

Walter Reed Engagement #1

Open-Ended Question #6

Is there anything else you would like to share that wasn't captured previously to help make this project a success for players and the community?

Why does Arlington County believe that constructing a 9 court regional sports facility at a local community center is:

- a) appropriate, and
- b) will fulfill pickleball demand county-wide (especially given that surrounding communities [e.g., Vienna most recently] are scaling back play at their parks).

Usage of the WRCC tennis and basketball courts by pickleball players has evolved over the last 2 years and intensity of use is far beyond what anyone ever expected. Arlington County needs to engage in a true community planning effort to determine how best to address this demand on a county-wide basis and not simply place most of the impact on the WRCC and the surrounding neighborhood because it is convenient.

As pickleball advocates are asking for up to 50 courts county-wide even now. The county needs to:

- a) Stripe many courts across the county, not just at WRCC, in order to meet demand over the long term.
- b) Limit hours / days of play (standard practice nationwide [most recently in Vienna, VA]) at each group of courts and rotate play around the county so that pickleball courts are available for use by players, but do not represent a constant presence for any single community - i.e., WRCC currently experiences pickleball play 15 hours/day, 7 days a week during periods of nice weather (which I believe we can all agree is unreasonable).

Additionally, we pose the question re: why only facilities with existing tennis courts were considered for siting of the pickleball cluster? If demolition of the tennis courts will be required, and a porta-party will be in use permanently, why could the pickleball cluster not be constructed in a location not having tennis courts? Perhaps a site not in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Finally, if you truly want to understand the impact on the WRCC we suggest that you conduct an anonymous survey of WRCC staff in order to get real feedback concerning the current impact of pickleball play on the community center and its users.

27 days ago

Our Community Center should support and welcome all our neighbors who want to socialize and get fresh-air exercise. However, the decision need to take into consideration 1) surrounds residents, whether or not they use the park and amenities and 2) other park/Community Center visitors. I've seen how avid our pickleball players are, seen the court situation over the past 2-3 years, seen the fluctuating parking situation, and heard the extra noise. I know that this is a change from 5, 10, 15+ years ago and so also know that pickleball is having a definite effect on our neighborhood. Change can be good, but a careful planning and studies will help make sure positives outweigh negatives and negatives aren't just being ignored.

My main concerns have to do with the basketball court, residential parking, the introduction of portable bathrooms, and some neighborhood suggestions for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

A) Outdoor basketball court -

I'm not sure when the current tennis ball court was last used for tennis, even before the pandemic (although, of course, it's almost constantly being used for pickleball now, so I have no idea whether or not there's unmet demand for tennis). However, the tennis court area has already changed over the years, ever since the Community Center was renovated and the baseball diamond removed, so I'm not particularly averse to its getting a new life as a pickleball court.

I understand that the current plan is to return the basketball court to the basketball players. I think this is great. Please, please — no matter what, do NOT convert the outdoor basketball court to a pickleball court. I used to witness so many pickup games by local kids, or just individuals going over there to shoot some hoops. For a while during the pandemic, the indoor court was completely off limits, and the hoops on the outdoor court were blocked so that nobody could enjoy the basketball court and get some fresh-air solo exercise there. Then, once people started to gather again, pickleball really took over, and portable pickleball nets started to show up in the court, even while the indoor court was still inaccessible and being used as a vaccination clinic. I think the basketball players deserve their spot in the sunlight again, after all this.

Just a few basketball-court anecdotes that have made me think about the basketball folks:

-In the past year or so, I remember seeing a man and boy walking up to the basketball court together, basketball in hand, and slowing down as they saw the court filled with pickleballers, nets, and rackets.

-When it was raining and cold the other day, not a day for the pickleball players to be out, I saw a couple of boys finally taking advantage of the empty basketball court to play a game.

-Even this morning, while the court wasn't in use by anybody, pickleball nets were left scattered across the court. Any basketball players rightfully using their court would have had to tidy up after the

- DPR needs to conduct an independent, comprehensive, noise study that covers peak season (long days/good weather).
- DPR needs to conduct an independent impact study on how this cluster will affect the nearby residential neighborhood.
- Pickleball needs to be limited to within "daytime" hours as defined by the Arlington Noise Ordinance.
- Pickleball courts need to be closed on days that have priority events at the community center (e.g.; Election days) to provide parking in the community.
- Use of Portable Restrooms ("Porta Potties") is unacceptable and should not be part of any plan. Pickleball hours should be limited to hours with existing restroom access.
- Parking at the Community Center has become increasingly difficult with the rise in pickleball usage
- This project should be moved to a location that doesn't negatively impact residents - what about Long Bridge, or some place off the GW Parkway? Seems to be a lot of space with no houses....

C) Portable bathrooms -

Has the county done a full impact study for this project? It seems to me that WRCC is obviously a poor choice for this project. In fact, the center has TOO MUCH pickleball already! I often can't find parking at the center, and the crowds and noise is just horrible. I used to take nice quiet walks through the sensory garden and on the trail, but there is nothing "nice" or "quiet" about them anymore. Seems pickleball goes on all day long every day. Can we please get some days off so we can use the center like we used to??

D) Other suggestions for the Department of Parks and Recreation -

I was just recently informed of this project and I was, frankly, shocked because it seems like the county is pushing forth an agenda without engaging the community (none of my neighbors knew about this either). We only found out because of a flyer that was distributed by concerned residents. This is completely unacceptable! We are a small community that cannot support a regional sports complex! On any given day, the pickleball courts are packed and the parking lot is completely full, which prevents users of the community center from parking there! The county should have performed a comprehensive impact study, including environment, transportation, and noise/sound. I can't understand how the residents next to the center are living with this, cause I can hear it from my place, which is several blocks away!

27 days ago

I can't answer what time I play pickleball because I answered I never play.

27 days ago

Revitalize the basketball courts; promote basketball court use for basketball only!

27 days ago

Please restore the basketball courts and prevent the pickle ball players from using it.

27 days ago

The county should perform a comprehensive impact study (that includes a noise assessment) as part of the planning process. WRCC is completely inappropriate for a permanent pickleball cluster. The county should move this project to a location that doesn't impact residents. Also, why are Arlington taxpayers paying to build and maintain a regional pickleball center that everyone in the DMV will get to use for free?? Why not charge people to play to recoup some of the costs? For that matter, why not have Amazon sponsor this project? Pickleball originated in Washington State - the home of Amazon, who is committed to giving back to the community! Let them slap their logo on an indoor/outdoor complex at LongBridge - which would be walking distance from Amazon HQ2. Maybe they could also make it an official Amazon drop off center since there is easy truck access from the interstate - that would be a value add convenience for residents. Why stop there?? Amazon could install vending machines with pickleballs, paddles, beverages, and snacks! The possibilities are endless. It's a WIN WIN for everyone!

27 days ago

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- Pickleball needs to be limited to within "daytime" hours as defined by the Arlington Noise Ordinance.
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- Use of Portable Restrooms ("Porta Potties") is unacceptable and should not be part of any plan. Pickleball hours should be limited to hours with existing restroom access.
- Parking at the Community Center has become increasingly difficult with the rise in pickleball usage - this is increasingly preventing people from attending activities at the center as they cannot find parking

27 days ago

The county needs to do a proper impact study for this project, and include the residents. I didn't even know about this project until a couple of weeks ago! There have been multiple times now that I drive to the community center to attend a senior activity, but there is no parking, so I end up having to turn around and go home as I am disabled and must have access to parking.

27 days ago

Please listen to and factor in the concerns of nearby neighbors. Pickleball is often played up to 15 hours a day at WR. Neighbors are stressed out by the constant noise, their property values may be decreasing and rental house owners are having difficulty finding people who want to rent across the street from pickleball courts.

- Make sure the proposed courts are oriented in a north-south direction and there is more than the recommended 5' of space between courts.

- Place a short fence (no more than 5' tall) around each pickleball court. Allow 6-7' of space from the sideline to the fence. Running into a fence is painful!

- Allow adequate space for people waiting to play and to encourage socializing.

- Include a shade structure.

- There needs to be adequate onsite parking so nearby neighbors can park on the street and community center and park users can park onsite.

- Stripe lines for two pickleball courts on a tennis court (minimum 4 pickleball courts per site) at multiple locations throughout the county. Recommended sites include Barcroft, Bon Air, Fort Scott, Glebe Road, Gunston and maybe Jenny Dean.

Review the criteria used to score multi-use tennis & pickleball courts for a dedicated, single use pickleball facility. We have learned that pickleball courts should not be located inside a high density Planning Area.

- Begin a discussion with APS about striping their tennis courts for pickleball. Kids want to play too!

- Use state of the art lighting that is designed for pickleball courts (not tennis courts).

- A permanent restroom will need to be available when the courts are open. Not sure a port-a-john will be sufficient.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Your process of involving all the stakeholders has brought this serious noise/property owner issue to light in time to prevent making a serious blunder. There is still time to right the ship and create a site that will be acceptable to both the property owners and pickleball players. Please listen to the residents and pickleball players. Let's work together to create a

- Reduce the hours of play on the pickleball courts and enforce those hours. Work with nearby neighbors and pickleball leaders to come up with reasonable hours of play. The WR Community Center stays open until 9pm. Maybe the pickleball courts should close at 9pm. No other nearby jurisdiction keeps the lights on for playing tennis or pickleball until 10 or 11pm. That being said, working adults need a place to play in the evening. Please stripe additional courts in Arlington for pickleball. That will spread out where people play and hopefully reduce the number of people who play pickleball at Walter Reed which will lessen the impact of pickleball on nearby neighbors.

- Reconsider the decision to remove pickleball lines from the WR basketball court. No one plays actual basketball games there. People come and shoot hoops. Keep designated hours of play for basketball and pickleball. It is rare to see a basketball player show up at those courts before 2pm. This will help reduce the noise for the neighbors on S. 16th St.

If noise reduction works, it will be the answer to everyone's prayers. If this project moves forward and noise reduction ultimately does not work, there will be trouble all around. We risk losing at least part, and who knows, maybe all of this beautiful project through litigation, as has happened in other parts of the country. So, here are some suggestions:

Ask your noise reduction expert if they have been successful with other pickleball sound reduction efforts. Their projects MUST have involved pickleball courts. Sound reduction for other sports don't count here. What do they mean by "successful?" Go to their courts with your noise meter and check it out. If the court neighbors say it's still too noisy, that will definitely be a problem.

Redevelop Walter Reed for only six or eight courts. Create another PB court cluster at another location such as

26th and Old Dominion (mulch pile)

Miner Hill Park (3520 N. Powhatan Street)

Long Bridge Aquatic Center parking lot (indoor venue because the parking lot is in the flight path of planes flying into and out of Reagan National).

Purchase the Public Storage building across from the Long Bridge Aquatic Center and convert it to a large indoor pickleball venue

Bluemont Park - Convert two of the nine tennis courts to 6 dedicated pickleball courts or find additional land to build a cluster of 6+ pickleball courts.

Contact Amazon and ask if they would be willing to create a public/private partnership to develop a cluster of pickleball courts at a regional location in the county.

Stripe additional tennis courts (lines for two pickleball courts on a tennis court) for pickleball to draw people away from Walter Reed.

Naples FL, a city of 19,372 residents have 64 dedicated pickleball courts. \$5 daily fee, \$50 annual fee. Cape Canaveral FL, population 9,970 has 6 shared outdoor courts- shared with tennis- and the most recent reported annual revenue from pickleball was \$16,000 , compared to \$4,000 for tennis. Arlington county is missing a revenue opportunity from Pickleball. Also, if noise is a valid concern, then let's look for a location away from dense housing. 8 courts is not going to be enough for all the pickleball players - of all ages who play. To spread out utilization of the courts that exist, there should be a reservation system - similar to tennis. Portable toilets are always desirable at outdoor public facilities. Since it will be years before any dedicated courts are complete, Arlington should line under-utilized tennis courts for multiple use.

- Include a shade structure.

i'm concerned that you gave respondents only 3 options to select in the above. Please see my comments about keeping trees and open space for young children to play.

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I'm a pickleball fanatic, but I believe the neighbors' concerns must be addressed. Some of my friends say, "Those property owners shouldn't have bought a house so close to a park!" I have a different view. Pickleball is noisier than any other sport by far. No one could see this coming. We absolutely need to reduce the hours for daily pickleball play (but not entire days).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Your process of involving all the stakeholders has brought this serious noise/property owner issue to light in time to prevent making a serious blunder. There is still time to right the ship and create a site that will be acceptable to both the property owners and pickleball players.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my sentiments. They in no way reflect the noise of the courts as recently broadcast in local media.

While I believe that the results of the Outdoor Court Feedback Summary accurately share findings of the respondents, I have great concern about the results reported.

Out of the 347 respondents, 73% were White and only 3% were Black. My first concern stems from the question, Does the survey accurately represent the population to be impacted by the decision? It would seem not.

