the community vibe of play at WR, where people of all levels mix to play, where people have a good view of all the groups playing, and where people congregate and socialize more holistically. The division will add to a separation of people by levels, and decrease the holistic socialization.

4 months ago

For reasons my initial comment states, abort entirely the project to convert the tennis courts at Walter Reed to dedicated pickleball courts.

5 months ago

Draft concept two has only one positive attribute: orienting athletic courts north-south instead of east-west, the direction the tennis courts at Walter Reed unfortunately were constructed. In general, tennis courts are built north-south to minimize disruption from the sun mornings and late afternoons. However, draft concept two fundamentally fails because it would eliminate three tennis courts while providing only limited capacity (six courts) for playing pickleball. The tennis and pickleball communities would be better served by reorienting the tennis courts north-south and dual striping them to permit playing both tennis and pickleball. Both sports can be played on a tennis court. Once, however, a tennis court has been converted to a pickleball court, only pickleball can be played on it. That's why draft concept two (and the entire Walter Reed conversion project) fundamentally fails.

5 months ago

Concept 2 offers the best plan -- nice landscaping, ample seating, more parking, etc. Well done!

5 months ago

I have no additional thoughts about concept 2

5 months ago

Nothing.

5 months ago

nothing else

5 months ago

none

5 months ago

In general, I hope that tennis can still be played on all courts other than the basketball court.

I dislike the sound of a pickleball hitting a racket and sympathize with nearby residents hearing that all day. A tennis ball hitting a racket is a milder, sweeter sound.

5 months ago

Pickleball courts should be indoors only in Arlington. Residents shouldn't have to hear this noise

5 months ago

Please see my response to the other draft concept. Both plans are inadequate if the Basketball courts are no longer available for PB.

5 months ago

The fact that the Pickleball Striping will be removed from the basketball court, without any idea of how much the court will be used by basketball players - particularly Weekdays, between 8:00am - 1:00pm

5 months ago

Would like to see 6 designated courts and 3 lined PB courts

5 months ago

We need to retain 9 courts. Spending this amount of money at WR where there will still be noise/neighbors issues to reduce the total number of courts is bad planning and bad fiscal management

5 months ago

Increase the number of bicycle parking and use plexiglass as sound reduction measure

5 months ago

I'm against the entire redevelopment project.

5 months ago

Separating the courts like this goes against the social aspect of pickleball. Socialization takes place ON the courts as well as during the waiting periods. Having the large separation will most likely cause two separate groups of picklers playing instead of the joint comradery that occurs when courts are together.

5 months ago

We should not add pickleball courts in Walter Reed. I imagine it's too late and the question is just which one, but they're a scourge to anyone trying to enjoy nature. It's unfair to residents and those who use the park.

5 months ago

Play time should continue to reflect WRCC hours.

5 months ago

We would like a response on why the county reversed its decision to allow play on holidays? Originally these days were a reprieve for the neighborhood and publicly announced. Why was this reversed? We also need to see the results of the sound study.

5 months ago

Eliminate the center sitting area and convert that space to add 2 courts. Put more seating alongside the courts on the north side (side of parking lot). The proposed design doesn't allow for people to queue for all 6 courts.

5 months ago

I like the better seating, but think the courts should be more connected.

5 months ago

Build additional Pickleball courts at Bluemont and Bon Air Parks!!!!!!!!!!

5 months ago

Following-up on my other comment. I agree with the pickleball community's request for 9 rather than 6 courts and for free/unreserved access. But, I think that limited hours, such as no play on Sunday mornings is completely reasonable and considerate (even if you install the very-best-in-the-world sound mitigation). I live adjacent to a new APS school and playground and empathize with the neighbors of Walter Reed. Some dependable quiet time is important.

5 months ago

Please consider losing the one tree between the two courts. I realize its 100 years old, but you can add two more courts in its place. AND you can certainly plant additional trees on the side facing 16th street which would serve a dual-purpose of beauty and noise muffling.

The intended social/waiting area in the current Draft 2 concept design around that tree is appreciated but can be created in the open space on the 16th street side around the new beautiful trees. This area would also increase visibility to all 8 courts at once for people waiting to play.

So, lose one big tree.

Plant 6-8 new trees.

Decrease noise with the new trees.

Go from 6 courts to 8 courts.

More players, more courts.

Keep the basketball court a basketball court.

I'm available to discuss.

Roy Epstein

Royepstein18@gmail.com

5 months ago

I think the County should do this right: Add *nine* courts to allow for more players at once and to justify more *limited hours*, and invest in the very best sound mitigation possible, beyond the current design.

5 months ago

Not enough courts; you missed the point of having a central pickleball center, but then reduce the number of courts. Your method for counting courts throughout the county and comparing the number of courts to the number of players does not take into account the limited hours of play available on ALL the courts.

5 months ago

As in Concept 1, the planned courts are EXCLUSIVELY pickleball courts, and tennis courts are eliminated! Why are you increasing County-wide and regional pickleball opportunities at the EXPENSE of our local recreational opportunities? Why have you made the decision to favor regional pickleball demand, while depriving our local needs? The needs of the local community should be the framework within which recreational needs are defined. I support the opportunity for pickleball, but the interests of DPR for exclusive, high-volume play need to be focused on an appropriate site that is less residentially dense, that accommodates larger crowds and more parking, that can permit extended play hours and days. For our local community: 1) no more than 5 days of pickleball play permitted, 2) no hours greater than between 9AM and 7PM, 3) courts that accommodate both tennis and pickleball, 4) no more than four courts (six courts if there are options for rotational play), and 5) play by appointment only.

5 months ago

I do not like 2 segregated playing areas. I prefer all of the courts to be in one enclosed area.

5 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts.

This is contrary to the forward movement of pickleball in every other state and country.

Adding a courts here and there throughout the county doesn't help. Pickleball is different from tennis, due to the nature of pickleball, which centers around drop-in play in one main center. Adding courts here and there throughout the county doesn't help. We need a main center with at least nine courts in one location.

LEAVE THE THREE COURTS on the basketball courts in place for pickleball, mornings at least. This would go a long way to mollifying the pickleball community.

5 months ago

I think we need more pickle ball courts. But I think we should also try to reduce sounds to the extent possible.

5 months ago

there are 12 existing courts. you are tilting the survey from the beginning. STOP OPPOSING RECREATION and start promoting it

5 months ago

Love it too.

5 months ago

Please maintain the number of pickleball courts

5 months ago

I don't like how the courts are split with a big tree/sitting in between. It is not conducive to the drop-in not building community.

5 months ago

Draft 1 is a much better concept than draft 2 because it would still allow for the open area park for us in the community to use the open area. Living in the area I can tell you the grassy area is used quite frequently and if you were to pick concept 2 you would hurt those in the community rather than those outside who come to the pickleball court.

5 months ago

n/a

5 months ago

Plan 2 is not ideal as it splits the courts and will likely create 2 "waiting lines" rather than 1 consolidated waiting line for all the courts. It also looks to be a more significant impact on the natural green space and will require more construction as it does not use existing surfaces, paving, and infrastructure.

5 months ago

Please don't take away pickleball from the basketball courts, especially on weekday mornings when kids are in school. Also we need more courts than six on the tennis courts.

5 months ago

Again it's frustrating that the software form won't let me edit my responses before hitting "submit" at the bottom of the form. I have no idea if all of my comments will be recorded, or just the last one.

5 months ago

You are trying to suffocate and exterminate pickleball and you should be ashamed! Removing pickleball from the basketball courts?? A dastardly deed! Only six courts on the tennis pad? This should be at least eight! Did you get County Board signoff to act contrary to the Public Space Master Plan? WHERE IS THE OPTION THAT KEEPS PICKLEBALL ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS?? This survey is a farce because it doesn't give the citizens the options that they prefer. You're stacking the deck, and it's egregious.

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5 months ago

Again, we need MORE courts, not fewer, and NOT separated. Please involve someone that actually plays at Walter Reed in your design process.

5 months ago

N/a

5 months ago

Beautiful design

5 months ago

This is a superior design for play experience and for park user (whether waiting to play or just being in the park). It adds natural spaces along the residential street side, and improves the access to individual courts. The primary question is how much more expensive is this concept compared to the one that more closely follows current built structure.

5 months ago

Despite my dislikes, this option is the best starting point. I recommend the following enhancements--
Consider 3 blocks of two courts, possibly with low barrier between pairs of courts to reduce stray ball travel.
Consider making spectator space larger and more appealing between the courts and the adjacent parking/water gardens.
The idea is to get the courts' sound barriers to deflect spectator/idle player noise away from the 18th street residences and the open space along Walter Reed drive.
Beyond manmade sound barrier material, increase shade and shrub plantings to help absorb sound while discouraging spectators congregating in the areas abutting sidewalks and the remaining open space. Make access to the courts possible only from the parking lot sides of the courts.

5 months ago

This Project-must stop-and move forward to another area. Those of us that live in the neighborhood,are already tired,and bullied by the pickleball players,the cars,noise,lack of consideration for the residents,and the beauty that the Rec. Center has given to this neighborhood. Who is this project really for??? Did you all go door to door,and speak with the Neighborhood Residents?

5 months ago

If you HAVE to do this, please use the smallest footprint for the courts. Please leave the rest of the space for local residents. Soon, the whole Walter Reed center and parking will be taken over by non-residents. Non-residents should pay to use the facilities.

5 months ago

Need to maintain the number of courts. Also, this seems to be a better layout keeping the new courts farther from the residences.

5 months ago

Dislike this entirely. See comment uner concept 1.

5 months ago

Need to find more court space in the community. If this wee part of the overall pickleball concept it would be easier for building a consensus.

5 months ago

I prefer this concept.

5 months ago

Thank you for seeking input from all sides. What you do - social science work - is harder than rocket science and brain surgery.

5 months ago

Arlington County needs a comprehensive Pickleball strategy. Be creative and be bold. You are late to the party and inadequate in your response.

5 months ago

See comments above. Six courts is woefully inadequate and not efficiently utilizing the space available.

5 months ago

More esthetic appeal, improved set back is helpful, improves use of park space including parking, viewing area is multi purpose and pleasant during non play hours

5 months ago

Removing existing trees and green space seems like a bad idea. Again, why even spend the money when we would now have less courts? I don't even go to Walter Reed any more in the evenings because I don't want to wait so long between games. I go to DC instead.

5 months ago

I would like the pickleball courts to be at Longbridge or in North Arlington where nobody seems to mind the noise. More courts will amplify the noise and I play pickleball and live nearby., therefore I respect both sides. However, I do not want to disturb my neighbors or be disturbed by others when I am not playing.

5 months ago

The land use was horribly laid out to begin with. I use the lawn for family gatherings and playing with the children and dogs. Do not encroach upon the lawn Not enough lawn in Arlington parks. Playgrounds are on astroturf or have wood chips. Leave the blessed earth for crying out loud. So many of the playgrounds are horrible due to the wood chips or astroturf....

5 months ago

Need a flagship outdoor pickleball center. Need more courts at WR. See comments for concept 1. Not conducive to friendly community-oriented pickleball. No pause at WR. Need way to maintain friendships through pickleball.

5 months ago

Please do NOT take an inch of the green space for this project. It's bloody enough already. Our properties are devalued because of this obsession. Most people that visit the WRCC do not live in nearby. PLease build out somewhere else.

5 months ago

5 months ago

See comment 1 above

5 months ago

I could see where distance from roadway makes a difference but I still worry this would cost a good amount more than concept 1

5 months ago

It looks nice

5 months ago

too few courts. The courts today already have way too many players. The waiting makes it almost impossible to play in extreme cold and hot temperatures since you often have to wait up to 30 minutes to play.

5 months ago

I think this concept is preferable over concept 1, more of a win-win for players and the surrounding community.

5 months ago

Loss of park space.

5 months ago

I wonder if we could maintain the eight courts which seem to always be in use.

5 months ago

Same comment as written for Concept 1 - a reduction in courts at Walter Reed. If an additional 6-8 open play courts at another site would relieve the crowding at Walter Reed and provide Arlington pickleball players the experience of open, drop-in play they prefer.

5 months ago

My family often uses the green space to sit at the tables and relax under the trees. That will get noisier in this plan.

I love the idea of that seating area. However, I feel it would only be used by pickleball players, as the noise in that area is not shielded.

5 months ago

Leave the status quo

5 months ago

Same as before. Six courts are not enough for the community that has developed around the Walter Reed courts

5 months ago

Strongly prefer to relocate these courts but if they must be at this location, please consider extending the sound mitigation barrier completely around the courts and that the sound reaching private property is barely audible.

5 months ago

Would prefer to see no courts

5 months ago

This makes drop in organized play more difficult. See my comments on concept 2. The two separate sections mean it is hard or impossible to see when next court opens up. This is a serious functional drawback for this concept.

From a park design viewpoint however this is nicer with greater landscaping facing the roads/outside views of park. It provides greater distance to neighborhood homes. The center sitting area is a great park feature, but not necessarily a good PB game feature.

5 months ago

Potential extra cost

5 months ago

We need more courts, not fewer

5 months ago

permanent operating hours should be sunrise to 10pm 7 days/week.

5 months ago

That courts are farther from residents has to be a good thing. If your sitting in the seating area. One has a poor view of the 2nd and 3rd courts on either side of the viewing area. I don't know boo about 'sound reduction'. If it's just netting clipped to the cyclone fence I think it wil work very poorly. I again would vote for staggered slaps along 16th to baffle and disperse.

5 months ago

As above 6 courts far too few for total number of players

5 months ago

Reduction in total available courts from 9 to 6 is a serious planning error. Intent of project is to accommodate the growth of the sport; reducing the number of courts runs counter to the intent. recommend 9 total courts using court footprints of Concepts 1 and 2 combined. Alternatively, maintain pickleball striping for 3 courts on existing basketball court. Court operating hours should expand beyond community center operating hours with installation of noise reduction measures.

5 months ago

Why eliminate courts?

5 months ago

I prefer concept 2 -- imaginative use of space; more interesting; more attractive; provides more waiting gathering space (thus reinforces the social aspects of the game). I tend to think that the County will find that it needs additional courts, however, and the loss of the 3 current basketball courts (usually hosting advanced players) will prove to be a significant reduction in court space.

5 months ago

It's more attractive than concept 1

5 months ago

I don't like that it takes up more of the existing park space. I do think that the seating structure is prettier, but wish it didn't increase the footprint of the courts so much.

5 months ago

Given how popular pickleball is and how it is still growing, and how long it can take to get a court, I think it's a shame to REDUCE the number of courts.

I don't like the separation of the 2 sets of courts. It will mean waiting longer for an open court instead of being able to get in line for the first available of 6 courts.

5 months ago

This is worse in sound reduction measures for the neighborhood.

5 months ago

replacing 9 courts with 6 is an awful idea.

5 months ago

Same comment as above

5 months ago

This would take a significant amount of green space from the center. Too many courts that are going to cause more parking issues and more issues with the small space that is already typically full.

5 months ago

I like both concepts. If I had to choose, I would select concept 2.

5 months ago

I like both concept 1 and concept 2. If i had to choose I would say concept 2.

5 months ago

I think the park will be less enjoyable to use for park-only users in this concept. There will be more parts of the park that feel "too close" to a court.

5 months ago

The original plan had 8 courts plus the 3 on the basketball courts. Concept 1 is a step backwards and impacts the drop-in Pickleball community, negatively. We need 11 drop-in courts at Walter Reed for the community of Pickleball players. The county is operating on an outdated model of reserve and play. There is a large community of players that approach playing more organically wanting to show up and have like-level players to play with.

5 months ago

Separation of courts will lead to a "good court" and a "bad court", with skilled people refusing to mingle

5 months ago

Again, more courts are needed. Going from 9 courts to 6 will not address already overcrowded conditions. Keep the 3 courts currently on the basketball courts.

5 months ago

I implore you to abandon this project. To continue to subject your citizens to this unsettling, constant noise is cruel. Your actions are cruel and your indifference is so hurtful. Please stop this insanity and the mental health issues you're causing.

5 months ago

Takes away from grassy areas of the park that people use to play with dogs or picnic.

5 months ago

NO pickleball at Walter Reed. Keep the tennis courts and let pickleball players go elsewhere.

5 months ago

I do not wish to see the creation of a new hard surface area even if it would be offset by turning half the current tennis court into a green area. Surely this new area would just become an additional site where current pickleball players and watchers would set up their shade tents, tables, chairs, etc. I also dislike the idea of creating an entire new hard surface over existing tree roots to accommodate pickleball watchers.

5 months ago

Don't like losing the shade tree area

5 months ago

I prefer Concept 1 because it is the least radical change to what is already there. As a neighbor who uses the park, I would like to keep the footprint of the courts to where they are.

5 months ago

Prefer concept 1

5 months ago

Ditto - going from 9 to 6 courts - combine concepts 1 and 2 and keep BB multipurpose. Why are a few people that purchased across from a park dictating for hundreds of taxpayers.

5 months ago

STOP CUTTING DOWN BIG TREES TO MAKE THIS DISASTER HAPPEN. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO TAKE THE LIFE OF A MATURE TREE TO FACILITATE TNHIS NONSENSE.

5 months ago

I think that this concept shortchanged the community. It appears that WR was chosen because it was thought to be the easy button. Unfortunately, sufficient neighborhood due diligence wasn't completed and the result will be a too small facility with too many time restrictions. There are underutilized court spaces in the county that with the right amount of effort and imagination could be made into a both larger and less intrusive pickleball center.

5 months ago

Pickleball is extremely noisy and DOES NOT BELONG IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD!

5 months ago

What happened to playing tennis? Please bring that back!

I much prefer this to concept 1 because it eliminates pickle ball on the basketball court.

5 months ago

N/A

5 months ago

Not enough courts.

5 months ago

Dislike court separation. Keep them together.

5 months ago

Ah, I see the relocated green space now, after submitting. But I still had a strong negative reaction and do not prefer Concept 2. I lived across the street back when we had the baseball diamond; that was eventually removed in favor of a court, which is fine. However, the open space as it stands allows for different sections of use and uninterrupted space that I don't see Concept 2, unless some trees were to be removed—which I don't think would be a good plan—and I would prefer not to see courts moving over precious open space again, even if we gain some back elsewhere.

5 months ago

More dedicated pickleball courts are needed; if unable to provide more dedicated courts, have lines painted on basketball court to allow for inevitable overflow.

5 months ago

This design is terrible, it brings courts closer to my house on Walter Reed. I can already hear the noise on a daily basis and I find this incredibly frustrating because it's constant noise. Loud cars, happy people are one thing temporary noise but this is all day. I can't open the windows in my house or be distracted by pop, pop, pop! This is unacceptable, that you are kicking tennis out!

5 months ago

I find this frustrating that you propose to move courts closer to my house on Walter Reed. I find it aggravating on a daily basis that the tranquility of my neighborhood is disturbed by outsiders, visiting at the second engagement I heard a lady say I don't care about sound mitigation because I don't live here! I almost lost it. There are so many more issues requiring tax dollars than Pickleball. Why is Arlington county board constantly finding ways to support projects that benefit the white minority? And Pickleball has chosen my neighborhood which is considerably diverse and you are implanting a Projects that doesn't support that community send Pickleball somewhere that doesn't wake me up in the morning or disturb my chance to go to bed early. Please move these courts indoors, or at least to a park that doesn't have houses next to it!

5 months ago

6 courts does not appropriately address the capacity needs. I do not like having the courts subdivided.

5 months ago

no comments

5 months ago

The segregation of the seating will make it more difficult for players to intermingle and engage with one another. The social aspects of pickleball are as important as the athletic opportunity. If this concept had the seating closer together, it would make it possible to still play on any of the six courts rather than having to select one of the two. The loss of the courts on the basketball court makes this even more important because the competitive players will ultimately take over one of the groupings, leaving newer and less competitive recreational players with less space.

5 months ago

I think Arlington County should increase the number of courts at Walter Reed and at other sites. Thank you

5 months ago

Concept 2 is an absolute "no" from me. It steals away our field, which gets plenty of use as a field and is also just an open, visually pleasant space. Please do NOT go with this option.

5 months ago

6 courts are not sufficient. 9 courts are already crowded, now down to 6.

5 months ago

The lack of courts in this concept will drive up the population of surrounding pickleball courts and increase wait times across the county.

5 months ago

I think a national whitewater facility would fit in well with the footprint at Walter Reed. The sounds from the generators are only about 120 dbs.

5 months ago

Separating the courts defeats the purpose of drop in courts. DO NOT do reservations either pickleball is a drop in sport and with reservations it will make waiting worse and exclude people that are learning to play

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

The separation of courts is not good, it makes it more difficult to rotate games as some courts may be open but on the other set of courts.

5 months ago

Whether it's Option 1 or 2, it doesn't really matter. Both are insufficient. Both take too long to be completed. NYC put 20+ temporary courts in Central Park this summer. Why does it take Arlington 3 years to complete a 1.5 million dollar project?

5 months ago

There needs to be more pickleball courts since the community is growing

5 months ago

Same comment as for concept 1

5 months ago

I like the courts are farther from houses

5 months ago

Needs more courts.

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

This looks good too. Again would like to keep basketball court as shared pickleball court.

5 months ago

Just one tennis court would be great.

5 months ago

This comment applies to both concepts. With the proposed loss of three outdoor courts at Walter Reed (the basketball area courts) and the further restricting of playable hours, it seems obvious to me that neither concept will come close to satisfying the growing demand for Pickleball courts. Perhaps the County should place similar designs at Bluemont Park, Hayes Park, Marcey Road. etc. The pictures in the presentation video would be more realistic if they showed about 40 people standing around waiting for an empty court so they could play.

5 months ago

Not enough courts at Walter Reed to support the growing demand neither concept addresses the pickleball growth challenge

5 months ago

Are the trees evergreen re shade? By splitting the courts into two groups of three, DPR makes player rotation and circulation for drop-in more difficult.

5 months ago

Combine concept 1 & 2 and get rid of circular park area between them.

5 months ago

The night of the engagement, the PB courts were full as was the wait time. There was very little noise. You have allowed this to be overblown.

5 months ago

Same as above. The PB community doesn't want to lose the 3 courts on the BB court. Make BB available in the afternoons, and PB mornings and evenings. Remember how miserable our summer weather is.

5 months ago

Need more courts!

5 months ago

The pavilion will quickly become "Pickleball headquarters" and I have a hard time imagining anyone else will get to use the space other than Pickleball organizers. This is the same amount of Pickleball space add option two just the green space becomes a narrow alleyway rather than the expanse we have now.

5 months ago

One of the best aspects of pickleball is that players can drop-in - no planning ahead, paying to reserve, finding a group - you just show up and you're you can play with a diverse set of people, many of who become friends. By dividing the courts into two separate sections, this becomes harder. Also, 6 courts is not enough given current drop-in demand.

5 months ago

See comment on 1 - BB courts need to remain for Pickleball weekday mornings

5 months ago

More courts are required to meet demand

5 months ago

If interested, please use the space below to share why you chose the answer above:

I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND USED TO USE THE FACILITIES. EVER SINCE THE PICKLEBALL PLAYERS INVADED THESE COURTS I HAVE SEEN A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN TRAFFIC, NOISE, TRASH AND CRIME. YOU NEED TO SEND THESE PEOPLE TO NORTH ARLINGTON.

4 months ago

Rethink the plan to keep at least the nine PB courts at WR Center or add several more. PB sport is that popular and it is time for the Arlington Cty to recognize this fact.

4 months ago

We need more courts

4 months ago

For the most part I agree with pausing the project and re-assessing other options within the county. However, I'm not a fan of the registration system taking hold at Walter Reed. Drop-in play at Walter Reed is one of the defining qualities about this location and has partially led to the steep increase in Pickleball's popularity in the county as a whole. Adding acoustifence and lighting to the basketball side while continuing to keep it a multi-use space (sharing with basketball players) seems like a good compromise. Pickleball gets to keep 9 courts while not pushing out the basketball players. Also, the acoustifence will help to satisfy complaints of the neighbors on both sides of the park. A survey should be taken to assess when the appropriate hours of the day should be for pickleball priority vs. basketball priority on the basketball court side of the park.

