



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8:00 PM – PLEASE NOTE LATE START TIME

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 8:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/84631563862> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 846 3156 3862.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

#149-24 Ordinance change to prohibit the sale of tobacco in Newton to anyone born on or after 1/2/2000

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, KELLEY, HUMPHREY, KRINTZMAN, DOWNS, LUCAS, BIXBY, AND DANBERG requesting a discussion and amendment to Chapter 20 Section 3 or sections as appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the young people in Newton by creating a prohibition of sales such that No person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency shall sell tobacco or e-cigarette products to anyone born on or after 1/1/2000.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committee

#176-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 for the tennis courts at Newton South High School

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School.

#28-24 Discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 21, Art III Trees

COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, DANBERG, GREENBERG, GROSSMAN, KALIS, LEARY, MALAKIE, WRIGHT, LOBOVITS, and FARRELL requesting revisions and amendments to Chapter 21, Art III Trees (Sec. 21-60 through 21-89) to further clarify recent revisions to our tree protection ordinances and requesting updates from the Tree Warden on the progress of implementation of the recent revisions.

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair**



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

176-24

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March 26, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School.

Recent work at this facility included the full restoration of the first 4 courts and sealing cracks with fill and patching the other 8 courts. Completing the resurfacing work on the remaining 8 courts will bring the facility in full conformance with USTA high school tennis court standards.

Attached is a memo from Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner Nicole Banks on the request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459
Office: (617) 796-1500
parks@newtonma.gov
Nicole Banks, Commissioner

March 26, 2024

Re: Request for Funding for Newton South HS Tennis Court Resurfacing

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I write to respectfully request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, for the sum of \$165,000 to fund the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School. Recent work at this facility included the full restoration of the first 4 courts and sealing cracks with fill and patching the other 8 courts. Completing the resurfacing work on the remaining 8 courts will bring the facility in full conformance with USTA high school tennis court standards.

Having tennis courts in our neighborhoods and villages is important, but the high school tennis facilities are our premier tennis sites where competitive play and tournaments occur each year, including under the lights. Our goal is to keep these facilities in a high-quality condition for student athletes and our community.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture

NSHS Tennis Court Restoration

City of Newton
Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture

First 4 courts at NSHS resurfaced (2023) ~\$83K

- Full crack membrane system
 - Perfectly flat (self-leveling material)
 - Playability: Excellent traction
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2024 PROJECT WORK \$165k



12 courts, built 1994, redone 2015



Almost 2,000 linear feet of crack repair



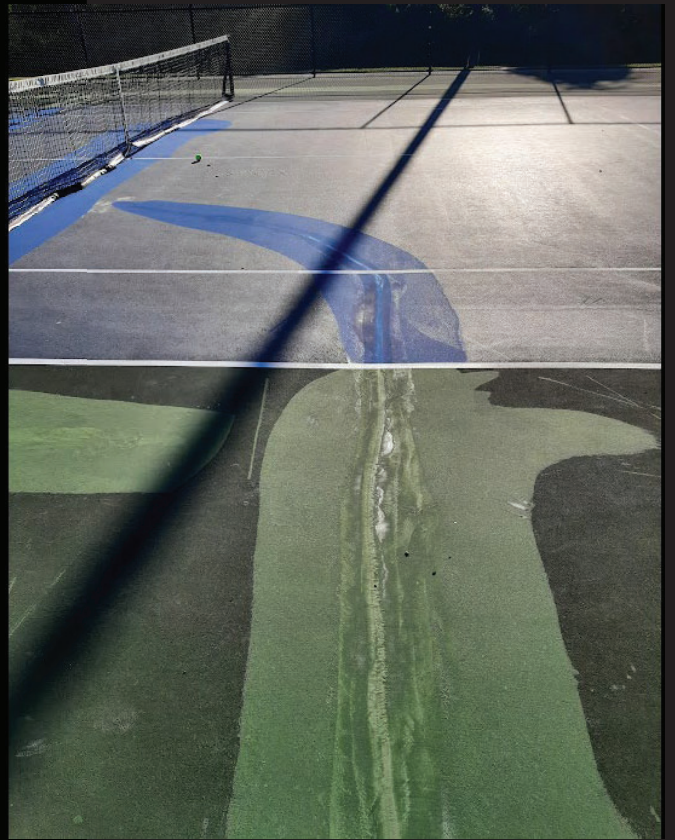
3 weeks starting June 17th (weather dependent)



