

From: [Gina Madigan](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#); [Howard, Adam](#)
Subject: Pickleball Court Use - Palo Alto Pickleball Club
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:15:15 AM

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Gina and John Madigan

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From: [Howard, Adam](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
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Good Morning Commissioners,

I just wanted to follow up on the question last night about which sports are Co-ed and which aren't. My apologies for not answering more clearly last night.

MSA offers Boys and Girls Volleyball and Boys and Girls Basketball. The remaining sports are all co ed (cross county, pickleball, tennis, flag football, ultimate frisbee and track and field)

Thank you

Adam Howard

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**Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Partnerships
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(PAUSD)**

December 19th

Presented by Adam Howard

Senior Community Services Manager



Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Partnerships with Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD)

Master Plan

5.F Enhance partnerships and collaborations with Palo Alto Unified School District and Stanford University to support access and joint use of facilities, where appropriate, for effective delivery of services and programs.

Partnerships

- Middle School Athletics Program
- Field Maintenance and Use Partnership

Middle School Athletics Program

Locations:

- Greene Middle School
- JLS Middle School
- Fletcher Middle School



MSA Sports

Fall Sports:

1. Girls Volleyball
2. Co-Ed Flag Football
3. Co-Ed Cross Country

Winter Sports:

1. Boys Basketball
2. Girls Basketball
3. Co-Ed Pickleball

Spring Sports:

1. Boys Volleyball
2. Co-Ed Wrestling
3. Co-Ed Tennis
4. Co-Ed Track and Field
5. Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee



MSA History

1997: Partnership between City / PAUSD began

- Initially MSA staffing split (AD's = School / Coaches = City)
- 50/50 split revenue

Approximately 2009-2010

- City began oversight and hiring of all positions for program
- No revenue split

Roles & Responsibilities

PAUSD Responsibilities:

1. Gyms
2. Field Space
3. Outdoor basketball courts
4. Tennis courts
5. Activity Room

City Responsibilities:

1. Program oversight
2. Purchase of equipment
3. Manage registration
4. Coordinate with referees
5. Scheduling with Art David Athletic League
6. Recruit, hire and train

MSA Participation

2023-2024 School Year Middle School Athletics Participation Numbers			
Fletcher Middle School			
Fall 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
6th Grade Girls Volleyball	13	N/A	13
7th Grade Girls Volleyball	14	N/A	14
8th Grade Girls Volleyball	14	N/A	14
6th Grade Flag Football	1	15	16
7th Grade Flag Football	0	8	8
8th Grade Flag Football	0	8	8
6th - 8th Cross Country	27	24	51
Total Fall Registration	69	55	124
Winter 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
7th grade basketball	8	20	28
8th grade basketball	13	22	35
*6th grade basketball	10	26	36
*6th-8th grade pickleball	19	15	34
Total Winter Registration	50	83	133
Greene Middle School			
Fall 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
6th Grade Girls Volleyball	23	N/A	23
7th Grade Girls Volleyball	37	N/A	37
8th Grade Girls Volleyball	24	N/A	24
6th Grade Flag Football	1	18	19
7th Grade Flag Football	1	26	27
8th Grade Flag Football	2	16	18
6th - 8th Cross Country	14	30	44
Total Fall Registration	102	90	192
Winter 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
7th grade basketball	10	35	45
8th grade basketball	11	29	40
*6th grade basketball	15	21	36
*6th-8th grade pickleball	14	18	32
Total Winter Registration	50	103	153
JLS Middle School			
Fall 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
6th Grade Girls Volleyball	26	N/A	26
7th Grade Girls Volleyball	14	N/A	14
8th Grade Girls Volleyball	13	N/A	13
6th Grade Flag Football	0	12	12
7th Grade Flag Football	0	10	10
8th Grade Flag Football	0	16	16
6th - 8th Cross Country	35	33	68
Total Fall Registration	88	71	159
Winter 2023	Girls Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Total
7th grade basketball	14	35	49
8th grade basketball	11	42	53
*6th grade basketball	9	30	39
*6th-8th grade pickleball	21	19	40
Total Winter Registration	55	126	181
* Registration currently open, season begins week of 1/29/2024			
Spring 2023	Starts Janaury 2024		
Tennis			
Wrestling			
Boys Volleyball			
Track and Field			
Ultimate Frisbee			