4 months ago

Would add some sound mitigation but NOT additional courts at this time. Believe the project needs more study. Not sure why Walter Reed needs to be a major focal point for pickle ball at the expense of tax-paying neighbors who don't use the courts. Believe that access to pickle ball needs to be spread out more in Arlington. Let those who play have courts closer to their homes since they don't believe the noise is a problem.

4 months ago

Pickleball is such a popular sport and serves as a critical convening mechanism in a way no other activity in Arlington does. The county should recognize this and move forward with plans to codify pickleball in the courts of Walter reed community center.

4 months ago

Dedicated pickleball courts do not belong at WRCC. Having courts at the WRCC both damages the ability to use existing amenities such as the sensory garden, as well as impacts others' ability to use the community center at times of peak pickleball play. Moreover, the county's vague at best sound mitigation plans are a slap in the face to nearby residents who will be heavily impacted from poorly considered / poorly funded sound mitigation plans. The county needs to find a non-residential location to build 12+ courts so that pickleball can be moved out of residential neighborhoods as is occurring all across the country. Finally, PB courts should not be operated from sunrise to 10pm at any location in residential neighborhoods. Facility operation should be limited to operating hours of the community center at most given the close proximity of nearby housing.

4 months ago

The WR Outdoor Pickleball Project should be halted so that the County Manager and the County Board can evaluate the equity and inclusive access of the project. The WR basketball score of 4 indicates a concern from the community to preserve the traditional use of the courts. These courts have historically and continue to be (prior to pickleball) used by the nearby communities and youth from populations of color. Pickleball should be completely removed from the basket courts so that youth have "full court advantage" of the space at all times. Prior to considering striping the courts, ensure that the survey reflects those most greatly impacted by the decision. As school have just closed and we move into the summer months, the implications should be weighed heavily. This restriction on the basketball courts, does Not create a harmonious spirit of community. Please give the situation prayerful thought prior to moving forward with plans restricting access to the basketball courts.

4 months ago

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4 months ago

continue with the project and continue to find other locations for more Pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Bluemont seems to be a good location for pickleball. I agree that pickleball is louder than tennis. It appears that Bluemont would have fewer residences that would be affected by the noise. I am an avid pickleball player.

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players - a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

I do not want the number of courts reduced because more and more people are playing.

4 months ago

Please continue with the proposed WR courts with 6 courts and open play. If you take open play away you don't care about seniors getting physical, social and emotional activity everyday. Pickleball is such a growing activity that it now includes all ages. What better whole family sport. We need open play so you know a place will be available when every you want to play. Please consider other places for at least 6 courts and open play. Bluemont would be a great place for 6 courts with open play. If Arlington really wants to be an age in place city you must provide open play pickleball.

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players which is a growing community in Arlington

4 months ago

Please do not pause the project!

4 months ago

Pickleball is immensely popular and growing daily. We NEED all 9 courts to accommodate the numbers of interested players. Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players, a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

Go with a Bluemont plan

4 months ago

The sound-proofing fencing (if that means green tarps on the fence) ruins the visual line and is very unpleasant to view, especially for those of us who live in small condos or townhomes (or have lots of relatives living with us). Plus, it's probably more plastic!

The last option (i.e., Put the courts on the registration system which means that the courts would be "permit takes priority." If there are no permits for the courts, drop-in play is allowable.) seems to be rather extreme and doesn't really go along with a pause. This would reduce access to people who live nearby and defeats the open nature of the park.

4 months ago

As a non-Arlington resident who enjoys Arlington facilities, I defer to residents' opinions.

4 months ago

We need dedicated courts and the courts need serious maintenance (cracks, no shade, etc). This is a good location and should remain a target for dedicated pickleball courts

4 months ago

Do not pause.

4 months ago

The existing tennis courts are in bad shape. They need to be done properly soon.

4 months ago

It seems to me there are large bodies of info/data as communities across the nation are dealing with this very same phenomenon. Thought and time has gone into these two possibilities and I believe that action is the appropriate next step.

4 months ago

Arlington needs a respectable place to play such a popular sport as Pickleball. We need to keep the basketball court for Pickleball open as well to prevent overcrowding. Pickleball is not just for 55+, it is popular for all ages. Arlington should not be waiting to provide a safe place for Pickleball users.

4 months ago

Solutions presented are not viable long term and do not address the need for more courts and better sound insulation for neighbors.

4 months ago

We need to keep the Pickleball courts on the basketball courts

4 months ago

Seems like our community has been calling for more facilities for a long time. A small group of people may be very cranky about this, but a large slice of our community would use these facilities to do wholesome, outdoor sporting activities.

4 months ago

Pause would not seem to reduce playing time or number of courts

4 months ago

It is very important for Arlington residents to have adequate access to pickleball. The game allows for people of all ages to get exercise, creates social opportunities, and to make friends with our neighbors throughout Arlington who we would otherwise not meet. Both concepts significantly alleviate any noise concerns that nearby residents may have, and it would be completely wrong for a small number of homeowners to take the game away from the large number of Arlington residents who enjoy playing pickleball frequently.

4 months ago

this is a BAD location for a pickleball cluster. WAY too much impact to the surrounding community. It will attract players from all over the DMV but Arlington taxpayers will have to foot the bill to build AND maintain this mess!

4 months ago

this is an inappropriate location for a pickleball cluster.

4 months ago

Walter Reed is an inappropriate location for a pickleball cluster as it is WAY too close to houses, there is insufficient parking, center users will be impacted, and it will turn our senior community center into a regional sports facility!

4 months ago

WRCC is an inappropriate location for a pickleball cluster. It is a small, senior center, NOT a regional sports facility!

4 months ago

Walter Reed is an inappropriate location for a pickleball cluster as it is WAY too close to houses, there is insufficient parking for the crowds this will draw (seniors that use the center will be impacted), and it will turn a small senior community center into a regional sports facility! DPR has received complaints from multiple civic associations, including Old Glebe, Douglas Park, about WAY fewer courts that are farther from houses than WRCC. If those are inappropriate, then Walter Reed is beyond inappropriate! What is are you people thinking???

4 months ago

Need more pickleball courts there is not enough in the county

4 months ago

I believe the broader study makes sense.

4 months ago

Arlington needs to find a non-residential location for these courts. Makes no sense to have them so close to family homes. And the proposed hours make no sense in a residential neighborhood. Operating pickleball courts from sunrise till 10pm EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK would be awful for the residents. Limit it to daytime hours or those of the community center so residents can enjoy their homes without having to one their windows and hear the constant popping.

The homes nearest to these courts are less than 100' away, which is 2x closer to the courts than any other pickleball courts being sited across the county. At this extremely close distance, PB noise will severely impact neighbors, especially in the early morning and later in the evening. This impact needs to be considered. This plan is not a good idea for the residences.

4 months ago

Standalone pickleball courts are needed sooner

4 months ago

Pickleball is a growing sport in the area, I think it is well advised to consider and draft proposals that will create additional courts in the community prior to moving forward and concepts from the presentation. The main detractor is the number of courts decreasing. Please hold off on the proposal to determine where other courts can be built. It would be preferred to hold off passing any proposed changes until there is a proposal that does not decrease the number of courts, whether it be at Walter Reed or in the nearby community.

4 months ago

So, it sounds like you really don't care about the residents when you say a pause would cause the hours to go back to sunrise to 10pm. Let me say the new hours have been absolutely wonderful, and I never knew I needed the silence. it really makes a difference to not wake up to the sound and go to sleep to the sound every single day. So, please, pause, and consider your TAX PAYERS. We are grateful for the respite.

4 months ago

Just retired - love to play pickleball to keep active - pickleball is very popular- all over the US

4 months ago

Please do not pause this project. So much work has gone into make this happen and it seems to be uprooted by just a few residents. There is already a strong community presence at Walter Reed. Where else do we have such a diverse group of people interacting? It plays a role similar to the bowling alley back in the 50s and 60s. Pickleball is good for Arlington in many different ways that should be considered.

4 months ago

Pickle ball is out of control in Arlington NO more needed

4 months ago

Move pickleball indoors. Don't further reduce tree canopy for pickleball.

4 months ago

New PB courts should be built somewhere farther from homes. Playing hours should be limited to the hours that the community center is open. This kind of project would never be approved on the north side of Route 50; our southside neighbors should not have to endure this.

4 months ago

Rapid growth in pickleball participants outstripping the onadequate supply of dedicated pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Like option 2.

4 months ago

Group sport activities should not be established close to residential housing. We live near public basketball courts and hear them when in our yard. I feel sorry for the people who live closer to the courts, because on nice days, they are used all day and evening. Can you find a space that is not so close to residences?

Also, ten pm is really late. Personally, I would prefer that outside activities stop at nine pm. Will be curious to see the results of this survey.

4 months ago

The Walter Reed tennis/pickleball court system is such a good example of using county space efficiently. If the courts project is paused, then fewer people will be able to play, as there will be fewer dedicated courts for pickleball. When I play later in the day, there is a good mix of tennis players and pickleball players using the courts together.

4 months ago

The number of pickle ball courts should NOT be reduced; on the contrary, Arlington should make every effort to meet the growing demand. This has become a popular sport and it continues to grow in popularity. Arlington has had a good track record to date of providing excellent facilities for a wide range of outdoor activities, and it should maintain that record by doing what it can to increase pickle ball availability.

4 months ago

Do NOT pause this project!

4 months ago

Drop in Pickleball has worked enormously well. As soon as one group finishes playing, another rotates on. It is very effective, and it allows more people the opportunity to play.

Put the sound barriers up asap so that the neighborhood is protected, but don't reduce Pickleball play.

4 months ago

Please don't remove the pickleball lines from the basketball court. Maintain the drop-in approach during the pickleball hours.

4 months ago

Too many people get worked up over pickleball. Those tennis courts were never used. Adding this would be great asset

4 months ago

This isn't fair to residents

4 months ago

As I understand it pausing the project would mean that the tennis courts would only have 4 playable courts instead they existing 6. That is no good. The County, and particularly Walker Reed, needs more courts, not less.

4 months ago

move the project to Bluemont park. Those tennis courts are run down and theres more space.

4 months ago

Pickleball has brought seniors out to play as no other activity has. It promotes movement and vascular circulation, as well as community and joy, without any adverse side effects, which is better than all the medication prescribed. It will lower health care costs as more and more seniors discover it and find the health benefits associated with pickleball.

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players - a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

Building courts in a central location is important

4 months ago

I like this location.

4 months ago

Too many concessions are given up for pausing. I want more courts with more open time to play.

4 months ago

Please do not reduce number of courts. Pickleball players are growing in numbers in Arlington.

4 months ago

I live down the street and use the park with my kids. We picnic in the green space, run around, play on the playground. Seems like there is already ample pickleball being played at walter reed as is

4 months ago

Please don't pause. There has been booming demand for pickleball but the space available to play has not kept up. Please move as quickly as you can to give us a good place to play! We want to play without disturbing the neighbors or taking away space from other sports--for that, we need more courts.

4 months ago

Continue with the project is to say continue with option #2

4 months ago

I wish we could go back to the original plan of a decimated Pickelball facility in Arlington- this has gotten out of hand!

4 months ago

I believe this game is a fad and am concerned about what happens to our community park afterwards.

4 months ago

I am in the opinion that pickleball is a fad, though I have personally not played it. I have informally noticed a reduction of tennis court use, which could be indicative of a larger trend away from tennis and toward pickleball

4 months ago

Need to continue to find more pickleball courts. The sport is becoming more popular and more residents (all ages) are showing up to play. You don't need to be a jock to play. I had never been comfortable playing any sports before pickleball. I'm not the best player but everyone has been willing to play with me and pass on tips. If only the world could have this mindset!

4 months ago

It is clear to me that a lot of thought has been given to the project and concerns about the project have been and are being addressed.

4 months ago

OMG this is nuclear option #3. The three options are all destructive. It's clear that DPR sees pickleball as a pest to be exterminated. You're trying to destroy the nest. Option number three comes with all kinds of unnecessary rules that are destructive.

4 months ago

I understand there are a lot of strong opinions about this project, mainly surrounding sound. As long as the proper studies have been conducted and solid noise reduction and mitigation efforts are met, I feel it's great for the community. That said if the pickleball courts don't seem to be kept on the project, it could be not used to its best capacity and a waste of funds.

4 months ago

The next step in the process should be to combine the two plans which would result in 9 dedicated courts. The plan should also be amended to re-do the basketball courts to fix the cracks and uneven pavement but include lines for 3 pickleball courts. Otherwise it will just be wasted space with the occasional basketball player taking up the entire court for one person.

4 months ago

Oh you must think you're so clever! I feel like a child being asked if they want to eat their broccoli first or their green beans first. I've seen this trick before! You only offer choices that remove pickleball from the basketball court - there's no way to vote to keep it. It sounds to me like there's an answer that you don't want - keeping pickleball on the basketball courts - so you figure that you can pull a used car salesman's trick like we're a bunch of suckers.

And what's all this business of the delay option meaning that there will be a dedicated tennis court that everyone knows nobody will use? Another used car salesman's trick! The preferred option comes bundled with rules that everyone hates. Why isn't there a "keep things the way they are" option?

4 months ago

Reservation systems require the user finds a complement of players. The drop in, paddle rack system allows for solo players to come as their schedule allows. Much more welcoming system

4 months ago

This whole project just needs to be moved inside someplace. This is a completely inappropriate space for this many courts and the traffic involved. I'm sure there is a vacant building with parking that could be used for this purpose. Charge a small monthly fee for people to use it. Win win.

4 months ago

By continuing, I mean redesigning the project for more courts and planning for future dedicated pickleball facilities in Arlington. Do not have a reservation system for the courts. Too many people want to play, and six courts aren't close to being enough. The current nine courts are not enough. Don't remove the pickleball lining on the basketball courts.

4 months ago

We need dedicated pickleball courts. It is problematic to share pickleball with tennis as the lines are confusing.

4 months ago

The beauty of the Walter Reed pickleball culture is the welcoming aspect. That means folks can show up, even alone, and get a chance to play. It creates an opportunity for folks to pursue a healthy activity, meet new people, and become part of a community. A 'reservation only' system runs counter to the welcoming aspect of the sport.

4 months ago

It feels like the request to pause the project is being met with punitive measures from the county by taking away more pickleball space without any real answer for how to accommodate a large community of people playing the sport by having an alternative location or plan to fix the overcrowded space.

4 months ago

Arlington desperately needs to increase the number of pickleball courts available for all county players. The demand for pickleball has increased exponentially in the past few years with players of all ages desiring to play at the disparate DPR-run courts. Pickleball demand is outstripping that of any other sport in Arlington and even nationally. DPR gets kudos for working with players and residences alike, but it seems apparent from public engagements that the Walter Reed residents are so adamantly opposed to a dedicated court at WR that they raise numerous issues to try to stop it. I have not played at WR, but do play at Glebe Park. The courts are almost always full of pickleball players. Same with WR and at all hours of the day. I believe the county needs to maximize the number of pickleball courts around the county and, if possible, should have a dedicated pickleball facility. But forcing a dedicated facility on the obviously irate WR residents, without have to so limit play to make the courts less attractive and less able to support the demand for courts, may not be the best solution at this time. Bluemont Park, Lubber Run, APS facilities underutilized (hours may be limited to non-school hours) courts such as Williamsburg MS, should be re-evaluated.

4 months ago

See important comment in #1. Do not eliminate the 3 pickleball possibilities in the so-called basketball court. Not once in my 5-6 years of play there has there been a problem observing the shared pickleball/basketball posted schedule. Not once. Where are the false comments coming from? Certainly not from players of either sport.

4 months ago

the project updates the facility making Pickleball play a better experience while addressing neighborhood concerns. We also play at Glebe park and have observed how well the sound reduction measures work.

4 months ago

sunrise to 10pm is not acceptable. hours would need to be modified - people should not have to hear pickle ball noise every day after 8pm in their homes (or as early as 6am).

4 months ago

We've already done 1 million surveys. The money is already been allocated in the budget. What does pause mean? This has been promised for seven years to the Pickleball community. There are a lot of Pickleball players and they vote. This is the fastest growing sport in America and Arlington is so far behind the curve do what the budget stipulate in field courts as originally planned and do not illuminate the courts were the basketball nets are.

4 months ago

Leave the basketball court as multiuse!

4 months ago

There is significant usage of the courts, and sound management would be good for the neighbors. This is additionally a large value add for the area, drawing in people to play. A further investment for quality will make the neighborhood a desirable place to live

4 months ago

We should have as many multi use pickleball courts as possible and maintain the drop in court system

4 months ago

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US and is played by all age groups.

4 months ago

Unless the project creates more courts for players I don't see that much point in the current form of the project.

4 months ago

I oppose this project. It was ill conceived and not transparent for residents whom it greatly affects. I own a house across from the tennis courts. My kids are in bed at 7:30pm. I'm in bed by 9pm. These courts are 2 times closer than any other pickleball courts to homes in the county (less than 100 ft). It's ridiculous to allow players to make such noise from sunrise to 10pm daily in such close proximity to homes. Pick another park to make into pickleball central where there aren't homes who can hear it and where there is ample parking to accommodate it. Otherwise, the pickleball hours need to match the current community center's hours (or even more restrictive) and gates need to be locked outside those hours. Pickleball has been a nuisance to our lives as we cannot open our windows due to the incessant noise of the pickleball hitting racquets and players yelling. We cannot enjoy peaceful outdoor time in our own yard and cannot find parking close to our home because pickleballers are parking on the street since the parking lot is too small. Find another non-residential location for this where you can put 12+ courts. It's not welcome at Walter Reed. - home owner 16th St S

4 months ago

Use BLUEMONT for pickleball and WALTER REED for tennis.

4 months ago

This project has been in the works for years. It's time to move forward with it. Pickleball continues to grow. It is a great mix of activity, a sport for all ages and social interaction. These are wonderful benefits for the county! I thought we prided ourselves on being physically fit and an inclusive community. Pausing this and conducting another multi year planning process will put Arlington even further behind other nearby jurisdictions with dedicated courts.

4 months ago

The Pickleball project is not a win-win idea. The Walter Reed Community Center is not a suitable area for additional Pickleball courts. Neighbors don't want more courts, more noise, more cars in the streets. Politicians and pickleball players who don't live in the Walter Reed area are pushing for more Pickleball courts. Arlington county can and should build a first-class Pickleball center in a different and suitable land somewhere else.

4 months ago

I like the idea of being able to have multi use courts

4 months ago

We need the courts for all the Arlington Pickleballers. Can we get HS and middle school courts with lines too.

4 months ago

This community needs dedicated courts. This will help with taking over other tennis courts. There should also be less restrictive hours while still respecting the neighbors.

4 months ago

Continue with the project as it was voted on

4 months ago

But don't remove lines on basketball Court!!!! They are rarely used

4 months ago

Please do not pause project

4 months ago

Walter Reed would be the best location for designated pickleball courts. The expense would be the only reason to pause.

4 months ago

I would be included to vote to pause until further study can be done except for the fact that this facility would lose it's drop in play culture due to the county's conversion to a reserve court system. The drop in play culture is a wonderful way to connect across generations and skill levels that would be all but lost if this center went to a reservation system. Other than that, I am in favor of a pause until more is determined.

4 months ago

The courts have always been there. It is to promote wellness and more movements. Those that live there should be open to the sound or turn on white noise to help reduce the sound.

4 months ago

As the demand fir pickleball continues its upward trajectory...other oppportunities for courts will be realized as a necessity and become reality in the future.

4 months ago

You aren't listening. These numbers are odd and meaningless leave things as they are or add more courts. DPR is not creating solutions it's making things worse.

4 months ago

Arlington County is lagging when compared with other municipalities/locations throughout the country. To pause this project would be an embarrassment to our DPR. The DPR should ALSO continue to look for additional location(s) for standalone pickleball courts, to repeat: Arlington County is lagging when compared with other municipalities/locations throughout the country. Given the number of all ages of active adults and children in our county and the fact that pickleball has been a growing sport for almost 60 years and is now the fastest growing sport in America, Come On Arlington - Get with the Program!

4 months ago

Keep the pickleball lines on the basketball courts. Those 3 courts are much needed and used. Also, maintain the drop in hours approach.

4 months ago

Please, don't remove pickleball from the basketball court! Work on reducing the noise as much as possible and keep 9 pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Considering new location that does not impact the neighborhood such as bluemont tennis courts

4 months ago

So if I say pause, you will reinstate unacceptable hours, 7 days per week??? Are you people INSANE?

4 months ago

The number of people who play pickleball continues to increase. We appreciate DPR's efforts to try to meet the need for outdoor public courts but Arlington is way behind other nearby jurisdictions in meeting this need. We can't wait any longer. Let's move ahead with creating Arlington's first set of pickleball courts.

Many county tennis courts are underutilized while the county's few pickleball courts are overcrowded. We look forward to seeing the Levels of Service recommendations for pickleball courts in the county. We know that 6 dedicated courts at Walter Reed will not meet the LOS recommendations and look forward to planning future dedicated pickleball venues.

4 months ago

We should continue with the Walter Reed project AND allocate funds to identify and ultimately begin construction on the next pickleball venue (Compost/mulch distribution center at 26th St. North? Miner Hill Park?). This approach should eventually lure some players away from Walter Reed and at least somewhat address neighbors' concern.

4 months ago

Drop-in play is integral to the spirit of the pickleball community--while the reduced capacity resulting from this project doesn't support that well, it could be ok AS A FIRST STEP, as long as additional capacity is planned as a next step

4 months ago

Our small neighborhood does NOT WANT TO BECOME A REGIONAL SPORTS FACILITY!!

4 months ago

Delay will likely result in increased costs. Also, pickleball will only increase in popularity and continuation helps address this healthy activity.

4 months ago

This is just a STUPID idea to have that many courts so close to houses. Parking is going to be a nightmare (especially since this will absolutely make the residents lobby for permit only parking (not 2 hour, but permit only like Douglas Park has). NO ONE is going to be happy with this. This is a disaster in the making.

4 months ago

You are essentially threatening to reinstate TORTUROUS hours for the nearby residents if you pause the project. Neither option is appropriate for Walter Reed Community Center, but if anyone says so, DPR will retaliate?? That is UNCONSCIONABLE!

4 months ago

The main reason I support proceeding with the project is because concept 2 allows for the beautification of a community space that could use some love and facelift. However, I don't think pickle ball courts is what this community space really needs. I would personally prefer a volleyball court, tennis courts, and improved basketball court.

4 months ago

This is not a positive step

4 months ago

The current tennis courts and basket ball courts need to be redone. But the plan needs to be changed to include at least 12 courts. The plan to add court lines to courts around the county is not good, there needs to be many courts in one location for drop-in.

4 months ago

You have to keep the basketball courts playable for the more advanced players or more people will be getting hurt.

4 months ago

Do not remove existing pickleball courts! Courts are always packed. Could pause/take more time to study without removing existing courts!

4 months ago

Of course continue the project but do you know what would be even better? More pickleball courts.

4 months ago

The courts are in disrepair.

When people buy houses close to community centers, there are pros and cons.

4 months ago

I don't know what this option is supposed to be for. It makes both sides unhappy.

4 months ago

There is no need to redo the existing courts. Leave them alone and return the basketball courts to basketball

4 months ago

No other place in Arlington to play drop-in with nine courts.

4 months ago

If the players and the neighbors want a pause, it should be honored.

4 months ago

this project is long overdue - the courts are cracked

i support this if and only if the county first builds a larger pickleball facility with 10 or more dedicated courts elsewhere

4 months ago

Keep pickleball on basketball court. Keep allowing drop in pickleball play. We need more courts not fewer. Noise abatement measures are available to address neighbors' concerns. Keep pickleball accessible, Public and free in the County. We are taxpayers too.

