



**SAUSALITO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL- EDGEWATER ROOM, 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO**

Tuesday September 8, 2015 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Doreen Gounard- Chair	
Joe Burns- Vice Chair	Mike Langford- Parks & Recreation Director
Sela Seleska- Commissioner	Julie Myers- Recreation Supervisor
Cindy Powers- Commissioner	

Note that the Parks and Recreation Commission may, at its discretion, consider agenda items out of the order in which they are listed. The public may comment on any item on the agenda that has not previously been subject to public comment.

7:00 PM COMMISSION WILL CONVENE IN THE EDGEWATER ROOM

1. BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Agenda

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

3. COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE: Members of the public are invited to address the Commission concerning topics that are not listed on the Agenda. The Commission reserves the right to limit the time devoted to this portion of the Agenda and to limit the duration of speakers' presentation to three minutes.

Public Communications: speakers limited to 3 minutes each

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Presentation by resident Susan Robinson on the use and condition of the Sausalito Tennis Courts
- b. Opportunity to have the Super Bowl Trophy Tour visit Sausalito - Julie Myers, Recreation Supervisor

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – To include but not limited to:

- a. Park COP update
- b. Cazneau Park update
- c. Upcoming Events
 - i. Chili Cook Off
 - ii. Yard Sale

6. FUTURE BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Use of Roundup at City Facilities and Property
- b. Small Park Needs Assessment

7. ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC: Information regarding any item on this agenda may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Office at City Hall or by calling Mike Langford at 289-4126.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Mike Langford at 289-4126. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II]

Subject:

The City owned tennis courts - MLK, Marinship - are not adequately serving the residents because of lack of proper maintenance, competition for use by non-residents and wear & tear by non tennis players and dog owners.

Proposal:

The City improve the condition and availability of the public tennis courts by:

1. Installation of locks limiting court access to authorized residents/tennis pros who pay for annual access
2. Create an online court reservation system to support resident priority utilization of the courts
3. Reserve Marinship's court access to residents only - tennis pros instructing students should use the MLK courts only
4. Improvement of the court maintenance:
 - A. Replacement of the court surface - resurfacing only fills the existing cracks for several weeks - the underlying court surface needs replacement
 - B. Regular maintenance of the wind breaker screens (monthly)
 - C. Regular (weekly) cleaning of the courts of accumulated debris
 - D. Trash containers, brooms squeegees

History:

1. With regard to the Marinship Courts, because of the tall trees on both sides of the street, the courts get a lot of debris in the form of leaves, branches and seeds. We the resident tennis players, sweep up the leaves and pine needles toward the West end of the courts and leave it there, only because there is no trash containers to dispose of it. This has and continues to cause a safety hazard as the wind blows it back on the court. More recently, I witnessed a fall during a tennis game. While there are arrangements for the courts to be cleaned, there is no process that verifies if the cleaning services that the Park and Rec is paying for is actually being done until it becomes a hazard and we call the Dept. of Park and Rec. Also, between the second and third court, there are weeds growing tall- this is new and has not been removed
2. The windscreens that are tied to the frames often fail and are frequently flying at half-mast; this once again allows the wind to pick up the debris and bring it back into the court. Could these windbreakers be secured better?
3. While there is a dog park next to the Marinship tennis courts, dog owners often let their dogs into the courts. It is not unusual for us to find dog feces & urine on the courts. When the courts were resurfaced less than a year ago, there were signs prohibiting dogs on the court. However, those signs are no longer in place. Could these signs be put back?
4. One of the Marinship tennis courts is frequently occupied by the same tennis pro in the mornings and on weekends, making fewer courts available. On a couple of such occasions during the weekend, the parent of the student taking a lesson decided to use

the adjacent court for practice by himself, while 4 Sausalito residents waited patiently for the person to finish. There is currently no process to ensure that residents have any priority.

5. Finally, the upsurge in the use of the Marinship courts by non residents and pros has forced many Sausalito players to play elsewhere. In doing so, we discovered that all the public courts with the exception of Larkspur, are locked. Residents of the respective towns pay an annual tennis pass fee for the use of the public courts. These fees range from \$40-\$150. Mill Valley, Strawberry, and Corte Madera allow non-residents to purchase a pass at an additional cost. While Sausalito residents cannot turn to another town to use their courts freely, residents from other towns are increasingly playing at the Marinship courts leaving Sausalito residents with little or no option. All the Park and Recreation departments in Marin that I contacted (Larkspur being the exception) said that they issue new keys annually and also on a prorated basis. Most towns use the revenue for the upkeep and improvements of the courts.

