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Pickleball courts proposed for Morrison Park

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) will meet this Monday at the Lucy Simms Center to discuss the proposed project to convert the tennis courts at Morrison Park to dedicated pickleball courts.

Pickleball is a mix of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Players use special paddles and a polymer ball, similar to a whiffle ball. Games take place on a court, smaller than a tennis court, with nets appropriate to the size of the court. The most common game is doubles play but singles play also is an option.

Pickleball has seen tremendous growth over recent years. The department has recognized the increased interest in pickleball in the Harrisonburg community and have received communications from local pickleball players regarding the need of a dedicated facility. The department has carefully evaluated this request and appropriate locations.



(Above) Pickleball courts could be coming soon to Morrison Park. The public can learn more about this project at a meeting Monday night at the Simms Center.

As a result, staff has determined that conversion of the tennis courts at Morrison Park provides the best location for this enhancement.

“It is the department’s goal to enhance our park facilities and programs, so we best meet the needs and interests of all within the Harrisonburg community,” Luanne Santangelo, director of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation, explained.

The department is presenting the proposal for this project to the PRAC and wants to allow for public comment during this meeting. The PRAC meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center, 620 Simms Ave., Harrisonburg, on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting you can provide your comments via email at Parks-CustomerService@harrisonburgva.gov. Comments are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

For more information about Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation, visit our website at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Parks-Recreation.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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