4 months ago

Let pickleball stay on the basketball court

4 months ago

Do not pause !

4 months ago

I think exploring another location further away from residents is an excellent idea and I'm all for it! (However my husband is sad because he likes to idea of the pickle ball courts going across the street. Even in this household we're divided in what to do about it!)

4 months ago

Putting in anything that creates a constant noise for full time residents is unconsciona

4 months ago

I oppose the project for two reasons. Firstly, reducing the number of courts seems to be moving in the direction opposite public interest. Secondly, I think you're missing the point worrying about noise abatement for the impulsive sound. I know you guys have spent a lot of time thinking about this and the few minutes I've read through the proposal. It occurs to me that a pickle ball pop is annoying. Much like a dripping faucet. Do you noise is nothing to do with the volume of the sound, only that you can hear it. We are Batman steps you're taking don't go far enough to race that sound.

4 months ago

It would benefit residents and recreational players to have the project developed in its final design rather than held in limbo status unresolved.

4 months ago

I don't agree with any of the above answers. I think the project as planned and pausing it without a plan to revise it and move forward are both unacceptable.

4 months ago

Pickleball is loud and won't be here forever. Stop this! Not what I want to see as a taxpayer

4 months ago

Would like to see a design implemented, so that pickleball play is more mindfully integrated for the community at this location.

4 months ago

we are badly in need of quality pickleball courts.

4 months ago

There is a need for more courts.
Adequate time has been provided for community input.

4 months ago

Keep drop in alive

4 months ago

No pause

4 months ago

Continue with project but add more courts!

4 months ago

please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players - a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

Move forward now

4 months ago

There are not enough courts in BOTH of your concepts. There should be 12 at Walter Reed.

4 months ago

is pickle ball a fad? do we need dedicated courts? otherwise, I support most projects that encourage and facilitate pen usage of the outdoor spaces.

4 months ago

You did not offer reasonable options. Pickleball needs to continue and more areas are needed not less. This last question seem out to punish those who don't agree!

4 months ago

We are in desperate need of updated courts

4 months ago

An extremely vocal minority has hijacked this project. The sound studies showed no significant deviation in pickleball noise from other noise caused by cars, trucks, leaf blowers, etc.

4 months ago

The basketball courts are barely used compared with a huge demand for the pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Pls don't take away or pause this! It's the best community.

4 months ago

Why remove tennis courts and build a loud disturbing pickle all center in the middle of a neighborhood

4 months ago

Please let pickleball share the basketball court.

4 months ago

The Pickleball courts on the basketball courts must remain open to drop-in players. The original project of replacing the six Pickleball courts on the tennis courts with eight dedicated Pickleball courts should be completed.

4 months ago

The planned project is nicer than the option if the project is paused. The buffer planting is prettier than the sound fencing.

4 months ago

I can't imagine that the outdoor courts assessment will find a place with no homes near the court. Wherever you put the courts, neighbors are going to hear them. Please use sound mitigation as much as possible. But less pickleball isn't the right solution. It's a popular sport; gets people outdoors exercising, socializing, improving hand-eye coordination and focus. It's great that we have all these courts in Arlington. Arlington is pretty noisy - planes, helicopters, ambulances, traffic, leaf blowers. I can't imagine that pickleball popping is loud enough to have much of an effect on the quality of life of neighbors - does it wake them up, keep them from hearing each other if they are talking in their yards?

4 months ago

One recreation should not be given such priority use as is envisioned in the concepts to expand pickleball at Walter Reed. My children and I also need access to all the open space possible and any reduction of Walter Reed's open space is unacceptable. The organized pickleball groups must learn to play at various locations instead of continuing to monopolize Walter Reed.

4 months ago

Pickleball is very popular, so much so that a dedicated pickleball space elsewhere should be feasible. The sheer number of adult pickleball players overwhelms the community space; forcing neighborhood kids to walk over a mile and across Columbia Pike to play basketball. Also, PLEASE remove the smelly unsightly porta-john and limit pickleball play to community center hours.

4 months ago

The hours are too long for the courts to be open especially since it is in a residential neighborhood. The courts are too close to residences.

4 months ago

Look for another location away from residential area or indoor locations.

4 months ago

More sound reduction is needed to the satisfaction of near by residents.

4 months ago

Continue with research to make sure this is the very best possible solution before you begin to spend money to construct the new designs for pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Given all of the concerns about the noise pickleball makes and the impact that has on neighbors who live and work in the vicinity, the county should consider moving pickleball courts indoors, like racketball courts.

4 months ago

Is there any reason why it can't be indoor? I mean squash and racquet ball are indoor. And there are lots of vacant office buildings. Garage parking below and floor after floor of pickleball courts. people can play rain or shine and not disturb anyone. Win Win. Why try to jam all those courts and people into that tiny old rec center and the surrounding neighborhood.

4 months ago

Too much money for needless project, Arlington had better things to spend the money on

4 months ago

This is a large investment and the current plans do not address the demand for pickleball availability.

4 months ago

Why can't this happen at WR while a study is conducted? Shouldn't be either/or.

4 months ago

it's boiled down to a couple options — all bad. Take time to come up with better ones, e.g. building up in existing buildings, that do not destroy more precious green space. Arlington can pay for it.

4 months ago

People have been seeking a dedicated spot for pickleball courts in Arlington. Also, people will play regardless of whether they are painted as tennis courts or pickleball courts.

4 months ago

A vibrant drop-in community requires a large number of courts to support the growing sport, that can be freely accessed for a wide range of times so players of varying work statuses and socioeconomic means can enjoy coming together without barriers such as cost or pre-arranged meetups. I think both Walter Reed project ideas fall incredibly short of the Arlington Pickleball Community's needs, but reducing the courts to 6 courts on a registration system will damage Arlington's pickleball community. I am in favor of pausing the project IF an alternative location that can absorb pickleball demand is identified, such as at Bluemont, Quincy, etc.

4 months ago

These are awful options. People are playing pickleball EVERY night! It's fantastic that this facility is being used and people are playing with total strangers. How often did this happen for tennis?

4 months ago

This would be terrible. This would pretty much obliterate drop-in play at WR from what I can gather. There is a large interest and desire among the PB community to at least maintain drop-in play at the basketball courts. There are many of us in the community who would be going there a lot more if it wasn't so crowded. Don't make matters worse by taking away all drop-in play!!!

4 months ago

The pause alternative sounds more desirable for those of us living in the immediate neighborhood. We like the idea to do a broader study to identify another location for standalone pickleball courts, as well as installing sound mitigation now to deal with current pickleball noise.

4 months ago

I would support a pause EXCEPT THAT PICKLEBALL FROM SUNRISE TO 10 PM IS UNACCEPTABLE. That is way too early and too late for nearby residents to suffer through. I thought hours were just changed to match the Walter Reed Center hours? Why change the hours again? Also, pickleball should be disallowed at least one day per weekend (under a pause or any other plan) to allow nearby residents quiet enjoyment of their homes for at least one day a week. Lastly, I don't see good things happening if gates are unlocked. Use can and will be abused. However, if locks are removed, the pause should include an option to go back to locking gates if nearby residents report play outside allowed hours with a trigger such as 20 recorded incidents causing locks to be added back. There should be a way to share/upload videos to the County. Signage should be updated to indicate allowed hours and provide a phone number, email, and process to report play outside normal hours.

4 months ago

These options don't solve the noise issue, the need for multi-use courts or the demand for more pickle ball courts. Build this at Kenmore or Bluemont.

4 months ago

Our immediate goals are:

- to have access for us and neighbor kids to the basketball court.
- to get an acoustical engineered continuous acoustic barrier around all pickleball games.
- restrict pickleball to non-sleeping hours, 10a-8p.
- construct a walled and plumbed restroom.

4 months ago

Pausing the project is the correct response to the concerns of the people who will be most affected by activity in the park. There are lots of places people can play pickle ball that won't reduce the quality of life of the neighbors who live in the immediate vicinity. Please consider building courts or converting tennis courts where the noise and the increased traffic won't matter - not a park that is used EVERY DAY by people walking their dogs, playing with their children, taking their parents and grandparents to programs at the community center and simply trying to rest and sleep within twenty or thirty yards of a loud and raucous activity that seems to never end.

4 months ago

live in neighborhood. noise impact. traffic increase

4 months ago

STOp the OUTDOOR project - bring it INDOORS

4 months ago

Terrible use of space, will be loud, love the park for picnics/reading

The park does not need that much pickle ball. It will fade in 3 years

4 months ago

Arlington County has a rapidly growing # of pickleball players. There's an immediate need for more access to courts. The current courts have needs that must be addressed immediately (sound reduction, resurfacing of courts); I feel there should be no stoppage in the process of upgrading the courts .

4 months ago

Please give us our basketball court back!

4 months ago

It's important for Arlington and it's citizens to have Pickleball available. Walter Reed is a great place to play , it is very convenient for many senior citizens.

4 months ago

This is not the place for Pickleball county will be wasting its money by building this enlarged court area. The problems are clear with noise and not enough parking, not to mention the need to cut down mature trees in a very small park, if this was being proposed in North Arlington, around peoples homes, there would be a hue and cry that could be heard all the way to South Arlington, I don't understand why the county believes that South Arlington can be dumped on in this way. This is not the place for Pickleball. Just because it got started here does not mean that it needs to stay here go back to the drawing board and look a little harder for a better location for this activity.

4 months ago

I believe pickle ball should be relocated not at this park. The neighbors do not want it and the association says it's the wrong location as well

4 months ago

Multi-year planning period!? This has already been going on for a long time, and now the suggestion is to reduce the 9 courts at Walter Reed down to just 4 courts while the county plans for multiple years what to do next? Every decision or reversal of a decision in the past year has seemingly gone against the pickleball community.

4 months ago

WE DON'T NEED IT!!

4 months ago

It seems these courts should be done AND possibly others. My concern is that pausing this plan will just lead to nothing getting done...rather than something better getting done.

4 months ago

I'm extremely concerned about the constant noise from the proposed pickleball courts. It's irresponsible to put these so close to people's homes. The county is under an obligation to research the effects of this noise on residents and also what affect it will have on their property values.

4 months ago

Don't pause but don't decrease the number of courts.

4 months ago

Pausing the project to consider other locations with the corresponding reduction of pickleball striping would do the most to reduce the overall noise and disruptive changes that have occurred in recent years leading up to the proposed concepts - so I am in favor of returning the park to as much of its earlier and quieter state as possible. It would also be the only situation that preserves permit reservations and actual tennis at this location.

4 months ago

You must have consideration for people who live nearby. The sound of pickle ball is very loud and very annoying. You will have many very upset residents who have to listen to it.

4 months ago

Why would the hours go back to sunup to 10pm with a pause? This increases the amount of playing time, which means back to longer hours of noise for the neighbors. I'm sure it's been a headache for the Rec center employees to deal with locking and unlocking the nets every day. But imagine living with the chaos! The only reprieve the neighborhood has gotten has been directly tied to the reduced hours.

4 months ago

I really think that given the noise complaints related to pickleball across the country a more suitable location needs to be used for an intensive pickleball site. Bluemont Park has several tennis courts that are often minimally used, with convenient parking and bathrooms are nearby. Allowing the courts at Walter Reed to be used from sunrise to 10pm is really too much. We know people will play outside those hours, and the folks playing pickleball often play music on stereos (and actual instruments). I love that pickleball brings joy to people, but it's difficult not to resent the game that is honestly a nuisance. Move this project to Bluemont, please.

4 months ago

It's an expensive project. Probably a good idea to get it right. Right now neither concept addresses the needs of the community

4 months ago

I need exercise and would like to learn to play. Looks like a thoughtful design.

4 months ago

Same response - I am a resident of Arlington village and the noise is already ridiculous. Additionally, parking is a huge concern.

4 months ago

I respectfully request pause the project because I have been a resident of this zip code for years and the pickleball rave is coming from places other than this zip code and trying to steal my beautiful loving community center and making it a pickleball depot. Let us continue to keep our community center a community center for the community.

4 months ago

Not sure what 4;s and 5;s mean, but pause would mean loss of WR court number while bureaucracy grinds, yes? Court concentration is key to drop-in PB. PB does NOT lend itself to a court registration system; its beauty is the large gathering of diverse players. Having fun does sometimes create noise.

4 months ago

Too Many Tennis Courts that people didn't use

4 months ago

I can't believe the county is even entertaining the idea of pickleball courts so close to private homes. It's almost like the county doesn't care about the impact of this to the immediate neighbors. Has the county not seen what is happening around the country and the negative impact of noise made by pickleball play to people that live nearby? Please permanently pause this project.

4 months ago

This project needs to be more thought out so that ALL members of our community are served, not just those who play pickleball. I love basketball and I want the courts preserved.

4 months ago

Arlington should pursue an alternate location that can support an adequate number of courts to address the long term needs of the pickleball community. This concept fails to address the already difficult parking situation for residents and persons who utilize the community facility as those parking spots are always taken by pickle ball players. It also fails to address the influx this will have on the bathroom facilities and staffing at the community center. This is unfair to the local community. The project is only providing 6 pickleball courts which are mainly being used by individuals from outside of Arlington, shouldn't the \$1.5 million of taxpayer funds be used for a more meaningful and sustainable effort that encompasses the needs of the local community?

4 months ago

It is absolutely ridiculous to take pickleball away from the basketball courts. They are used all the time. There are huge cracks in the courts that need to be fixed. Otherwise, the courts are fine as they are for pickleball.

4 months ago

Pausing the project would hopefully allow for an assessment of a need for more pickleball courts at Walter Reed, and not less as the proposed concepts propose.

4 months ago

Don't take away courts on the basketball court

4 months ago

Some of these actions proposed for a pause are TERRIBLE ideas! Please do not remove pickleball from the basketball court . I don't think the courts should be open from sunrise. That will just rile up the neighbors! Though I do think a 1 p.m. start on Sundays is very unfair for people who work during the week. The registration system does not work for drop-in play. Do not reduce the number of courts on the current tennis courts!

4 months ago

Improvements to Walter Reed pickleball is very much needed, including the provision of sound mitigation. The project should not be halted due to a small vocal group.

4 months ago

Keep pickleball court lines on basketball courts, restore the hours for pickleball, maintain or increase number of pickleball courts, improve noise abatement.

4 months ago

I am a pickleball player, but I know that the popping noise created is loud and causes actual physical stress for nearby residents, sort of like a mild case of sound torture because the pops are sharp and unpredictable. As a player, I am not as negatively affected by the popping noise because I can predict the pops on my court and other courts nearby, and I am totally focused on the game. I support the pause, but strongly recommend allowing only 2 pickleball courts during the pause, and then do another sound test once the acoustic fencing is in place. Incremental investment in pickleball courts may be the best strategy, so that the sound impacts can be tested at each stage and the county thus avoids a huge investment that turns out to be a practical mistake. I love playing outdoor pickleball, but this game has unique sound problems and the county should choose cautious, incremental investment in outdoor pickleball courts. The pause might also continue to allow the pickleball courts on the basketball court because the noise is not such a problem there. Maybe move the basketball court to one of the current tennis courts during the pause? Thus during the pause, the current tennis court pad would include 1 basketball court, 1 tennis court, and one multi-use court for 2 pickleball games.

4 months ago

Respectfully, the pickle ball is loud and annoying. It also takes up nearly all of the court space that had previously been used by basketball and tennis players during peak recreation times. The county should find a new, separate location to build pickle ball courts—further from residential areas, and without disrupting athletic spaces that are already plentifully used.

4 months ago

Ideas such as banning pickleball until 1 p.m. on Sundays is ludicrous. The county has no idea what it is doing

4 months ago

I just want their to be more pickle ball as soon as possible

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4 months ago

Pausing the project gives more time to try to kill it all together.

4 months ago

Well I don't fully understand but the courts and sound reducing efforts needed to already start . The basketball courts should be both BB and PB not permanent courts like the other 6 permanent

4 months ago

A multi-year planning process is completely unacceptable. The county has already approved funds for this project, and there is high demand for its completion. The county is setting itself up for a very disruptive precedent by discriminating against a majority of residents in favor of a vocal few. I reiterate: Arlington's public recreation assets are for EVERYONE. Not just those lucky enough to live next to them. Do not pause this project. Furthermore, on what basis do you decide that tennis players and pickleball players must share courts, but that basketball players do not? You are not being responsive to a changing dynamic in Arlington. There are many basketball courts around. This is not the case with pickleball.

4 months ago

I think we need to pause the project to find a solution that can work for everyone. Also, the Walter Reed neighborhood has made pickleball players feel very unwelcome, so perhaps it's time to move on from there.

4 months ago

Do not remove the tennis courts for people! Keep temporary nets as is and limit the hours people can play picked ball so it's not disturbing to the community who lives around here.

4 months ago

I definitely do not believe a pause, as stated, is in order. At the very least continue with Pickleball as it is now.

4 months ago

Enough with studying the matter, proceed ahead as identified.

4 months ago

A pause means pause with no changes. You are not proposing to pause the project rather proposing a different project. Call it what it is. There is no reason why the Walter Reed project can't continue while at the same time pursuing other places within the county for additional pickleball courts.

4 months ago

I think it works very well as they are and there's a total of 9 courts, which is nice

4 months ago

The current proposal wastes taxpayer dollars. Arlington should pursue an alternate location that can support 12+ pickleball courts to address the long-term needs of the pickleball community. WRCC is NOT the appropriate location for this as it would a) result in a noise burden that would be borne by neighbors and is inappropriate for a residential area and b) deprive other users from using this facility. Please start over and find another location for dedicated pickleball courts. This is not the place for them.

4 months ago

Need min of 10 courts

4 months ago

It's too loud.

4 months ago

The efficacy of acoustic treatment should be explored before adding courts/noise.

4 months ago

If most are in agreement, continue on.

4 months ago

I don't want to go backwards from 9 to 10 pm opening time & the associated portapotty because it is outside the community center opening hours. Imo the tradeoffs are clear and dragging it out will only result in me hearing more obnoxious tirades from a few neighbors who have too much time on their hands.

4 months ago

Courts are needed now. There is a great community for Arlington pickleball and they should be served as soon as possible. However a combination of the plans to allow for 9 permanent courts should be pursued.

4 months ago

Listen to the close by residents don't ignore them

4 months ago

I travel to Arlington weekly to play with the talented players in the area. However Walter reed has become so packed with players waiting- sometimes it takes 30 minutes to get a game. New courts are desperately needed, and will bring more tax dollars to the city (food, movies, etc).

Thanks for your service and dedication to the community.

4 months ago

You took down all of the trees where I wait for the bus. I have zero sympathy about the noise-- it is not loud and not louder than tennis. I just want my trees back so it is not so hot while I wait for the school bus. And a bench would be nice.

4 months ago

It's not clear to me if pickleball is a passing fad or if it is here to stay. How much money and permanent changes are we making for something that may not be used for more than a few years? It makes more sense to have minimal investments and pause any permanent footprint changes, unless we're creating something that would have multiple, versatile uses to meet a wide range of community interests.

4 months ago

Find a way to add more not less courts at Walter Reed. Continue the discussions do not pause the effort

4 months ago

There should be no pause, it has taken too long already.

4 months ago

Leave the courts as, fix the cracks, add the acoustic dampening immediately and return the hours to 7a-10p the same as Lubber Run or other outdoor county courts.

Leave it as open play, do not add a court reservation system. That will make it more prohibitive to play.

4 months ago

Would love to have Pickleball courts, just add a few more :)

4 months ago

Pickleball is very popular, and there's plenty of demand to justify thinking about how we use space in order to let people participate in the activities they enjoy!

4 months ago

Do not pause the project!! Allow pickleball play while options are being considered. I am a taxpayer in the County (personal property, real estate and business taxes) and I would like to see my tax dollars going to a County service that I actually use!

4 months ago

Arlington needs to keep up supporting pickleball play. Across the county we do not have enough pickleball facilities to support the increasing number of players. This causes disputes and frustration. The noise issues will be resolved with either modifications to player equipment or sound barriers, none of which impact the county's ability to increase the number of courts.

The county also needs to improve the reservation system to allow a single pickleball court to reserved. And use the one on the other side for the next reservation. Allowing both sports to be played by more people.

4 months ago

it would be a dereliction of duty to Arlington citizens to remove pickleball from Walter Reed

4 months ago

With the high demand for pickleball courts, pausing the project will just create further delays and problems. The county needs to both continue the project and also explore additional options. The county should seriously look at the Falls Church model where 24 courts were striped at Meridian high school.

4 months ago

There is obviously increased demand for pickleball courts in Arlington. It would be foolish to pause. You should increase availability for play, including possibly making Bluemont available for open play for ? Amount of time for at least a few days a week. I play tennis as well, but an unused empty court should be available for pickleball games in an ideal scenario.

4 months ago

Additional concepts needed

4 months ago

my main goal is more courts at WR

4 months ago

While there is a huge demand for more courts in WR, not sure what has lead to new design that in effect reduces the number of existing courts. Instead of responding to growing need for more courts at WR it has been decided to go to an opposite direction and reduce the number of courts. It make no sense.

4 months ago

Continue but with a combined Concept 1 and 2. Or combined with free drop-in play at Glebe Road, Marcey Park, or Hayes Park.

4 months ago

I don't like any of the choices since they all result in considerably fewer courts at Walter Reed.

4 months ago

It doesn't seem fair to prioritize the desires of a few homeowners in the adjacent neighborhood over the hundreds of pickleball players in the community. I have lived in apartments over the years next to construction that occurred from 7am - 7pm 6 days a week and I had no recourse. Pickleball is a community sport that attracts players of all ages. It is a welcoming community and the dozen or so homeowners located close to the courts should not be penalized. If Walter Reed is not the best location perhaps another park with fewer close by homeowners could be pursued.

4 months ago

Too noisy, too many courts, and please do not turn tennis courts into pickleball courts. As a tennis player, I don't understand the appeal of pickleball, but if you must have pickleball courts, please don't turn tennis courts into pickleball courts. Many people actually enjoy playing tennis and taking lessons at the community center.

4 months ago

neighbors will always find something to not like. they bought their homes knowing about outdoor recreation use on the site

4 months ago

Put it somewhere else

4 months ago

We have years of data now on pickleball noise. Do not move forward. You will be destroying peoples lives and once in the pickleball community will hold the residents hostage until you move somewhere else.

4 months ago

This project is too expensive to serve only one demographic and doesn't meet intended goals. The surrounding community isn't in support. Most important to me is to recommit the basketball court to JUST basketball and pausing seems the best way to do that quickly.

4 months ago

Walter Reed is an amazing park and community center as it is. No need to put MORE Pickleball courts here. People still like tennis and Pickleball is likely more of a fad.

4 months ago

Pausing the project in this way would destroy the unique pickleball community at Walter Reed. And the neighbors would be dealing with noise from sunrise to 10 pm again as whatever little courts are left will be used. It would also shift the same problems experienced by neighbors at Walter Reed to other local parks that are striped for pickleball. Frequent Walter Reed users are already shifting to other local courts due to overcrowding and running into problems- I believe the pickleball nets at Chambliss, Alexandria have been vandalized/stolen at least once by unhappy neighbors. It would also be a blow to local business. The people coming to WR to play pickleball aren't just playing pickleball. Since the reduced hours I haven't been coming by much at all which also means I haven't eaten at the local Papatella, Chipotle, McDonalds, or Pho 75- or had the need to fill up at any of the local gas stations in at least a month, when I would frequent those spots weekly before. I also know that for the evening players, they're meeting up and going out after. It's an asset for the county that serves the community in multiple, very positive ways. Why you would want to nuke it instead of addressing problems that do have solutions, and problems that will need to be addressed in the future is beyond me.

4 months ago

Too close to people's homes.