At the risk of sounding stereotypical, a large number of Black males age 30 and under engage in basketball as a sport of preference and participation. Although 25% of the summary respondents were under age 20, only 4% represented those in the 21-30 age range.

The feedback was provided by 84% of picket ball enthusiasts and only 15% of basketball enthusiasts.

One might wonder was there a rally among picket ball participants to complete the summary.

In considering whether the criteria for determining the location seemed balanced, 30% of all court users responding indicated that the balance missed the mark. It should be noted that a larger percentage of the basketball users felt an imbalance than the other sport users.

Comments and themes shared in the feedback raised significant concerns and the implications should be weighed heavily.

Only once on the survey was to keep basketball or to even accommodate disabilities listed as a priority. What jurisdiction in present times would not ensure that facilities are ADA compliant?

There is a blatant and profound disregard for anything other than picket ball, especially basketball.

Suggestions were made to convert basketball courts to picket ball or if maintained to utilize basketball courts as multi-use. This has already created and has the un-necessary potential to create future havoc within a community.

If the basketball courts are eliminated in this South Arlington site, where will basketball participants engage in activity? What type of activities will be available for engagement? Current media reports of violence and mischief in the DMV stress a need for increased wholesome activity for many of our youth and young adults.

Picket ball is being added. There is no reason that basketball cannot remain with its current access. It is disheartening to hear what feels like gentrification of a sport/recreational location engaged in by a long-standing community.

Please consider the long term impact of this action. Thank you for your consideration.

27 days ago

Even though I don't play pickleball myself, I fully support this project. It's so great seeing people come together to use community spaces!

27 days ago

it's sad that you'll have to cut down trees in order to give pickleball the same size facility that tennis has at bluemont park - maybe you need to find another location.

27 days ago

While it is disappointing to lose the tennis courts, I am glad that Pickle Ball will no longer take up the basketball court as well. I understand it's a popular sport, but I don't think it should take up every available hard surface for other community activities.

27 days ago

Walter Reed Park was a nice neighborhood community park five years ago up through the early days of the pandemic. When I lived on Walter Reed, I could frequently take my daughters there to shoot hoops or enjoy sitting in the park and having a picnic. Now, it's taken over by pickle ball. This happened not because the county offered it there but instead because the pickle ball community basically invaded. I feel for those who front the park directly. The pickle players have become very cliquish. If it is a continuing offer, then hours should be limited and court reservations should be required. The basketball courts should be restored and returned to full time basketball use. Pickleball has become such a real estate intensive sport in Arlington that it should be reserved for one of the larger facilities. It even makes sense to take over the parking lot at Barcroft for pickle ball because there is an adjacent garage and Four Mile Run can be restriped for street parking rather than four lane commuter traffic.

27 days ago

This initiative, funded by the County, needs to define it's success first, by ensuring County resident needs are met. Walter Reed wouldn't even exist if dedicated homeowners had not built a thriving community.

The least objectional solution that costs nothing, is to limit pickleball play hours to 9:00am to 8:00pm seven days a week. Thank you.

27 days ago

This isn't a priority for the community. We have others. Please prioritize the needs of the local community rather than increasing north arlington seniors recreation options.

one month ago

Please do not convert ...

one month ago

Please hire experienced consultants to build high quality courts. You only get one chance. Don't skimp on under court compactness to reduce long term cracking. Have excellent drainage. Have money available to maintain nets and NCT as it ages

one month ago

It's great to see this enthusiasm for recreation and such great use of county facilities.

one month ago

I'm not a pickle baller. But I think that it should be allowed and and people who complain just want to have a private park for them. Pickle ball is cheaper and easier to get into than tennis so I think is for a much broader audience and is perfect for a county park.

one month ago

This whole project has been hurried without due diligence. Where is the environmental impact study? Where is the noise impact study? Where is the community engagement? Please stop this until all options are considered

one month ago

Where are the tennis players supposed to play once the tennis courts are gone?

one month ago

Excited for the courts!! Definitely need these. Just not enough places to play with how popular the sport is.

one month ago

The county should consider another site for Pickleball Central. Perhaps at Longbridge. Put noise reducing fencing around the WR tennis courts and basketball courts.

one month ago

Listen to neighbors who live there-don't put pickleball by homes

28 days ago

We do plan to use the basketball court for our kids. Having the pickle ballers close to the kids play ground wasn't great b/c flying balls, language, parking congestion. It just was t really safe for a young kids playground next to all of that. Consider putting a better fence next to the playground near the parking spots so kids can't run into the parking lot. Thanks!

28 days ago

I don't play pickleball, but I support it and hope the county will continue to support it as well

28 days ago

Keep a basketball court open at all times for the kids outside. That's what it was built for.

28 days ago

Why are we spending all this \$ when the tennis courts were just refurbished - and we have a brand new pickleball facility at Lubber Run. The tennis courts appear to be functioning fine. I am concerned about traffic especially. We walk with little kids to the playground and the traffic has gotten a lot worse. This doesn't seem like a great use of funds when the surface is already brand new. Nothing against pickleball, but why are we subsidizing this to such a great extent. Seems very wasteful.

28 days ago

No

28 days ago

I frequently walk past WRCC and have noticed the increased use of the courts since they were converted to pickle from tennis. So that is a good thing. I not think the pickleball noise is especially objectionable, although it is a bit louder than tennis.

I have seen messages and posters from PB opponents which claim the courts are used in large part by people from outside Arlington. So I walked through the parking lot on a busy Saturday recently: about 30 cars were parked there, almost all from Virginia. One from the District, one from Maryland, two from Florida, one from North Carolina. I think the claim about outside use is exaggerated, to say the least. So is the noise situation.

Oh, and I also did not see anyone bullying children and I saw no one urinating in the shrubbery.

28 days ago

I understand people don't like the noise but the courts are a needed resource for the county. We need to find a way to make the courts work for players and neighbors.

28 days ago

Yipeee for pickleball

28 days ago

Pickleball isn't any noisier than rambunctious kids at a playground. 🤪

28 days ago

The silent majority of Arlington don't have any issues with the outdoor pickle ball courts

28 days ago

Engage the neighborhood.

28 days ago

Why are all the courts being converted to pickle ball when many people (like myself) use the courts to play tennis? This doesn't make sense to me.

28 days ago

Find a space for the players in a less densely populated part of the county.

28 days ago

No

28 days ago

Please also listen to the people living in the neighborhood. They are the most affected.

Also, prioritize Arlington residents to use the Walter Reed Pickleball courts. A lot of players are coming from different areas.

28 days ago

I stopped going to Walter Reed because it's extremely overcrowded at times. I think putting all the pickleball courts in one place is not the best idea. It attracts everyone to only one central location. I know from experience. Anyone wanting to use the community center can't find parking. This is a Senior center & some folks have mobility issues. If I lived there I would be opposed to the plan. The county has worked hard to try & accommodate the pickleball players & its appreciated.

29 days ago

I live one block down, at 16th and S Edgewood. I am concerned about the increased traffic and street parking, as well as the noise, and overcrowding inside the facility. I don't want this place to be the pickleball nexus of northern virginia. Go build a dedicated pickleball center elsewhere, and don't hijack our community center.

29 days ago

maintain the courts - fill the cracks as soon as possible

one month ago

I am responding as a sympathetic Arlington resident (22203). I live a mile from the Lubber Run pickleball courts, and I work from home. Even with my windows closed, I hear the pickleball pop all day and night (until the courts are closed). I love pickleball, but I do not want to hear it. The pop is loud and incessant.

one month ago

I did not provide input to this project but oppose the elimination of all the tennis courts and would hope that one would remain.

one month ago

Pickle ball courts seem to have an appeal across ages and genders. Designated courts seem like the way to go!

one month ago

With the elimination of the tennis courts at Walter Reed, please make sure to continue paying attention to the maintenance and availability of other courts throughout the county.

one month ago

Add more pickle ball courts throughout the county

one month ago

I think you should consider a less residential area for pickleball courts like Four Mile Run or Longbridge. You have ruined the homeowners property values in what was once a nice quiet neighborhood. Who is going to want to purchase a home or condo near a pickleball center??

one month ago

Why does this have to be in one south Arlington area? Why not spread out the courts to minimize the noise and congestion in one place? Why do you not listen to the people who live directly across the street from the Walter Reed Center? They have told you how it is very loud and disruptive to living anywhere near the courts.

one month ago

Arlington is doing a good job providing outdoor facilities for the elderly and the very young (playgrounds), but how about some basketball and SOFT tennis courts for that middle crowd aged 20-60? We are losing that important dynamic which is leaving Arlington for Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. Check out the Krock Center in Greenville, SC. What a great job that city has done.

one month ago

We don't need pickle ball courts. The people who play this, can afford the time and costs associated with travel to a distant playing field. This court is for my children.

one month ago

I don't have any reason to want anything to change. Pickleball makes more efficient use of the already very limited amount of tennis and other court space and therefore should take priority over tennis.

one month ago

I do not agree with complete elimination of tennis courts at WRCC. I have never played pickleball there, but have played tennis many many times.

one month ago

The outrage for uncalled for and is a prime example of white elitist attempt to create unnecessary problems in order to maintain exclusive access to local facilities

one month ago

Pickleball is a great way for the community to come together and get active! Thanks to Arlington County for supporting fun projects that get people out and about.

one month ago

SOUND REDUCTION!!!!!!

one month ago

I live by another pickleball court and it is a LOT. The noise, the yelling/cheering, the lights, the parking, the trash left behind around picnic tables.

one month ago

Do not convert the tennis courts to pickle ball courts. The tennis courts are an important community resource to adults and teens. my family uses the tennis court regularly. PLEASE DO NOT convert the tennis courts to pickleball courts!

one month ago

I play tennis, have been playing tennis for 30+ years (in my late 40s). There already aren't enough decent tennis courts in Arlington County. Also, pickleball is quite likely a fad. So, watch what happens when in five or ten years, everyone stops playing. Tennis has been around for 100+ years. You'll build some pickleball-only facilities and watch as they rot with no use in 5 years.

one month ago

The basketball court was previously heavily used. However it can't be used for basketball as there are 27/7 pickleball players. I often see people arriving at the courts with basketballs only to have to turn around and find another place to play. Same for tennis players.

one month ago

NEED TO ESTABLISH CLEAR RULES FOR USING COURTS/WAITING FOR NEXT COURTS/BOOKING IN ADVANCE

one month ago

Please don't demolish tennis courts in favor of only pickle ball courts. Tennis players deserve recreational space too.

one month ago

Good Luck with conversion but everything shouldn't be changed for pickle ball courts

one month ago

We should not replace tennis and basketball areas with pickleball - I am dismayed that pickleball players (largely white) have intimidated children and youth of color who were trying to play tennis and basketball outdoors just so they can play pickleball. We do not need dedicated pickleball courts in neighborhoods where the community is actively visiting the community center and playing outdoors. The dedicated pickleball can go in other parts of Arlington including near Yorktown High School.

one month ago

Removing all tennis courts so a small percentage of the community can use the courts for pickleball is absurd. Why can't there be a combo of court types so you don't completely snub the tennis players. Those is a plan that completely disregards the community members who current play tennis there. If you are seeking feedback, USE it.

This is a terribly created survey, btw.

one month ago

Would have been the right thing to do to seek more input, and to listen to that input, from the people who actually live in the community surrounding the Center. How many of the players who come to tge courts are actually residents of Arlington? How many understand or care about the impact such a project will have on the people who will have their daily lives impacted by the constant thwack of the paddles, the increase in traffic and community parking being taken by non-residents, the trash left behind, the lack of bathroom facilities (are port-o-John's the solution, no!)?! Are you planning to keep the sensory garden that has attracted so much beautiful wildlife? Are you planning to keep the playground that provides fun for community children? The short path that provides a bit of exercise and quiet?

one month ago

I think it's important to ensure that courts minimize disruption to neighbors. However, sometimes community benefit might outweigh desire.

one month ago

Pickleball is a great sport enjoyed by everyone. My 80 yr old friend plays as does my 16 yr old son. My 40 yr old friend is just getting into it for fun fitness.

one month ago

DPR need to conduct an independent impact study on how this cluster will affect the nearby residential communities.

one month ago

t seems your survey limited the number of areas to be considered for pickleball. All possibilities need to be looked at as this continues to be a growing sport. Arlington is behind in developing areas needs for this sport.

The present proposal for Walter Reed Tennis Court Area seems reasonable to me as long as there is the addition of a timed light and perhaps a timed gate (I understand there is such a thing at dog parks) Those two suggestions may help the impact on the neighborhood. I certainly support things which would provide sound barriers such as bushes.

What is not reasonable is to take away the use of the basketball court area from pickleball. Those areas are frequently in use for pickleball, often with waits at both locations at Walter Reed. The use of the basketball area has also supplied a natural break of levels of play. A drive through Arlington most mornings show busy pickleball courts and empty tennis courts. I can not think of a reason more tennis courts are not lined for dual purpose. More pickleball courts are needed through Arlington.

