

Idea Board (Chalkboard) & On-Line Feedback

• Likes

- Shade – keep the trees
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Good trees for hammocks
- Good food
- Water Fountain
- Great tennis courts
- Everything
- Turf Field
- Splash Grounds
- Shade Trees
- Climbing Equipment/Play Stuff
- Playgrounds
- Events
- Swings
- A loving community
- Swings
- Basketball
- Cool playgrounds
- Trees and shade
- Playhouse
- Fenced playground
- Swings
- Everything
- Fence
- The whole playground
- Covered picnic tables
- The field
- Non-carcinogenic rubber surface around play equipment
- Layout of field
- Parking
- Playground is good for 5 and under
- Jungle gym
- Big swing
- The Dinosaur
- Fence
- Climbing for 2-5 year olds
- I like the dinosaur
- Nice clean bathrooms
- Lots of sand

- Wi-Fi
 - Well-kept playing fields
 - Toddler play house
 - Paved area for scooters/bikes
 - Everything
 - Swings – baby and regular
 - Keep the chalkboard
 - Make playground so it's easy to watch toddlers
 - Toilets near playground
 - Open space
 - Shady trees to keep cool
 - Outdoor movie nights in summer
 - I like how it is kept nice
 - Great playground
 - Baseball diamond
 - Sand
 - Slides
 - Big sandbox
 - Mature, tall big trees for shade
 - I like the activities
 - Covered area
 - Open space
 - Fields
 - Bathrooms/water fountain
 - Play with other kids
 - It's cool
 - It's fun
 - Basketball courts
 - Lights
 - Shade trees
 - Playground equipment can be used in various ways by multiple people at a time
 - Swings
 - Basketball
 - Skate park with ramps
 - Green hard surface for skate board/bike/scooters
 - Shade
- **Dislikes**
- Sand Wasps
 - Water fountain leaks
 - Muddy field
 - That there are no monkey bars, merry-go-round, or see-saw
 - Turf field
 - Water fountains that don't work

- Sand
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- Mulch
- Sports
- Water fountains never work
- Closed bathrooms and smell
- Plastic slides
- Sand
- Private parties
- Too few benches in playground
- No goals in field
- Playground equipment
- Wire fence
- Make a better playground
- Playground is too babyish
- No grass on the field
- I saw a drug deal
- Sand
- Swimming pool
- Rain
- Bad water fountains
- Bathrooms closed in winter
- Play equipment seems to be limited to younger children
- Limited connection to W & OD Trail
- No see-saw
- I want more games, toys
- Water fountain closed in winter
- A lot of little kids
- Small playground
- Too few swings
- Baby swing in full sun in morning
- Playground
- Need more ramps – skate park
- Playground is too babyish
- People not obeying rules, i.e. dogs in tennis courts and off leash.
- Speeders putting kids at risk
- Less dirt and more grass
- Please provide new basketball hops – they rattle too much
- Sun
- Sand pit
- Lots of sun
- Sunbathing
- Water fountain
- More swings

- Basketball hoops
- Lead in water – the water tastes bad
- That my dog can't play in playground