4 months ago

While I hate it being relegated to 4 courts. The best long term solution is to find another location that could fit 12 courts without disturbing neighbors

4 months ago

Pickleball is greatly increasing a sense of community and interaction between disparate groups that would otherwise never cross paths, unlike any another sport. Reducing the number of courts and/or introducing a reservation system creates barriers to this interaction.

4 months ago

Keep the lines on the basketball courts and bring back all day access without locked gates

4 months ago

The flyering and campaigning opposing this project has become infinitely more of a nuisance than any sounds of crowds I've ever witnessed from pickleball at Walter Reed, not to mention using our mail slots for this literature without proper postage is illegal. We appreciate the community's dedication to making space for a community connected activity that isn't harming anyone.

4 months ago

Pickleball = incredible amount of unhealthy noise

4 months ago

Think about reduced hours.

4 months ago

These courts were not consistently used prior to the pickle ball players coming to play. "Outrage" over this issue is a first world problem

4 months ago

The last thing Arlington needs is more money WASTED on building projects like this! The money needs to be spent on properly PAVING Columbia Pike and the surrounding streets! I'm tired of having my Hard Earned tax money going to wasted projects like this!

4 months ago

If there are only going to be a maximum of 6 courts at Walter Reed, continuing is the best option. There are simply too many people who frequent Walter Reed for pickleball to condense to 4 courts that are on a reservation system. The goal isn't necessarily to have as many courts as possible, but decreasing from 9 to 4 would create extreme congestion in usage and in the number of people/cars in the immediate vicinity.

4 months ago

Hours open need to be reconsidered.

4 months ago

More courts are needed. The amount of people playing justifies more courts

4 months ago

There are limited places to play and those that are available are packed. It may be a vocal minority that doesn't want the courts, but its clear the game is here to stay and it is getting the parks used and people outdoors. Don't limit things while you think.

4 months ago

We desperately need more courts and a pause would limit the number of courts

4 months ago

The proposed hours of play will be disruptive to neighbors. No playing should be allowed after sundown or before 2 hours after sunrise every morning.

4 months ago

There's a need and interest in pickleball at this location.

4 months ago

I like keeping basketball separate. that seems obvious. I think 10pm is awfully late for a neighborhood setting. Our neighborhood observes quiet hours (set by the county?) and typically has no tennis or pickleball after 8, or 9 in summer, and it's not disruptive at all. Such a small compromise could surely get more of the local community in the area on board with this project. Please don't be so rigid.

4 months ago

operating pickleball courts from sunrise till 10pm EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK would frankly be a retaliatory measure and unfair to nearby residents. Instead, limit play to the hours of the community center at the very most, and potentially even less so that people can actually enjoy their homes.

4 months ago

Having pickleball 7 days a week from sunrise to 10 pm is hellish for the people who live near there. This is not fair to those taxpayers who cannot enjoy their own homes. Limit the days and times to when the Rec center is open at the very least. PAUSE to find another location for that many pickleball courts.

4 months ago

Please modify plans to include more sound mitigation and invest in playground improvements

4 months ago

Need to find something all are happy with but allows people to be active.

4 months ago

Our beautiful park space should not be polluted with high volume traffic and noise. This will destroy the ambiance of the neighborhood and ruin property values. NO PICKLEBALL AT WALTER REED!!!

4 months ago

Change the hours because it is a annoyance to the neighbors and people need quiet sometimes. More reasonable hours would be 9 am till 6pm . Also is the county just building these courts to upset the neighbors so they will sell there house and now it is a win , win for a developer and the County ?.Also why not build these courts in North Arlington instead of South Arlington. Don't build on green space that the neighborhood uses . We need green space .

4 months ago

To loud

4 months ago

More thought needs to be put into the design to account for the surrounding residents needs. Less proposed courts and more noise reduction with shorter "open" hours.

4 months ago

Too loud and prevents children from enjoying a peaceful place to play.

4 months ago

This is a mistake. They should never have allowed pickle ball to take over our community park. Build an indoor facility somewhere and leave pickle ball out of our parks. People should be able to play tennis and basketball without being hassled led by these pickle ball cults. I've had children tell me that they feel uncomfortable asking adults if they can use the basketball courts. This an abomination and arlington county needs to come up with a solution that doesn't involve burdening our community with tons of outsiders who have no vested interest in making our community better and more recreationally inclusive. If this community believed in inclusivity, they would have chosen to include it in their community, rather than bringing their noise and garbage to our park everyday.

4 months ago

Please pause. As planned, this is too many courts and the hours are way too long. Not fair to neighboring residents.

4 months ago

Noise concerns

4 months ago

Having courts open from sunrise to 10pm and the related noise impacts would result in excessive, undue noise impacts to immediate neighbors of the site. I live at least four blocks away and can often hear the pickleball noise being played from my house. This is not a good location, but if it will continue to be used for pickleball, the hours of operation should be reduced. Thank you for your consideration.

4 months ago

Tennis courts in Arlington and Alexandria are always packed with tennis players. Taking tennis courts away from tennis to replace them with pickleball is a non-starter. So is turning tennis courts to multi-purpose courts. If pickleball is that popular, we need to build courts specific for that purpose without taking away tennis courts. Arlington sure has the money for it.

4 months ago

The impact of noise on the neighbors needs to be the absolute strongest consideration for these courts. By putting these courts in the new location you will potentially make their homes unlivable. Until you have gone through the impact of pickle ball being placed so close to your home you have no idea of how terrible the sound is.

4 months ago

How many neighborhoods have been already been ruined by our Developer run County Board/Manager? Now you want to force these home owners to move?

4 months ago

Impacts to nearby residents.

4 months ago

The proposed hours of sunrise to 10pm are entirely unreasonable, given the associated noise and proximity to houses. It will disturb people trying to sleep on either end (or just enjoy peace and quiet in their homes). It should be closer to 9am-7pm or the same hours the community center is open.

4 months ago

We need more pickleball courts. We should build these and add more. Outdoor recreation is a very important part of Arlington's appeal. We need more, not less, of every kind of outdoor amenity.

4 months ago

Exclusive Pickleball

courts. It is noisy and a nuisance for the neighbors that live close by like me. I am of the opinion that we need to keep basketball and tennis courts. Having more than one sport option is better. Pickleball should be played in various locations.

4 months ago

The hours are too late for a residential area.

4 months ago

Need more evidence that the sound reduction works, and need limitation on hours to reduce constant sound for neighbors.

4 months ago

Pickleball needs to be 600 feet from any residence.

4 months ago

Please pause, and cancel this project. If you must build a Pickleball Center do it at Long Bridge or somewhere that's not residential. The sport is decreasing the quality of our lives.

4 months ago

Reduce the pickleball hours! We have children and seniors trying to study and rest!?

4 months ago

Too close to residential buildings, excessive noise for an absurdly large time window

4 months ago

These courts belong away from the residential neighborhood. They need to be along Four Mile Run. The hours of play are too long. Why don't you listen to your citizens? They are the ones that pay taxes that are used for your salaries and the County staff behaves like they are punishing the residents that have complained. Not everyone in the County plays this game. Why are you catering to a minority of the population?

4 months ago

Concerned about noise for neighbors.

4 months ago

This is cruel to the people who live there.

4 months ago

The proposed hours are too much. There are utilized pickle ball courts in Fairfax - Arlington does not need to meet 100% of the need for the county and Walter Reed is simply too close to existing residences - this is in a dense area and a heavily used park - this area is already starved for open space.

4 months ago

Hours of operation should be more considerate to nearby residents. If multiple courts are being used simultaneously, that increases the sound level with equipment noises plus people's voices/ sounds. Consider partial enclosure to muffle sound and protect the surface from weather elements.

4 months ago

Pickle ball from sunrise to 10 pm?! What a noisy nightmare for the people who live just a few dozen feet away! It's noisy enough as it is. Put the courts somewhere FAR from sleeping babies and people working remotely. Let homeowners and tenants open their windows and hear birds and breezes, not yelling and ball-swats. If the courts simply must be right next to homes (hint: this is not the case), limit the hours to the hours of the community center at most. Lastly, please remember that pickle ball is a FAD and a TREND that will go away just like every other "hot new" activity eventually does. Build tennis courts, picnic areas, or resources for the unhoused instead.

4 months ago

Need further research on impact of noise pollution and research noise mitigation strategies.

4 months ago

I have lived across from the community center for over 20 years. This park is just another dump on south arlington residents- northern residents know of the sound and volume issues that arise from these courts which is why there is no proposal for courts being constructed there. This is a nuisance, this is a hassle, this is and has already affected out quality of life. And this is unnecessary- go play at tj where people have been playing pickleball for decades- build courts throughout arlington and not one giant monument to the game in my literal backyard. The residents who actually live here, who this actually affects, do not want it. Listen to us

4 months ago

The pickle ball is disruptive and annoying.

4 months ago

It's important to have pedestrian/short distance traversed accessible sports facilities. The trees seem like an acceptable measure to help dampen the sound. Although maybe have permit registration from 8-10pm

4 months ago

Please make sure courts are at least 1000 feet from the houses.

4 months ago

My earlier comments suggest this option.

4 months ago

Please build away from residential areas/ neighborhood. A good site would be Long Bridge Park.

4 months ago

The sound is terrible for those who live nearby. They have no way to control this intrusion on their lives.

4 months ago

The effect on noise and parking needs to be evaluating more fully.

4 months ago

Please rethink the development of a project like this so close to a residential area and what it will actually mean for people who live here. Expanded hours beyond when the community center itself is even open is likely going to cause issues we are already experiencing (noise, trash, traffic) to be even worse. Do better for your neighbors!

4 months ago

These courts are too close to homes and will affect quality of life in the neighborhood.

4 months ago

The hours are insane and not appropriate for a residential area. They need to be severely curtailed.

4 months ago

Pickel ball is a new fad. Why not use the funds to expand the playground or add an outdoor pool for the neighborhood.

4 months ago

10:00 pm is too late. Nuisance to neighborhood. Fix the playground. Shade the sand put.

4 months ago

In typical Arlington fashion, you only provide options that reduce the current level of access so as to make subpar "concepts" look more appealing. At least there is consistency in following the Arlington County Government's version of the "Arlington Way". Also known as "do as we tell you, we know better than you".

4 months ago

If proceeding means the pickle ball courts are reduced, then it fails to address current use and demand. The bball court is the furthest from the houses, thus they have the least noise impact.

4 months ago

I already mentioned that changing the park to a pickle ball park will bring people from all over. This means more traffic, parking issues, noise, etc. which will detract from the purpose of the park and how it currently exists for the immediate and surrounding neighbors/neighborhoods.

4 months ago

You should not reduce the number of courts- they are well used by our community. On Saturday they were jammed with people having fun.

4 months ago

We need dedicated pickle ball courts now.

4 months ago

This plan is a LOSE LOSE for everyone! It will still turn our small, quiet community into a regional sports complex, and it will not even be close to enough courts to satisfy the pickleball community. DPR needs to get serious about identifying an alternative location where there can be 12+ courts away from homes (e.g.; Bluemont or Long Bridge are two options). Reverting hours back to sunrise to 10p for pickleball play just because the project is paused will DEFINITELY be viewed as an act of punishment towards residents, and will NOT be tolerated. It is as if DPR is deliberately trying to flip off the needs of its community. WHY are you being so thick headed???

4 months ago

Since the pickleball courts are crowded, the number of pickleball courts shouldn't be reduced.

4 months ago

Let's take another look at this whole thing - we're close to "getting there"

4 months ago

It would be good to proceed with option 1 but still look for a place in the county for additional pickleball courts to be installed

4 months ago

If the neighborhood objections are to sound, keeping multi-use courts open until 10 pm is a problem without the sound baffling in the project.

4 months ago

We have no interest in Pickleball - we enjoy coming to the green spaces for lunch/dinner; would hate to lose trees/space/natural surroundings

4 months ago

10pm is too late for people causing all that noise.

4 months ago

We need more tennis courts. Our ability to play tennis is taken away by all these pickle planes and it's not fair to tennis players! No more pickleball courts!

4 months ago

I would like DPR to explain how it has chosen the location and concentration of pickleball courts. Why are you not locating courts near residents who use them? This would equitably allocate the burdens (noise, parking, displacement of enjoyable green space) where the benefits are.

I would also like DPR to review how the park is currently used by the neighborhood and evaluate how this has already been impacted by a concentration of pickleball activity here. It really feels like this project has been approached backwards.

The best option would be to pause and keep the restricted hours. This project should not proceed until it is acceptable for the community. And yes, maybe there is a better place to concentrate pickleball in the County.

4 months ago

I live close to Walter Reed and play tennis. There is another court not far from Walter Reed. The tennis courts were mostly unused. The proposed plan is a good use of the space. I don't play pickleball but am now considering learning more since it's so popular.

4 months ago

We need to find a different location where we can have at least 12 courts. Bluemont tennis courts can be multi-use courts. 9 tennis courts/18 pickleball courts. You can set dedicated hours for tennis or pickleball for certain number of courts.

4 months ago

There is an option missing - that is to go back to the original design with 9 pickleball courts in the current location of the tennis courts/open field and include sound barriers. I think there should be further discussion on the overall long term plan for how arlington will address the growing need for pickleball courts throughout the county - the need is INCREASING NOT decreasing so why would you decrease the number of courts? Make Walter Reed a HUB. Perhaps have a group of neighbors and players to come up with additional ways to address both groups concerns . . .for example - hours of play - perhaps certain days games must end by 7 and other nights till 10pm, let's work together to make this work for all.

4 months ago

J

4 months ago

no pickle ball

4 months ago

If you compare pickleball availability and county response to other counties across the USA, Arlington is not aligned with the tax paying community regarding making pickleball a priority to accommodate for the popularity and most importantly, utilization of park space. It is no secret that many tennis courts go un-used day after day, while few pickleball courts are over used. This misalignment of availability and demand is unacceptable and it appears that the county and park boards are not responding per their responsibilities. Both organizations are not investing in courts, sound mitigation efforts, or dedicated land for larger complexes as it should. I am deeply aware of local residents noise concerns and they are valid, but instead of using the most available solutions to rectify noise and create a vibrant pickleball community, Arlington appears to ignore these best practices. Coming from Wichita, KS which is the opposite, it is quite frankly shameful how badly Arlington is managing the popularity of pickleball.

4 months ago

Need to ensure sound reduction measures work.

4 months ago

The immediate rush to displace tennis for pickleball made no sense in the first place. Give pickleball players their own spaces, but not at the expense of well-used and loved (for many years) county tennis courts. Taking tennis courts away from public use raises equity issues and barriers to entry for tennis, because many private tennis courts are prohibitively expensive to play on.

4 months ago

Pausing the project further reduces the current pickleball courts. This sport is good for mental health, and promotes multi-generation engagement. It is also so fun!

4 months ago

Spent enough time on the issue

4 months ago

Both are bad plans. Leave all as is.. both plans ruin the pickleball committee created here which is unique and great

4 months ago

Walter Reed scored the highest of all the sites evaluated because it meets all criteria. Its location in a high density urban corridor with good nearby public transportation is a major plus.

4 months ago

All current options result in reducing the number our courts. Better to keep it as is for now. It's busy enough already, and less courts will make it worse for all.

4 months ago

Just remember that you will NEVER please everyone.

4 months ago

Registration makes more sense at other courts. Walter reed should be drop in all the time. I don't think the county should do pickleball classes there either. There are plenty of other courts that could be used for that purpose

4 months ago

I think the pickle ball players need somewhere to play but they've taken over the Walter Reed surfaces.

4 months ago

I think either plan will be a significant improvement to the area.

4 months ago

I don't understand why the basketball courts are being treated as a separate site. A big part of the magic of pickleball at WR is the density and number of courts, which allows for multiple levels of play, use for lessons, and guaranteed competition for everyone. Please reconsider the plan, to keep the 3 courts on the basketball court.

4 months ago

There's no reason to pause the project.

4 months ago

At this point, I believe the project will be done. At 82 years old I just want to live in piece.

4 months ago

In both cases, could 8' slabs of decorated concrete be staggered along 16th, which would look nice (in theory) and disperse noise, greatly reducing irritated neighbors? _-_-_- Like so

4 months ago

Pickleballers are taking away courts from tennis players; that would be main reason to continue project. However, I would consider transforming empty retail spaces into pickleball courts throughout Arlington. Also, With all the new construction of buildings going on in Arlington, this should be something to pursue with site permits.

4 months ago

my main goal is to continue playing tennis in Arlington County outside. Does the WR Center mean that other tennis facilities will not be for them?

4 months ago

I chose "pause the project" in the hope that a County study would identify more suitable locations for dedicated outdoor and indoor courts. I am concerned that the burden of noise and traffic generated by pickleball be shared equitably throughout the County.

4 months ago

Major noise concerns

4 months ago

continue with the project

4 months ago

what percent of the county actually plays picklerball ? unfair to people who never heard of it. I recommend a nice people park with nice shrubs , music stage , small exercise outdoor stations. I cant believe this idea every got feet.

4 months ago

It doesn't solve the current problem between the homeowners and the players

4 months ago

Why in the world would the parks department foolishly reduce the courts available to 6. There are 60 plus people a night waiting to play when one person maybe two sometimes use the basketball court. What a ridiculous and out of touch plan. I vote. If this goes through as planned...I'll work hard to remove the people who voted for this setup along with hundreds of other voting friends.

4 months ago

Given the growing popularity of pickleball, I think you need to do both...continue with the project at WR as planned, and also search for a suitable location for a future standalone pickleball facility.

4 months ago

I believe that pickle ball is a source of noise pollution and do not support the project.

4 months ago

I think this is the right way to go to make this Pickleball-specific, but I strongly believe there should be more courts than the six (6) that are currently available on the main court now. My opinion is that the basketball courts should stay, and the total number of Pickleball courts should be nine (9).

4 months ago

long bridge. there is so many reasons to move it to where there are no residents will be impacted. do any Arlington Board members or department heads live anywhere near a pickle ball court?

4 months ago

More soccer fields so people can play drop-in games. Too many of the fields are reserved

4 months ago

This proposed result does not address the need for additional courts.

4 months ago

It is not clear why these courts have to be located at Walter Reed, and why pickleball cannot share with other court users.

4 months ago

The basketball courts at Walter Reed did NOT score a 4! They scored a 5! The basketball courts should therefore be lined as pickleball courts!

THIS IS A FALSE CHOICE! The choices should be between (1) a Draft Concept that includes AT LEAST 9 dedicated permanent pickleball courts OR (2) a pause of the project that would include some renovations of the dangerous cracks on both the tennis and basketball courts and keep the 9 existing pickleball courts to be available 24 hours a day every day of the year.

There should not be any type of registration system for these particular courts to encourage the current culture of drop-in play!

4 months ago

If you pause as outlined above, you will be even FURTHER reducing BOTH the number of courts and hours for drop-in play — and drop-in play is the best way to provide PB access for all players. That would be terrible. If courts and hours and thus access could continue as is with just minor fixes, I would support a process for finding a way to site a much larger PB facility. If the proposal were instead to keep PB striping on all courts, allow reservations to be made for tennis on one of the courts, with drop-in PB the default at all times, rather than having to reserve PB time, I would support the pause. But PB is not like tennis. It is social. Pushing PB into a reservation system at the expense of drop-in players is the wrong way to go.

4 months ago

There are lots of designated tennis courts in the county...often empty when pickleball players' numbers are huge. The complainers are lying about so many things. I play afternoons and the courts are often empty after morning drop in so the 24/7 comments are absurd. I've never seen a player be disrespectful to the environment. The county needs to adjust to demands. When soccer was growing, more fields for example.

4 months ago

Arlington County does not listen to pickleball players. Other places have adopted already to the phenomenom of this sports; however, Arlington County Board still playing cat and mouse to the pickleball players.

4 months ago

This entire project seems to be moving too fast, without enough meaningful time for engagement. Pausing it and considering other locations for dedicated pickle ball play with better parking options and no neighborhood interference is in everyone's best interest. Have you considered Barcroft Center? There is ample parking and no residential neighbors nearby.

4 months ago

Its confusing so I don't understand the problem & plan

4 months ago

Best to get this done. Finding a new location and going through the study, plan, comment, re-plan, build process will be time-consuming and complicated. Our Board hasn't proven very good at managing these under budget and within time.

4 months ago

DPR is showing strong attachment to the assessment framework it originally designed. The framework pays no attention to the damage the project will cause to neighborhood use of the Walter Reed community center. There's an equation comparing benefits, and the disbenefits side of it is missing.

4 months ago

I think deference MUST be given to residence in the neighborhood, especially those who are adjacent to the courts. ALSO, I think pickleball should be limited in hours, i.e., NO earlier than 8 am and definitely no later than 10 PM MANY of the individuals who use the court aren't from the neighborhood, some not even from Arlington or VA. WE pay the taxes and they come use the courts for free, i believe, then they're off to their home where it's quiet. I support use of playgrounds and open spaces but this has become a duel between our Residents and people who come to take advantage of our Park with not thought (seemingly) of the noise pollution that it's been created. Spread pickleball courts around Arlington, Long Bridge in Crystal City as an example. BUT DEFINITELY LIMIT THE HOURS OF PLAY NO LATER THAN 8 PM, NO EARLIER THAN 8 AM.

4 months ago

Arlington DPR needs to learn how to move away from a big bang delivery environment with all the time intensive upfront planning that adds to delays, that then allow a small vociferous number of residents to inflate and fabricate concerns, to the detriment of the recreational and healthy activity options available to the many. Like everything else in 2023, Arlington County and the DPR should look to a value delivery methodology that can more rapidly respond to needs and problems in a more incremental manner. Noise reduction steps (netting) should have been taken immediately to temper neighborhood complaints before they became excessive and unreasonable. No pause - get going now. Whatever is built should be extensible, able to accommodate future expansion, and should be built in a manner that insinuates as little disruption to the stakeholders (community and players) as possible. Change is inevitable, and there must be recognition that Arlington is increasingly a semi-urban environment. The desire to maintain noise levels of the past, those of a quiet suburban community, should not rule over meeting the recreational needs of the many. Address legitimate concerns. take action, then inspect and adapt, continuously.

4 months ago

I live in this neighborhood, and this park was almost empty (aside from dog walkers) until pickleball started. The park/community center should cater to the recreational needs of the citizenry. There is an outsized demand for pickleball; let's meet that demand. I am tired of projects being bogged down, because an anti-social minority has marginal objections to public goods.

4 months ago

Nearly 50% of all pickleball courts in Arlington should not be in 1 place--spreading them out would benefit Arlington County and pickleball players (especially if Walter Reed only won by 1 vote). If noise is an issue, utilize the budgeted funds and build something indoors which would make everyone happy.

4 months ago

The section of this survey describing a possible pause is the only part of it that makes sense to me. Residents living near Walter Reed Community Center have repeatedly pleaded with Arlington County not to repurpose the tennis courts into dedicated pickleball courts. Retaining the tennis courts would offer at least three benefits. First, it would enable tennis players to continue using the courts. Second, both tennis and pickleball could be played on the courts (unlike on dedicated pickleball courts, which can accommodate only pickleball). Third, dual-use courts actually would provide more capacity for playing pickleball compared to converting the tennis courts into six dedicated pickleball courts. In other words, retaining the tennis courts and dual striping them for pickleball would represent a win-win for players of both tennis and pickleball. However, to appease the neighboring residents and provide them reasonable relief from the noise pickleball causes, I recommend also limiting the dual-use courts' open hours to the hours during which the Community Center is open.

5 months ago

I go to the park everyday morning and evening. I've noticed the demand to play pickle ball has been reduced, especially in the evening the time it was the most popular. If other courts are painted in Arlington to include pickleball, maybe there is not the need to create pickleball specific courts here. If new courts are built, it would make the park more over crowded and bring in more crowds of people wanting to play.

I don't think the county should take away any current green space or park with new construction of courts.