Pickleball lessons should be held at various locations through Arlington. It would encourage use of different places to play, not everyone at Walter Reed.

As to portable bathrooms, I hate them. If used, they should be in a location which is away from crowds, both for privacy and for the unpleasant odors. Please consider a way to open the end of Walter Reed building which has a little lounge and bathroom facilities. Couldn't it be open and the rest of the center closed off? Are there similar places in Arlington where this is done?

The most important point is that we need more pickleball courts, not fewer. Taking away the basketball area for play does not make sense.

one month ago

Let's get going. We are lagging behind other communities.

one month ago

I think the residents have concerns about noise and over-use of the facility that should be addressed. It's not clear why we can't retain at least one court for tennis.

one month ago

I think permanent nets would be a good investment.

one month ago

I don't think the concerns of the surrounding neighborhood was considered and it is a very noisy sport

one month ago

Having more options always good idea.

one month ago

If you are looking at 9 courts in the space occupied by the existing tennis courts, there is not enough room for that many courts. There needs to be sufficient space between courts to allow play without interfering with other courts. Look at the setup at Central Park in Spring Lake, Michigan, as an example of how to do it right.

one month ago

Please keep the tennis courts.

one month ago

Having a facility that can support pickleball is great, however it should not be created at the cost of taking other facilities/opportunities away (i.e. impacting tennis or basketball). Furthermore you must think about the community and how it will impact the children and residents in the neighborhood. School bus stops, parking, safety, restrooms, need to all be factored in. If a pickleball court is created it will be more heavily used by outsiders than our own neighborhood and that can change the vibe of the street and neighborhood which was critical to why we wanted to live here in the first place

one month ago

Turn it into tennis courts.

one month ago

Please provide access to a real restroom. A heavily used, unsightly, smelly, ground eroding porta john positioned centrally in a heavily used park is unacceptable. A porta-john was never provided for tennis players, kids playing basketball, small children using the playground, walkers, runners, or people picnicking. If it's needed for pickleball there needs to be a permanent sanitary solution.

one month ago

Staff the courts at all hours so that no one group asserts their wishes over the other.

one month ago

I can't believe a study and real input wasn't considered. What about the county noise rules? Portable restrooms are not the answer.

one month ago

The amount of noise is concerning. Additionally, the increase in traffic and the limiting of parking options that it causes is alarming. The hours are a problem as it seems to be unlimited and constant. Also, folks who are coming to play don't seem to even be from Arlington. This is a dense area and the courts are too close to the homes on either side.

one month ago

It's a residential neighborhood. You're damaging it with the noise. We live here; I cannot imagine how horrible it must be to have invested money in a home nearby, and to now not be able to enjoy my home. I think you sincerely underestimate the noise and disruption to those who live nearby

one month ago

We really should build even more courts than this. The courts are already crowded and the sport continues to grow.

one month ago

I have lived in Arlington a long time and am well aware of the entitled element who lives here. Do not capitulate to these pickleball obsessed bullies. Be mindful of the people whose homes are their biggest investment and whose quality of life has been turned upsidedown by the pickleball fad.

one month ago

I think that the flyer that was sent around the neighborhood was ridiculous. I'm happy that we have a growing group activity close by our house and that people are using the park. It's great that people want to come to join games. I can see sound as an issue for people directly may the park, but you can't hear the courts from any adjacent street. Good on you for doing this project

one month ago

The indoor pickleball courts provide a wonderful opportunity for exercise and social interaction! We need this for community enrichment. With all of the tear downs changing the Feel of Arlington and growing congestion, I think the county should support the community centers to provide experiences to promote quality of life for residents

one month ago

Regarding court layout: designing in a way to minimize play from one court interrupting play on other courts (via netting or partitions).

one month ago

The courts are increasingly becoming fuller making availability more difficult

one month ago

I'd like the County to consider that while this sport is wildly popular, it is also a fad, and that by the time the new courts are made, the fad may be over, and a new fad may have taken hold.

one month ago

I feel the county should take into account that not everyone has an interest in pickleball. I'd like to see the courts at the park being used for what it was originally intended to be used for, basketball and tennis. It's sad that people can't seem to play basketball at the basketball court because it's temporarily converted into a pickleball court. My husband and I used the tennis courts a few times last summer in the evening when it was cool to get some exercise by playing extremely non-strenuous tennis and would like to continue this in the future. It almost seems that this decision to convert the courts at the park into pickleball without much real input by those who actually live in this neighborhood and use the park.

one month ago

It seems that this project is being pushed through by its advocates, with the decision to move forward on the project having already been made and public input only being solicited to give appearance of community involvement (reminiscent of the County's approach to the Columbia Pike Streetcar). Further study on the effects on the surrounding neighborhood appears to be warranted to determine if pursuing the project in the currently planned location is reasonable. Additionally, portable restrooms are completely unacceptable as a long term waste disposal solution because, as a general rule, they both look bad and smell bad.

one month ago

Conducts a survey to see if nearby residents want pickleball at wrcc.

one month ago

As usual, the arlington way is to dump undesirable projects in South Arlington without seeking sufficient input from neighbors. This must stop.

one month ago

stop playing once the sun goes down...

one month ago

This is a biased survey that falsely assumes everyone wants pickleball instead of tennis and basketball. You first need to conduct a study on what near by residents want.

one month ago

I think you should reconsider eliminating pickleball on the basketball courts. With this project, Walter Reed will become the mecca for pickleball in the County and the more courts we have there, the better, or we will likely have over-crowding. Also, the morning drop-in format is excellent but, since players are required to play with whoever has signed up, it's good to have a choice of two different levels of play. Currently, the beginners and intermediate players play on the tennis courts, and the advanced players play on the basketball courts, and this system has worked nicely. Some players (I am one) even rotate between the two areas depending on how much challenge they want on a given day. Putting all the courts together will eliminate the ability to have that kind of system, to the detriment of both the stronger and weaker players.

Another thing the County should consider is reserving this facility for County residents. MANY people travel from other DMV areas to play at Walter Reed, and while I understand there's a general rule of comity between jurisdictions, pickleball should perhaps be an exception to that rule. The game has become very popular very quickly, and resources have not kept pace in any of the counties near Arlington. If we build a premier facility at Walter Reed, and we do not reserve it for Arlington residents, we will likely be inundated with residents from other counties who should, instead, be pushing for more resources in their own jurisdictions. Enforcing this requirement would not require a staff member to check passes; a simple posting of the rule would achieve very good compliance from most of the pickleball community, and those who don't comply on their own would get a gentle assist from other Arlington players. I don't see a down side to doing this.

one month ago

More handicap parking

one month ago

To add to my below comment: This survey is targeted to pickleball players, not to the community-at-large, and as a community member who wants my kids and teens to be able to play basketball, tennis, badminton, and other sports and not lose the walkable space close to my house to do this.

one month ago

Why is this being done without community input? The pickle ball players make it impossible for people to play basketball or tennis. They're rude when you want to play basketball and it's completely unfair to capitulate to only their needs. What about everyone else's needs? DPR needs to conduct an independent, comprehensive noise study that covers peak season. Use of portable restrooms should not be considered at all as it will degrade the quality of the space for those who live here and use the other amenities.

one month ago

At least one tennis court should be available

one month ago

You can't play pickle ball after 9pm. Make sure the Lights go out at 9pm sharp.

one month ago

Yes, this survey is geared towards a single segment of the neighborhood: Pickleball users. Other people exist in this neighborhood. They are non-Pickleball users. Your survey does not represent us and our usage of the area. This is a faulty survey

one month ago

There are a lot of Arlington residents (like me) who still use the tennis courts in Arlington for tennis, and it's becoming harder to get tennis courts as more courts are being used for Pickleball. I hope the County is considering options for expanding access to Pickleball courts that do not take away County tennis courts.

one month ago

Sports interest waxes and wanes, eg, tennis. Build in flexibility to return some/all pickleball courts to tennis ,basketball, other at minimal cost.

one month ago

Whatever improvements making in the pickleball courts, doing in the basketball and playground outside special lighting all outside

one month ago

Put it in at Kenmore where there are a lot fewer neighbors to be impacted.

one month ago

what is the plan for all the rest of people that do not play pickle ball and still have the right to enjoy the outside parks. pickle ball should be play indoor to control noise and sound.

one month ago

Yes. Your request for input to the conversation? Putting a portapotty just shoes that your original survey and data used to choose Walter Reed if faulty. It did Not have bathroom facilities available during the hours of pickle ball, so you are spending tax payer dollars on a portapotty. A known place for drug transactions. In a county that has lost three adults and one 15 to drug overdoses thus far in 2023. Shame on you Arlington county. We just want people to play pickle ball in other locations around the county. Not have the hub here. The noise is incessant.

one month ago

Where else in the County can more pickleball courts be made available? What about next to Central Library? There are a lot of tennis courts there that could be converted into pickleball courts. This process takes way too long. Put down tape and use removable nets on wheels rather than waiting for construction. Arlington is way behind other jurisdictions re: pickleball for its citizens.

one month ago

This project represents only success for the players, not for the community.

one month ago

The Walter Reed community Center was originally intended to provide The opportunity for local recreational activities recreational activities. A regional Pickleball cluster will create an enormous impact on the neighborhood, imposing large, unmanageable crowds for a single sport. It would eliminate the variety of recreational activities that would be more suited for our local neighborhood needs, disturb the neighborhood, and render the park overused and undermanaged. A regional center is more appropriate in a location that it is not so closely surrounded by residential areas as well.

one month ago

Pickleball players take up all the already limited parking on 16th street south where residents now have to fight for parking in front of their own houses.

one month ago

LISTEN TO THE NEIGHBORS. Do not gaslight the neighbors who live with the noise by telling them "it's not that bad" if you have not been in close proximity to it on a daily basis. Simply dropping in every once in a while like a colonial administrator is not outreach nor does it provide for good problem solving.

one month ago

Please maintain the community center as a safe environment for seniors who currently use the facility during daytime.

one month ago

As a resident in the area I am concerned for parking. We already have limited parking.

one month ago

Do not eliminate casual, green, or trail space for pickle ball courts. The community needs green space nearby.

one month ago

DPR needs to engage and listen to the community in the neighborhood. There has not been proper consideration given to the neighborhood. Where is the impact study? Why are you concentrating pickleball courts at Walter Reed when most of the players seems to live elsewhere?

one month ago

Explain why there is a need to concentrate pickleball courts anywhere in Arlington, and why you selected this neighborhood.

This community does not play pickleball that much. Why does DPR need to concentrate pickleball in a community that does not play much? Have you asked players where they are coming from? Considering the impact to neighborhoods, why aren't you spreading courts throughout the county and putting more where the players live, so that cost/benefits are equitably shared.

Also, I would like to see DPR survey the community and ask us how we use Walter Reed and what we would want more of there: e.g., shelter so we can still enjoy the parc when it rains (for picnic, reading, etc.); and preserve or improve the green grounds.

If there was a previous attempt to engage the neighborhood, it was a failure. I receive a lot of the county's communication: transportation, vision zero, etc. It feels like the interests of a small (?) group of pickleball players have been overweighted vs the interest of people who live in this neighborhood. This does not make sense.

one month ago

Stop erroneously assuming that we citizens of Arlington County want to play pickleball instead of tennis. Granted, tennis might not be the "new kid on the block," but it's a healthy, socially valuable sport that hundreds if not thousands of citizens love playing. In fact, interest in playing tennis surged during the darkest days of COVID 19, and many who then took up or resumed playing tennis continue playing the sport. But if DPR will not abandon this project at Walter Reed, how about at least proceeding with the languishing project to update the tennis facilities at Upper Bluemont Park. If you insist on eliminating tennis courts, at least pay some attention to our remaining tennis courts. And, convert no additional tennis courts to permanent pickleball only courts. If you really believe Arlington County needs more pickleball courts (a dubious assumption), then dual strip tennis courts to allow playing of both sports.

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DPR needs to conduct an independent impact study on how this cluster will affect the nearby residential neighborhood

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Use of Portable Restrooms is unacceptable and should not be part of any plan. Pickleball hours should be limited to hours with existing restroom access.