Registration Numbers

On average 1,000 – 1,300 registrations

Current Registration*

Girls-414

Boys- 528

Total- 942

Waitlist numbers

Fletcher – 59

Greene -52

JLS -188

Total - 299

MSA Expenditures and Revenue

Expenditures: \$530,000

- Salaries and benefits

- Equipment

- Contract referees

- league fees

Revenue: \$400,000

- Fee for each sport \$335

- Pickleball \$200



Fee reduction: Up to 50% discount (approx. 44 registration this year)

Middle School Athletics Program

- Very Popular Program- High Demand
- Space available at all 3 schools is crucial- Not enough
City owned facilities to operate on its own

Field Maintenance and Use Partnership

- Partnership created to provide more recreational spaces for members of the community
- Partnership started in 1995
- Provides access to
 - Fields on elementary and middle school sites
 - Tennis courts on high school campuses
- Space available after school hours and weekends



Field Maintenance and Use Partnership

- Fields are available on a drop-in basis or permitted use
- Permitted use is provided based on a priority list
 1. City programming
 2. Youth, nonprofit organizations with 50% or more Palo Alto Residents
 3. Adult, non-profit organizations with 35% or more Palo Alto Residents
 4. Non-profit groups with 25% or more Palo Alto residence
 5. Other groups not meeting 25% requirement or for-profit groups.

Priority brokering is designed to ensure fair and equal access for palo alto residents with a focus on youth, non-profit organizations that need space to operate.

Field Maintenance and Use Partnership

Maintenance Costs

- 1,000,000 in maintenance costs
 - Even Split with PAUSD
 - 60/40 split of revenue generated from permits
 - 60(city)/40(PAUSD)
 - Revenue to PAUSD is roughly \$30,000 a year
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- This agreement provides very important space to our community and the non-profit organizations that run sports leagues for our residents.

Questions

From: [Howard, Adam](#)
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Good Morning,

Thank you for the email. I wanted to clarify that pickleball currently has priority on the pickleball courts and the joint use courts in Mitchell Park from 8am-10pm 7 days a week.

If I misunderstood the email or you have additional questions please let me know

Thank you

Adam Howard

Sr. Community Services Manager, Recreation

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From: [David Suh](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Schmidt](#); [Ginnie Noh](#)
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Suh
Parent of a Fletcher Student

From: [silvia.ruggerone](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Paint Pickleball Lines at Fletcher!!!
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:30:35 AM

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Thank you.
Sincerely,

Silvia Ruggerone
PTA member and Parent of a 6th grade Fletcher students

From: [Ayla Bell](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball Court Lines Painted @ Fletcher Middle School
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Sincerely,

Ayla Bell, Membership Director (& JLS middle school parent)
Palo Alto Pickleball Club

From: [Arancha Rodríguez](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball court on Fletcher Campus
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Aranzazu Rodriguez Gil

Parent of a student currently enrolled in pickleball after school at Fletcher

From: [Tracy Staton](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Supporting painting pickleball lines at Fletcher
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:04:41 PM

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Thank you.
Sincerely,

Tracy Staton
Fletcher Parent
PTA Member

From: [Lakshmi Muralidharan](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Supporting Painting Pickleball Lines at Fletcher
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Thank you.
Sincerely,

Lakshmi Muralidharan
Parent & PTA Member

From: [Allye Mullins](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickle all at Fletcher
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:29:04 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Fletcher Middle School is the only PAUSD middle or high school without painted pickleball courts.

The Middle School Athletics program is offering pickleball as an after school sport starting in January, however, Fletcher students will not have pickleball courts to play on unless they are able to get their own painted at terman park very soon. Unfortunately, because the land is owned by the City of Palo Alto approval is needed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in order to paint the lines,

Please consider approving the painting of the lines so that Fletcher students can be included in the fun of the fast growing sport of pickleball, like the rest of their Palo alto peers. I also happen to know many community members who would love to play on the courts outside school hours.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allye Mullins
PAUSD Parent, PAUSD teacher, and MSA Coach

From: [Sunny Zhai](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: petition for pickles ball field painting
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:29:17 PM

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Thank you.
Sincerely,

Sunny
Fletcher parent

From: [Lori McCormick](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball lines at Fletcher Middle School
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:31:34 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

It has recently come to my attention that Fletcher Middle School is the only middle school in the district without pickleball court lines. We have added the popular sport to the spring lineup and there is a buzz of excitement from students who plan on signing up. However, without proper courts, they will not be able to play.