5 months ago

Pickleball should be indoors only in Arlington. Residents shouldn't have to hear the noise. If the pause occurs, as I hope it will, hours should be severely restricted or pickleball should be moved to indoors only. The need to eliminate outdoor pickleball near homes outweighs the unfortunate, temporary discomfort of keeping things mostly as they are now.

5 months ago

Arlington County"s pickleball community has needed more courts for several years, a need not taken seriously by the ACB or DPR. You have been very slow to respond to these needs. Pausing the project, with its reduced number of courts, seems an inadequate way to create more courts. If you had given us more courts (eg. paint PB lines on tennis courts), a lot of this uproar would have been avoided. If the WR project were paused, would PB courts be built anytime soon? What has happened to this county? Fairfax Cty and Falls Church have been ever so much more responsive to PB needs.

5 months ago

The fact that the Pickleball Striping will be removed from the basketball court, without any idea of how much the court will be used by basketball players - particularly Weekdays, between 8:00am - 1:00pm

5 months ago

These courts are heavily used so I think going ahead is the best decision and other considerations can be looked at also in Arlington county. PB will continue to grow so looking in Arlington county for more opportunities will be important.

5 months ago

We need to retain 9 courts. Spending this amount of money at WR where there will still be noise/neighbors issues to reduce the total number of courts is bad planning and bad fiscal management

5 months ago

I live at Barton and 16th St. I don't understand why the county feels it MUST improve the courts there. The cost to the county seems unreasonable to benefit a small number of residents.

If it has to go forward, why not charge for court use? In addition, I think players should be required to use quiet pickleballs and pickleball paddles. The cost of an employee to enforce such rules would be less than the cost of any renovations. It's likely the pickleball craze will die out before too long, and the county would be giving a job to (presumably) an Arlington County resident.

5 months ago

There is no perfect solution, the County is proactive addressing the lack of pickle ball courts and residents concerns with the proposed concepts. Arlington county is small enough that future projects for other courts could implement some of the ideas discussed here.

5 months ago

A "pause" that involves reducing the number of courts available is a ridiculous option.

5 months ago

I live in Arlington Village and I'm against the Walter Reed redevelopment project. I think the courts should be shared by people who want to play pickleball, tennis, and basketball, and neighbors in sound range of the courts should be accommodated. All this can be accomplished by establishing and enforcing rules around beginning and ending of play and reserving the courts. Spending county money on a years-long project to dig up and alter the site is a waste of money. It will be detrimental to the area because it won't solve anything.

5 months ago

Losing the drop-in format and even more courts by pausing the WR project would be SO detrimental to the growing pickleball community.

5 months ago

Pickle ball courts are loud and disruptive. They are unfair to residents and those who want to enjoy nature and parks. In addition, the pickle ball fad is already fading. The county will waste time and money creating courts no one will use. Wasteful

5 months ago

The highly flawed project should be paused and forgotten. Courts should be equally distributed across the county to ensure no one space is over run with noise, parking and other issues that entail pickleball. Note, it is unacceptable to have the tennis/pickleball courts open from sunrise to 10 p.m. without locked gates if the project is paused. Play time should reflect WRCC hours.

5 months ago

I like this project, but am not sure why other pickleballers would ask for it to be paused.

5 months ago

Build additional Pickleball courts at Bluemont and Bon Air Parks!!!!!!!!!!

5 months ago

This choice was the most acceptable of four undesirable choices. What is the difference between no opinion and unsure? I would suggest another choice, leave the current arrangement as is (3 courts on basketball and 6 on the tennis courts) at Walter Reed.

5 months ago

A redesign that takes over parking spaces, and keep the courts closer together would be better. Noise of well used tennis or pickle ball courts can never be evaded having grown up one block from a tennis club located in a residential area (Edgemoor Club in Bethesda MD)

5 months ago

No; the pickleball community needs MORE courts, not less.

5 months ago

DPR needs the time to identify, plan, and construct sites that can more effectively accommodate dedicated pickleball activity: sites with greater distance (minimum of 200 feet) from residential structures, sites that can allow more parking, sites that can accommodate larger crowds, sites that can permit drop-in play, 8-12 hour per day activity WITHOUT imposing on the livability of the nearest homes, and sites that can accommodate possibly indoor as well as outdoor facilities.

5 months ago

I am frustrated by the County's slow response to the pickleball community's continued requests for additional pickleball facilities.

Also, I am disappointed that the County capitulated to the fallacious claims by the residents near the Walter Reed Community Center about noise, bullying and urinating.

The County's Study shows that the pickleball noise is less than cars passing by.

Also, this process takes Too Long.

Thank you for your time.

5 months ago

I am not sure why the County can't proceed with current Walter Reed Project and start looking for a site for a dedicated pickleball facility.

There are 86 tennis courts in Arlington right now. If every tennis court was occupied by singles players that would satisfy 192 players.

An average tennis match is 1 1/2 hours.

<https://mytennishq.com/how-long-do-tennis-matches-last/>

A pickleball game is usually played by 4 players and takes 15-25 minutes.

<https://thevolleyllama.com/how-long-does-game-of-pickleball-last/>

You can see how pickleball is able to engage many more players than tennis players. Also, there tends to be a community around the pickleball courts where players are talking and having fun while they wait for their turn to play.

5 months ago

I hate the idea of losing the basketball court for pickleball. Would be a really bad thing for pickleballers.

5 months ago

Pause the project means going to four courts? PICKLEBALL IS NOT ILLEGAL. Who's going to move...I am! Who's going to drive down the quality of recreation in Arlington? YOU are

5 months ago

There is a strong demand - go with Option 2

5 months ago

Multi use is feasible, and expanding courts seems to benefit all interested in using the facilities.

5 months ago

I don't play pickleball, and I don't plan on it. But I believe we should maximize the amount of space for pickleball and put in more trees.. I am pro pickleball

5 months ago

Please do not pause the project. That results in even fewer pickleball courts. I do not like the reservation system as that goes against the drop-in culture that the pickleball community.

5 months ago

There are just a small minority of individuals who do not want or have a strong opinion about the pickleball courts. Do not pause the project - the pickleball courts will be good for the community overall and will allow us to grow. Who knows what will happen, maybe foodtrucks or other businesses will come in. This will be good - the few who want to pause this are very selfish and only think of themselves. That is my thoughts, please continue on making our community better.

5 months ago

No reason to stop. People will always complain or find issues no matter where you build this facility. I don't play pickleball, but I can appreciate the need for these courts. Delaying this will just waste more money. Time to move forward!

5 months ago

This whole "score of 4" business looks to me like a bunch of hooey that you made up in order to chase away the pickleball players.

5 months ago

Every bullet point in "What would it mean to pause?" is designed to be punitive and to cause maximum unhappiness for all stakeholders. NONE OF THESE BULLET POINTS ARE NECESSARY. The status quo (rules as they are today) is a perfectly acceptable way forward if the project is paused. These are all policy decisions that can be made differently. This is a deliberate choice on the part of DPR to make this process as evil as possible.

5 months ago

Do not pause, work harder! The availability of the basketball court for pickleball play is important! More courts are important!

Consider Bluemont/Bon Air Parks for shared use between tennis & pickleball.

5 months ago

As a tennis player, I find it unpleasant to play near pickleball courts. Tennis players rely heavily on sound cues to evaluate speed/power of opponent's stroke, Also, while there is not as much chatter during play, but the opposing players have to communicate over a greater distance than paddleball players do, which means they have to be louder just to hear each other. For this reason, I favor dedicated tennis and dedicated paddleball courts, but keep them physically separated. Note also that tennis players generally play without pause for an hour, then leave. they don't take breaks and hang around observing and commenting loudly on other games in progress. They therefore bring far less total noise to their court sites than paddleball players do. Also less strain on facility and adjacent neighborhood parking.

5 months ago

The noise from the courts is a nuisance. The county should take the time to find locations that are remote enough from residential areas to minimize the noise impact.

5 months ago

There should be a stop the project response. Take the project to an area, farther away from a residential community. I have lived, and pay taxes in this neighborhood for 23 years-Pickleball (I enjoy playing) should not be the focus of WRRC.

5 months ago

The decision to make it pickle ball courts did not involve consultation with the neighborhood. Please re-locate pickle ball to long bridge which has no neighborhood feel. It will be easier for the DC pickle ballers to get too as well. Win-win for everyone.

5 months ago

This has been thoroughly studied with extensive outreach already. It is a waste of County resources to continue this because of unhappy neighbors. This is an active and vibrant community space and should continue to be that way.

5 months ago

I live next door to the park. While the pickleball noise does not affect me any more than the other sounds emanating from the complex (playground, bball, etc.) I feel the concerns of the neighborhood should outweigh the opinions of nonlocal recreationalists.

5 months ago

Need to address the issue county wide.

5 months ago

How much more study is needed. Critics on both sides of the issue won't be satisfied until they get everything they want.

5 months ago

Pickleball is great way for folks of any age to engage in a healthy activity - physical and mental. The U.S. Surgeon General's report on loneliness says we need more people connecting. Pickleball helps people connect.

5 months ago

This is not really a choice- it sounds threatening. The community asked for at least 8 courts for a pickleball site. Not only are we only getting 6, but now you're saying, take it or we will reduce you to 4 courts. Really? Arlington County...do better!

5 months ago

Please select one of the poor choices we have provided above. Really? The County needs a pickleball strategy.

5 months ago

A pickleball center will be highly utilized, and with these design and sound mitigations will minimize community impact.

5 months ago

You should ADD pickleball courts, not put pickleball on tennis courts. Finding space for tennis is difficult already in Arlington. Add courts. Don't call courts tennis/pickleball. Just create pickleball courts

5 months ago

The proposals don't help. They make things worse for pickleball players. Go ahead and add sound proofing for the neighbors now.

5 months ago

I thin it is an imprudent use of money which I would rather see go to the playground as it "sucks" terribly. Simply the most unplay playground in the county. I think just put sound barrier walls around the tennis courts and retain them as tennis courts. How did Pickleball get the attention of the County Board when they give scant attention to other voices on this and other topics?

5 months ago

Listen to the neighbors. They have to deal with this more intensely and constantly. 60 db pop is much more disruptive and unsettling than 60 decible constant sound. Also, see <https://www.npr.org/2023/05/24/1072791328/more-silence-less-noise-children-lives-helps-them-grow-brain-development-memory>

5 months ago

Need to maintain pickleball hours at WR while searching for a flagship location for multiple courts. Need to continue open hours for drop-ins (no reservations).

5 months ago

Nothing against PB, I just don't want to have sacrifice an inch of greenspace for this. There are other places people can play.

5 months ago

I would recommend to put project in Crystal City at Longbridge Park. I think the players should be charged a fee just like the swimming pool. I do not think tax money should go to the Walter Reed Center. Rosslyn has one playground which is very crowded. Rosslyn has no community center or senior center. Maybe Arlington could buy the Key Bridge Marriott and turn it into a rec center, community center and swimming center. Also this facility could have a center for homeless. Last could open learning center and vocational training facility. It is sad to see so many homeless in Arlington and think people are thinking about pickle ball.

5 months ago

I would recommend to put project in Crystal City at LongBridge Field. I think the players should pay a fee just like you have to at the Swimming pool. The Walter Reed Site already has recreational activities. Pickleball only lets a few people to enjoy the activity. I am a senior citizen and would rather see the money put into neighbor hood playgrounds. Rosslyn only has one small playground which is very crowd. It would be nice if Arlington would buy the Key Bridge Marriott and convert into a recreation center and Arlington community center.

5 months ago

This project should be paused. The county is acting hastily in order to accommodate a small number of people who play pickle ball. More thought and planning needs to go into the project. Find out how popular the other outdoor features of the rec center are like the tennis courts, basketball courts, and playground. I live across the street from the rec center and my child and I go to the playground all the time. The playground is lame (aside from the sand pit) compared to other high-quality playgrounds in Arlington, It should be updated. It would attract more people than pickle ball. Pickleball court hours should be reduced, and their needs to be designated hours for tennis players and basketball players. The county should also be spending their money on much more important issues like housing and providing help to those who can't afford to eat.

5 months ago

I selected continue because I do not want even fewer courts.

5 months ago

Need to evaluate all options for additional pickleball courts throughout Arlington. Need to identify a central hub for pickleball.

5 months ago

the courts are cracking rather badly and ball bounces are more unpredictable. The cracks also create a hazard, causing tripping and possible increased injury if falling on the cracks.

5 months ago

Grandfather-in the basketball courts at Walter Reed since they are already striped and complete the 6 (better if it was 8 since the room is there) courts as originally planned. Arlington has fallen behind on the demand for pickleball.

5 months ago

I like the idea of being able to play basketball again while paused, but I'm concerned about the expense of doing more studies when a viable option seems available.

5 months ago

We do not need pickle ball courts. We need more open space. Use the resources you are spending here on buying more open space.

5 months ago

The drop-in system at Walter Reed is a big part of the positive community that has been built around those courts. I moved here with the military, and dropping in at the Walter Reed courts allowed me to make a bunch of new friends in Arlington's thriving Pickleball community. Without the current nine- court system and the drop-in and sign ups that have been created for the courts, I never would have been able to integrate into the community the way I have. There are already a much higher number of tennis courts than Pickleball courts in Arlington, and taking away Pickleball courts like these plans propose to do is a move in the wrong direction.

5 months ago

Enough of the NIMBY those who live nearby knew there was an active activity park across the street when they bought. They are among the few in the county to have a park next door with all the green space it provides. Get this done already. The demand is there now and growing. I would even urge that the basketball courts be kept as part time PB courts as part of this plan.

5 months ago

Too noisy and intrusive

5 months ago

I don't live next to the courts but I've walked through WRCC enough to understand how noisy they are, both for private residences (including the condos, which aren't even mentioned in this survey) and other users of the park. People used to lay out and read, or toss a frisbee around on the green open space. Those users were mostly gone after pickleball took over. I wish the park could be used for more activities.

5 months ago

As home owners near the park, we want to reclaim usage of the basketball court for basketball and keep any additional cost to taxpayers at a minimum.

5 months ago

There is clearly a huge interest in pickleball in Arlington, and we need more courts. Pausing the project would provide no space on the southside for people to play.

5 months ago

I would support pausing the project along with the sound measures mentioned above, the parking lot should be fully repaired and repaved and install these type of portable toilet - <https://www.thronelabs.co/>

5 months ago

Having only one court strictly for tennis is a net loss.

5 months ago

Pausing the project should return court operation to the status quo- 9 pickleball courts open sunrise to 10pm (with installation of acoustic fence treatments).

Reducing to 4 pickleball courts as interim measure defeats the purpose of the entire project.

Courts should never be on a registration system.

5 months ago

But expand number of courts use the grassy area

5 months ago

Both proposals significantly reduce pickleball opportunities.

5 months ago

The Public Spaces Master Plan identified this program as one of its top priorities. The PSMP was the result of a huge investment of staff and resident time and carefully explored both County-wide recreational needs, as well as current space.

5 months ago

I like the idea of having separate and new pickleball courts.

5 months ago

Again you have failed to engaged the local neighborhood in the early stages of this project to assess its potential negative impacts. The project has been advertised as a way to make Arlington a "regional hub" for pickle ball enthusiasts not just Arlington citizens. The larger Arlington community has already spoken in the 2016 Recreational Needs survey by requesting more natural areas and hiking and pedestrian trails and wanting investments to go to those priorities. Paved courts, ball fields, and other facilities for organized sports are way down the list of priorities. Start listening to our citizens' needs rather than a group of athletic enthusiasts for a single sport that is this decade's "in" activity. The mental and physical health of Arlingtonians as a whole is better served with more green and peaceful venues.

5 months ago

I am against Pickleball courts. The sound reduction is not sufficient for the neighborhood.

5 months ago

I don't want construction going on all summer, which is the time I will most be needing the playground while my daughter is not in school for 3 months. Wait until fall.

5 months ago

It would be the surest way to please the most number of people to take it slow and implement the most minimal changes first, until further buy-in can be reached.

5 months ago

Find a spot to build 10-20 permanent PB courts and leave tennis courts at Walter Reed. I walk through Bluemont Park on a regular basis and during week days the tennis courts are barely used, maybe 2-4 people between 9:30 and 11:30 in the morning. Take the tennis courts out and put in 20 PB courts. Other locations could be on a deck added to the parking garage over I-66 or the garage in Ballston over the Ice rink. Those two locations would reduce or eliminate the noise complaints.

5 months ago

Still too much noise.

5 months ago

I have both worked at and used WRCC as a participant. When there is any more than 1 thing going on at the center parking has always been an issue. Even with overflow in the back there have been parking issues during peak hours. This center has prided itself on the multitude of things that happen at the center and it has been very neighborhood and community oriented. Moving a large pickle ball center there will dilute the space and parking for the community. It's great that Arlington pulls in people from other counties but pickle ball especially will bring in a lot more people. A lot more people means a lack of parking for the community. Also with adult day health program there they need parking for staff and visitors. My opinion is that this is not a great location for a pickle ball center. There has to be someplace else in the county that accommodate inside and outside pickle ball that can just specialize in that instead of worrying about giving less time to tennis players and basketball players.

5 months ago

I support proceeding with the project if you change the hours back to what they were. If you are going to keep the reduced hours, even after the noise reduction measures and possibly moving the courts, I would prefer to keep the 9 courts rather than reduce the court total to 6.

5 months ago

This is a good location

5 months ago

Definitely continue with the project.

5 months ago

This is a choice between two evils. Both diminish the capacity for drop in play. Why not stripe the four auxiliary courts at Bluemont for Pickleball.

5 months ago

I am unsure what impact pausing the project would have on the current pickleball situation. There are people out there day and night already on the basketball court playing and watching. It is disheartening to see that most of the players drive here from other areas, make their noise and mess and then just drive away. If the project is paused, I would like to see set times for play. The option above to be open from sunrise to 10pm is way too much time. Sunrise can be as early at 6.30am and having the play and players be in full force for 15 or more hours per day is excessive.

5 months ago

I don't want to lose access to the pickleball courts currently on basketball court if the project is stalled. There would also be a loss of 2 pickleball courts if one of the tennis courts were just stripped for tennis. Reducing number of pickleball courts is not a good idea when there is already an overcrowding situation. If neighbors are complaining about noise the county should install noise reduction barriers, not reduce number of courts.

5 months ago

The restrictions to time of play hurt the community especially on weekends. Honestly, I don't see an issue with the way things are now and don't think the project is needed. Just let people use the courts because that's what our tax dollars pay for.

5 months ago

I say abandon the project but keep the reduced hours if you won't reduce the number of courts. Also partial sound mitigation WILL NOT WORK.. do you want to say it again for those of you in the back?? It will bounce off the community center and back into 16th st. Go see a high school physics teacher.

5 months ago

A lot of work has gone into finding a sustainable solution for pickleball players and area residents. Pausing the project at this point just applies a weak bandaid to a serious underlying condition

5 months ago

NO pickleball at Walter Reed. Keep the tennis courts and let pickleball players go elsewhere.

5 months ago

Pausing the project caters to neighbors who are opposed to the courts and they just want to delay it for as long as possible. They are rude and hateful. Nothing is going to satisfy them so we should push ahead with the Concept 1.

5 months ago

I am in FAVOR OF A PAUSE -- but some of the steps outlined as part of the pause do not seem like a pause at all.

WHY would you disallow pickleball use on the basketball court? Wouldn't pause mean continue the current usage pattern?

You are also saying as part of a "pause" you would reduce the capacity on the tennis courts from 6 to 4 and eliminate drop in play?

How is that a pause? That is a distinct change with a serious disadvantage.

Add acoustic fencing? YES, great!

Minor improvements to surface? YES, great!

Resume hours of sunset to 10pm? YES that would be great

Lose Drop In Play in favor of Registration? NO! Why would you do that? There are other reservable courts, why would you try and destroy the drop in play element of PB at WR without providing a suitable replacement?

5 months ago

You are destroying a community asset especially during weekdays mornings where dozens of 55+ taxpayers gather at a Senior Center. Leave us alone- hang a curtain to placate the neighbors, leave the 9 courts as drop in, do minor crack repair

5 months ago

If there is a better option for pickleball hub for Arlington we should pursue instead of making it less than what we have.

5 months ago

The answers above are too restrictive. Although I favor a pause and a better plan and presumably a better location, the timeline as well as the restrictions/changes to WR in the meantime seem unreasonable and without the urgency needed

5 months ago

I think tennis should be possible on all courts. Hours should be limited to when the community center is open. Eliminate lighting. Make a basketball court available during same limited hours. The county must be a hood neighbor to people living nearby who are subjected to the noise. Pickle ball bounce is worse than the sound of tennis ball hitting and bounce. Don't dump the problem on the lower income part of the county!

5 months ago

Cancel the project. Why is the county shoving this down our throats? Why are the rights of pickleball players more important than those of residents?

5 months ago

You need the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhood input.

5 months ago

Why pause? You have reduced courts by 3. So sad. County board will be voted out after promising 9 last winter.

5 months ago

Please stop the project! Move pickle ball somewhere that doesn't further gentrify my neighborhood. Please pick inclusive sports! Move Pickleball indoors. Let me enjoy my neighborhood once again.

5 months ago

Reducing the number of courts will create more congestion and will not solve the larger issue of meeting demand.

5 months ago

No need to pause. Pickleball is a valuable asset for all ages and it's silly that there's contention about this topic. Make space for the courts.

5 months ago

I think the courts should be open; not padlocked when the center is closed.

5 months ago

Like most Arlington projects has not been completely researched

5 months ago

I think this project needs more rethinking, especially if Concept 2 (which basically removes the open space of our park) is on the table at this point.

5 months ago

Keep Tennis

5 months ago

dgxdt

5 months ago

The lack of courts presented in this concepts will drive up the population of surrounding pickleball courts and increase wait times across the county.

5 months ago

There are literally a hundred places in the county with basketball courts. Combine concepts 1 and 2 to have at least 9 courts. You are not solving the issue. 15 residents were coerced to complain about the noise because of one neighbor...there is a noise ordinance for a reason. They live next to a community center which almost always has some form of noise especially an active community like Arlington. I'm sure the county rather promote the happiness, fitness, and community of thousands vs 15 people.

5 months ago

If a whitewater facility was planned at Walter Reed, the county could host olympic trials onsite. There would only be a couple thousand people in attendance so anticipated issues.

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

A lot of people show up to play pickleball and removing striping on courts and removing courts will make the area too crowded for use. I can also see people abusing the reservation system to limit the amount of pickleball that gets played out of spite.

5 months ago

The WR project is a \$1.5 million dollar project that, on the current timeline, will take 2022-2025 to complete. Pausing the project is an open ended delay with no guarantees, no new dedicated courts and no plan for dedicated courts at more than one location. If the WR project is paused, there should be existing courts converted to dedicated Pickleball use on a temporary basis. Start w Glebe park.

5 months ago

I'm unsure because the current plans are fairly terrible, but if this is paused will it be stuck in limbo forever?

5 months ago

The answers above are too restrictive. Although I favor a pause and a better plan and presumably a better location, the timeline as well as the restrictions/changes to WR in the meantime seem unreasonable and without the urgency needed

5 months ago

I love to play pickleball - this keeps me healthy and happy. We need more courts in Arlington. I just retired and cannot believe the county is considering reducing the number at Walter Reed. I live in the neighborhood- not everyone is upset about the noise Etc.

Support a sound barrier - thanks

5 months ago

Keep facilities open until 10 and stick with the 9 courts.

5 months ago

I think the choice of Walter Reed for this loud sport is irrational because it is a high density living area. We already struggle with noise pollution. But we are South Arlington, and our quality of life is always ranked below those of more affluent North Arlington.

North Arlington has much larger park areas that would better accommodate this high decibel sport.

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

Continue the project but return to a 9-12 pickleball court format and increase noise cancelling opportunities. 12 courts can easily fit in this space and enhanced noise cancelling measures can be taken.