• **Other Comments**

- People like to use the tennis courts as a dog park. That would be fine except that they don't clean up after their dogs. So, I'd suggest that it might be a good thing to have a designated dog park at Madison Manor (perhaps in the far corner nearest to Ohio St. and the 66 overpass).
- There are tree branches that overhang the courts (the side nearest Rte. 66 and the creek) that should be trimmed. I'd keep the trees for aesthetics and to insulate against the wind. Please do not cut down the pine or cedar trees which separate the courts from single-family homes. Recently, one seemingly healthy tree was cut down (right near the entrance to the courts) which is why I'm mentioning this.
- And speaking of the wind, there are wind guards on the fencing. However, they are not well-attached. Also, additional screening (wind guards) should be added on the fencing which abuts the baseball infield.
- Sometimes the bathroom facilities are closed. I believe especially as we get into October and ensuing months. It'd be nice to review that and see if they could be opened longer. That would be good not only for tennis but other folks as well.
- Usually, parking is adequate. In the summer, it can be nice to park alongside the trees that separate the courts from the single family homes. Ideally, it would be good to trim some of the branches to make parking easier.
- Sometimes, people use the brick wall (where the restrooms are) to practice tennis and other activities. It'd be nice to make that wall more explicitly for that purpose including painting a net on the wall.
- It'd be nice to set up a ball recycling bin on the courts.
- FYI, you should be aware that bees have decided that the net posts make a good home. I don't know how much of a hazard this is. It'd be nice for the bees to have some places intentionally set up to make their hives.
- All in all, Madison Manor seems to be used well. I'm not sure I'd change much in terms of its layout. The playground, picnic areas, basketball courts and fields get good use.
- Four Mile Run trail is only 8 feet wide and has curves and woodland. These features make the trail more desirable than the parallel Custis Trail, as it is more relaxing and does not attract speeding cyclists. Further, the relatively narrow width of the trail (as compared to other trails in the County) minimizes stormwater run-off into Four Mile Run and the Chesapeake Bay.
- It is very important that Arlington County does not increase the width of the Four Mile Run Trail as part of this project. Any such widening would decrease the attractiveness of the trail, damage adjacent natural resources (including trees) and attract speeding cyclists. Widening the trail would make the trail less safe than it is now.
- Great fenced playground

- The sand on the ground that allows children to play. Please don't replace it with rubber (heavy metals!!) or synthetic turf (non-renewable, petroleum based materials that ends up in landfill and takes 5000 years to disintegrate)
- I love that the large piece of playground equipment (with the 3 slides) can be used for creative play by a wide range of ages as well as a large number of kids at a time. My crawling 13-month old can climb up to the top, spinning the steering wheel along the way, and can go down the slides by himself. Likewise, my daughter enjoyed running up the steps, steering the ship, racing down the slides and serves sand ice cream from the Windows below. Many new parks (like Quincy) seem to support more limited ages, limited play, and a limited number of children at a time. I hope the new equipment allows an equal amount of play freedom as the existing equipment. I also love the shade this equipment enjoys. Finally, many children love to balance on the wooden edging around the playground. It was probably not designed for a balancing race, but it works great for that. I hope the new playground maintains that feature. Many new parks have cement edging, which does not work well for balancing activities. I hope the designers consider not just the official use of equipment and materials, but plans for and embraces the real-world creative use of all materials by imaginative kids.
- Love that it is fenced in, and safe for little kids. I would like to see some sand area stay. Love the baby and big swings. The shade is ideal especially in summer.
- As an active, involved over-50 community member, I love that we can play soccer every week at Mad Manor Park. This is a tradition I hope will be preserved.
- I love the grassy open field - where adults, kids and others can play. Please don't "turf" it!!
- Love that permanent restrooms are there too.
- Nice grass field for young and old to play soccer, football, frisbee, baseball, etc.
- Shaded, large trees on playground. Full service park with bathroom, pavilion, fields, and playground. Good for many ages. Nice array of playground equipment (swings for multiple ages) and it's spaced out! Playground is fully fenced in - this is so helpful when bringing multiple children. Near bike trail.
- I like the current configuration as mixed park for playground ball, basketball, tennis and soccer fields used by primarily elementary age and under children. The space is too small for middle and high school age kids. It's one of the few open areas for other activities like model rocketry, frisbee, playing tag, birthday...people really use the space for parties, etc. I'd be okay if it was a small turf field to go with the baseball diamond. But keep it for under 12 kids (the entire park). The area around the pavilion should be kept too, many use it for roller skating, learning to ride bikes, etc
- Tennis courts!!
- recommendations for the Madison Manor Park:
 - 1) tennis practice wall installed on tennis courts
 - 2) paint a "soccer goal" on the East facing wall of the building with the bathroom
 - 3) along the N. 12th Road sidewalk - fix the eroding hill that is undermining the sidewalk at the east end of the park