The City of Palo Alto owns Fletcher's land, and the Parks and Rec manage the athletics program. Therefore, we need your approval to paint the lines on the courts. I am aware of the Fletcher PTA's plea for your approval and am here to add my sincere appreciation if you decide to move forward with approving this request. Our children and the community will benefit from the pickleball courts for years to come.

Thank you,

Lori McCormick

Parent in PAUSD, Barron Park neighborhood resident, and pickleball enthusiast!

Lori McCormick, M.A.

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From: [Agnes Kalinowski](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Painting lines for Pickleball Courts at Fletcher Middle School
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:19:27 PM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Agnes Kalinowski
PAUSD Parent / Palo Alto Resident

From: [Melinda Mattes](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts at Fletcher Middle School
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:41:16 PM

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Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melinda Mattes
PAUSD Parent

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"When someone is cruel or acts like a bully, you don't stoop to their level. No, our motto is, when they go low, we go high." -- First Lady Michelle Obama, 2016

From: [Jo Ts](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball Lines at Fletcher Middle School
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Hi Commissioners,

We're PAUSD parents and PTA members (Young 5s, Ohlone, JLS and Gunn HS). We support Fletcher Middle School getting pickleball lines painted on its campus.

Fletcher is missing out. It seems unfair to the students there that all the other PAUSD middle schools and high schools have painted Pickleball courts on their campuses but not Fletcher Middle School. Pickleball is a ton of fun and is a wonderful social, emotional and physical outlet for kids. Hope you will support the school getting its courts as soon as possible, so that Fletcher students won't continue to miss out.

Thank you for everything you have done to include pickleball as an additional sport in the City for all ages!

Best regards,

Jocelyn and Ben Tseng
Palo Alto

From: [Ed Anderson](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball Lines at Fletcher Middle School
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Your support would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ed Anderson
Palo Alto Pickleball Club member

From: [Jennifer Schmidt](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball Lines at Fletcher Middle School
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Schmidt
Fletcher Pickleball Coach / Fletcher Parent / Palo Alto Resident

From: [Ginnie Noh](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Schmidt](#)
Subject: Fletcher Pickle Ball Courts!
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Dear Commissioners,



You may hear rumors that PAUSD and the City of Palo Alto have come to an agreement to tape pickleball courts on the Fletcher campus, and so all the emails you're getting about this are moot. That's not the case! While tape may be a fine, temporary solution, Fletcher Middle School needs pickleball lines **permanently** painted on the Fletcher campus.

The Middle School Athletics program has offered the three PAUSD Middle Schools pickleball through their after-school sport program starting in January. Greene and JLS had lines painted in the fall, so their students have been busy starting lunch pickleball clubs and practicing after school. Fletcher students are already going into the season at a disadvantage.

In addition to having , sub-par outdoor facilities to play on already (blacktop (in lieu of green courts), multi-purpose courts already covered in lines, and prime recreational locations being used as a construction site storage for PAUSD, Fletcher students will also be using taped lines through the season, which will be quickly torn away with just regular wear and tear...not to mention the wet season ahead.

Because the land is owned by the City of Palo Alto, approval is needed by the Parks and Recreation Commission to have these lines painted, whenever that may happen.

We hope that you will be generous in spirit when you consider this request from the community for our Fletcher students. Thank you, and all the Commissioners, for everything you have done to include pickleball as an additional sport at Mitchell Park. Students have enjoyed playing on those courts and now look forward to a time when pickleball, hopefully, will be offered in the future to students at Fletcher School.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jen Schmidt (cc'd above) or me anytime.

Your support is very much appreciated.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ginnie Noh

Fletcher Parent, PTA Leader, and Community Builder

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From: [Melissa Racz](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pickleball at Fletcher
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:02:25 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Racz

PAUSD Parent / Palo Alto Resident

From: [Agata Barczynska](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:04:18 PM

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PAUSD Parent / Palo Alto Resident

From: [Amy L-Pickleball](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#); [Howard, Adam](#)
Subject: Palo Alto Pickleball Club membership update
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 1:55:29 PM

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Dear Adam and the Parks and Recreation Commission,

I'd like to give you an annual update on Palo Alto Pickleball Club membership, and to request assistance in getting pickleball lines at Fletcher Middle School.