5 months ago

I think this plan is a fair compromise between neighbors & players. I don't know where else six (maybe nine) courts dedicated to pickleball could go. I've heard some say Bluemont. I just laugh. That's never going to happen. You're never going to please everyone. I say get er done & move on.

5 months ago

Even pausing the project seems to result in a loss of courts. The mention of striping some tennis courts around the County fails to address the need for Pickleball nets.

5 months ago

I want tennis courts. If there are also pickleball courts that's great, but I don't understand why all the courts have to be pickleball.

5 months ago

Why are you threatening the pickleball community with a pause? We were promised years ago 8 dedicated pickleball courts. You are going to do what you want anyway so I don't know why you are asking for this information.

5 months ago

Do not take away the basketball pickleball courts it is a cmty of everyone that plays and shared the court w basketball players

5 months ago

Why oh why does DPR continue to give tennis preferential treatment? It's apparent in every decision you make.

5 months ago

Continue with the project as planned, assuming other tennis courts across Arlington County are striped for dual-use, clusters of 4 - 6 pickleball courts are included in the striping. For example, stripe all three tennis courts at Ft. Scott; stripe all three tennis courts at Old Glebe; etc. Block time in the reservation system enabling drop-in play in venues other than Walter Reed.

5 months ago

These are ridiculous options. Shame on you.

5 months ago

Please begin repainting and striping tennis courts to include PB lines. (There are better colors to make the lines less annoying.) The more people can spread out, the smoother the play should be. After all, DPR's mandate is to provide facilities for healthy living. Your bad track record with PB can be ameliorated somewhat with more courts. Glebe and now WR have been a mess. Now is your chance.

5 months ago

A lot of work has gone into the design of the WR PB concept. Unfortunately DPR and the CB had not listened to the PB community. You were asked to put up signs with reasonable times. This took too long, things got out of hand, and people misbehaved. Forgotten was the number of people having healthy fun. DPR had no plan and didn't respond.

5 months ago

Don't reduce the number of courts.

5 months ago

I moved to the neighborhood on 16th street last year because of the green space near us. I'm not sure why, because it's a fad, Pickleball gets to change what had previously worked fine for the neighborhood. My husband and I used to play basketball at lunch and now we can't because of the Pickleball mafia.

5 months ago

The proposed "pause" is not a true pause. The plan unfairly penalizes the pickleball community - a large group within county who just want to commune with others, exercise and have fun. How can this be justified?

5 months ago

I'm not sure I'm following. There needs to be more courts. There are 9 currently including basketball. I'd rather just keep the 9 then go forward and move down to 6.

5 months ago

If you have any additional feedback that hasn't been captured above, please use the space below to share:

I AM OUTRAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY HAS UNILATERALLY ALLOWED THIS PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD. WE PAY TAXES TO LIVE IN PEACE JUST LIKE NORTH ARLINGTON. THESE PLAYERS ARE NOT FROM HERE AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INVADE AND TRASH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!

4 months ago

The BB courts should be a multipurpose area and lined for Pickleball

4 months ago

For the most part I agree with pausing the project and re-assessing other options within the county. However, I'm not a fan of the registration system taking hold at Walter Reed. Drop-in play at Walter Reed is one of the defining qualities about this location and has partially led to the steep increase in Pickleball's popularity in the county as a whole. Adding acoustifence and lighting to the basketball side while continuing to keep it a multi-use space (sharing with basketball players) seems like a good compromise. Pickleball gets to keep 9 courts while not pushing out the basketball players. Also, the acoustifence will help to satisfy complaints of the neighbors on both sides of the park. A survey should be taken to assess when the appropriate hours of the day should be for pickleball priority vs. basketball priority on the basketball court side of the park.

4 months ago

If the county truly wishes to more equitably distribute pickleball demand across the county, as DPR has indicated it seeks to accomplish, ALL county pickleball facilities should allow for "DROP-In play" (i.e., no reservations needed), otherwise WRCC's courts will remain a magnet for the vast majority of play from across the county (as well as from players coming from other VA locales, Maryland, and the District of Columbia).

The report presented to the county board by DPR on 4/25 made it VERY clear that limiting hours and locking the courts was part of its efforts to "find solutions that are measured and responsive to the community's needs and create a space that improves the user experience while balancing neighbors' concerns" and that the intent was to "Reduce impact of intense play on neighbors."

The proximity of housing near Walter Reed (less than 90' as per the county's presentation of 5/23), is what makes all of the difference here. Due to how close nearby residents are to the courts, the impact of PB noise will be significantly greater here than on the residences near the newly striped sites, especially in the early morning and later in the evening, and as such needs to be factored into the hours of operation of these courts / why continuing to limit the hours to those of the operation of the community center make good sense.

4 months ago

I play a lot at Old Glebe Park where the sound protection has proved effective. However, I really, really dislike the industrial black color in this otherwise green park. I would strongly recommend going with a forest green color for future sound barriers.

4 months ago

concerned that it took so long for the county to seriously respond to the immediate residents who have been dealing with the noise from pickleball that does not occur with tennis and the hours of operation initially allowed for pickleball -- when a specific recreation use seriously impacts quality of life for next-door residents (we share a 200' property line with a small park and have never had a problem with the recreation - passive and active - that takes place there)

4 months ago

Please continue with the project for this inclusive activity in Arlington

4 months ago

Please move this project along!! We need more access to courts and playing times.

4 months ago

Please keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain drop-in hours, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project, etc. We would like more access to pickleball. We would also like lights for night, and bleachers to watch others, more paddle racks, etc. Thank you!

4 months ago

I can see the value of halting the project if the delay is used to conduct further research into solutions that are even better than Concepts 1 or 2, namely finding an alternate location where sound disturbance to residents is further minimized and the number of courts is increased. The drop-in concept is very important to the social and community building aspects of the game as well as to my own enjoyment of Pickleball in Arlington, Fairfax, and City of Falls Church. The loss of regular drop-in play in favor of permit play seems like a lose-lose consequence of halting the project. Why not have certain days/times designated for each? I hope that administrators in the three jurisdictions mentioned are working together to make PB offerings in neighboring communities complementary/reciprocal.

4 months ago

You really need to find another location for this project. When you are collecting data for this project, you also need to figure out how many persons providing input actually LIVE in Arlington, particularly South Arlington. I see an awful lot of fancy cars with out of state plates.

4 months ago

Current time restrictions on the courts are problematic, particularly on weekends. Many people who work can only play on weekends and the current hours only allow play during the hottest part of the day, 1-7 pm, which isn't feasible unless you want to get heat stroke. Need to open back up for morning and evening play on weekends

4 months ago

Make indoor courts

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players. We are a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

The pickleball community is very active and enthusiastic and deserves to keep and expand the playing spaces it has.

4 months ago

The number of pickleball courts should not be reduced from 9 to 6. A good compromise would be to use draft concept 2 in order to move some of the courts away from houses, but to keep the pickleball courts in the basketball area. If pickleball noise bothers the few residents near the basketball courts, sound reduction wall could be installed.

4 months ago

Pickleball courts in an outdoor public space should have longer hours. Cutting the hours, especially on the weekend, is not considerate of when people want to use the courts to be outside. Closing at 5:00 on a Saturday is a prime time for when people want to play, especially in the summer when they hope it cools down a little. Opening on Sunday at 1:00 is the same thing. People want to play early because they want to play when is cooler, not in the middle of the day when it's 100 degrees.

4 months ago

I'd like to thank all involved for taking on this challenging, important project.

4 months ago

Do not change the drop-in approach to pickleball. It is an integral part of the game and one of the reasons it is so popular. It allows individuals to get out to play even if they don't have friends available when they are. Most pickleball players are older (including some in their 80s and 90s) and pickleball allows them to keep active and the drop in aspect of the game gives them social interaction they may not otherwise have. With the growing number of players (including many who have participated in County run lessons), we need more courts available - not fewer.

4 months ago

Keep the courts on the basketball court

4 months ago

More courts

4 months ago

More courts, not less

4 months ago

keep existing courts and hours to match community center

4 months ago

keep existing hours that match center hours

4 months ago

Keep current hours that match the center hours

4 months ago

DO NOT REVERT HOURS BACK TO DAWN-10PM EVERY DAY! It's inconsiderate to the community.

4 months ago

If DPR resumes play from dawn to 10pm 7 days/week, it will be considered retaliatory and it will open the county up to a fierce legal battle. Just keep the hours as they are today - which match the community center hours. The change on 4/29 was HUGE for the community. Even with these new hours, the ONLY respite during waking hours is 5pm Sat to 1pm Sunday - PLEASE do not take that teeny little bit of peace away!

4 months ago

7 feet between the sideline and diving fence and exterior fence

4 months ago

Need more pickleball courts there is not enough in the county

4 months ago

Pickleball seems to be taking over at the expense of tennis courts. Please consider not reducing the number of tennis courts further but rather adding pickleball courts.

4 months ago

\$2.4 million dollars on pickleball is a waste, and not an equitable use of our taxes. This serves the white, able bodied people, not the young, black, hispanic of our county that are marginalized. It is a disgrace, and typical Arlington, spending money on the wrong things.

4 months ago

Please spread the "wealth" of pickle ball around the county to TJ, Barcroft, oh, and NORTH Arlington? Please listen to the residents who are affected by the noise pollution and know that noise affects quality of life and mental health. Please see the article from the NYT from June 9th:<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/06/09/health/noise-exposure-health-impacts.html>

4 months ago

Thank you for working to provide recreation sites for the public. It is important to have common areas where all citizens are welcome.

4 months ago

Dont impose these on quiet streets and neighbors we have so little green space why cause noise pollution -- if the high rise residents want the noise let them be buit in or on top of the high rises

4 months ago

The county needs dedicated courts and pickleball players want to have drop-in play.

4 months ago

None

4 months ago

Reducing the number of pickleball courts is the wrong thing to do with the significant and growing interest. What about converting some of the tennis courts at Bluemont or Bon Air since they are rarely if ever all used at the same time? If you are going to reduce courts in one place PLEASE replace them someplace else!

4 months ago

Thank you for trying to balance the requests on both side. I do think there is a way for us to work together.

4 months ago

Please don't reduce the number of courts (from 9 to 6 courts) available to pickleball players at the WRCC because you have 100 people playing in the mornings, another 100 people playing in the afternoons, and another 100 people playing in the evenings. We the pickleball players of almost all ages (including senior citizens) can vote and we are a growing community in Arlington County.

4 months ago

Will the tennis courts Being striped elsewhere in the county also result in them having portable pick up all nets? This need is not addressed.

4 months ago

Consideration should be given to repurpose empty warehouses into pickleball courts, and that will mitigate the noise issue.

4 months ago

I have heard (and may have missed in the presentation) that pickleball at Walter Reed could shift from drop-in to registration only. This will dramatically and disappointingly affect the level of community participation in pickleball. I recommend keeping the current drop-in structure for all courts.

4 months ago

- keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts
- restore the hours allowed for pickleball
- maintain drop-in hours
- maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project
- make improvements with noise abatement
- more paddle racks

4 months ago

Limit play to current hours. Do not extend play beyond currently scheduled hours.

4 months ago

Congratulations to a well thought out well delivered presentation of both options. Effective use of media/Youtube

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players - a fast-growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

Traffic and noise has come to this quiet corner of Arlington. Ever since they built the high-rises along the north side of Columbia Pike the sound reflects off them into our neighborhood and now you want to do the same in the community park!!!

4 months ago

Please help us continue to enjoy pickleball at WR by maintaining our current courts and by increasing locations throughout the county. There are many tennis courts that are rarely used. It would be minimal cost to line all the county courts for multi-use.

Open hours and sign-ups have worked at WR when I've been there (most M-F) for 3 years now. People sign a sheet and rotate after each game if they come with 4 players, they wait for the next open court then play and re-sign so all can play. reservation requirements would NOT allow for this high level of socialization.

4 months ago

Drop-in play on the basketball courts at Walter Reed is a welcoming and vibrant community that is an agent of health and happiness in this world. Trying to destroy the drop-in play community is an act of evil. Arlington should be a place where Love Wins. Not a place where DPR destroys the things that Arlingtonians love.

And where will drop-in go during construction? You are evil for thinking that you can destroy a lovely and passionate community by depriving it of a place to play for a year and hoping that people will forget what it means to be happy.

4 months ago

One of the reasons pickleball is so popular is because of its drop-in nature. It allows people who are unable to form their own groups just show up at the courts before or after work and be guaranteed a game. This does not work if there are not enough courts or if there is some sort of reservation system. Right now, 2 of the 6 courts are always reserved for group lessons in the evening. If the basketball courts are being used for basketball, the result is only 4 courts available for drop in, with over 50 people waiting for a court. We need MORE courts, not less.

4 months ago

This survey is a swindle. It's a bunch of hooey. You've decided what you want to happen and you're not interested in any feedback at all.

4 months ago

I understand noise concerns and can sympathize, but the county's answer to the whole project is wildly in favor of appeases a few nearby-neighbors of the courts and is disregarding the real need for good pickleball courts for a large (and growing) number of people who play.

4 months ago

Walter reed is really the only option for drop in play. So the number of courts going down is going to make things much worse. It would be better in my mind to remove other courts at other locations and add them to one common space like Walter reed. Drop on play does not work at courts where there are just a few courts. And so for those courts you need to find three people that can all meet at the same time to play. And even then you are not sure the court will be open or not. But with Walter reed with 9 courts you can just show up by yourself and know you will find a game and people will rotate you in.

I'm sad to see that the courts will be worse off than before in the sense the number is going down. I think if the county truly can't add more courts here they should at least not allow classes to block up two courts. There are plenty of other courts that could be used for classes. Unfortunate to take up space at a crowded drop in location

4 months ago

I would like to use the outdoor Basketball Court again with my children. I am ok with no longer being able to use the tennis courts for tennis but please do not also take away our ability to use the Basketball court. I hope this can be addressed soon while children are on summer break

4 months ago

Please do not reduce the number of courts available to pickleball players - a growing community in Arlington.

4 months ago

Pickleball is not going away! Do concept 2 and Add keeping the basketball court as multiuse! Scoring systems need to be flexible. If it ain't broke don't fix it! Leave the basketball court as multiuse!

Also, pickleball is mostly a pickup game. Keep that in mind for planning purposes.

4 months ago

Convert the basketball court to pickleball court. There are many other places for playing basketball in the neighborhood

Convert the basket court to permanent pickleball courts as well. There are many other options for basketball players in the vicinity. This has been rarely used for basketball, while seniors have been using the place for pickleball for years now. By imposing limitation for playing pickleball I have seen many seniors have stopped playing pickleball, loose their community of friends and force to isolation and limited joyful physical activities.

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4 months ago

Keep the dual use pickleball courts on the basketball courts! They are 10 times more used than basketball but can be easily shared - and are now!

4 months ago

Please allow the community to express if they want the courts to be build elsewhere. The Arlington county bureaucracy is not including this specific question in the survey.

4 months ago

Courts should be limited to normal waking and sleeping times not at sunrise or until 10 pm

4 months ago

It's a sport that anyone can play and therefore should be as acessible as possible

4 months ago

The loss on play at the basketball courts is also unfortunate as there was a vibrant drop-in culture there. I would encourage DPR to keep hours at both WR basketball courts and tennis/pb courts at certain hours and contrast it with some reservation hours if they feel that is important. With the exception of Lubber run ALL other tennis/pb courts are reservation driven so why mess with that at Walter Reed. I continue to be dissapointed by the slow and limited response to demand for increased playing spaces in Arlington County. Arlington County is better than that, look at abandoned office spaces, rooftops, Bluemont Tennis center, Long Bridge, and existing county facilies for solutions. Better hours at existing rec centers would also be welcome ie 2 courts at Lubber Run on Friday mornings is not enough, is there not another dedicated classroom space where senior seated cardio could be held or could the class time be changed to 10am which is a fine time for retirees. I'm a planner and event scheduler by profession and a global perspective on scheduling is needed to find solutions to this problem. I know they are out there!

4 months ago

Why is it necessary to remove the pickleball from the basketball court? Please compare the number of basketball players and pickleball players. There are 2 basketball courts nearby: Fort Barnard (0.7miles from WR basketballcourt) and Penrose Playground Basketball (1.1 miles from WR basketballcourt)

4 months ago

What is the plan for all this once the trend has begun to wane in 3-5 years? This is a response people have had to being cooped up over the pandemic, and it's quite fun and distracting. Still, it won't be so far into the future before there will no longer be teeming masses ever so eager to play. The game will continue on, and there will be interest, but the levels will be more like 2019 than 2022 or 2023 have been. Being cognizant of this, that the fad will pass, it is important not to overbuild, as to do so would be environmentally irresponsible.

4 months ago

I am just stunned at lack of proper due diligence by DPR on this project.

4 months ago

What idiot thought it would be a good idea to put 6 pickleball courts in a small, quiet, community center?? We don't want to become a regional sports facility!

4 months ago

Please reconsider the decision to remove the pickleball lines from the WR basketball court. Those courts are used by an amazing community of players. It is a terrific example of a dual use court. It works because there are designated hours of play for each sport. Please reconsider that decision.

Likewise, please reconsider the decision to stripe pickleball lines on the tennis hitting wall at Virginia Highlands Park. The Virginia Highlands basketball court (not the tennis hitting wall) received a 5 in the Outdoor Courts Assessment results. The space at the tennis hitting wall does not meet the 30' x 60' recommended minimum space for a pickleball court. There is only 5' from a baseline to a solid wall and to the perimeter fence on the other side. The recommended minimum space behind a baseline is 8'. Running backwards into a solid wall will cause injuries and may generate law suits against the county. One DPR staff person said those courts will be used by recreational pickleball players. That is even more of a safety concern because they are "only" recreational players. We can do better Arlington County! Please do not stripe the tennis hitting wall space. Instead, why not stripe one of the Virginia Highlands tennis courts for two pickleball courts? It's time for tennis players to share their courts. Pickleball is here to stay. We want to be proud of our courts and ensure that they will be used. Creating pickleball courts on space that does not meet the recommended minimum amount of space is an insult to players. Would DPR create a tennis court that does not meet the recommended minimum space? Please respect our game by providing courts that meet or preferably exceed the minimum required space to safely play and enjoy pickleball.

4 months ago

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute.

4 months ago

Please keep the basketball courts available for drop-in play as well

4 months ago

This is the most blatant disregard for a neighboring community I have ever seen! It is as if DPR has lost their minds!

4 months ago

DPR clearly didn't consult with Pickleball acoustical experts (Spendiarian & Willis, Thorton, etc.), as they would all have advised that this is an inappropriate location for a cluster.

4 months ago

Pausing this project would allow for the immediate community to identify what kinds of courts they would prefer at the Walter Reed community center. This project has felt like it's meeting the needs of folks who travel here to use the courts as opposed to the neighbors using it for pickle ball.

4 months ago

Why isn't DPR being responsible about this issue?? Yes - there is a HUGE demand for courts, but it is DISRESPECTFUL and inappropriate to locate a cluster less than 500 ft from nearby residences. Has anyone at DPR even READ the research? <https://www.acousticalnoise.com/noise-control/why-are-your-pickleball-courts-receiving-complaints-from-neighbors/>

4 months ago

You really need to convert Quincy park to be pickleball instead of tennis. In five years you'll be embarrassed about how much you dragged your feet and how much you ignored pickleball. As a matter of fact, you should be embarrassed now. There's so much demand for pickleball and it's only getting bigger. This project is small potatoes.

4 months ago

The sound isn't as bad as everyone is making it out to be. I can barely hear it and I live nearby.

4 months ago

This survey, like missing middle questionnaire, is a joke. You have already determined what you want to do.

4 months ago

Appreciate the welcoming drop-in vibe at Walter Reed.

4 months ago

these are all bad options. there should be an option that keeps drop-in pickleball on the basketball courts. there should be an option that spends all the money on making bluemont park into a pickleball destination. there should be an option that is very clear about drop-in play happening at all courts that are striped for pickleball. it's really discouraging that none of these options were offered.

4 months ago

please keep use to also use basketball court for pickleball if not being used for basketball

4 months ago

Please install dark sky compliant lighting that 1) shines down rather than out and 2) uses a light spectrum in the yellow rather than blue which is bad for human and wildlife health. Have the lights off when not in use.

4 months ago

Keep lines on basketball courts

4 months ago

Cut the pickleball project and put up a tennis bubble in Arlington!

4 months ago

The demand for pickleball courts is extremely high. Please work to meet that demand.

4 months ago

Please add more courts, the 9 we have are not enough. Reducing to 6 would be terrible.

4 months ago

Keep lines on basketball courts

4 months ago

keep the pickleball lines on the basketball court and all tennis courts, restore the hours allowed for pickleball, maintain or increase the number of pickleball courts with this project,

4 months ago

This is bad for the community and for Arlington. Pickle all is a craze and won't last anyway

4 months ago

It is essential that any sound over 65 decibels be ameliorated to the satisfaction of near by residents.

4 months ago

I prefer to limit the hours of operation for use of pickleball courts. The courts should not remain open past 8:00 PM. This will give residents in the neighborhood more peace and quiet in the evenings and time to relax after they have come home from work.

4 months ago

Make sure any new pickle ball facility can be converted easily into other uses. We boomers are dying off and it's not clear this fad will last.

4 months ago

9 courts available for drop-in (and not on a permit system) with long hours (e.g. sunrise to 10pm) are the bare minimum to support Arlington's vibrant pickleball community. I am agnostic as to where in Arlington they go, so long as it is accessible and will support a flow of cars and parking. Also, please stop scheduling parks and rec pickleball classes at Walter Reed and have them on other courts - it means that on evenings only 4 courts are available for pickleball and upwards of 60 people are waiting to play.

4 months ago

Please don't cave to the vocal minority in this county that don't want PB near them. Please accommodate their needs with acoustic barriers and by limiting late night hours. But please restore reasonable morning hours, including on weekends when people want to be playing!!

4 months ago

I appreciate the hard work that the Project and County staff have put into this project, THANK YOU. I also appreciate the willingness of the County Board to listen to neighbor concerns. I understand it's hard to balance the various interests. I do think that a number of pickleball players have a sense of entitlement about these courts, and they are being very loud and vocal. I can see how there would be a temptation to give in to them as a number of them are being very aggressive in their words. For me, it comes down to that the right of nearby residents (primarily those living across 16th Road and in Arlington Village near the courts) to quiet enjoyment of their homes trumps the right of pickleball players.

I live three blocks away and can still hear pickleball. At least for me it's muted but I feel badly for the people who live across from it. I can put myself in their shoes, and I think it's very unfair that they're being subjected to the noise. As I stated on the prior survey and at the open houses, with residences so close by, this is not an appropriate location for a pickleball center.

4 months ago

I am retired and don't wish to be awakened every day at 8 am by the thwack of a pickle ball racket and the shouting and cursing that goes with it. I think it's great that people like the sport. I've played a lot of tennis in my day and I get why people would find pickle ball to be fun. But there are many other venues in the county that aren't so close to the homes of tax paying residents who did not sign up to be so close to the never-ending noise and congestion that accompanies this sport. Please pause this project. Thank you!

4 months ago

We strongly need/want 9 courts at Walter Reed. There can be hours for basketball to be played just as tennis players can have their access too. There's a plethora of tennis courts in the County. Please appeal to the masses (of pickleball players) & not the handful of those who have differing (negative) opinions of this project. Look at how loud people were in dismissing the need for a new pool compared to how much use Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness actually gets. We should learn from that experience. Thanks again!

4 months ago

Bring back all of the hours that courts used to be open. You are forcing people from WR to go play elsewhere and are creating a crowding issue at other courts like Lubber Run. Also in the summer, it's a lot hotter in the morning and people should be able to play earlier in the morning so they aren't dying of heatstroke.

4 months ago

The basketball courts should continue to be used for Pickleball. It is an established and popular place to play. It s needed so as not to have overcrowding .