6. After speaking with many of the Sausalito resident players, I'm confident they would be very much in favor of paying a nominal annual fee for a pass and a key to the Marinship courts.

7. On a side note, except for an hour or two in the afternoon, the Marinship courts are very desirable courts despite the state of disrepair.

8. On another note, the Sausalito tennis players are a wonderful, generous, and friendly community. Their warmth, their level of playing and camaraderie was the impetus for me to give up my Harbor Point membership and call the Sausalito courts my home court.

Location	Tennis Court Access	Links
Mill Valley- Boyle Park 415-383-1370	Annual Tennis Pass Fees: resident* \$38, non-residents for \$48, seniors \$22 *To qualify as a resident, you must live within the City limits and show proof with a valid driver's license	http://www.cityofmillvalley.org/Index.aspx?page=511
Mill Valley- Tam High 415-412-9646	Open to public during non-school hours when unlocked	http://www.tennispoint.com/tennis_court/Tam-High-Tennis-Courts-CA.html
Strawberry Rec 415-383-6494	Annual Tennis Pass with key: 1 st person in household: Resident-\$126 (additional person-\$42); Non-resident-\$184 (additional person-\$42) Guest Fee \$5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option for 3-month or 6-month pro-rated pass • On-line reservations with proof and linked to confirmation number • If challenged, call the Rec. Dept. 	http://strawberry.marin.org/tennis.html
Tiburon/Belvedere 415-435-4355	Annual Tennis Pass with Key: For Residents only: \$150 Keys are discarded each year starting April 1.	http://theranchtoday.org/adults/tennis-2/tennis-key/ http://theranchtoday.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2015-White-Tennis-Newsletter-Copy.pdf
Corte Madera 415-927-5072	Annual Tennis Pass with Key: \$25 (residents & non-residents) 2015-2016: \$40 1 st come, 1 st serve. Residents get priority. No private lessons	http://www.ci.corte-madera.ca.us/404/Parks-and-Recreation-Facilities

Larkspur 415-927-6746	No annual Pass - open to the public	http://www.cityoflarkspur.org/index.aspx?NID=486
Ross 415-453-6020	Annual Tennis Pass with Key: Residents* only \$100 *To qualify as a resident, you must live within the Ross School district	http://www.playtennis.com/find-a-place-to-play/facility-results/details/?id=1240&ACT=

Belvedere/Tiburon Court Rules

1. Guests. Each keyholder may entertain one guest for a singles match or three guests for a doubles match. Keyholders may not rotate additional waiting guests on to the court.
2. Player Priority Those players first arriving for unreserved courts are entitled to the first available court. If an incomplete party (e.g., three members of a foursome) take an available court, the group must observe rule #3 or #4, whichever applies to the circumstances.
3. Practice Play Persons wishing to practice strokes (rally), individuals wishing to practice serves, or those using the Del Mar backboard shall be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes once others are waiting. Children are entitled to the same 30-minute practice period. Players must relinquish the court when that 30-minute period is over. Regular play cannot follow the 30-minute practice session when others are waiting.
4. Warm-up Period There shall be a maximum of a five-minute warm up period before play begins.
5. Waiting Players Players waiting must be visible to those playing and to others who may be waiting, to prevent misunderstandings between keyholders.
6. Singles When keyholders are waiting for a court, singles may complete the set in progress or may play no more than one set before relinquishing the court. Neither of the two singles players may play a second consecutive set if people are waiting.
7. Doubles No one may play more than two consecutive sets if players are waiting.
8. Warm-up and Practice Play Rules #3 and #4 apply when players are waiting.
9. Attire Tennis shoes only shall be worn on the courts.
10. Tennis Players and Activity Only No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, sun chairs, animals, strollers, food, beverages or smoking are allowed on the courts.
11. Trash Removed Please remove all trash including tennis can lids from the court and put in trash receptacles.
12. Restrictions No one is allowed to use the public courts for private enterprise. No one is allowed to teach privately at any time on the public courts unless specifically arranged by the Recreation office. Only BT Rec contract tennis pros may teach tennis lessons on our courts.
13. Rules Rules published by The Ranch Committee are posted at the courts. A dispute in the interpretation of these rules shall be settled by the recreation administrative staff or by the committee. Any infraction of these rules shall be cause for a player to be expelled from the courts. Continued infractions will result in suspension of the tennis key. The Ranch reserves the right to revoke the use of the key and reclaim it in instances where the key is being misused.
14. Liability Release Tennis players play at their own risk. The Ranch office, their employees, Ranch Committee, Town of Tiburon and City of Belvedere will not be held liable for and are hereby released from claims of any kind for damage or injuries resulting from the use of the tennis courts.