The Palo Alto Pickleball Club was founded in late 2016, and we have seen consistent and rapid growth in club membership.

- 2017->2018: 40% growth.
- 2018->2019: 30% growth.
- 2019->2020: 16% growth.
- 2020->2021: 30% growth.
- 2021->2022: 19% growth.
- 2022->2023: 25% growth.

We finished 2023 with 628 Palo Alto resident members of the club. That is just a few people shy of 1% of all residents!

In the spring of 2023 a pilot program was launched giving pickleball priority at all times on the shared-use courts at Mitchell Park. This enabled us to start reaching out to school-aged residents, which we had not done previously because there had only been 8 courts available after 3:00pm. In 2023, the Club worked with PAUSD and Parks and Rec to launch programs for youth: Middle School Athletics; middle school and high school clubs; Enjoy Program classes; and clinics organized by club volunteers for youth and families. We are excited about continuing to develop programs that bring the joyful social sport of pickleball to the young people of our city.

As everybody walking through Mitchell Park can see, the pickleball courts are always busy and usually over capacity.

We are looking forward to working with Parks and Recreation staff to evaluate the pilot program on the shared-use courts, and to find ways to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing numbers of pickleball players.

We hope that it will be possible to add pickleball lines at Fletcher Middle School so the Middle School Athletics program participants will have a place to play.

The Palo Alto Pickleball Club is proud to have partnered with Palo Alto Parks and Recreation to build a thriving and welcoming community of players in the seven short years we have been in existence. We look forward to continuing our work in 2024, and we hope you will continue to support our gathering place, where Palo Alto residents of all ages, abilities, languages, cultures and levels of income come together to forge new friendships and play with their neighbors.

Regards,
Amy Lauterbach
Sutherland Drive, Palo Alto
President, Palo Alto Pickleball Club

From: [Parks](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#); [Howard, Adam](#)
Subject: Fletcher Pickleball Lines
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 3:29:36 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for the email to the Parks and Recreation Commission. All emails have been provided to the Commission and City staff is looking into the request to add pickleball lines at Fletcher Middle School.

The City of Palo Alto does own the land that Fletcher courts are built on, and with the primary users being Fletcher students, it is important that the City, Fletcher School, and Palo Alto Unified School District are all on the same page in terms of desired uses. All parties will need to work together on a plan for the space.

The Middle School Athletic Program is planning to add pickleball to the programming and if we don't have permanent lines, we will use temporary lines, which was the original plan.

Once next steps are identified those will be communicated with you, and when the conversation is scheduled with the Parks and Recreation Commission City staff will make sure you get that information.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Howard at adam.howard@cityofpaloalto.org

Thank you,
Javod



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From: [George Maxe](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: FTSV - PAPRC - Public Comment
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:21:26 AM
Attachments: [FTSV 2024 BAY Letter PAPRC 01-22.pdf](#)

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Please include the attached letter as public comment for the 1/23/2024 meeting of the Palo Alto Parks & Recreation Commission.

Best,
George

George Maxe

President & CEO

First Tee — Silicon Valley

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22 January 2024

City of Palo Alto Parks & Recreation Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Happy New Year! All of us here at First Tee – Silicon Valley hope that 2024 is a successful year for you as you serve the Palo Alto community.

First Tee – Silicon Valley is eager to move forward with our Youth Area project at Baylands Golf Links that will enable us to greatly expand our character programs. We are looking forward to continuing our 14-year partnership with the City of Palo Alto by signing an interim agreement then a long-term agreement.

First Tee – Silicon Valley is committed to making our programs accessible to youth of different backgrounds and perspectives and affordable to families experiencing financial hardship. The game of golf is a wonderful, unique vehicle for teaching kids about character. The demand is very high for our program at Baylands Golf Links, which we want to be a space that is welcoming to everyone.

These 2023 program stats of participants show the strength of First Tee – Silicon Valley's program at Baylands Golf Links as we enter 2024.

- **298** Golf Course (up 15%)
 - over 40 kids waitlisted each season
 - 31% Palo Alto residents
 - 29% low income
 - 85% non-white
 - 41% girls
- **1,626** School Program (up 300%)
 - 8 schools (with >10 more expected)
 - \$5,000 to start a new school
 - 73% low income
 - 86% non-white
 - 51% girls

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or requests.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Maxe".