4 months ago

Please treat neighborhoods not as spots to plop things but as humans who have ideas for what they would like to see added to their parks they walk and bike to

4 months ago

There are sooooo many tennis courts that are empty throughout the year. Find a few that are relatively far away from residences and convert them to pickleball courts. There is an imbalance between tennis and pickleball courts and their relative use throughout the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Convert a handful of underutilized tennis courts into dedicated pickleball courts.

4 months ago

You should try to find a location for these courts that is not so close to a residential area because of the noise! It would be great to repurpose a failing shopping center or a commercial zone that has big box stores that are vacant where you could build indoor and outdoor pickle ball courts - nowhere near residential neighborhoods

4 months ago

Nowhere in this plan does the county mention anything about increased traffic flow around the Rec center. Parking is still an issue, and with people parking along Walter Reed and even on side streets across Walter Reed, there is also more foot traffic. We need more pedestrian lights for people to safely cross Walter Reed, and maybe even a reduced speed limit or reduction to one lane of traffic in each direction. It's a cut through for cars between Glebe and the Pike. Cars are constantly speeding and running through crosswalks. This project will increase the amount of people and cars and public safety has not been addressed at all.

4 months ago

During the pause it would be ideal to return to the courts on the basketball court and return to the former hours of play at Walter Reed

4 months ago

Neighbors on fb complain about noise so maybe add more sound absorption? I live by the fire station. Noise happens. Maybe pickle ball curfew? None after dark?

4 months ago

A hundred people enjoying PB at each of two or three large court concentrations creates some noise. Some nearby neighborhoods have to deal with gunshots and police car sirens all night long. Can we keep things in perspective?

4 months ago

I think you should use Gunston for a pickleball facility.

4 months ago

Don't take away courts on the basketball court

4 months ago

I don't think I like the "pause Project" idea because of the actions you plan to take if you do pause the project. I just think you could do concept 1 and leave the PB courts on the basket ball courts as shared use and put up barriers on the new PB courts (Concept 1) and more people would be happy.

4 months ago

just leave it alone as it is. Hard for politicians to do but that it the right answer.

4 months ago

With thoughtful planning and process, players should be able to access other facilities that currently lay dormant much of the day -- Thomas Jefferson Community Ctr tennis courts; Quincy Park tennis courts; Bluemont tennis courts. The county needs to model and lead on creative problem-solving here. With an increasing population pressure, Arlington's recreational facilities will need to adapt to accommodate more, and more types of, users. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please also let us know what (if anything) came of the public comment (aka sticky note) exercise at the Walter Reed Ctr a few weeks ago.

4 months ago

There are also more new options for pickleball in the D.C./Arlington area, so hopefully they can handle some of the Walter Reed players for the time being.

4 months ago

The county has bungled this in so many ways. Simply hard to believe.

4 months ago

PICKLE!!!!

4 months ago

What is the budget for this project?

4 months ago

Down with pickl ball

4 months ago

The county park staff is

Out Of control designers need to have more local input Alcovia redesign will guarantee a kid will be hurt and Increased car accidents. We told you so. Saw kid ride on path on north side cords to south side between double parked cars on coming traffic slammed breaks kid fell off in middle of street. All Scrapped up. Both driver and kid were crying.

4 months ago

Pickleball has gotten some bad press based on the loud voices of a few. This is a very friendly and welcoming community of players with diverse ages and backgrounds. They should not be penalized due to a couple of loud voices. This can enhance Arlington's reputation and serve a growing community in the fastest growing sport in the US.

4 months ago

The pickleball community continues to grow everyday so the more courts the better.

4 months ago

As I said, as someone who works and has a daughter it's nearly impossible for me to play with the new restricted nighttime hours. .. please consider restoring the previous hours in the evening and let people use the basketball courts for games when there aren't any basketball players there... there's just so many people who want to play pickleball!

4 months ago

Because pickleball is growing at such a rapid rate, the county needs to find ways to quickly modernize and adapt to meet the needs of its tax paying residents who seek to play the sport.

4 months ago

Please keep the pickleball striping on the basketball court

Please restore the hours for the court use

4 months ago

What this entire process is overlooking is the sense of community fostered by having a central location instead of several smaller locations. I feel that the vast majority of pickleball players who respect the neighborhood are being punished for behavior by a small minority of players that do not represent the community.

4 months ago

I own a home in a vacation shore town directly across the street from 12 permanent pickleball courts - instead of fighting the sport I decided to learn to play so that I could be part of the community. The courts are open from 7:30 to dusk and there are players through that whole time.

Between fighting the missing middle and fighting pickleball players, Arlington may not actually be the inclusive community it portrays itself to be

4 months ago

I wish members of this group exerted as much effort into this as helping issues in the County that impact low income and immigrant families

4 months ago

This project can be added to the 78 million dollar wading pool by the airport we had to pay for and let's not forget about the million dollar bus stop! The money can used to pave our streets, help the homeless and increase the salaries of our police and fire departments.

4 months ago

If you do pause the project, please consider restriping those two tennis courts with 6 pickleball courts, leaving one dedicated tennis court. There is no reason to have the gaps between pickleball courts as wide as they currently are.

4 months ago

Pickleball is just like snowboarding. When snowboarders first started on ski slopes all the skiers complained. Now their facilities are all improved because the usage went through the roof. Private businesses are launching facilities all around and they will charge massive fees to use their facilities. The parks are for residents to enjoy and its clear your residents want pickleball.

4 months ago

Thank you for your time and effort to improve our parks.

4 months ago

Keep the outdoor basketball courts for basketball.

4 months ago

Your plans are excellent. Thanks for putting so much into them. County staff are great book learners and analysts. Not so great at real life values. Most staff live nowhere near a pickleball court and far from WR. Putting yourself in the other person's shoes, sitting where they sit and having the brain, heart, and soul to empathize make you a great employee and a stellar human being. Thanks for respecting ALL Arlington residents' quality of life. Do unto others. Amen.

4 months ago

Sunrise to 10 pm is unreasonable for a residential neighborhood - the noise will affect the young and old and everyone in between

4 months ago

Homeowners should see the value added to their real estate by parks and recreation facilities. Additionally, we are getting more and more apartments and those residents will want to get outdoors. We should not go in the opposite direction to please a few homeowners whose houses were always adjacent to a recreational facility.

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4 months ago

I am in full support of broadening access to sports and outdoor activities in every way. And I believe in shared use of facilities is best. If courts can be multi-purpose then that will ensure courts will be used more frequently. Dedicated courts ensures that these courts will be dedicated to disuse because their usage is restricted and narrow, keeping potential athletes away. If a tennis court is in use, great! I love to play tennis. But if I get there and I find four or even eight people playing pickleball on ONE tennis court that would be occupied by me and another person, so be it. It's a great use of space and people are accessing the facilities. It would be selfish of my to want priority over 8 other of my neighbors.

Now if this isn't satisfactory to pickleball players then maybe hold off, sure. If it isn't satisfactory to the immediate neighbors of the location then that should be heard yes, but people who chose to live, own or rent, in the immediate vicinity of public spaces, I believe have accepted that noise and busy-ness are part of the deal. I do not believe we should be making public policy about health, wellness, fitness and public facilities based on a select few who feel these things are a nuisance. I once lived in gallery place in DC. It was noisy. Did it annoy me? Yes. But I chose to live there for the very reasons that also made it noisy. If it doesn't suit my needs or lifestyle, I could leave it anytime. I believe the same logic applies in the situation.

Thank you for taking your time to research and consider the views of myself and everyone else in the community

4 months ago

Please stop this nonsense!

4 months ago

A pox on your pickleball. Seriously. It's loud, it's disruptive, and it's too close to residential housing. F

4 months ago

I live about 2 miles away but was introduced to Walter Reed in its role as an important location for special Arlington community-wide events such as a primary location for COVID vaccines. However, what sticks in my mind about visiting the community center is how disruptive the pickleball courts were. Those using the courts took up many of the needed parking spaces and the activity was very loud. I do not think that the country should add more pickleball courts. If I find the activity there so annoying and disruptive as a visitor I can only imagine that it would be significantly worse for those living there.

4 months ago

When striping dual use courts, tennis and pickle ball, use light blue field with white lines for tennis and dark blue for pickleball. This minimizes confusion for tennis players, but still useful for pickle ball.

4 months ago

As an occasional pball player, I've been very dismayed by the attitude of some of the other pball players. Arlington resources need to be shared by all Arlingtonians, and the neighbors of WR need consideration too. There seems to be a subset of pballers who have a 'we are vocal and we want to have it only our way.' I think this is unfortunate, and unproductive. There is no need to rush into any changes, despite the vocal minority. Pball courts are available at WReed from about 11:30am until the after work rush. People can choose a different time to play if they don't want to wait. Also, if they want to play when they want, for as long as they want, they should join a private club. Arlington County resources are for all Arlingtonians. BTW, this is not a popular opinion on the courts. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

4 months ago

County has 86 tennis courts, and there is only Walter Reed 6 courts and Lubber Run 2 courts are dedicated pickleball courts. Pickleball is growing fast. We see new faces everyday. Most of the evenings we have to wait 40 minutes between games. Each game only lasts 10 - 15 minutes. We see empty baseball fields, tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts all the time. But you never see an empty pickleball court.

4 months ago

form a working group of both players and neighbors to come up with a solution. a min of 9 courts is needed . . .top quality sound barriers; reasonable time restrictions maybe additional landscaping/hardscaping will help with noise as well.

4 months ago

Keep the courts as multi-use courts so that tennis players can still use them. Pickleball may be a fad.

4 months ago

Don't play pickleball, but we live nearby and my child enjoys watching and walking around the park. Appreciate additional shade, seating and ped improvements throughout site. Currently, difficult to navigate the sidewalk with stroller.

4 months ago

I think there needs to be a Arlington Co wide Pickleball strategy. This strategy should include transforming the Bluemont Tennis courts to Pickleball as well. It has the isolation and space to accommodate a really nice facility and it will be utilized far more than it is now with tennis. If Walter Reed is delayed, then invest in BLuemont. Convert 9 courts to 16 and invest in tress and noise reduction technology. Make this part of an overall strategy to meet the demand of pickleball, which is only going to increase.

4 months ago

If the response is overwhelmingly leaning towards one direction, you have your answer. Only pause if survey comes in at 50%

4 months ago

I think the number of courts should be increased. Perhaps a portion of the money can be provided to neighboring houses to be used at their discretion for sound mitigation measures on their property in addition to any sound reduction at the community center

4 months ago

Seems to me Bluemont park would provide a better location and be less intrusive on nearby residents. Or how about TJ?

4 months ago

It would be amazing to get dedicated pickleball courts to keep up with demand and other areas around the area and country.

4 months ago

When I see how much the courts are used, both the converted tennis courts, and the 4 courts where the better players play, I wonder at the wisdom of reducing the amount of courts in the final plan. Frankly I'd be happy to see less money spent. Resurface and reline the existing courts, Add some serious shelter because the sun is unbearable in summer and spend money on great landscaping and sound barriers. Done!

4 months ago

I thinking reverting to sunrise to 10 PM hours for the Walter Reed courts under the "pause the project" option is extremely unfair to those who live near the courts. I think it is much better to retain the new hours for pickleball play to give nearby residents at least some relief from the noise during their waking hours.

4 months ago

We need more dedicated pickleball courts! And for them to be available on the county's reservation system

4 months ago

Maybe a shuffle board court , Something that more of the population is able to do. Its like a community hosp. that just sets broken legs.

4 months ago

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

4 months ago

Going from 9 courts to 6 is a big step in the wrong direction. Hundreds of games of pickleball are played on the basketball court every week. I have seen 1 basketball play there in the last month. We accommodated him by removing one of the pickleball nets and continuing to play on the other two courts. Why can't the two sports continue to share the courts. No neighbors have complained about noise from the basketball courts to my knowledge.

4 months ago

I like Option #1

4 months ago

This proposed result does not address the need for additional courts! I think less courts will result in more congestion and noise from the courts with crowds waiting and frustrated. Thank you.

4 months ago

There ought to be user fees for courts that cannot be shared with other users. Diamond and rectangular fields have user fees on top of taxes; it's not clear why courts do not.

4 months ago

This process so far has been very disappointing, designed to appease a handful of loud irrational complainers at the expense of thousands of Arlington residents who rely on these courts for community and exercise, especial the County's senior citizens. The harm being done to the residents of the community by limiting access to public courts has and will continue to be significant. Please reverse the current course of limiting access to the courts necessary to our community. This is especially frustrating as we see counties all over the country doing extraordinary things to support their pickleball community, including adding courts and large multi-court facilities dedicated to pickleball. Arlington seems to be the only county in the country that is actively working against its pickleball community instead of supporting a larger multi-court facility to encourage the social atmosphere and drop-in play that is essential to pickleball. Adding lines to existing tennis courts for stand-alone one or two courts spread out all over the county is not the answer.

4 months ago

It feels like the County is over-responding to a small but vocal minority in the WR neighborhood. PB is popular because it is accessible — to people of all types and abilities; and because it is social — particularly drop-in play. The plans at WR to reduce courts, reduce hours, and reduce drop-in hours in particular, replacing drop-in with reservations, are the opposite of what should be happening.

4 months ago

It's mindblowing that the two proposed solutions reduce the number of courts.

4 months ago

Please listen to the majority. We need 9 courts in WR.

4 months ago

Preserve existing open green space, separate basketball & pickleball areas, sound reduction measures

4 months ago

How do you eat an elephant? You get started, you eat one bite at a time, and you adapt along the way. You do not excessively plan the feast, you do not consider all possible ways to approach the feast, and you certainly do not halt the entire endeavor while you think about how to eat, when there are hungry people waiting to be fed.

Additionally, other courts that are being added (striping and nets at other tennis locations in Arlington) need to all have blocked off drop-in hours. If those courts are 100% reservable, that will close an avenue to the spontaneous nature of the way most people play pickleball. Pickleball play does not follow the exclusive and elitist habits of tennis; the way one decides to play and spontaneously show up for drop-in play in pickleball has added to the sport's accessibility, thereby driving the explosion of participation. Given this country's growing health problems and declining longevity, the focus of all progressive localities should be to encourage as much participation in healthy activities as possible by providing access to the means to do so as widely as possible. Arlington has always provided a very high per capita amount of park and recreation areas and activities. I would hope that Arlington would have the foresight to continue to provide and plan for one of the most popular, most fun, most accessible, and most accepting recreational activities to hit the streets in decades. THAT would be the Arlington I know for the 57 years I have lived here.

4 months ago

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4 months ago

I don't play pickleball, but I love seeing people of all generations being active in our parks and community centers. This is what community should be about. Data shows that the noise concerns of some residents are unfounded. If they are so concerned about noise, than they should also be advocating for blocking off the streets to many motorcycles and trucks - things that produce louder decibel levels than pickleball. They don't do that, because their issue is not the noise, but the presence of people on public land that they think should cater to their private needs. This selfish approach is now way to build a community or society. I fully support the pickleballers, even if I do not play myself.

4 months ago

Has the county conducted a study that pickleball will still be popular even 3-5 years from now?

4 months ago

For the benefit of all concerned, Arlington County should pause the pickleball project at Walter Reed Community Center. The County instead should invest its resources into developing new dedicated pickleball courts (without eliminating any tennis courts). For example, as the Arlington County Tennis Association has recommended to the County, the existing impervious surface at Minor Hill Park, once a County tennis complex, could provide many pickleball courts--many more than the six courts tentatively planned for Walter Reed. If necessary, however, the County should not fear building dedicated pickleball courts on open space. In Arlington County, we must stop assuming everyone wants our public parks to consist of nothing but casual use open space and stop neglecting the needs of the many citizens who crave active recreational amenities.

5 months ago

Eliminating PB play on the basketball courts is unnecessary. The noise level couldn't be too bad because the courts are not near the residents who are complaining. The night of the last "engagement", the PB courts were full as were the waiting slots. The noise was not objectionable.

5 months ago

Parking will always remain a problem at this site unless it is better addressed. There simply aren't enough parking spots for all the activities that occur onsite.

5 months ago

I hope this gets resolved soon. Arlington has bigger problems than pickleball.

5 months ago

I know there is talk among the pickleball community about striping tennis courts at Bluemont but that is not a consideration by DPR. The pickleball community is very confused about why Bluemont is not a consideration for pickleball -- even if it's only the middle set of courts that are striped for pickleball -- so it would be extremely helpful for DPR to share the rationale. Can there please be some open and honest communication about this opportunity?

5 months ago

Play time should reflect WRCC hours and the disgusting porta potty should be removed.

5 months ago

I think you are doing a disservice to the community by cutting back the number of pickleball courts as well as the hours (and the drop in ability). Have you noticed how many 20-30 year olds have taken up pickleball, spending time outdoors instead of on bar crawls and breweries? Have you read the surgeon generals report on the new epidemic of loneliness? (And the one about obesity and the benefits of exercise)? Have you taken into account everyone's opinions, instead of just a select group of neighbors? Did they expect to live next to a park that wasn't used extensively by the community???? Have you taken the time to become a part of the pickleball community and see all the benefits for the community of all ages-why it draws so many people in and continues to, instead just listening to the neighbors and the tennis players that aren't willing to share their unused courts? You have the opportunity to solve the problems that the neighbors have by mitigating the sound with fence wrap and by setting reasonable hours of play.

5 months ago

Design should include more than six courts!!!!

5 months ago

Build additional Pickleball courts at Bluemont and Bon Air Parks!!!!!!!!!!!!

5 months ago

In the court assessment link, it appears Walter Reed basketball court meets the "5" factor, as there's a counting error. Also, one could make the case that it meets a "6" factor, as the first factor is met at well, there's three courts on the basketball court. Additionally, the pause proposal results in a reduction of courts from the current 9 to 4 at most. Putting a reservation system in place would also reduce the availability of courts because of inefficiency inherent in administrative processes. The current arrangement meets the need at most times, and would benefit from additional, not fewer, courts. If the County is proposing the pause criteria to reduce use and participation at Walter Reed, it should provide a substitute location that has at least 9 courts. Suggestions include, Bluemont. tennis courts, Thomas Jefferson tennis courts, or developing currently undeveloped sites, such as the acquired land at the former Virginia Hospital site on Carlin Springs Rd, Minor Hill Park, or other available space which the Planning Office must new aware.

5 months ago

The initial premise of SIX courts is off-the-mark. I think a re-plan is in order --but not if you reduce the number of courts while you are re-planning. It was a hostile move to put metal barriers across the Old Glebe basketball courts (available for limited hours for pickleball) right after the county agreed to some "pilot plan" limited hours. Then, you locked WR courts on Sunday mornings until 1pm. What other public fields or parks are locked off from use on Sunday mornings?? I understand that some residents near the courts have complained about the noise of the balls and paddles -- put up noise barriers. Why do you think that resurfacing six courts at WR when nine courts are already in full-time use is responding to the needs of the multi-age, diverse pickleball community?

Or, let's find another venue for a pickleball center---but don't close off pickleball courts while we are doing that.

5 months ago

DPR must make their planning process neighborhood-centered as a top priority. Our civic association (Columbia Heights) had no idea that DPR had already made an isolated decision to target the WRCC (Walter Reed Community Center) as a dedicated pickle ball outlet. Your assessment should have included local community input in its design FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, so that your assessment of the WRCC would have been more accurate. Such an assessment would have provided the correct needs and limits that our community would look for in any upgrade of the WRCC.

5 months ago

The County is always trying to make this a place where people feel connected and engaged. Pickleball is amazing. I am retired and literally all of the friends that I have made since being retired and being an empty nester have been through pickleball. Pickleball has enriched my life in many unexpected ways.

5 months ago

We need a design that has nine courts at a minimum.

5 months ago

shameful

5 months ago

The transformation is a good thing. I agree noise must be a consideration for closer parks, but the pickleball courts will enhance our community.

5 months ago

I believe that a combination of concept 1 and 2 is the best option.

ALSO...The fact that 2 of the remaining 6 courts are regularly being used by classes. If the class only needs two courts, why can't they use one of the other facilities in Arlington that have less courts and are therefore less utilized.

5 months ago

Pickleball changed my life, and everything you're doing is taking away the thing that makes so many people so very happy and healthy.

5 months ago

The drop-in culture of pickleball has created a community that is welcoming and amazing. It's a tragedy that DPR is trying to destroy it.

5 months ago

In short, if tennis players don't seem to be using mixed courts, it's not because they don't like to play tennis. They really do. but playing next to pickleball courts is becoming more and more like a trip to the dentist.

5 months ago

Why the rush?

5 months ago

The 175 attendees for this 2nd "meeting" are more than likely daily pickleball players.-How are you communicating with the residents of the neighborhood? This proposed project has serious consequences for our way of life. I do not have the time to talk with the entire neighborhood. I did pass out flyers prior to the 1st "meeting" at WRRRC. STOP THIS PROJECT.

5 months ago

Are you aware that the people who will mainly use the courts are not local to this neighborhood? Why don't you invest the money in improving the courts and building a more exciting playground for the local children instead?

5 months ago

None, thanks.

5 months ago

Keep looking at and for new sound barrier technology. I like the idea of turning office buildings into pickleball spaces. The WETA building in Shirlington's Jenny Dean Park may worth considering as I believe that the county will soon own it. That building could also be a really cool covered/open air market (See the one in Kansas City).

5 months ago

Thank you for what you're doing. I know this is hard.

5 months ago

Pickleball is an inexpensive sport that brings together folks from diverse backgrounds and economic statuses as friends. This has been achieved on the WR outdoor courts (with over 75 regular, mostly 55+ players on M-F mornings who were born in over 25 different countries. This type of opportunity for friendship is something that should be encouraged and not destroyed!

5 months ago

I am disappointed in the conduct of some of the pickle ball players. I have been at the playground numerous times and my child and I have heard lots of profanity from the players. We've also witnessed them using the outdoor water fountain to bathe/pour water over themselves. In the past I've seen basketball players and pickle ball players urinate outdoors on the rec center. Prior to 2020 I have heard people using the basketball courts at 2 a.m. Posting signs about conducting yourself properly, and listing playing hours, would be nice. It's sad that people need to be reminded of this.

5 months ago

We actually enjoy tennis. I realize so many play pickleball at this time. I loved the transparency on the data collected. Are there any local acoustic fencing that could be used for reference? I imagine the hypothetical noise reduction is based on the manufacturer provided data? Any idea on how the material does with airflow, how it ages and if any toxins are released as it rains.

5 months ago

the basketball courts are incredibly under utilized. Not making it a dual use space - basketball and pickleball, is a waste of space and only caters to the minority of visitors. I've played pickleball in the current basketball courts for 8 hours at times and have never seem more than 1-3 players just shooting around. Unlike other basketball courts, I have never in 2 years of playing there seen a full court or half court basketball game going on.

5 months ago

I don't play pickleball, but we live directly across from Walter Reed Community Center on Walter Reed Drive. I can hear it, but I don't find it nearly as invasive as traffic sounds. That's part of the fabric of living in an urban area. I'm just grateful that the only sounds we hear are traffic and pickleball. I think the Ukrainians would gladly trade places. the sounds they hear are exploding bombs.

5 months ago

As the courts are always in high demand and we are so ending considerable funds now - I would retain at eight courts instead of six and save in costs over the long run.

5 months ago

New barriers are needed indoors at TJ for the last 2 years.

5 months ago

Long overdue in responding to demand that was evident a few years ago!

Great work by staff in design alternatives and presentation!

Why is it parks in South Arlington seem to get such resistance yet that is not the case in the Northern part?

5 months ago

It looks like a good staff effort and I wish you all well. I do acknowledge, and sympathize with, the nearby residents concerned with noise levels. Somehow, I doubt that noise abatement will be successful without wide-spread acceptance of noise-deadening rackets and balls (which make change the nature of the game for many).

5 months ago

I think having as many courts as possible, throughout the County is optimal.