Parking needs to be addressed as residential street parking is disappearing and affecting the community

one month ago

I would reconsider adding three more courts. The sound of the balls is similar to the sound of baseball batting cages, and it is ongoing. People play very early in the morning, and very late at night, with little oversight from the county. The players are not friendly park users, and players often come from outside the county (i.e. not paying arlington taxes). Could other courts be added to other county parks instead of focusing on this little park?

one month ago

GUNSTON would be a better location

one month ago

Please orient the new pickleball courts N to S so the sun rises and sets on the sides of the courts and not the ends. So just turn the current courts 90°, that is also how you can fit 9 courts in the current space... Appreciate all your hard work to make all the improvements for pickleball at Walter Reed, it is a great community resource and source of fun, health, and fellowship!

one month ago

Will the lights be turned off at a certain time or will play be restricted after a certain time at night? Are courts locked or will someone from DPR be monitoring courts?

one month ago

Question. Why have pickleball at all? There are other sports that aren't available in Arlington. Arlington is geographically small. Hard to locate courts away from homes. Residents don't have to hear loud music. Why should they have to hear pickleball? Just asking.

one month ago

I hope some of the large grassy space will be preserved for people to use as a park/walk dogs etc.

one month ago

Consider how to keep mixed use - tables for picnics not just so wait for courts to open up

one month ago

This is a trade off between courts that people actually use and courts that people really don't use much. The former is a public good and good citizens should understand this. The latter is just a sports facility canard. Limiting hours of operation that don't promote overcrowding, particularly if pickleball court space remains limited, should be a driving consideration.

one month ago

I don't play, am not interested in pickleball, do not want our community center turned into a pickleball center, thus reducing the other services offered, and reducing parking for citizens using the center for other (particularly senior) activities.

one month ago

This is for white elite Arlington residents displacing the current users and residents. Where is the equity study that shows this. North Arlington does not want pickle ball courts so dump them on us like everything Arlington does.

one month ago

This is a fad, some players and the excitement of pickleball will fade like every other sport.

one month ago

How about making it a disability court ? Athletic people are able to go to El Capitan and climb it. Not people with disabilities.

one month ago

Get it done ASAP! Should not take a year!

one month ago

I don't support the building and spending of money on these courts - it is a waste!

one month ago

I would like to know why here in South Arlington! South Arlington, as always comes in last and is ignored by the county board and the government of this county. Remember it is the people of South Arlington that do the street plowing, maintenance and the hard work of the county for the county!

one month ago

You really should consider an alternative location. WR Park is a very residential setting. The neighbors have a very legitimate point about both the nature and duration of the noise. It is not typical. A neighbor's barking dog comes to mind as an analog. And then think about multiple barking dogs, from morning until night. Long Bridge Park parking lot comes to mind. There seems to be plenty of onstreet parking along Long Bridge drive and nearby. Perhaps a garage arrangement with a nearby building(s) could be pursued as well.

one month ago

Arlington community centers are for the people of Arlington. As Arlingtonians' tastes change (e.g., from tennis to pickleball), the facilities should evolve to continue to meet the needs of taxpayers.

one month ago

I have no objection to building pickleball courts, but do not convert tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts. Tennis courts in Arlington are busy enough as it is.

one month ago

The people who hate pickle ball because of the noise, have a valid point. Maybe Arlington county could be the one to invent a different ball to be used in the sport. If only it were more quiet, it would be no problem. Honestly, I feel bad sometimes when I play.

one month ago

It's hard to believe perfect tennis courts are being converted to pickleball instead of adding courts.

one month ago

I previously lived in Arlington Village and now in Arlington Heights. The courts are noisy and there seem to be more suitable locations near fewer homes in Arlington. Please remember the nearby condos (Commons of Arlington) also count as homes and can easily hear the courts.

one month ago

I'm tired of this excessive spending on projects that only serve a small percentage of the population and ruin neighborhoods.

one month ago

Since there is a high need for more pickleball courts, the lines for three pickleball courts should remain at the basketball courts at Walter Reed. By taking those away from the basketball area and giving them to the original tennis court area, there is no new gain in pickleball courts. More pickleball lines should be drawn on other multi-use courts around the County as well. This sport is only going to continue to grow so not all eggs should be placed in the Walter Reed 'basket'. Any other County land that is not so close to residential housing should also be considered for pickleball courts, e.g., near Sharp Park, where the current mulch piles are near Marymount University, etc.

one month ago

we need a dedicated pickelball center in Arlington- one with a covering like they have in Florida at public courts and access to bathrooms-

one month ago

It's really frustrating to me that I pay tons of money in taxes to both Arlington County and the state of Virginia and we have people who don't even live here come and use these courts and park on our streets. There needs to be a system to verify that the people actually using these amenities are paying their fair share. I spend so much of my hard earned money to live in this area and I don't appreciate that people come from all around to play on the courts that I'm paying for.

one month ago

I support the project.

one month ago

Do not want the pickle courts or facility at Walter Reed Community Center.

one month ago

The noise is a persistent problem from morning till 10pm

one month ago

We are often the only people playing in the afternoon. Sometimes one or two other groups.

one month ago

DPR should conduct an independent, comprehensive, noise study that covers peak season. I also want to preserve the open green and natural spaces.

one month ago

Would it be possible to retain 1 tennis court?

one month ago

These courts are a nuisance. They are loud and it goes on continuously all day. Half of the people playing aren't even from the neighborhood. They are coming from DC, Fairfax and North Arlington.

one month ago

Require some kind of membership pass such as required to use Arlington Counties indoor recreation spaces. This would limit use by people traveling from other counties and perhaps make courts more available to residents and reduce parking issues.

one month ago

Noise and parking issues. Should severely limit hours that courts may be used

one month ago

I have tried playing pickleball at both the tennis and basketball courts. The group was aggressive and as a beginner, I was actively intimidated by the "regulars". This is not the sort of atmosphere I would like to encourage in my community.

one month ago

I would like to see lighting on the basketball court and the playground area as you planned for the new pickleball area. In other words, any improving will be for all the outside areas. Inclusive all people.

one month ago

Install lighting around the existing basketball court so that basketball players may also utilize the facility during the evenings.

one month ago

Please don't remove the basketball court. Seems like we lost the basketball court at George Mason and Columbia Pike. Hate to lose another tree-lined basketball court.

one month ago

I would like you to consider places away from homes. I would like you to not convert tennis and basketball courts. I use them.

one month ago

Require reservations in advance for use of the courts with specific time limits. Require those making reservations to register with full details (name, address, contact info.) in advance. Charge a fee for play.

one month ago

I don't think you all do your jobs very well

one month ago

I'm excited for these courts to be put in place! I appreciate having a new space that I can come to learn to play pickle ball.

one month ago

Just love me some pickleball! Glad to see more courts being made!

one month ago

it is outrageous that people have been allowed to play pickle ball starting before 7am and well past 9pm. the sport is loud - i can hear it in my bedroom and i don't even live adjacent to the courts - i can't imagine how the home owners near the court feel. anyone arguing to create more courts should stay in one of the homes across from the courts for a few days and see how challenging it is to have to hear that noise constantly all day

one month ago

This is a residential area. If residents are complaining about the noise and long hours and outside county users, why aren't you listening to the taxpayers?

one month ago

This needs to stop. The two courts that are there they can use. It creates an unsafe environment for the children who are trying to play on the park or use the basketball courts. This is the only dedicated outdoor space our neighborhood has and these adults are terrible to children. This should be a safe space for CHILDREN and it's simply not. The noise is ridiculous but the bullying and lack of lights and their takeover of children spaces is unacceptable.

one month ago

Must provide access to existing WRCC restrooms during outdoor court hours. Having permanent, unsightly, and smelly portable toilets in our community is unacceptable.

DPR needs to conduct an independent, comprehensive noise study that covers peak season (long days/good weather).

DPR needs to conduct an independent impact study on how this cluster will affect the nearby residential neighborhood.

Pickleball needs to be limited within daytime hours as defined by the Arlington Noise Ordinance.

Use of portable restrooms should not be part of any plan. Pickleball hours should be limited to hours with existing restroom access.

one month ago

DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE PICKLEBALL COURTS ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS. These are extremely popular, and the number of courts needs to be increasing drastically in order to meet demand, not decreasing.

YOUR CURRENT PLAN WILL NOT REDUCE OVERCROWDING. It's completely insufficient. I'm not sure why you selected Walter Reed as the location for the one and only dedicated pickleball facility in Arlington - you're going to have to cut down trees and take over a great deal of existing green space in order to add 24 courts! It will require 24 courts to reduce overcrowding.

YOU HAVE A MANDATE UNDER PUBLIC SPACES MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVE 1.4.3 TO MEET DEMAND. You are very much not meeting demand with the current proposal.

THERE IS A BETTER LOCATION AT 26th Street North & Old Dominion Drive. A lot of expensive consultants hired by Marymount University are trying to turn that location into an NCAA-caliber soccer and lacrosse field. That location is definitely available for pickleball. That location could provide something similar to what's being built for tennis at Bluemont Park.

WHY DOES TENNIS GET THE LAND AREA OF NINE TENNIS COURTS FOR THEIR FACILITY, WHILE PICKLEBALL ONLY GETS THE LAND AREA OF THREE TENNIS COURTS? This is absurd. By the time you cut a ribbon on a dedicated pickleball facility, pickleball will have more players in Arlington than tennis has. Tennis already has 80+ courts. Treating pickleball like this is egregious.

one month ago

Don't allow play past 9pm

one month ago

The incessant nature of pickleball play and long hours negatively affects residents living near WRCC, and all but eliminates the opportunity to play tennis anymore. Even when one has a *paid tennis court reservation* it is very uncomfortable to ask 6 to 8 players to cede the court. If there are days/times when tennis players have priority -- and or course tennis players with paid reservations -- this should be *clearly posted* in large print and in multiple places in and around the court. It seems that pickleball players have come to expect that they are entitled to use the courts at all times.

one month ago

There needs to be indoor restrooms for pickleball players. Outdoor portable restrooms are gross and unsightly.

one month ago

Please consider conducting an independent, comprehensive noise study that covers peak season as well as an impact study on current residential neighborhoods. The use of outdoor ports potties is unacceptable and will in fact encourage more public urination and destruction of public spaces. Pickle ball also needs to be limited to within Daytime hours as defined by the County's own noise ordinances.

one month ago

There must be an independent neighborhood impact study on this. Seems that someone already made a decision that the pickleball courts must proceed!

one month ago

Outdoor portable restrooms are an eyesore and create a smell problem. Play should not be allowed at times that the indoor restrooms are unavailable.

one month ago

Let's do all we can to support physical activity by our citizens. Let's plant more trees and bushes in Arlington to make our county beautiful, increase property value, dispel heat, control pollution, and control noise.

one month ago

We need less pickleball and more basketball courts

one month ago

The playground at Walter Reed Community Center is truly one of the worst on Arlington. It is basically a sandbox with a ropes course that isn't suited for children of ages who still enjoy playgrounds. If money is going towards improving WRCC please consider redoing the playground so that families who live nearby will actually use it. (In contrast to pickleball players, many of which either don't live nearby or don't live in Arlington in the first place.)

one month ago

Recommend all pickleball courts are drop in with paddles used for "next up"

one month ago

Update the playground at this park!

one month ago

Use a portable restrooms is unacceptable. These players should have access to the existing restroom areas in the community center.

Playing time should only be allowed to the date time when the sun is out as the Arlington Noise Ordinance states. Please conduct an independent comprehensive noise study in the peak season.

one month ago

Please conduct an independent, comprehensive noise, study, that covers peak, season and take into account the effect of the size on local residents. Potentially find another location for the courts. There's a playground next to the courts that are toddler uses on a regular basis. Players have use profanity in front of a three year old people now regularly smoke around the playground.

one month ago

Please consider conducting an independent comprehensive noise study that covers the peak season. Please connect the study on how it affects the local residences. How do you think the use of Porta potty's is unacceptable. I find it extremely frustrating that I can't take my kid to play basketball across the street. I moved into this neighborhood because there were tennis courts here and now we can't use those! It's been shocking to have a pickle ball court next to a playground and have players disrespectfully use profanity in front of a toddler. You've actually seen the number of Pickleball players smoking next to a playground!

one month ago

I've found the pickle ballers to be an overall benefit to the neighborhood. I really like that there are more people around when I walk my dog through the park in the evening, and I'm glad to see the tennis courts getting use. I do want to make sure that the basketball courts are available as pre-pickleball they got far more use than the tennis courts, and it's a great resource for the neighborhood. I would like to see the portapotty removed in favor of offering players access to the indoor restroom facilities, and I think keeping the center open later to do that would be well worth the cost, both for the players and more generally for the good of all our neighbors who enjoy it.

one month ago

Personally, I don't get pickleball. I'm an old tennis player, and think the game is a little silly. But the number of tennis players has plunged in the last decade (some of us who started on the 70s got, um, old). I'm just happy the courts are being used for something. The NIMBY folks should get lives.

one month ago

The Walter Reed rec center staff needs to be paying more attention to what goes on outside of the center during open hours. I have observed people smoking outside at the playground and throwing lids cigarettes into the trash cans, and also on several occasions I've seen people smoking marijuana in the sensory garden, all during open hours at the rec center

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one month ago

I want the tennis court back

one month ago

Consider relocating pickleball to another area away from residential housing (Barcroft Park). Walter Reed Community Center not set up for parking requirements needed to support pickleball volume along with the all other activities at the Community Center.

one month ago

It's shameful that "players" many of whom don't even live in Arlington are given equal (if not more) consideration than neighborhood residents. Why do I bother paying taxes if people from other places are just going to come in and impact goings on in my own neighborhood?

one month ago

I'm hoping the basketball court will be lined for pickleball, after all, it should be multiple use

one month ago

No portapotties. Portable restrooms are for occasional events...not long term infrastructure.

one month ago

PickleBall brings in people to the neighborhood that support local businesses.

one month ago

Pickleball should not be allowed on any basketball courts. People who are there to use the basketball court for basketball should have priority.

