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Subject COA Contact Us: City Council - Soccer Fields

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Time: [Sat Apr 18, 2009 23:06:46] **IP Address:** [141.156.134.206]

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Subject: City Council - Soccer Fields

To the City Council Members:

The Citizens of Alexandria are lucky to

have so many children interested in physical activity. Obesity in children

is one of the fastest growing health issues in our country today, and one

the City Council has the opportunity to positively impact in Alexandria.

We have many children wanting to play soccer each spring and fall, and

currently find Alexandria does not have enough fields in good condition for

the children to play. Parents, teachers and other volunteers spend their

time coaching and refereeing the players at practices and games during the

week and on weekends. We need the City Council to look at finding the funds

to help our children stay physically active, and provide the locations for

them to play physical cardiovascular based sports such as soccer.

Comments: Fortunately we have a place available in Alexandria, which could
quickly be converted into a decent turf complex. This is the Brenman

complex located in Cameron Station. What is needed is funding. Currently, Brenman has a full-sized soccer field and an open area exists (beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a similar field. If lights were installed at a turfed Brenman soccer field we would acquire almost another half field. The City currently has money in the upcoming budget which could be used for part of this project but not all of it. To turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex will require the City to find or allocate more funds for this purpose.

Please give all the children of Alexandria the chance to fight obesity by playing outside sports, increasing the number of fields, and by keeping our fields in good condition.
Thank you,
Debra McCormack



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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields

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Subject: Turf Fields
I am writing to express my support for a turf field complex at Brenman
Comments: complex in Cameron Station, or such other site as may be available. Thank
you.



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04/19/2009 10:02 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Vehemently against bus cuts

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Time: [Sun Apr 19, 2009 22:02:11] IP Address: [71.178.107.201]

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Subject: Vehemently against bus cuts
Dear Mayor and Members of the Council for the City of Alexandria:

I am

writing tonight to express my vehement opposition to service cuts on the 10A route. We understand that the city of Alexandria is endangering that route by not paying its share of WMATA subsidy. The route, as it stands, already has the worst quality vehicles, along with the 10B and 10E, of any routes operating in Northern Virginia during the week. I do not know if this is due to Alexandria's lack of commitment to WMATA buses, as opposed to Arlington, but I know that service is not equitable. All the other NoVa routes, or nearly all, have modern, comfortable CNG buses while the poor riders of the 10A, 10B, and 10E have horribly old vehicles with terrible braking and acceleration, uncomfortable seats and consequently horrid on-time performance. I often arrive right on time to a bus stop according to schedule to time my bus arrival and then wait 15 minutes or some late

nights the bus did not show up, so I walk 1.7 miles home from the metrorail station. My bus fare of \$1.25 when riding the 10A or 10B does not result in the same quality of service as provided by other routes.

Despite how

poor the 10A and 10B service can be, these routes still have good ridership because these routes serve primarily the transit-dependent, such as working-class citizens seven days a week, and people of all working-classes on weekdays. The bus is often at capacity at rush hour just to get people to metrorail stations. Many riders do not own cars and take their children to school by bus. Many people with cars still take the 10A to metrorail stations on weekends to avoid the headache of parking in Washington, DC. The 10A is one of two routes to get from the Pentagon to Old Town. People cannot always afford to take metrorail, especially at rush hour. After years of inequitable quality of service on the 10A and 10B, this proposal to eliminate the 10A is adding insult to injury.

My wife and I take

transit everyday to work and we take this issue very personally. We have voted in every election since becoming residents in 2006 and will keep the outcome of this matter in mind next time. With the cost of rentals and owning property in your city, the one thing we could count on was semi-adequate bus service and decent subway service. I take two buses to get to my job. The 10A is one of them. I sometimes work late, past 9pm, and I certainly need these buses on the weekend to get anywhere. The 10A serves as our link between either the Braddock or Pentagon metrorail stations to Del Ray. Please do not get me even started that the city and WMATA could not forge a plan to place a metrorail station at the huge activity center known as Potomac Yard or for placing a metrorail station, Braddock Road, adjacent to a low-density area with a middle school whose students do not even ride metro to attend school nine months a year while Del Ray and North Alexandria commuters have to take the 10A, 10B or anything to get us to a metrorail station. In general, the city has poorly place the metrorail stations aside from King Street.