- 4) trim mature trees on east edge of the soccer field
- 5) replace bridge over 4 Mile Run
- 6) install 2nd bridge over 4 mile run to access nature area on the north side of the creek
- 7) raise basketball rims to standard 10ft height
- 8) extend basketball court pavement beyond the pole supporting the rim (this will prevent turning ankles when landing on ridge between pavement and grass)
- 9) improve the grass field surface
- 10) preserve the open space/multiple purpose use of the grass field
- 11) address significant ridges in the west sidewalk of the park (near fenced in play area)
- 12) install drain to prevent flooding of home plate area of baseball diamond
- I like everything about Madison Manor Park. The only improvements I would make is to the playground. The fields are great for open spaces and should be kept the same. Please DO NOT change the field to artificial turf. It will be cheaper and healthier for the fields to be re-seeded every once in a while.
- Supports wide variety of activities.
- Large trees are great!!!
- - fence all the way around the playground
- - bathrooms
- - playground equipment suitable for both toddlers and older kids
- - open space for community events like picnic and movie nights
- - lots of tree cover at the playground
- Basketball court. Shade on the playground. Field is large enough to accommodate baseball and other games. Tennis courts.
- Shade
- Covered picnic area
- Bathrooms
- Parking
- Field space
- needs new slide
- I really do not like the baseball diamond. It is used minimally, which is fine. It should be replaced with grass for more soccer and general use. To the extent any baseball diamond is kept, the footprint of dirt should be minimized, along with anything else baseball related. There have been many field renovations in the past few years in which baseball fields have been expanded (Tuckahoe being a close example). More areas for soccer practice and games are necessary.
- The field as currently set up/maintained is awful for soccer and general use. I would suggest we go with turf, even if that means lights!
- Tennis courts are hidden, not enough swings, more adult seating needed at playground
- Rusty playground equipment. Closed bathrooms. Lack of native plants and flowers.
- The baby swings are sited in too much sun. Baby swings should really be in full shade, ideally by deciduous trees for winter time warmth.

- Too much sand.
- Bathrooms are closed certain times of year.
- The playing grass field surface should be redone as it has lots of holes and ruts and it should be graded properly. Any park redo should MUST include a real bridge over 4 Mile Run. The current bridge blocks free flow of the water and accumulates lots of garbage. It also gets covered with water/debris during storms . . . a problem when walking or biking to the metro or accessing the path.
- I don't like that the bathrooms at the Madison Manor Park get closed during winter. Many people use the park for recreation throughout the year and I think bathrooms should stay open year around.
- The grass could be better maintained or patched when bare spots develop.
- The park needs better access from the WOD/4 mile run bike trail! Specifically, a paved connection from the trail to the pavilion/bathroom/playground area would be ideal. Using sand in most of the playground area is messy; would prefer another surface. Baby swings are located in an area that is too sunny. Additional adult benches in the playground would be nice.
- no lights on the tennis courts, field maintenance is awful and is perfect to be a turf area combined with an open grass area.
- I believe that there are enough people with dogs that a portion of the park should be set aside for an unleashed dog park. it need not be 'fancy' like the useless new clarendon dog park but, rather, more like the older clarendon park where there's shade trees; simple picnic tables; a water fountain for people and pets; and grounded with mulch. the neighborhood is changing with more and more younger people with dogs and they (including my wife and I) should have a park within walking distance.
- There should be more equipment for kids who want to do strengthening exercises (like pull ups, climbing, etc.). Also, there have been some complaints about the wood chips causing splinters.
- Basketball and tennis courts need better surfacing.
- Grass field needs to be better maintained, more frequent mowing.
- - sand on the playground
- Playground is outdated. Field has bare patches and is rough. Can't bike to playground from trail behind the park.
- Old playground equipment
- Too much sand
- I think what Arlington parks really need is a synthetic golf putting green. A public area where people could meet to putt and socialize. I'd recommend you include a small driving range area too. All that would be required for that would be some mats and a net to hit golf balls into. It could be kind of like the batting cage at Westover park.
- If you don't have room at Madison Manor for a small putting green, maybe you can work the idea in for some other location nearby in Arlington. I've always thought that the space where the old Westover library used to be would be ideal for this setup.
- This seems like a simple thing that would require no maintenance and lots of people would enjoy.