George Maxe
President & CEO
george@ftsv.org
408-288-2937

From: [Dyane matas](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Bathroom facilities at Pardee Park
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:53:36 PM

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I understand the Parks Commission has a goal of installing 1 bathroom every 2 years to encourage visitors to stay in the park, have a high level of use of the park and where there are no nearby public facilities. Pardee Park, as the second largest park in the city meets these criteria and is not even mentioned in the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan.

I am a local resident, living near the park and know how intensely it is used, from walkers in the morning, children at the playgrounds all day, sports in the afternoons and picnics all summer, which does not even address the community gardeners and the Master Gardener program which attracts many visitors and has a comprehensive education program. I volunteer with the Master Gardener program and know that the community education program has been curtailed because of the lack of nearby bathroom facilities.

The Commission acknowledged this need a number of years ago and nothing has happened. I do not think the bushes in the park are a reasonable alternative to providing bathroom facilities.

I would urge you to add these facilities to the Capital Improvement Plan now so that the park can be made accessible to all the community.

Thank you
Dyane Matas

From: [Richard Swent](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Bathrooms urgently needed at Eleanor Pardee Park
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:27:53 PM

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Dear Park Commissioners,

My wife and I are Master Gardeners who volunteer at the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Pardee Park. The lack of a bathroom there seriously limits the amount of time we can spend working at the garden. In the summer it can be unhealthy because we are working hard and sweating in the heat and need to stay hydrated but are also afraid to drink. This leads to a risky balancing act where we try to stay hydrated just enough but not too much. We should not have to play this kind of dangerous game in a prosperous, well-developed city like Palo Alto. Please install a bathroom at Pardee Park for the good of all users.

Thank you,
Richard Swent
2950 Clara Drive

From: [Sharon Erickson](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Bathroom facilities at Eleanor Pardee Park
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:46:58 AM

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Dear Parks Commissioners,

As a volunteer spending several hours every week working in the edible and water-wise demonstration gardens at Eleanor Pardee park, I was disappointed to read in the Palo Alto Weekly that Eleanor Pardee Park is not on the priority list of parks where restrooms will be installed over the next five years. I personally have had to leave the gardens for want of a restroom, seen people have to leave our classes because there was no restroom nearby, turned away people who thought our shed might be a restroom, and disgustingly found toilet paper in the ivy at the front of the gardens.

I urge you to add Eleanor Pardee Park to the priority list for bathroom facilities in the five year CIP so that our city park can remain accessible to all the community.

Sharon Erickson
4075 Laguna Way

From: [Lynnea Johnson](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Pardee Park restrooms
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:08:10 AM

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Dear Commission Members,

As a frequent user of Elenor Pardee Park and an elder in the community, I urge you to give Elenor Pardee Park top priority for restroom installation. I was so surprised to see that it was not on the list at all and could not understand why not, given how large it is and how much it serves the community and in particular, the large gardening community. I'm so sorry I have not been able to attend meetings to understand what I see as a serious oversight, but I do urge you to put the park the list and give it a high priority.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best regards,
Elizabeth Lynnea Johnson
Palo Alto resident

From: [Margaret Row](#)
To: [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Eleanor Pardee Park bathrooms
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:28:16 AM

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To members of ParkRec commission:

I've been a member of the community garden at this park for many years. While I will still teaching, I was able to work my plot on weekends, carefully timing my work time to allow for bathroom use at my home (on Wildwood Lane, not close to the park).

Since retiring I've been volunteering with the groups of volunteers who are brought to the garden by HOBA. (Hands On Bay Area).

On many of these volunteer days, we can have as many as 30 to 40 volunteers from Bay Area companies. Most do not live in Palo Alto, and many need to use bathrooms as they are there for several hours. We routinely direct them to the Rinconada library, which means that they miss quite a lot of the garden activities if they rode the company bus.

I've also found evidence of bathroom need when doing our usual 4 hours per year clean-up outside our individual plots. Chunks of used toilet paper are a red flag.

Shovels are needed for the removal of human waste.

On weekends and during the summer there are many families using this park, for picnics, soccer games etc. They all deserve a convenient bathroom.

Thank you for considering my appeal,

Sincerely,

Margaret Row

651 Wildwood Lane

Palo Alto