

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS
June 29, 2022 MEETING

May Monthly Report

1. How do Cuesta and Rengstorff summer BBQ bookings compare to pre-pandemic years? Are summer weekends fully booked?

In comparison to pre-pandemic years, the Recreation Division has met or exceeded BBQ reservation hours for the months of April through June 2022, as noted in the below table.

	April			May			June		
	2018	2019	2022	2018	2019	2022	2018	2019	2022
Rengstorff BBQ*	136	209	495	539	515	539	619	632	913
Cuesta BBQ*	748	669	957	923	880	1100	1320	1413	1386

For the large group areas during July and August, 95% of weekend dates are fully booked at Cuesta Park and 39% of weekend dates are fully booked at Rengstorff Park. In September and October, we tend to see a drop off in rentals, and currently, 33% of weekend dates are fully booked at Cuesta Park and 22% of weekend dates are fully booked at Rengstorff Park.

2. Can staff provide a list of the trees planted in mitigation for the HVAC system, including location and type of tree?

Attached is a spreadsheet with the planting locations and tree types for the HVAC planting project.

3. Can staff provide information on the proposed tree removal at Vargas Elementary School?

Staff will provide a verbal update on this proposed project as part of staff comments based on dialogue with the Mountain View Whisman School District to date.

Item 5.1 – Pickleball Community Input Survey Results and Recommended Pilot Program

1. There has been conflicting messaging on whether USTA truly won't permit dual striped courts for sanctioned USTA events. Has someone from the City been able to get a written ruling directly from a higher level USTA representative and/or determine if there is an official policy stated on the USTA website, or in USTA written policy guidelines? If so, can

you share the official verbiage? Is there any difference between USTA and NCTA guidance?

USTA has stated that each region may govern if dual striped courts can be used for USTA play. Some regions within the United States allow for USTA events to be held on dual striped courts and some are not. As of right now, Nor Cal USTA does not permit official USTA matches to be played on dual striped tennis courts. USTA team practices, informal tournaments, and recreational play, however, are all allowed on dual striped courts. On May 18, 2022, USTA released a Statement of Guidance to assist public organizations with tennis and pickleball facilities. The Statement of Guidance can be found [here](#). These guidelines prioritize pickleball courts in the following order: (1) sport-specific sites, (2) pickleball courts on non-traditional spaces, and (3) shared use of tennis facilities.

2. Within Santa Clara County or other local agencies that have blended line setups, is there standardization on the color of the pickleball lines?

During the benchmarking process, staff learned that out of the six agencies within Santa Clara County that have dual striped courts, three use orange lines, two use yellow lines and one uses “ghost” lines. The “ghost” lines were done by the City of Palo Alto and in their response, they mentioned they have received complaints that the lines are not very visible. Surveying other agencies, yellow lines seem to be the most common color choice.

3. Beyond the raw numbers gathered during the March/April random tennis court surveys, is there a sense for the percentage of court usage/coverage (average number of courts being used), particularly during the peak times? For example, during busy times at Cooper (4), Whisman (4), Sylvan (4), and Stevenson (3), were all of the courts in use with a waiting line, or did there tend to be at least one open court? (Trying to get a sense for the impact of reducing Cooper – or any of these facilities – from 4 courts down to 2)

Based on the results from court monitoring, peak times were Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to dusk. Over the course of court monitoring, staff visited the courts 12 times during the 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. time frame, Monday through Sunday and 11 times during the 5 p.m. to dusk time frame, Monday through Friday.

Based on staff’s findings, below are the percentages during the 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. time frame, Monday through Sunday when all courts were being fully utilized:

- Cooper: 17% (2 out of 12 days)
- Sylvan: 17% (2 out of 12 days)
- Whisman: 8% (1 out of 12 days)
- Stevenson: 17% (2 out of 12 days)

Based on staff’s findings, below are the percentages during the 5 p.m. to dusk time frame, Monday through Friday when all courts were being fully utilized:

- Cooper: 9% (1 out of 11 days)
 - Sylvan: 27% (3* out of 11 days)
 - Whisman: 36% (4** out of 11 days)
 - Stevenson: 27% (3 out of 11 days)
- *1 of the 3 days at Sylvan, there was a waiting line
 **2 of the 3 days at Whisman, there was a waiting line

In addition to general court use, Mountain View Tennis reserves court space at Cooper Park to offer classes. If Cooper Park is selected for the pilot program, classes scheduled at Cooper Park may need to be relocated to another location.

4. In surveying other agencies within Santa Clara County, were there others that provided indoor pickleball courts, similar to what Mountain View has made available at the Mountain View Sports Pavilion?

Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and Morgan Hill were the only Santa Clara County agencies that provide indoor pickleball programs.

5. Could you provide a schematic drawing showing how the 6 pickleball courts would overlay the two tennis courts?

Attached is a draft schematic of what six pickleball courts could look like on two tennis courts. This image is of Rengstorff Park tennis courts, however this would be the same for any two adjacent courts.

6. What is the distance between the courts/proposed courts and the closest residence/classroom for Whisman, Stevenson, and Cooper Parks?

Below are the estimated distances from the tennis court fence to the closest residents or classroom:

- Whisman – 117 feet from tennis fence to neighbor building*
- Stevenson – 8 feet from tennis fence to school building*
- Cooper – 14 feet from tennis fence to neighbor fence*

Item 5.2 – Biodiversity Strategy Proposed Scope of Work, Including an Updated Urban Forest Plan

1. How much information was Davey able to collect in preparation of the update of the CTMP – for example, number of trees planted, size of canopy, etc.?

Davey has conducted a preliminary tree canopy and land cover assessment. The assessment considers percentage of tree canopy cover and canopy health, number of

acres of potential planting sites within the City, priority planting areas, environmental and energy saving data such as number of tons of carbon storage and dollar value associated, tree canopy comparison with neighboring communities, historic changes, and lastly tree canopy broken down by census tracts, public vs. private land, parks/trails/open space, schools, and zoning class. To date, City staff and Davey consultants have not met to review and analyze the information. As we move from updating the CTMP to developing the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan, the information Davey collected will be further reviewed, refined and integrated into the new Strategy.

<u>50 Trees in Parks</u>			
<u>Number of Trees</u>	<u>Park</u>	<u>Planting Date</u>	<u>Tree Type</u>
5	Sylvan Park (Canopy)	11/6/2021	(2)Valley Oak, (2) Red Maple, (1) Cork Oak
8	Whisman Park	1/20/2022	(2) Red Maple, (2) Red Oak, (2) Valley Oak, (2) Crape Myrtle
2	Thaddeus Park	1/20/2022	(2) Ginkgo
1	Creekside Park	1/20/2022	(1) Crape Myrtle
3	Sierra Vista Park	1/21/2022	(3) Bradford Pear
6	Bubb Park	2/15/2022	(3) Ginkgo, (1) Jacaranda, (1) Brisbane Box, (1) Valley Oak
1	Del Medio Park	2/15/2022	(1) Ginkgo
2	Gemello Park	2/16/2022	(1) Ash, (1) Arbutus Marina
1	Varsity Park	2/16/2022	(1) Crape Myrtle
5	Cuesta Park (Canopy)	2/18/2022	(2) Red Oak, (1) Blue Oak, (1) Sycamore (1) Chinese Elm
2	Heritage Park	3/1/2022	(2) French Plum
2	Chetwood Park	3/7/2022	(2) London Plane
7	Eagle Park (Canopy)	3/12/2022	(6) Akebono Flowering Cherry (1) Valley Oak
5	Cooper Park	4/22/2022	(3) Ginkgo,(2) Bradford Pear
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<u>50 Trees in R.O.W.</u>			
<u>Number of Trees</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Planting Date</u>	<u>Tree Type</u>
11	175 E. El Camino Real/85 overpass (center median)	4/4/2022	(11) Eastern Redbud
9	1950 W. El Camino Real (center median)	4/20/2022	(4) E. Redbud, (5) Marina Madrone
3	900 W. El Camino Real (center median)	4/21/2022	(3) Chinese Pistache
1	1400 W. El Camino Real (center median)	4/21/2022	(1) Western Redbud
3	1600 W. El Camino Real (center median)	4/21/2022	(3) Golden Rain Tree
3	100 W. El Camino Real (center median)	5/23/2022	(1) Chinese Pistache, (1) Valley Oak, (1) Eastern Redbud
2	500-900 W. El Camino Real (center median)	5/23/2022	(1) Eastern Redbud, (1) Chinese Pistache
1	950 Miramonte Ave	5/23/2022	(1) Brisbane Box
3	1400 W. El Camino Real (center median)	5/24/2022	(2) Golden Rain, (1) Valley Oak
2	1600 W. El Camino Real (center median)	5/24/2022	(1) Chinese Pistache, (1) Eastern Redbud
2	800 California Street (center median)	6/13/2022	(2) Japanese Flowering Cherry Trees
2	500 N. Shoreline Boulevard (center median)	6/13/2022	(2) Purple-leaf Plum
7	601 E. El Camino Real (center median)	6/14/2022	(7) Eastern Redbud
1	861 E. El Camino Real (center median)	6/14/2022	(1) Eastern Redbud
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