Provide a backboard or two for solo practice.

What about converting some of the many tennis courts at Bluemont and Bon Air to pickleball? They are not well-utilized.

5 months ago

Thank you again for the time and effort to address this topic. I was unable to locate any information on when the pickleball courts would be closed to defer to activities at the Center for which the parking and access are needed such as voting days, expos, etc. I would hate to see individuals discouraged from voting or taking part in a community event because they were unable to park at the Center or were otherwise intimidated by the sheer number of pickleball players and watchers congregating on the walkways and parking spots (when they stand there to save a space of their soon-to-arrive teammate). I would also suggest setting firm times for court availability so that we don't have excessive hours of activity (see comment in the Project Pause section re sunrise start time). This would also alleviate any potential arguments about these early morning games if everyone was on the same page and residents could count on some quiet time in the morning and evening to enjoy the outdoors or just have their windows open for fresh air. The road noises are one thing as you understand will be a constant factor when you move into this neighborhood, but this pickleball noise is a factor no one anticipated. I am very interested to see if the County polls the current players to determine how far they are coming from in order to play at this Center and what options are nearer to them that they would rather not have changed to accommodate their current obsession with this sport. I get the feeling that many in my neighborhood do not play pickleball (as I think only 14 percent of Americans do) and do not want to see this turn into another "missing middle" "NIMBY" issue.

5 months ago

I do not think the number of courts should be reduced from 9 to 6.

5 months ago

The recent reduction in hours - especially on Sunday is very unfair and unreasonable to those who work full time during the week. I have lived in the county for 25 years and have operated my business here for 5 years. I pay taxes both personal and business taxes and have never used other county resources until I started playing pickleball a year or so ago. I feel like the WR pickleball community is being punished because of a handful of neighbors who don't like the noise. Noise can be addressed without reducing the number of courts and I'm all in favor of that. I play during the week in the morning and have never seen anyone playing tennis or basketball!

5 months ago

An injunction from the residents remains on the table.

5 months ago

NO pickleball at Walter Reed. Keep the tennis courts and let pickleball players go elsewhere.

5 months ago

Let should be transparent for each project

5 months ago

I appreciate the County's efforts to respond to the concerns.

5 months ago

Tyranny of the few over the many.

5 months ago

YES - PAUSE the Walter Reed Project. The current plans will only succeed in making both residents and current players unhappy.

WHY ARE THE WALTER REED BASKETBALL COURTS rated as 4? I looked at your spreadsheet and they should be a 5 -- they only have one zero!

DO NOT reduce courts for pickleball play until you have designated alternative.

Reconsider Kenmore as an option. There is room adjacent to the courts to add more courts.

Hayes Park could be an option, but you would lose green space and tree canopy to support the necessary courts. It is away from homes though.

5 months ago

STOP CUTTING DOWN THE TREES!!!!

5 months ago

Do not remove the outdoor basketball court. This needs to remain an option for those who don't play indoors.

5 months ago

I am absolutely aggravated by Arlington County's board to continue to support a sport promoting a white minority. Spend the money fighting violence spend the money, fighting global warming, but why are we putting in money to support a group of arrogant pickle people who don't care about the existing neighborhood. I have watched people cuss in front of toddlers, P behind trees, and overwhelmed parking so that I can't visit my own community center. This is ridiculous. if this goes through it's going to impact my future voting decisions!

5 months ago

The county needs to get a grip on placing these LOUD uses in residential areas. Find ways to use INDOOR spaces. And for Pete's sake, START CHARGING SIGNIFICANTLY for folks who use Arlington facilities who DO NOT RESIDE IN ARLINGTON. I am tired of our high taxes being used for premium facilities that are regularly used BY PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE AND PAY TAXES HERE. Priority should always be to Arlington residents, with outsiders paying fees and BEING ALLOWED TO USE ONLY if the capacity exceeds the need of Arlington residents.

5 months ago

I like the idea of unlocking the courts again. While I think people who drive to the community center should be using the indoor restroom facilities during business hours, locking the courts prevents neighbors who live next to the community center from using the courts when they have easy access to their own homes/bathrooms.

5 months ago

xgnn

5 months ago

Thanks for taking my suggestion into consideration. Design and funding could be considered in the upcoming CIP and build in FY25. This is going to be awesome. Can't wait to tell all my kayaking friends!

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

Arlington needs dedicated Pickleball at multiple locations just like tennis, basketball, baseball and soccer. Multiuse courts don't serve either sport well. Each location should have time dedicated to both open play and reservations.

On a temporary basis, Tennis courts should be converted to pickleball in some locations to create dedicated pickleball sites in the short term. Glebe Park is an obvious location. Some tennis participants will probably opt for pickleball instead.

Arlington County's current proposals are a very slow and significant under responses to the growing demand for Pickleball.

5 months ago

Pickleball is important to the Arlington community. I live so close to these courts and go frequently. Every time I go there is a friendly and large community who are welcoming of all players. I do not want my tax dollars going to terrible layouts and fewer pickleball courts. However, I understand the need for sound reduction measures, and I'm totally for soundproof fencing, and other means of mitigation, but reducing the number of courts is not the answer!

5 months ago

Wherever these courts are built, there should be limited hours (i.e., late morning to 6:00 pm). Restroom facilities, not portables, should be available to those using courts (so this would help determine the hours courts are made available). Noise reduction walls are a must and should be attractively screened with a tree barrier between the wall and the sidewalk along 16th St.

5 months ago

test

5 months ago

You just had an open house and there was NO mention of a pause or the consequences. This leads me to believe you are going to just do whatever you want.

5 months ago

I am a Pickleball teacher through the Arlington County department of parks and recs. I've been doing this for years and I'm proud to say that I produced a lot of energy Deacon, Eager, players of all ages and backgrounds. Please match the growing need of these new players with more facilities. Arlington is a wonderful place to reside live and vote but don't take away our Pickleball courts, instead we need and I will say demand more. Thank you Rebecca

5 months ago

This is blackmail. You must find another location for a larger group of pickleball courts and you must keep WR open with 6 courts. You have twisted the choices here to get the end result YOU want with complete disregard to what the pickleball community wants. Shameful.

5 months ago

If you pause the project, how will you manage neighborhood discontent and pickleball players' limited access to the basketball court and curtailed hours during summer, in particular?

5 months ago

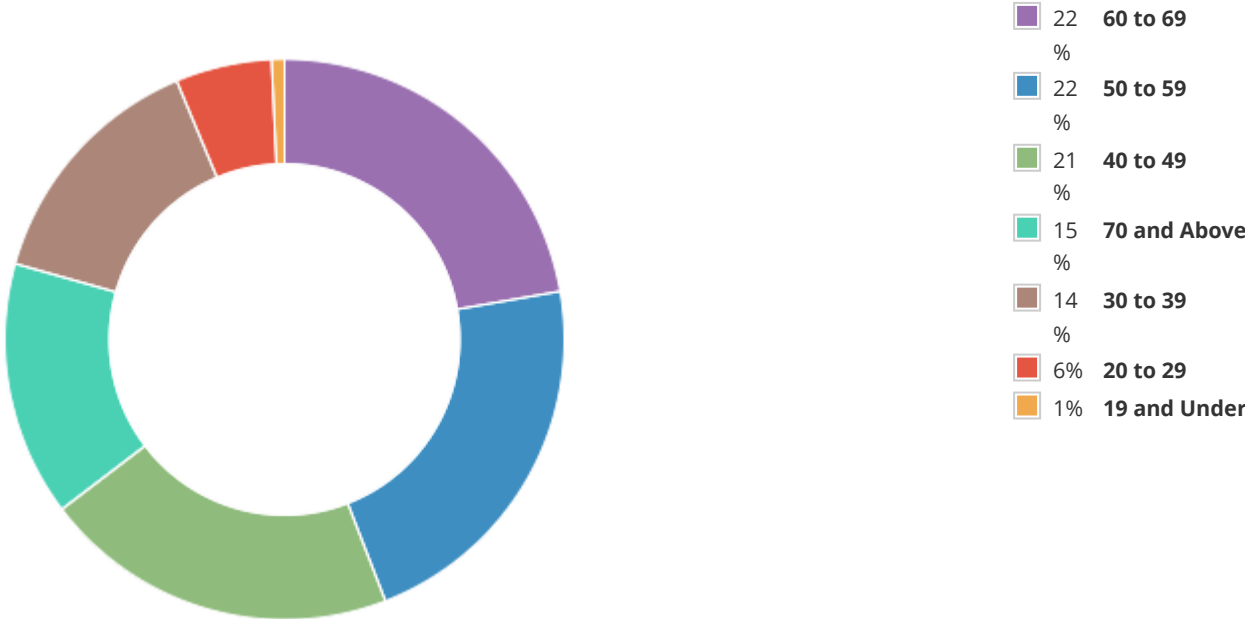
I do not think we should expand parking. It would encourage more traffic to our neighborhood when parking isn't a current problem.

5 months ago

If you would like to receive updates on this topic and other related government information, please share your name and email address below:

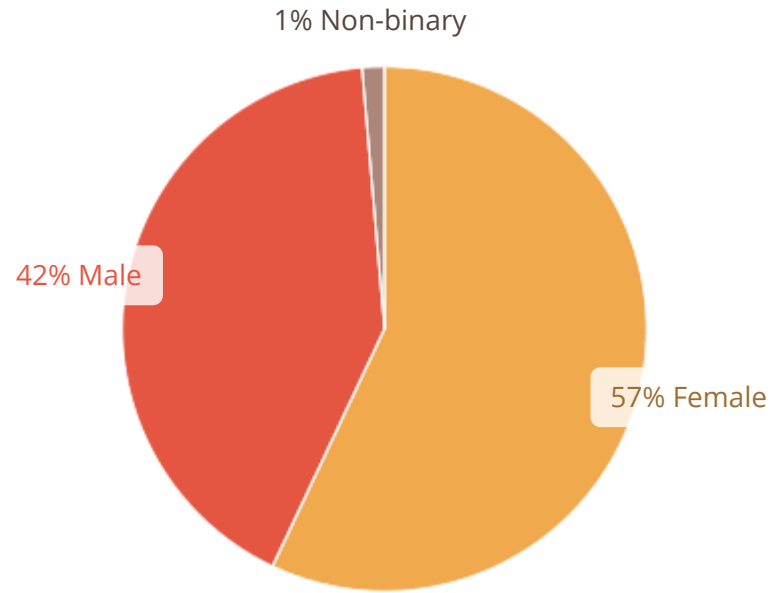
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Age Range



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Which gender do you most identify with?



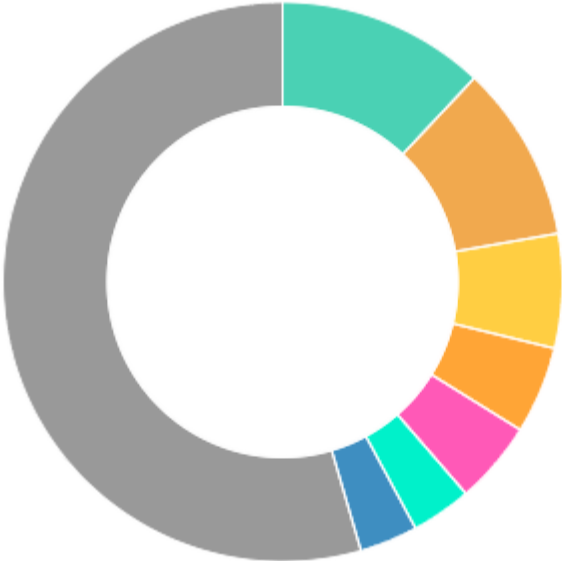
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Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

79%	White	606 ✓
8%	Asian	64 ✓
6%	Other	46 ✓
6%	Hispanic or Latino	45 ✓
4%	Black or African American	33 ✓
1%	Native American	7 ✓
1%	Pacific Islander	4 ✓

764 Respondents

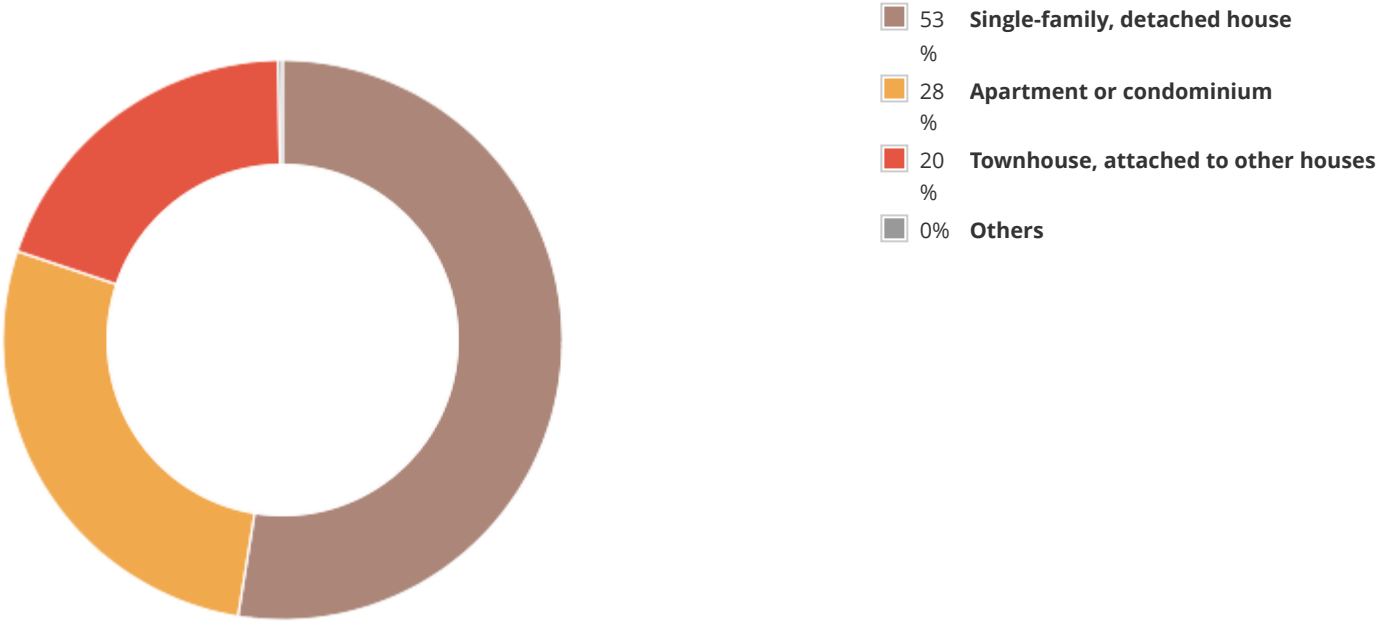
Which neighborhood do you live in?



- 12% **Columbia Heights**
- 10% **I do not live in Arlington**
- 7% **Douglas Park**
- 5% **Ballston-Virginia Square**
- 5% **Fairlington**
- 3% **Penrose**
- 3% **Arlington Heights**
- 55% **Others**

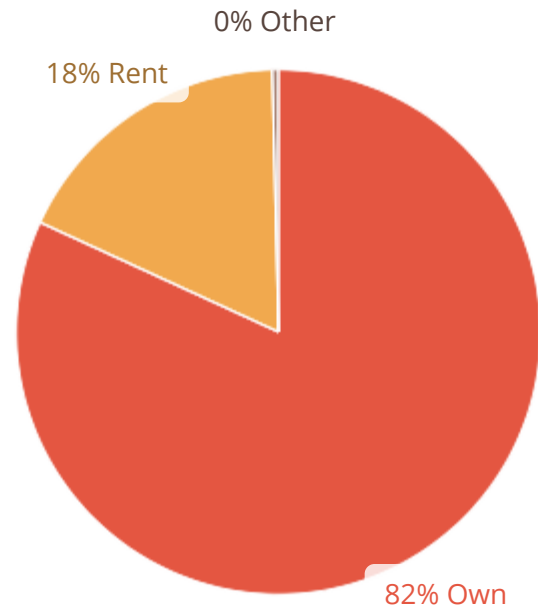
774 respondents

Which of the following best describes your current home?



765 respondents

Do you rent or own your current home?



777 respondents

What zip code do you live in?



727 respondents

How often do you use the Walter Reed outdoor pickleball courts?

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When do you typically play outdoor pickleball at Walter Reed? (Click all that apply)

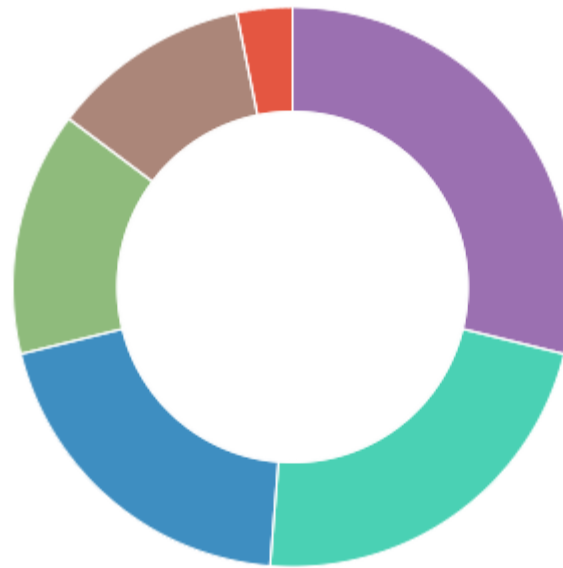
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Which of the following are your top three priorities for the outdoor pickleball facility?

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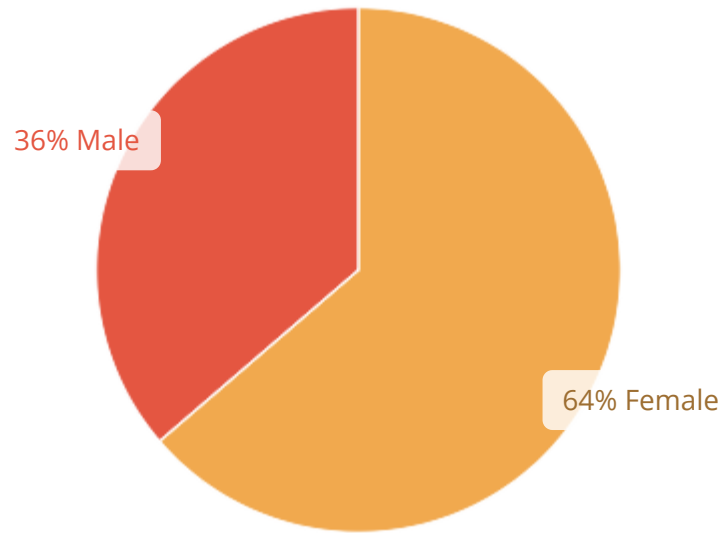
Age Range



- 29% 60 to 69
- 22% 70 and above
- 20% 50 to 59
- 14% 40 to 49
- 12% 30 to 39
- 3% 20 to 29
- 0% 19 and Under

156 respondents

Which gender do you most identify with?



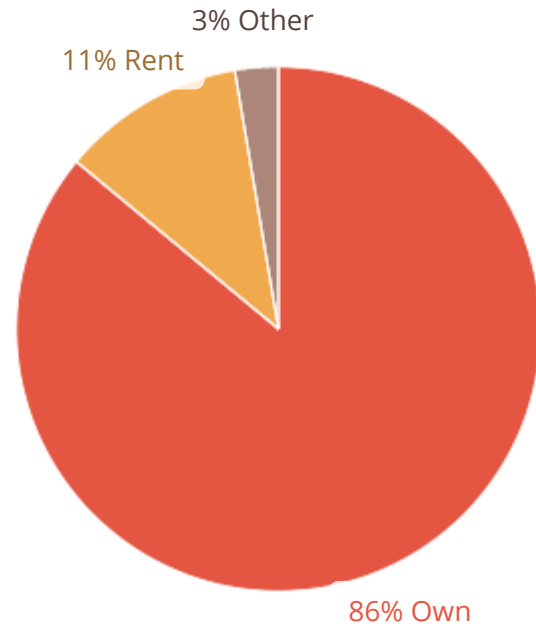
157 respondents

Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

86%	White	122 ✓
6%	Black or African American	8 ✓
5%	Asian	7 ✓
4%	Hispanic or Latino	5 ✓
2%	Other	3 ✓
0%	Native American	0 ✓
0%	Pacific Islander	0 ✓

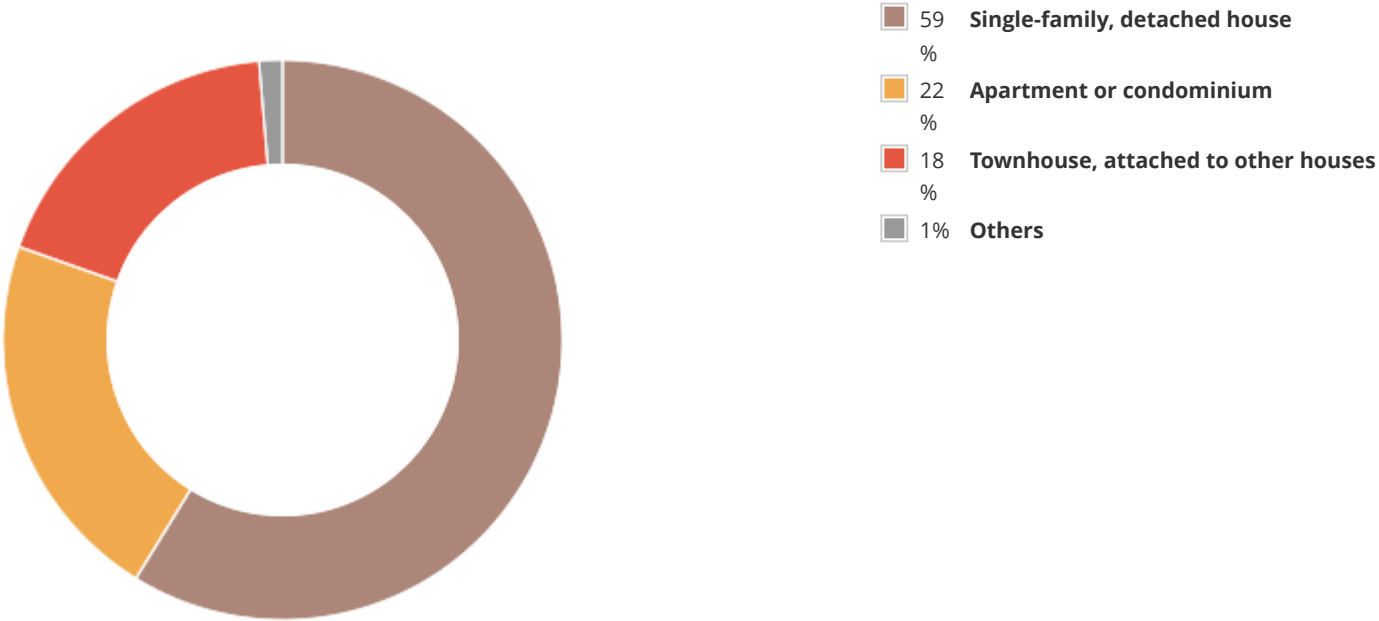
142 Respondents

Do you rent or own your current home?



150 respondents

Which of the following best describes your current home?



148 respondents

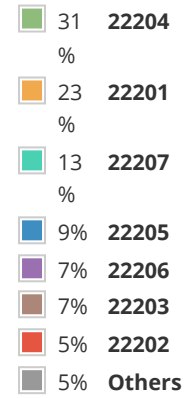
Which neighborhood do you live in?



- 9% Columbia Heights
- 5% Arlington Heights
- 5% Ballston-Virginia Square
- 5% Clarendon/Courthouse
- 5% Douglas Park
- 5% Lyon Park
- 4% Fairlington
- 3% Arlington East Falls Church
- 57% Others

149 respondents

What zip code do you live in?



150 respondents

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