Will try to stagger the work in a way that allows ½ the courts to remain available throughout.



Deemed most important court project by PRC, NPS Athletics, Friends of Newton Tennis (FoNT)





Newton South High School

140 Brandeis Road, Newton, MA 02459

Phone: 617-559-6500

Fax: 617-559-6701

<https://www.newton.k12.ma.us/nshs>

Tamara Stras, Principal

Jason Williams, Vice Principal

March 27, 2024

Dear Mayor Fuller,

As the Athletic Director of Newton South High School, I am writing to express my support for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South. Maintaining high-quality athletic facilities is paramount to the success and well-being of our student-athletes, as well as the broader community.

The current condition of the tennis courts at Newton South is a cause for concern. The uneven surfaces, worn-out lines, and lack of traction in the spotted repairs of some of the courts, pose safety risks to our players and hinder their ability to compete effectively.

Resurfacing the tennis courts will not only address these safety and usability concerns but also demonstrate our commitment to providing our student-athletes with top-notch facilities that foster their growth and development.

Furthermore, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support of the revitalization of the courts. By completing this project, we can ensure that the tennis courts at Newton South are renewed and maintained to the highest standards, enriching the athletic experiences of our students and community members alike.

Sincerely,

Pat Gonzalez, CAA, M.Ed.

Director of Athletics

March 29, 2024

Nicole Banks

Commissioner

City of Newton Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

246 Dudley Rd

Newton, MA 02459

Dear Commissioner Banks,

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc. strongly recommends that the city prioritize funding for crack repair, resurfacing and relining of Newton South High School courts.

We base this on our 2022 and 2023 audits of Newton's 65 municipal tennis courts and dozens of discussions with city tennis players, high school coaches and professional tennis court builders.

Our board of directors has identified Newton South courts as the highest priority for repair and resurfacing in the city because they impact the greatest number of players, especially our high school boys' and girls' teams. The board was pleased to see the city return four of the 12 courts to championship quality last year. However, the remaining eight courts require the same treatment.

Our high school teams should play on the best courts possible to enable them to practice and compete at the highest level. Our high school coaches have expressed concerns that Newton South facilities have fallen behind other high schools in their respective leagues and around the state. In fact, some visiting coaches have expressed concern that these courts have fallen into disrepair and become a safety hazard.

In addition, these 12 high school courts serve a much wider audience year-round because they are lit and are among the most welcoming and accessible to the most diverse range of players economically, socially, ethnically, and geographically. Consequently, our high school courts are used constantly year-round from early morning to late at night by residents, accelerating normal wear and tear.

Last, the city Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and The Friend of Newton Tennis, Inc. are partners in the Garden City Doubles Championships and Garden City Singles Championships, which are community fundraising tournaments held in August and September on Newton municipal courts. Now, the tournaments are held primarily at Newton North High School, which are excellent courts but limited in number. With repair of the Newton South courts, the city and FoNT could continue to expand the tournament, including adding an ADA-compliant wheelchair category for physically challenged players.

Representing more than 10,000 tennis and pickleball players in the city,
The Friends of Newton Tennis Inc. highly supports the City's proposal to
repair and resurface the Newton South tennis courts.

Respectively

Tom Friedman

President

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc.

a USTA Community Tennis Association

Visit us at <https://playtennis.usta.com/the-friends-of-newton-tennis-inc>