Comments:

In summary, I know for a fact that

there are thousands of transit-dependent riders in Northern Alexandria, many of whom are foreigners who may not speak up because they are unaccustomed to the US public forum, but these cuts will devastate their means to get to work. Many have jobs throughout the DC area and need this 10A service. The 10A is the lifeline for many between hugely important destination centers for work and commerce in Pentagon City, Crystal City, Chirilagua (a primarily working-class Hispanic neighborhood north of Del Ray), Del Ray, Old Town and Hunting Towers. It also helps us connect to over 20 bus routes at the Pentagon. For many, the 9A is not an equitable alternative because it runs along US 1, far from our neighborhoods, and is a terribly threatening environment for pedestrians to walk along. The 10B will never be a substitute to the 10A because it goes west into Arlington at the northern city limit and takes 40 minutes from there to reach the Ballston metrorail station. The 10A likely takes only 20 minutes from there to reach the Crystal City metrorail station. Moreover, many Alexandrians prefer the Yellow Line to get directly to Washington DC over the Orange Line.

If the city has a budget gap and seeks means of cutting services, we think that an appropriate action would be to cut back, not eliminate, on the 100% subsidized high-cost King Street trolley. Although tourists may have higher incomes than average bus riders and generate tourist dollars in Old Town, they do not vote in elections and do not pay back the city in the form of property taxes. It is against the principles of public finance and representative taxation to cut a bus route serving city residents while concurrently continuing to fully subsidize an out-of-town tourist's ride on a trolley when he/she can take the AT2, AT5, AT7 as alternative routes to the waterfront. I may become a homeowner in Alexandria soon if I can acquire property, and I will vote and contribute tax revenues to this city for many years to come.

Please look after your citizens, those who

spend, live and contribute to this city 365 days a year.

Thank

you,

Mr. Adrian Merceron and Ms. Janice Alers-Garcia

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04/20/2009 08:43 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Add Delete

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 08:43:41] IP Address: [206.49.106.4]

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Subject: Add Delete

Mr Mayor and Members of Council,

I understand that Councilman Krupicka

will be introducing a proposal tomorrow during Add-Delete that would provide funding for a rectangular turf field with lights (and lights for the baseball field) at Brenman Park. I think that this is a great idea.

It will help two of the three largest youth sports programs and increase traffic for struggling Cameron Station shopowners.

As for us in youth

soccer, with the delays in constructing fields at Potomac Yards and Witter, we are really suffering. Field conditions continue to deteriorate and scheduling is a nightmare, particularly in the spring time, when we compete for space with youth lacrosse and softball in addition to adult soccer and rugby and TC Williams sports teams.

We can no longer depend on the

Potomac Yards fields to as our flagship park. While the two fields there

were in great shape five years ago, they are now among the worst fields in Northern Virginia. They have not been maintained and most of the original quality turf has been overtaken by other lesser quality grasses. Ruts are common now and it appears that RPCA simply stopped caring for the turf in anticipation of new fields near Simpson Park. Those are on indefinite hold now as are the new Witter fields that the state has promised to fund.

In Alexandria, we cannot continue to:

- Think that even our best

fields will not deteriorate; they will.

- Believe that Minnie Howard is a

year round soccer field; it is not (we have no access in the spring and

limited access in the fall).

Comments:

- Consider Potomac Yards to be quality

fields; they are no longer.

- Believe that we can get by with what we

have; we can't

- Fall farther behind neighboring jurisdictions.

And

although we now have a wonderful new field at Ft Ward (thank you!!), we lost

two fields at Jones Point and several at Chinguapin over the past three

years. We desperately need another quality field now.

We asked for 5

by '09. We got two by '09, one for soccer and one for lacrosse. Nothing

against lacrosse, but we in soccer have 10 times the participation that

lacrosse has. In fact, youth soccer still accounts for 45% of all youth

sports participation in Alexandria, four times that of basketball, six

times that of baseball and 12 times that of football. And we continue to

serve the community with almost no government support, while paying tens of

thousands in new user fees.

Moreover, we are indeed falling behind our

close neighbor, Arlington. Arlington Soccer Association has six Arlington

County funded turf fields available to them. We have only one this season.

They have a larger program, but not by six times. On top of that,

Arlington County is planning a sports complex where the old Twin Bridges Marriott stood that will have several more fields.

Thanks for all you

have done to date on these issues. Please stick with us. We really need your help, and so do the other 1,200 soccer families in town. And don't forget about the Cameron Station shopowners. Rob's proposal could be a win for several different communities.