Portable restrooms should not be a part of any plan, and pickleball hours should be limited to hours with existing wRCC bathroom access.

DPR should also conduct independent studies on how pickleball clusters affect nearby neighborhoods, as well as a noise study that covers peak seasons when the weather is nice and hours of daytime are extended.

one month ago

We are not able to play tennis or basketball anymore. You're reducing the courts to serve pickleball players who tend to be white and male. What about our black and Hispanic children in the neighborhood who love to play other sports?

one month ago

Watch out for vandalism to new courts as blowback to your selfish actions

one month ago

Please stop the madness and wokeness

one month ago

Please kick out the people that aren't part of the community and are so aggressive about everyone else having fun

one month ago

Im a pickle ball player; however, the people playing there are bullies, I just play for fun sometimes... is not fun anymore

one month ago

It sounds like it's too late. Many community members can no longer use the community center to play outdoor tennis and basketball like we could when we moved here. The community center seems more interested in providing pickleball to non community members coming in from other communities. I mean, there is already a Porta potty. Community members live nearby so they go home to pee. There should be no need for that. Who is the community center for?

one month ago

Pickleball players are respectful members of the community.

one month ago

How are you going to fit 9 Pickleball courts in the tennis area without having court play spill into adjacent courts a lot? That may be too many. I'm really happy to see the support of Pickleball by the county, thank you. I hope we can find ways to make it work with the surrounding neighborhood.

one month ago

Water fountain

one month ago

I am a South Arlington resident who is very interested in having access to Pickleball courts. Everyone who plays should be respectful of the surrounding neighborhood.

one month ago

I live in the neighborhood and I've seen kids playing basketball late at night with their parent's car headlights for light because every other hour of the day the court is taken up by pickleball

one month ago

Think it's great!

one month ago

I think this is kind of ridiculous that people moved next to a community center/sports facility and are upset that the community is actually using it.

one month ago

The vote should be limited to people who live in the neighborhood. Use of the courts (at least the adults) should be able limited to neighborhood residents, others should have to pay a fee.

We live a couple blocks away and can still hear the noise when outside on a quiet day. There should be more regard for those that live next to the community center.

one month ago

We have multiple condo units within 30/40 yards of the pickle ball courts. this is unfair ti homeowners to have to listen to this noise all day and night.

one month ago

Safely for the residents that live in the neighborhood due to all the additional traffic and players that these new courts will bring. Please ensure that you include police, and or security protection to insure a people are following the law. Also Cleaning up after themselves and parking where they should be parking.

one month ago

be considerate of noise and neighbors, also being considerate of people who want to play sports other than pickle ball

one month ago

We live on the next street over from the community center and walk the trail around the community center and around the pickleball court every evening with our dog. We often stop to sit and watch people play. Pickleball players are always very friendly and quiet aside from the sound of the game!

one month ago

I'd love to see the tennis courts turned into pickleball courts! They're always being used for pickleball anyway and we walk past the courts every day and everyone is always having fun. We live right next door and the noise is minimal.

one month ago

Pickleball is great but the community center should leave space for other outdoor activities that the community enjoys. Creating a "pickleball only center" has attracted people from outside the community who don't respect the neighborhood and neighbors. Noise/parking/urinating on the playground that our children use is a huge concern.

one month ago

Unfortunately, Walter Reed Park is a poor site for pickleball courts. The proximity to homes and the resulting noise will negatively affect the neighborhood. While I recognize the popularity of pickleball, it is a very noisy sport. It is not appropriate for most of Arlington County. Given our density, the county should be wiser about supporting activities that just don't work in our community. Not everything can work just because there is a vocal segment asking for it, unfortunately.

one month ago

I live 2 blocks from the courts in Arlington Village Courtyard. I can hear the dinks from my deck. Why was I not consulted?

one month ago

No portable restrooms ! They are an eyesore as well as odiferous nuisance. Pickleball should be limited to the hours of WRCC.

one month ago

Please do not erect portable toilets at t Walter Reed CC. Allow players to use community center's indoor toilet facilities.

And please limit court use to daytime hours.

one month ago

I live near the community center. I walk my dog around the trail and play with my daughter at the playground. My daughter and I played basketball a while back when there were no pickle ball courts. Now we have to drive. The pickball individuals block sidewalks with tables, leashed dogs, and portable chairs so I have to walk in parking lot with my dog which is unsafe because people drive fast. More trash cans and limiting hours would be nice.

one month ago

Please do not overtake the park (i.e. grassy field) with courts.

one month ago

Do not support

one month ago

No

one month ago

Do this project somewhere else. Don't do this please.

one month ago

NONE

one month ago

Parking and garbage facilities are lacking.

one month ago

some kind of fencing or barriers between courts would be helpful.

one month ago

where possible, consider a separated court or some separation that would allow families to play without disrupting other players. kids love to play, but don't have the best ball control.

one month ago

This survey clearly does not consider, or contemplate the impact of these players in our community, nor the waste and miss use of tax payer dollars. I never saw any kind of item when voting that included this project. Sounds like someone is getting a kick back and maybe an auditor needs to look into this program. It would be a shame to tear up the green space adjacent to the field in order to make more pickle ball courts so that these individuals from out of state have a place to litter and make the community less desirable.

one month ago

Basketball courts should remain as dual Pickleball/basketball courts.

one month ago

Wonderful idea - Will there be occasional lessons? Will newcomers be welcome?

one month ago

Outdoor portable bathrooms open every day is a good idea.

one month ago

When neighbors are in an uproar about the situation, why is the County considering expanding the number of courts that causes the problem??

one month ago

Shut lights by 9PM. Locks on gates that are opened and closed at reasonable hours to allow neighbors to get a decent night's sleep.

one month ago

Pickleball demand is growing so it doesn't make sense to go from the current set up of 9 outdoor courts (6 on the tennis courts and 3 on the basketball courts) to only 9 courts again. Also, the layout of 9 courts will be too congested which could lead to collisions between players on adjacent courts. An 8 court layout on the tennis courts would be more ideal coupled with continuing to have 3 pickleball courts (mixed use with basketball) on the basket ball courts. Arlington also needs to add more courts elsewhere in the county, both mixed use and dedicated.

one month ago

I believe the pickleball play on the basketball courts should be limited. I've seen young people who want to use the basketball courts, but can't do so because of pickleball play.

one month ago

The Cracks on the court need to be repaired.

one month ago

Need dedicated pickleball facility, not shared space with other sports.

one month ago

Please do not eliminate play on the basketball courts at Walter Reed; retain them as part of a multiuse facility. Please do not repeat the mistakes in laying out the courts at Arlington Mill. I appreciate the effort to squeeze in as many courts as possible to accommodate more play, but the courts are so close together that they interfere with play on the immediately adjacent courts. Separate courts by fences with sufficient room (at least 6 feet on each side) to allow movement and minimize balls coming onto other courts and stopping play. Also, don't orient the courts so that they are looking into the sun, minimizing the glare, which makes play more difficult.

one month ago

I think that this community center should be prioritizing pickleball. Everyday hundreds of people are playing there and throughout the day I have only seen a handful of other people playing basketball or tennis(this rarely happens anymore).

one month ago

I think as many courts as possible and designed so you avoid sun glare if possible.

one month ago

Pickleball is growing exponentially but the County is moving too slowly to accommodate the sport.

one month ago

Wind reduction screens

one month ago

I don't support removing the 3 pickleball courts on the basketball court. Doing so would decrease the number of courts available at the prospective new facility than are currently available at Walter Reed. Please keep the Picklball courts and basketball court as it currently is.

one month ago

Paddle racks need to be addressed.

one month ago

We need more than 9 courts at Walter Reed. I often have to wait 20 minutes between 11 pint games.

one month ago

Fencing between courts would help to prevent frequent interruptions from balls accidentally rolling between courts.

one month ago

No

one month ago

Working Water fountain

one month ago

Would it help if non Arlington residents pay a fee? We see more and more DC and Fairfax players as there's no fee at WR and other Arlington community centers such as Arlington Mill, Carver center, etc. Although I am in Arlington resident, I contribute by paying for an annual 55 + gold membership.

one month ago

Tennis type bubble would be ideal, of course.

one month ago

There are so many people playing that it would be great to keep the basketball court as additional play. There are so many people playing from young children to seniors and the numbers are increasing. Their are not nearly enough pball courts available for this fast growing sport Nor is the county trying to find other locations.

one month ago

I applaud the proposed creation of dedicated Pball courts. However, it will not address the overcrowding problem. We often wait 30-40 minutes between games (which last about 20 minutes). The basketball court should still be available for Pball, at least during school hours on weekdays. We need more courts, not just better courts.

one month ago

Keep the Pickleball courts on the basketball court. There are so many pickleball players that there would continue to be overcrowding if they don't.

one month ago

There is a need for permanent courts, not temporary nets in various stages of disrepair.

one month ago

I would like the Pickleball courts on the basketball area to continue to be available for pickleball til 2;00 at least.

one month ago

outside portable restroom when community center not open

one month ago

have emergency resuscitation kit available like defibrillator and first aid kit

one month ago

It would be better to increase the number of courts at Walter Reed rather than staying with 9 total.

one month ago

You need to keep the 3 courts at the basketball ...need to put 10 courts where the tennis court ps are now !

one month ago

Pickleball is growing in popularity and it is competition for space with other sports such as basketball and tennis. I think the county is best served by expanding the space as much as possible instead of taking space away from other sports to squeeze pickleball in. Just because pickleball is popular doesn't mean tennis is less popular, and I'm seeing resentment and animosity from tennis players toward pickleball players because they worry their courts are being threatened.

one month ago

Parking during pickleball is already difficult. The "casual" park space is rarely used at Walter Reed. It would be better to add more parking and courts in that space with a smaller dog park or something. Move the courts closer to the road and add parking to where current courts are? Would that help with noise?

one month ago

Do not go through with this conversion and instead allow it to remain as tennis courts. Pickleball is a fad, tennis will be around for much longer.

one month ago

Thank you for continuing to evolve to meet the needs of the community!

one month ago

Why convert the basketball courts to non-pickleball sharing? They are so seldom used for basketball that it would be a shame to forgo the community's use of needed space. It is seldom that the space is used for basketball for more than one man.

one month ago

It would be great to have a way to make sure neighborhood kids could use the basketball courts. This is difficult to organize since they cannot advocate for themselves. However, I see kids walking from Green Valley, across Columbia Pike, and into Penrose/Columbia Heights to get to available basketball courts.

one month ago

Yes, after school hours should be for sports that kids play. Retired adults can play pickleball whenever they want.

one month ago

It would be great if you could add more courts. It's great that Walter Reed park has 9 courts but even those are often all in use.

one month ago

We don't want them in our neighborhood. How about pickle ball courts are built somewhere else where they will not be a public nuisance?

one month ago

I disapprove of this project. Lived behind the center for 35 years. It is unbelievable what has happened.

one month ago

This is an invasion of our neighborhood and we feel we have no voice. Our quiet community center has been taken over. It is suspicious that this was allowed to happen, as we know people from other neighborhoods are now using our space and have completely taken over. Immediate neighbors are unhappy, disturbed and being ignored. I can no longer play tennis.

one month ago

Given that pickle ball is going to continue to grow, as well as the demand to create additional courts throughout the county, it is important that at this initial process planners are mindful to go about considering the input and needs of the community so further development can occur with less fear and resistance. I would encourage planners to look at other pickle ball projects in the local area (ie Vienna) and consider how residents needs were balanced with the development of the pickle ball courts, hours of operation, and desires of the participants. Start with what is working elsewhere and then expand upon it over time.

one month ago

The plan does not increase the number of pickleball courts. The plan should dedicate the basketball court to pickleball as well. We often have to wait 20 minutes between a single 11 point game.

one month ago

Keep basketball courts available for basketball players. Designate tennis courts as multi-use courts.

one month ago

Yes, the residents of Columbia Heights have been engaging with you and DPR has not provided responses to our request for a noise study, or addressed ANY of our concerns given this one-sided plan.

one month ago

The neighbor of Columbia Heights do not want 9 pickleball courts. We do not want an outdoor port a john. Play times are essentially 15 hours a day, seven days a week. We're sick of the noise, the trash, the public urination, shouting, intimidating our children of courts, lack of parking in the WRCC lot and our street parking, illegal betting, and LACK OF OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT by DPR.

one month ago

I would love to survey the zip codes from the players that come to Walter Reed to play pickle ball. They travel from North Arlington, McLean, DC, and Maryland. They don't want these courts across the street from their house, but are quite dedicated to early and late games in South Arlington where they prevent local residents from enjoying tennis and basketball courts. They also bring their dogs and campers, letting their dogs play on basketball courts unleashed after dark as they continue to play under the lights of the tennis court.

one month ago

Pickleball maybe a fad. The tennis courts were also often used. If converted to pickleball courts, where will the tennis players play?

one month ago

Find the experts to guide you.

one month ago

There is no success for this project in its current location. 1st, there are plenty of tennis players who play there, it's remain usable for and by tennis players. Second unless the noise related to pickleball is reduced by 90% it should be moved to an industrial location; the current location is inappropriate for a sport as loud as pickle ball.

one month ago

I would hate to live in one of the houses accross from the proposed expanded pickleball court.

one month ago

The most important aspect is increasing the number of playable courts. There are extremely long wait times during the spring and summer months.

one month ago

I looked at the community feedback survey results. Only 347 people responded. That is not feedback representative of the community — sample size is not statistically significant for number of people that live in Arlington county to make any decisions based upon it.

