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“You can be silent and stay on the side lines, but what good is that? You accept what others have chosen for you and your children?”

Welcome to the first newsletter from chapelhilltennis.org. The newsletter is being sent to those who have signed up at the website and others who have been active in the tennis community discussions.

1. Thankful! Tennis courts have been neglected for a long time and there is plenty of work to be done, but we should also take time to appreciate the work implemented so far.

Nets are back up and adjusted. Cracks have been patched. Lights and limbs issues are being addressed. Benches have been purchased.

Most completed items are small or short term fixes but all are positive improvements and prove that being organized and “working together” can make a difference.

View the updated list of ongoing and future maintenance items at link [<here>](#).

2. Tennis Renovations. The town has approved a bond and funding has been proposed to fully renovate Cedar Falls and Hargraves courts during 2022.

One proposed renovation option for Cedar Falls is to eliminate a full size public court and replace it with junior courts. Although junior courts have value, the majority of the tennis community believe they would be seldom used as tennis courts and definitely not utilized as much as full size courts.

Provisions for junior courts can instead be provided by painting lines on the adult courts. Six full sized courts are important for matches, practices, and hosting events. See multiple viewpoints on the topic [<here>](#).

In addition, the process for when and how a decision will be made is also “disturbingly unclear”, and it is unknown by whom this proposal originated. Why is this still an option?

3. Monthly Meetings. Tennis community, P&R and Town Staff are holding monthly Tennis Advocacy meetings. Initial meetings were held in July and August.

Agendas of upcoming meetings, summaries of past meetings, and information on how to attend or speak (currently virtual via Zoom) may be found [<here>](#).

With these meetings, the tennis community has stated two goals of “*fairness and transparency*”, with the opportunity to openly learn about and discuss issues affecting our public tennis facilities before decisions are implemented. Historically, courts have been eliminated or allowed to deteriorate with little public debate or knowledge.

We are asking that the town commit to preserving and maintaining all the public tennis courts and to raise them to meet the higher standards associated with Chapel Hill.

4. Our Schools. All the Chapel Hill Carrboro middle schools and ECHHS JV tennis teams use the public courts for matches and practices. Let’s support our student athletes by keeping the courts clean, nets up, lights working, and every court available for their use.

Comments welcome. If you have an opinion, make your voices heard by writing to Parks and Rec and share your viewpoints via the website. Feel free to contact admin@chapelhilltennis.org for more info.

Serve on,

Friends of Chapel Hill Public Tennis

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