I want more public input and participation

one month ago

When are the public hearings on location. How come there was no public verbal input on location. Why not a location for courts in North Arlington

No one wants to use a port-a-potty to go to bathroom. Why aren't their real bathrooms

one month ago

Pickle ball is a passing fad. Tennis is an enduring sport that can lead to scholarships for Arlington's kids. Children from lower income areas, which includes spots in Arlington especially the south are areas underserved in tennis. Instead of doing this keep the courts, get volunteers to teach poor kids tennis and open a world of opportunity. If you want to encourage PB courts to be constructed elsewhere fine but on existing parking lots or roofs. Leave grass and trees alone. Try to economize, the citizenry is now subject to rapacious inflation.

one month ago

Catering to pickle ball players at the expense of tennis players is not the solution.

one month ago

What about those of us who use the tennis courts to play tennis.

one month ago

All of the tennis courts don't have to be converted. Keep some

one month ago

This proposed plan does not meet the demand for pickleball courts in Arlington. We need other multiuse courts and additional courts dedicated to pickleball across the county.

I do not support removing pickleball from the basketball courts at Walter Reed. They are rarely used for basketball and it provides 3 additional courts.

I do not believe the proposed plan will reduce overcrowding. If you look at the average number of people attending in the evening, even with 9 courts, there is significant demand to the amount of courts available.

The County needs to be actively looking for other locations for a dedicated pickleball facility, which would allow space to 12+ courts in addition to the 9 proposed courts.

Portable bathrooms need to be provided and open on Sundays and holidays.

Please consider charging a pickleball fee to use county courts. We cannot wait for another bond and we need the courts now.

one month ago

Please do not destroy the green open space at this park.

one month ago

DPR needs to conduct an independent, comprehensive, noise study that covers peak season (long days, good weather).

DPR needs to conduct a formal impact study on how this cluster will affect the nearby residential neighborhood.

Pickleball needs to be limited within "daytime" hours as defined by the Arlington Noise Ordinance.

one month ago

Thanks for addressing

one month ago

More Pickleball PLEASE

one month ago

Keep pickleball on the basketball court

one month ago

Pickleball is a sport that brings together people of all different ages and skill levels. The courts at Walter Reed have always been a welcoming place for all community members. There are a number of community members who regularly play at this location and have developed a system for ensuring everyone has court time and that teams get mixed up when there is a wait. I believe having more seating options nearby would make waiting to play, taking a rest, or watching the sport more enjoyable. Shade would also be nice but I'm not sure if a feasible option without a major reconstruction. I hope that the county does not require or implement reservations in order to play or have lessons. This would limit the ability for pick up games (and the associated benefits of meeting new people and building community) which make up the majority of uses of these courts.

one month ago

Do not eliminate all of the tennis courts!

one month ago

I wish there were time slots suggested for performance levels. The young fast players and old slow players don't mix well. Makes it difficult to enjoy for both segments.

one month ago

I wish the courts had remained tennis courts.

one month ago

Why not just paint pickle ball lines on the tennis courts? Why can't it be both sports rather than just one? You will never be able to adequately reduce noise from pickle ball for the residents who live nearby. That distinctive sound can be heard from quite far off. I know because they have painted pickle ball lines on our tennis courts in Fairlington. We don't live near the courts but can definitely hear it being played. I would be very upset if I lived near this. I would expect a lot of complaints!

one month ago

No

one month ago

Great that you are going to reconfigure the tennis courts to make 9 pickleball courts! I think you should leave the pickleball paint on the "basketball court" and provide movable pickleball nets, so that people who show up can either play basketball or pickleball.

one month ago

Please keep pickleball on basketball courts. The demand surpassed the supply long time ago, we need at least 12 courts.

one month ago

I have watched as other parks were renovated. Scott st and the park on Harrison, for example, were years-long projects. Parks were unusable during interminable periods of construction, mistakes and INACTIVITY. if you must destroy the Walter Reed park, can you at least plan ahead so that it's not closed for 2 to 3 years? Those in the neighborhood who don't have cars do not have the option of driving to another park. That's what Arlington wants, right? Car-free means accessible amenities. Thank you.

one month ago

I would love to see a fenced in area especially now that the fenced in courts have become pickle ball central. I also moved to this neighborhood with a "pro" being the basketball courts which basically no longer exist. I think the pickle ball fad will fade, but permanent decisions...

one month ago

Thank you for taking the time. We really need changes on the court

one month ago

Let's not be hypocritical homeowners and pickleball players. I don't live near WR but am concerned for homeowner rights to peace and quiet, the entire neighborhood and community center's parking concerns--more goes on there than pickleball-- and pickleball hours. Good God, install lockable fencing and lock the inconsiderate, obsessed, pickleballers out during nonplaying hours. Never ceases to amaze me how selfish and graceless Arlingtonians can be who must have what works for them without any consideration of others. Do unto others, please. Thank you, County Board.

one month ago

Reminder that community center is for the community and is a benefit, not meant to only work for neighbors if it's in their best interest. Some people would love to live near a community center but can't afford the prices

one month ago

Don't allow it.

one month ago

Keep the tennis courts. Find somewhere else for the pickleball courts.

one month ago

No. Thank you.

one month ago

Barriers between courts

one month ago

I've never seen the county act on anything as quickly as the pickleplex. Guess all these retired boomers still have a lot of flex.

one month ago

Pickle Ball striping on the basketball courts should remain so that we have those three courts available also. By removing those court, those courts, you aren't increasing the pickle ball courts at all

one month ago

Will the proposed plan meet the growing need for additional courts in Arling County? Replacing the existing courts with the same number of courts does not alleviate the lack of courts and does not keep up with the growing number of players. During the week, there are more than 100 pickleball players per day on the outside courts at WR.

Bathrooms are only available when WR is open. A more permanent solution is needed for off hours - a port-a-potty is not a solution.

Courts should be oriented north-south - which was not done at Lubber Run.

Additional locations should be considered to help alleviate over crowding.

one month ago

No one uses the ineffective reservation system.

one month ago

Can we do an outdoor bathroom facility? Portable bathroom was the only option in the previous question.

one month ago

People who complain are more than free to sell their house and move. There's a lot of houses around in the area for sale and they shouldn't dictate everyone's use of public space.

one month ago

Limit the pickleball. And allow other activities.

one month ago

More courts and parking please!

one month ago

I'm constant noise is unrelenting and annoying. Just as loud mufflers on automobiles. But with loud muffled, it's only temporary as the car drives away. Pickle ball noise is a constant nuisance.

one month ago

The Walter Reed courts are the best courts in the DMV region. I strongly urge the county to maintain court hours to the extent practicable.

one month ago

It's important the basketball court is returned to basketball players. Neighborhood kids used to play there, and our community center should be a place our kids can go to play safely.

one month ago

Add MORE courts!

one month ago

Move them down to Jenny Park

one month ago

They have taken up the parking lot at Walter Reed.

one month ago

outside restroom would take away from green space. the community center has great facilities. consider benches for seating. please don't encroach on the green space too

one month ago

Maybe a pavilion style roof to enable playing during bad weather. You can incorporate lights and ceiling fans as well. Will help provide shade too.

one month ago

I'm concerned about the division over this sport in Arlington. Why is everyone so angry? Those who choose to live near a park and, it's a choice because living close to a park comes at a premium cost, seem to whine about living near a park - smh, entitled. Same with the players, entitled to play after hours using their headlights. This park is for the public - all of us. It is public land. Respect each other, people!

one month ago

I appreciate the thoughtful approach that Arlington is taking. I do not approve of back-converting the basketball courts. The demand for pickleball continues to grow, and more courts will be needed. Capacity with the existing 9 courts is already inadequate. We travel to Arlington several times a week to play, and spend money at local restaurants and businesses on almost every trip. Arlington should capitalize on the community that has developed around pickleball. It's an opportunity to take advantage of, not a problem to be solved.

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one month ago

How did the County decide to pit pickleball and tennis players in one location against each other rather than do comprehensive planning on how to accommodate this one new sport across the County's full range of recreational opportunities?

one month ago

Pro pickleball!

one month ago

Why us Arlington bending over backwards for a fad?? Enough with gold plating everything with expensive nonsense. The residents aren't cash machines to be tapped for every harebrained idea that comes along.

one month ago

These are tennis courts that are being overrun by pickleball, the basketball court gets overrun as well. I would prefer if there were limits to which courts were used for pickleball rather than all of them. I think I should be able to play tennis on a tennis court and basketball on the basketball court at the community center rather than having all pickleball all the time.

one month ago

Arlington needs more courts not fewer

one month ago

Dedicated nets and paddle holders are critical. A water station would be great.

one month ago

While the parking lot is large- this is a heavily used community center and parking should be maintained

one month ago

Tennis has been played as a recreational sport in the US for 100 years. Pickleball has been played for a few years. It might be long-lived, or it might be a passing fad. It doesn't make sense to spend a lot of money for what may not be played at all in a few years (see bocce courts around the county). Please use TEMPORARY set-up (rolling nets) so that both Pickleball and Tennis can be played at Walter Reed.

one month ago

This is so great.

one month ago

I am a tennis player and play actively in Arlington on public courts. I have two requests:

1. I am very concerned with all the tennis courts my group has lost to pickleball players. Tennis players deserve to have more courts in Arlington that are for exclusive tennis use.
2. Pickleball players should not be allowed to play on tennis courts when tennis players are waiting for these courts. I used to play tennis at the Walter Reed community center courts but as a tennis player it is no longer possible for me to use these courts because they are always in use by pickleball players.
3. My son likes to play basketball and he can no longer use the outside basketball court because of the pickleball players. What are the rules for the court? Why bother fixing up the basketball court if it can no longer be used for basketball?

Thank you for allowing me to share my opinions

Tobias

one month ago

Build as many pickle courts as possible because people use them.

one month ago

Very odd questionnaire being that I do NOT play pickle ball, but am an avid tennis player. I used to play regularly at Walter Reed but stopped because of the condition of the courts (now fixed) and it is now 100 percent pickle ball. PLEASE do not make all courts in Arlington pickle ball optional.

one month ago

Please have staff on-site or a number to call to have an actual person come by when noise and behavior is getting out of hand.

one month ago

Nine dedicated pb courts is not sufficient to avoid overcrowding. Why are the courts the basketball fields not included? The county should retain those shared basketball courts! Further, there are underused tennis courts all around the county. They should be striped for pickleball although preferably converted to permanent pickleball courts. Pickleball can be played by every age group; tennis cannot. I venture to suggest that there are more picklers than tennis players in Arlington, especially among the 55+ age group. Pickleball is easily accessible by all demographic groups because of its low cost of entry. Paddles and balls are much cheaper than tennis rackets/balls. Thus, pickleball is accessible to lower income Arlingtonians too!

one month ago

If the surrounding homeowners are affected by the result of pickle ball then the county must rectify the concern.

one month ago

No

one month ago

Ideally, it would be great to keep daily opportunities available for pickleball. Many people utilize weekday evening hours to exercise after work. Weekend mornings and afternoons are also important.

We hope noise reduction measures will help the community and local residents and possibly encourage new players to the sport.

one month ago

Does there need to be 0 tennis? Can there still be a dual use court for tennis players?

one month ago

What about the residents who want to play tennis?

one month ago

Vienna, VA recently had a public meeting about noise and pickleball.

one month ago

Dedicated courts for pickleball doesn't seem necessary. Permanent marking lines overlaid on existing tennis/basketball lines is more than adequate.

one month ago

What will happen with the tennis courts?

one month ago

When talking about shade, one of the hardest things to deal with is the court orientation, which results in one side have the sun in their eyes for a significant period of time. Not sure what the solution is here but wanted to bring it up.

one month ago

Posted court etiquette rules would be great. Different groups of players often have different expectations for sharing courts, waiting for courts, etc

one month ago

With any plan, try to incorporate future flexibility if/when pickleball loses overall widespread appeal, how hard will it be to revert the space back to an existing (or new) use?

one month ago

Need to keep courts, with lights, on current basketball courts. The plan as presented results in NO net gain of courts for pickleball play.

one month ago

See my previous comment. Some of us don't play, never want to play, and are deterred from using the grounds of the CC and the CC itself because of the constant POCK! POCK! POCK! POCK! The rich retirees who have time to play pickleball all day should be funding this project 100% out of THEIR MONEY and not hard-working taxpayers' money. Those of us who can't even use the CC grounds or the CC because of them should get a refund check from THEM since they've co-opted the space so arrogantly and continually. But I guess those of us who aren't rich retired White Boomers don't get a say no matter how much money we funnel into the local economy....

one month ago

As a pickleball player, I'm happy to have the courts close at 9 PM on weekdays and 10 PM on weekends.

one month ago

Please do not do this

one month ago

Really enjoy playing outdoor pickleball there. Can get a bit crowded so more courts would be great. Really excited to see what the county is able to do here.

one month ago

The noise is very loud and disrupts the time I like to spend outside in my neighborhood. Additionally, the few times in recent years that I have tried to play tennis at Walter Reed, I have received stares, grumbles, and rudeness from pickleball players. Additionally, they do not practice tennis etiquette on a tennis court and often do not observe rules on length of sessions when other people are waiting.

one month ago

Keep the community informed on the plans and allow more feedback

one month ago

Bad idea. TJ was fine the way it was.

one month ago

Please do not remove all the tennis courts. Shockingly enough, some members of the neighborhood enjoy playing tennis and are being made to feel unimportant and disrespected by the County's pandering to those who play pickleball.

one month ago

As a resident of a street where young people would come and drink alcohol and play pickleball each day after work and every weekend—for months on end—we know what a disturbance the game creates for people's sanity, not to mention property values. Pickleball should only be allowed indoors, and on a very limited basis. It's a fad that will soon fade, and I don't want to see my taxes pay for something that is here today, gone tomorrow.

one month ago

I would love to see some pickleball courts at Hayes Park.

one month ago

Can you leave one court open for tennis?

one month ago

Dont drive out the tennis players. We were there first. Pickball courts should be reserved.

one month ago

Pickleball is awesome and not going anywhere.. for the record, I don't even play

one month ago

Severely minimize hours of play to 9am-7pm so residents aren't disturbed or awoken by noise in the early morning or late evening. Provide a parking lot for players so they aren't parking in front of the residents homes taking up spaces so residents can't park in front of their own home.

one month ago

Shame that the courts can't continue to support multiple sports at the same time. I view pickleball as a fad.

one month ago

Make sure to start the project in the late fall or winter as to not interrupt the prime outdoor pickleball season

There should also be challenge courts added to the pickleball rules to satisfy the want for continuous competitive play

one month ago

Heavy use of the county's pickleball facilities (including free parking) is an ongoing issue both indoor and outdoor. At some point the County will have to deal with the issue of facilitating priority use of these facilities for Arlington residents.

one month ago

I appreciate Arlington's efforts to respond to the growing pickleball community. Surrounding communities are well ahead of Arlington. We should use their lessons learned to expedite Arlington's approach.

one month ago

What happens for the tennis players? many young people enjoy tennis (and this court has in the past been used for lessons) - why are we making a change to limit the use of this space when pickleball can be played on tennis courts but tennis can't be played on pickleball courts

one month ago

Very very glad to hear the outdoor basketball court will be restored. My son needs a place to practice, pick-up games, and meet kids.

one month ago

Please ensure that the lights for the court turn off automatically when it is time for the pickleball court to close.

one month ago

Very excited about the prospect of a dedicated pickleball facility in the place of the current tennis courts. With the sound dampening features it sounds like this facility might be an indoor space? If that's the case, I think we should keep the basketball courts as a mixed use space so there's an option for outdoor pickleball. The sharing of the basketball court seems to be going fine currently so I don't see why we wouldn't continue that.

one month ago

Likely there will be a need for some rules regarding usage so a single person/group doesn't overuse the court

one month ago

N/a

one month ago

It is a shame that the basketball courts are being taken away from the pickleball players. On a busy weekend day, the basketball court can have around 20 players playing or eating to play.

one month ago

The cracks and dips in the pavement are my biggest concern, but I understand not much can be done about this quickly. Thanks!

one month ago

I would love a space with a back board to practice skills.

one month ago

When considering noise reduction, I'd encourage considering it in all directions, not just towards houses but also towards the community center and playground.

one month ago

I have taken my two young sons (ages 5 and 7) to the Walter Reed tennis courts to play tennis and it's overrun with pickle ball games. We never get a chance to use the space. Very disappointing it will be permanently pickle ball.

Also, basketball courts serve a variety of Arlingtonians looking for exercise and outdoor recreation. Pickle ball is primarily upper middle class.

one month ago

No

one month ago

Since the residents around the Walter Reed Community center represent a different demographic than those playing pickleball, you need to make sure this center is serving us by having a dedicated basketball court that does not allow pickleball poaching. In addition to that, many of us love to play soccer so making the basketball court a dual basketball/futsal could would be ideal. It's really quite sad that you are taking away important uses that the local residents want, only to cater to the very white, higher income pickleball crowd. Especially at a time when we have kids OD'ing at S. Arlington schools. These kids don't want to play pickleball but they do love soccer and basketball.

one month ago

Suggest improving the playground in conjunction with this project.

one month ago

Please build a pickleball wall so players can play alone while waiting for a game. Also really need an outdoor water fountain and restroom. Also please expect a significant influx in the amount of players this spring and summer as pickleball reaches peak popularity and the weather gets warmer.

one month ago

What about installing stadium seating and hosting occasional PB tournaments at Walter Reed to raise money for neighborhood improvement projects?

one month ago

Nope.

one month ago

Yes, the indoor courts should consider a screen for the sun

one month ago

1. Shade over the playing area (not just shade over the benches/waiting area) would be wonderful.
2. 3' chain link fencing between courts to prevent runaway balls from interrupting games
3. A way to walk to an open court w/o walking through a game that is being played (a fenced aisle with staggered openings to each court)

one month ago

I have no issue with the sound associated with pickle ball. I think this is a great sport for all, and Arlington would be a great place to have tournament etc.

one month ago

The county currently has approx., 72 tennis courts and 0 dedicated pickleball courts. The county should convert 15-20 percent of tennis to purely Pickleball. Central library would be a good spot, Old Glebe Park. Creating dedicated Pickleball would serve that growing community and reduce demand for tennis as some tennis players would switch to Pickleball.

The surveys done to date understate demand. Arlington is waaay behind o this.

one month ago

Currently the outdoor courts are being used by many non arlington residents. With the huge number of Arlington residents that would like to lay, is there a way of limiting the use of these courts to Arlington residents. People come from Maryland and Washington DC to play on these court and sometimes there are 16 people waiting to play. I anticipate that number to rise. Another concern is that I was told only 8 courts would be built and that will be too low for the growing demand. The park area is under utilized and it makes sense to expand the courts into part of the open space.

one month ago

See my comments above.

one month ago

the basketball court is rarely if EVER used for basketball, it should stay with pickleball lines for mixed use

one month ago

Do the existing tennis courts really need to be re-done or can more courts just be added in the grassy space?

one month ago

Concern how long the courts will be unavailable. Not many other options while under construction

one month ago

For County residents only? Seems like there are a lot of non County residents playing.

one month ago

I think the basketball court pb should remain and only 8 courts should be on the tennis courts

one month ago

Ban pickleball!!!

one month ago

This community needs a good public tennis facility like The Krock Center in Greenville SC, and the big county Tennis Centers all over Atlanta, GA. Ideally a number of tennis courts would be clay. I guarantee if you had clay tennis courts, they would be fully used. And then give the rest of the county tennis courts to pickle ball

one month ago

I would make sure that the courts have a rotation system where we can place our paddles to cue up for court availability along with the court rotation rules if all courts are in use.

one month ago

N/A

one month ago

there are houses that are maybe 100-200 feet from the courts right now. The level of constant noise is untenable. Out of state players come all the time. They park on the street when the parking lot is full and block peoples driveways. They urinate in the kid's sand playground. It's disgusting. They play music, use leaf blowers to dry the courts, and are generally quite noisy.

one month ago

Are there no tennis players left? What do they think about losing their courts?

one month ago

I am pleased to see that the basketball courts will not be converted. I used to regularly see kids playing basketball on those courts and haven't in the past year since the pickleball games have been occupying the courts.

Also, can we look at renovating the playground? It's one of the worst in the county.

one month ago

The light should be able to be turned on at 6am until 11pm. Thanks!

one month ago

Not off the top of my head

one month ago

We shouldn't lose the courts at the basketball court as part of this project.

Will there be a reservation option for the new Walter Reed outside courts?

What other tennis courts are being converted for sharing with Pickleball to catch up with demand in Arlington?

Is Arlington going to expand pickleball lesson offerings? Too many people on waitlists to access!

Will there be pickleball tournaments in Arlington or leagues?

one month ago

1) As demand grows, clearer rules should be posted about how courts should be shared -- e.g., hours and rules/norms for drop-in play, how to rotate courts between groups when there are more groups waiting to play than there are courts (no monopolizing courts for multiple games when others are waiting!), etc.

2) Included on the rules signage should be where/how to report damaged courts/nets, negative incidents, etc.

3) Given the explosion in demand, and given how the basketball courts are used by the most competitive/advanced players, the basketball courts should remain in use during certain designated hours so that they can continue to meet the needs of those advanced players.

one month ago

The sun can be a very big problem when playing pickleball, a sport that often includes high lobs. It would be great if the courts could be oriented so that players are not forced to look directly into the sun.

one month ago

Maybe Scoreboards!!!

one month ago

Retractable shade/rain cover

one month ago

It's not clear to me why the county is spending a ton of money to end up with the same amount of pickleball courts at WR. It doesn't make any sense. What does make sense is adding noise reduction elements for the neighbors and fixing the cracks in the current courts.

one month ago

There needs to be a dedicated indoor and outdoor tennis facility that is not shared with pickleball. They are two different sports that should not be sharing courts with lines all over the court it makes tennis difficult.

one month ago

Difficult to enforce...however;I would love to play with folks who enjoy the fun&exercise of the sport. It is so competitive these days.

one month ago

I like pickleball and play it seasonally. Pickleball is popular right now but I don't want the county to be short sighted to make changes that only consider pickleball players. Any changes implemented should make sense for the courts and park in general for the long term.

one month ago

I think more courts will be needed sooner rather than later

one month ago

A sign with court rules.

Don't ever go down the path of a reservation system.

Pickle ball success is due to the social aspect. Increased tables and chairs will enhance the social connectivity and friendliness.

one month ago

"challenge courts" are important to have. Such helps separate levels of play/competition which results in greater satisfaction for all levels of players.

one month ago

Water bottle filling station

one month ago

As I'm sure you are aware, Pickleball is growing in popularity. To meet this demand the tennis and basketball courts at the Walter Reed Community Center have become a major site for constant pickleball. Neighbors in close proximity to the park have raised a number of issues that need to be addressed:

Noise from pickleball has become a major issue, particularly as players begin their games very early in the morning (before 6 a.m.) and continue well past the 10 p.m. limit, seven days a week.

When the community center is closed, neighbors believe that pickleball players are urinating behind the center, behind trees, and near children's playground areas.

Residents are now discouraged from playing basketball or tennis, now that their areas are being monopolized by pickleball.

The street surrounding the Walter Reed facility has never had a lot of parking. This activity also has impacted the neighborhood with increased demand to use the courts since most of the players are not using public transportation

It appears there was no or little outreach to the community. With our increased population growth, the issue of noise will become a major concern to our neighborhoods.

Recommendation

Columbia Heights Civic Association recommends that the courts are closed at the same time as the facilities managing the courts. This will ensure County staff will be there during playtime to minimize any conflict.

We recommend the same hours as the Basketball Hours.

From the County's website.

Outdoor Basketball Hours

Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 2 p.m. – sunset.

Tues. & Thurs. 2-5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to sunset.

one month ago

Please let the Columbia Heights Civic Association and neighborhood residents know why our request for a sound study has been ignored.

one month ago

Please leave the basketball court available and striped for pickleball

one month ago

Build Indoor options built bc summer is too hot and noise is bad

one month ago

This will do very little for the county. There are already 6 there being used almost constantly. This will increase it by only 3. There need to be more facilities across the county.

one month ago

At Walter Reed, every day Pickleball brings together a VERY broad diversity of players - county of origin, income, working/retired, gender, age, religion, physical condition, where they live in the area) all playing and socializing. I can't think of any activity that so effectively and easily helps our community to come together.

- A few people independaly told me that pickleball People were playing during covid in 2020 outdoors with masks

one month ago

No

one month ago

Move courts to against parking lot and switch green space with courts along the street. Green space should line the streets

one month ago

I am hopeful that the tennis courts would remain - I feel that as popular as pickleball is, it may not sustain this same high level of participation into the future.

one month ago

Increasing the total number of courts at WR

one month ago

Don't do like Vienna did and limit pickleball to only certain days of the week

one month ago

I wish you weren't taking away usable tennis courts. There is so much unused space with the grass, why don't you just build a few dedicated pickle ball courts? It's not fair to the rest of the community who plays tennis. You're picking favorites.

one month ago

More pickleball courts across Arlington. It is a great community building sport and it is a growing sport. Arlington is way behind. I haven't seen many tennis players on the beautiful new courts in Potomac Overlook Park.

There are no practice pickleball walls in Arlington. Don't take away pickleball courts for practice walls.

one month ago

The way the courts face is important. The courts should be oriented north/south so that the sun at various times of the day is not an impediment to play.

one month ago

I am thrilled to have dedicated courts, but I think the sound issue will need to be adequately addressed in order to avoid later objections. The courts will be popular and heavily utilized.

one month ago

Clarity on guidelines for community play. There is such a wide range of experience and friendliness. I had one negative experience (indoor & TJ) with some very competitive seniors who blocked and were rude to newcomers. It has impacted my comfort playing in new places in Arlington because of them. And it's been amazing to learn that they are quite notorious amongst those who play pick up Pickleball.

one month ago

Support for designated areas for beginners

one month ago

Thanks for renovation

one month ago

Thank you Arlington County!

one month ago

Rack for orderly playing

one month ago

Funding for the gondola

one month ago

Please don't squeeze too many courts on too small a playing area. Each court needs room around it for serving, hitting ATPs, etc... you can't just cram the courts in, surrounded by fencing and have players running into the fences because there isn't enough space to actually play pickleball.

one month ago

Move the courts to another area. You could put it in the large park near the Longbridge swimming complex.

one month ago

I do not live near Walter Reed. Put the courts in Rosslyn. The people in Rosslyn are use to noise. There is no rec center, library or senior center in Rosslyn.

one month ago

Removing the pb courts on the basket ball area is a mistake. All this effort would result in the same number of courts, failing to address the crowded conditions. The county needs a facility with at least 20 courts.

one month ago

Pickleball is great. People are outside, exercising, having fun. If others think it's too loud, they can turn up their televisions. KEEP PICKLEBALL!

one month ago

At what point do you actually start making these changes??

one month ago

We would still need the three courts at the basketball court. Current 9 courts are already very crowded.

one month ago

Let's keep Arlington a great place for citizens (especially 55+) to be and stay healthy!!!

one month ago

Thank you!

one month ago

Just listen to the community concerns. They have to live with this everyday and they do not seem unreasonable. Again, I do not live near this site but I live near another government site and I cannot tell you how badly we are treated by County elected officials and some staff when it comes to fully ignoring our concerns. It is shameful.

one month ago

The noise, the Bathroom issue. The late hours are very serious concerns for the neighborhood. Including me.

one month ago

Pickle Ball is growing---this is important

one month ago

More days and hours for indoor pickleball

one month ago

Have more days and hours for indoor pickleball.

one month ago

Acoustifence or comparable fence screen with noise attenuation

one month ago

The neighbors around Walter Reed will be negatively impacted because of the noise, increase traffic, lack of parking, pollution, public urination around the facility, and loss of property value.

one month ago

Don't destroy the open space or garden!

Once again, survey USE of tennis courts v pickleball. No players at Library tennis. 71 people at WR the other weekend day.

one month ago

More pickleball offerings around the county could help disperse some of the crowds at WR. A multi-court indoor facility would also be great to help keep noise down.

one month ago

We are a group of 6 to 8 using the Center once a month on a weekday at 7 p.m. There is no parking, including handicap when we meet. Space needs to be set aside for us seniors and other users of the Center.

one month ago

A small group of us (6 to 8) uses the Community Center one weekday a month. We meet at 7 p.m. and there is no available parking, including handicapped, because of the pickle ball participants. We are seniors and parking needs to be set aside for us and other users of the Center.

one month ago

Build the courts to be multi purpose or adaptable in case the pickleball fad dies out

one month ago

Noise is absolutely unbearable! There is NO WAY you should increase from 6-9 courts unless you also plan to buy all of our houses on 16th ST S as no one will be able to live next to that!

one month ago

Ive never heard of pickle ball. Never heard of a dog park . I have heard of how disabled people get abused and overlooked. How about a shuffle board facility. Simple and cheap to build .

one month ago

I don't think this project can ever be a success for the residents living near the courts. We very much seem to be sacrificial lambs to the pickleball cabal. It's sad really

one month ago

No one plays basketball weekdays mornings leave this as multipurpose

one month ago

Do it!

one month ago

No. Just thank you.

one month ago

Continue to engage the community and thank you for asking.
Pickleball is a great intergenerational sport that has many people engaged

one month ago

Important light are turned on in AM and PM especially with daylight savings

one month ago

Thank you for adding pickleball courts!

one month ago

Increase the sensory garden and attract native pollinators. Will the noise from pickle ballers detract from the other fantastic uses that the community center offers? Will pickle ball takeover and push out other uses?

one month ago

The trees next to the courts drop round seeds that fall onto the courts. This is a hazard as players can slide on them. Please remove the trees that drop these seeds.

one month ago

How on earth are you going to fit 9 courts on the tennis courts which only hold 6 now? And what's happening to the ones on the basketball courts??

one month ago

Basketball court needs light asap. Tennis court can have 10-12 courts.

one month ago

Forecast adequate need, don't build for the volumes now, but for volumes that will be.

one month ago

Why isn't the county considering the land at N 26th St and Old Dominion? It's further away from houses and could fit 12 pickleball courts. Removing pickleball from the WR basketball court is poorly thought out. We need a net INCREASE in courts. Otherwise, what's the point???

one month ago

Please ensure the courts run north to south so that the setting of the Sun to the West does not interfere with players vision

one month ago

Don't wait to install sound proofing. Otherwise, the neighborhood will be unhappy--jeopardizing the whole project.

one month ago

No

one month ago

Would love to be able to reserve a court during certain hours. I enjoy playing with my kids and it would be nice to know we could play together - just us - for a full hour without having to play against more experienced Pickleball players. Maybe have certain hours dedicated to the round robin style of play with no court reservations allowed and then have some hours where court reservations can be made.

one month ago

Pickleball is extremely important to the 55+ community in Arlington. We usually play weekday mornings and hope that a noise reduction solution can be found to support our neighbors.

one month ago

Leave things as they are, do not build a pickleball court

one month ago

Did anybody ask tennis players? I feel like the tennis program in Arlington is robust and this seems unfair. Space for both would be fair.

one month ago

We need these courts and more like it.

one month ago

I am really tired of people complaining about things they do not personally do. I do not have a dog and do not complain about people walking their dogs. I do not use the gym and do not complain about others having gym access. Pickleball is a popular sport for adults in the way that soccer is popular for youth. it is a bit noisy only because it is new and folks are not used to the sounds. Please do not discourage or block sports which keep Arlingtonians healthy. We all need to adapt.

one month ago

Now you can count on getting parking — hope w expanded courts that remains the case.

one month ago

New Courts must be aligned north to south facing. Current court layout it East to west. Players playing on one side of the court face direct sunlight either in the morning or late afternoon. This is a huge problem.

one month ago

WONDERFUL CROSS SECTION OF COUNTY RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES. EASILY ASSESSIBLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY

one month ago

Equal access for tennis

one month ago

Not at this time.

one month ago

Pickleball is a fast growing sport for seniors and they vote in elections more than any other age group. More pickleball courts would be a nice show of appreciation.

one month ago

Proper planning or selection of materials and/or professional contractor to reduce court cracking and dead spots. Also, efficient lighting for court coverage to prevent shadowing.

one month ago

Public urination, trash, foul language, no parking, play time beyond designated hours, no use for tennis or basketball for our local children is beyond disappointing.

one month ago

I live in North Arlington and occasionally play there, but I enjoy the community of people who play at Walter Reed, so I play there more frequently. I am very much looking forward to the improvements but, other than just meeting then basic needs of the courts (properly surfaces, nice nets, etc) I think the first priorities should be to make any improvements that make it easier on the local neighbors. I don't want them to resent us being there.

one month ago

I don't play pickle ball but I support the players who do. As long as the playing ends by 9pm, I don't see any problems with the sound. There are much more important matters happening than for people to complain about pickle ball sounds.

one month ago

We've got a problem because pickleball - neighbor tension has exploded since the earlier community engagement/polling. Responses from neighbors were far more supportive-accepting than what we heard in the recent staff-neighbor meeting, or that are developing across the country. I think this is because abutters really weren't aware of the extent to which this would impinge on their peaceable enjoyment, etc. It's clearly not like tennis. If this is going to be a continuing area of contention, it's worth thinking - even about whether Walter Reed is the right place for it. Arlington is a very process-oriented community, and we have a relatively predictable path for projects, which this one has so far followed - but our routine mechanisms do poorly when they run into substantial changes in resident sentiment. I'm repeating my comment above - look at what other communities are doing to enable this highly popular and engaging new sport to be played with minimum resistance.

one month ago

Pickleball is a community that has made my transition to this area amazing. We need pickleball facilities and I hope to build a brand around it.

one month ago

I love playing there

one month ago

This is a main bus stop, so a portable restroom would be great. I also would like if you went back to a one way traffic pattern because several times we have older pickleball players not looking for little kids walking home from school

one month ago

The courts should face North to South to avoid morning and evening sun issues.

one month ago

No reservations. People need to rotate on and off to give everyone a turn. Let people sign up with those they want to play with or by level. Have system like drop in sign up on site to do this

one month ago

Reduce sun glare if possible, maybe an awning if some sort

one month ago

The courts should be oriented North to South so that sunrise and sunset in players eyes is not an issue. As an aside, this is an issue with other courts in Arlington as well such as Lubber Run.

one month ago

commit to purchasing the houses around the courts as it's unbearable to live here. We have been fed a ton of lies about this project - you have absolutely no intention of reducing anything to alleviate the noise and nuisance from the residents who live here. This has been a white wash.

one month ago

This should still be a tennis facility.

one month ago

Please build courts so that in morning and evening, players are not looking directly into the sun. No other courts in the area are built in the same direction as the tennis/pickleball courts at Walter Reed

one month ago

Noise reduction measures are important to be considerate of the neighborhood. Please do not reduce the hours as people who work and want to play Pickelball already have a relatively small window of time to play pickleball.

one month ago

Pickleball courts should NOT be placed within residential areas.

one month ago

No

one month ago

I don't play but Pickleball is a good thing from my point of view. It means people are being active and using outdoor spaces, both of which are a good thing.

one month ago

Besides the top 3 above, seating (moveable) also shaded for those of us waiting & please please a drinking fountain or two

one month ago

The courts need to be locked btwn 10pm - 6am to ensure players are not disturbing neighbors at night

one month ago

Arlington County is doing the right thing establishing a central pickleball court location, but we need additional options on shared courts like tennis courts with both kinds of lines and nets.

one month ago

I think it might be a good idea to include Pickleball players in neighborhood, advisory committees. That way everybody can talk to each other to try to accommodate concerns everything from the noise, parking and events.

one month ago

If I lived nearby it would drive me crazy so I am very sympathetic

one month ago

Love the indoor gym, keep it open as much as possible.

one month ago

Pickleball courts in Aurora Highlands so I don't have to drive to Walter Reed.

one month ago

Stop the project

one month ago

Fairfax County, Falls Church and Alexandria have listened to residents and quickly added PB courts to their park system. Why has Arlington County's DPR been so reluctant and slow? Again, where is the reservation system? Why has DPR been reluctant to provide toilets?

one month ago

When I go to the Walter Reed Community Center to teach in the REEP program in the evening, the two parking lots in front of the Center are often full, so I park in the lot behind the Center. That lot is very dark and a little scary. But the real problem is the noise from the pickle ball courts - bang, bang, bang - what is this - gun shots,? rocks being thrown? Could you put some signs in that lot stating that the noise is just from pickle balls. I always take a flashlight so the dark lot isn't a problem. But I always forget about the banging noises and their origin. Thanks.

one month ago

Orient the courts NS rather than EW so the sun is not always in players' eyes. Meanwhile please line underused tennis courts with PB lines and provide portable nets at Fort Scott, 3rd court Glebe, Bonair Park. A PB reservation system was promised several years ago. Where is it???

one month ago

Arlington and all doctors want people to be physically active. We have something now that is being stifled by a few who want to control events that many enjoy and need for fitness. Airplane noise can't be stopped, sirens, etc. Stop whining and pick up a paddle.

one month ago

Lighting for evening play if possible. Low barriers between courts so that the ball doesn't go between courts is helpful, not necessary.

one month ago

I typically play between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. I couldn't enter both in the response. Availability of restroom (outside) is a plus when the center is not open.

one month ago

How about the tennis players who like to use those courts?

one month ago

Please stop using the basketball courts for pickleball once the dedicated court is built. The community needs access to that basketball court but pickleball is always being played and it's so hard to understand the schedule.

one month ago

Limit hours of operation.

one month ago