Bill Rossello



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04/20/2009 09:44 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Please add soccer fields!

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Subject: Please add soccer fields!

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor and Council members,

We have 2 children

playing for soccer for Alexandria, and one who plays for Arlington. We can tell you, especially in comparison with Arlington, that our Alexandria home fields are an absolute embarrassment. We particularly cringe whenever we play at Potomac Yards, because it is a total joke. FRANKLY, IT IS DANGEROUS, because the field is so uneven and filled with ruts that sooner or later, someone is going to sprain something or worse, and the city will be sued.

Clearly, budgets are tight, but PLEASE FUND A NEW, LIT, TURF

FIELD AT BEN BRENNAN and get it built ASAP. We desperately need it (we

Comments: actually need far more, but at least this is something!). Thousands of kids play soccer in this city, and those are kids who are staying healthy and out of trouble, plus families who feel part of the Alexandria Community. To not fund this field (and eventually many more) is incredibly

short-sighted, and quite frankly, infuriating for residents like me who pay very high taxes and often wonder where the money goes. And I'm a Democrat!!

This field would be a tangible, powerful symbol of a government listening to and taking care of a very large group of its taxpaying citizens. Please, please make this happen! Thank you!

-Heidi

and John Fielding



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04/20/2009 12:05 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Field Improvements

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 12:05:26] IP Address: [161.203.16.1]

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Subject: Field Improvements

Mr Mayor and Members of Council,

I understand that Councilman Krupicka

will be introducing a proposal
tomorrow during Add-Delete that would

provide funding for a rectangular turf
field with lights (and lights for

the baseball field) at Brenman Park. As a resident of Alexandria's West

End, I think that this is a great idea. It will help two of the three

largest
youth sports programs and increase traffic for struggling Cameron

Station
shopowners. It is a critical need, and one in
which I've evolved

into a single-issue voter.

My children all play soccer in Alexandria

and I play in an adult league.
Having seen the facilities provided for

youth and adult sports by other

communities - most notably Arlington - I

cannot stress the degree to
which the city of Alexandria is behind in

having sufficient, year-round,
durable soccer or multi-use fields.

With the delays in constructing fields at Potomac Yards and Witter, we are
really suffering. Field conditions continue to deteriorate and scheduling

is a nightmare, particularly in the spring time,
when we compete for space

with youth lacrosse and softball in addition to
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We can no longer depend on the Potomac

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While the two fields there were in

great shape five years ago, they are now
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quality turf has been overtaken by other lesser
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although we now have a wonderful new field at Ft Ward (thank you!!),

we
lost two fields at Jones Point and several at Chinguapin over the past

three
years.

Clearly, the City faces challenges associated with
limitations on the
availability of open space. The solution is to get the
most out of what
fields we have by converting them to field turf. Such
fields can
withstand near constant use in all weather conditions.

Additionally, it
makes sense to install lighting where appropriate.

We desperately need another quality field now. We asked for 5 by '09. We
got two by '09, one for soccer and one for lacrosse. Nothing against

lacrosse, but we in soccer have 10 times the
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Thanks for all you have done to date on

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the other 1,200 soccer families in town.
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Cameron Station shopowners. Rob's proposal could
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Sincerely,

Mark Dowling



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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Soccer Field at Ben Brenman

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Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 12:08:16] IP Address: [138.162.0.42]

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Subject: Turf Soccer Field at Ben Brenman
Mr Mayor and Members of Council,

Bill Rossello has let the Alexandria

Soccer Association (ASA) know that there is an important proposal for
adding a lighted turf soccer field to Ben Brenman (See Below). I couldn't
agree more with Bill's Points.

I am currently the field coordinator for

the ASA Travel Program and can vouch for what Bill is saying. The demand
for Soccer Fields in Alexandria far exceeds the available fields. We are
continuously trying to squeeze team in for practices and games.

Also, as

a parent involved in Little League the light on Brenman Baseball would be a
great improvement.

I would really appreciate your support on this
issue.

Very Respectfully,
Todd

Carroll

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Subject COA Contact Us: In Support of Ben Brenman Turf Field

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Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 12:21:33] IP Address: [206.205.21.110]

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Subject: In Support of Ben Brenman Turf Field
Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council,

I write in support of Councilman

Krupicka's proposal to provide funding for a turf field with lights at Ben
Brenman Park.

I am the father of three young boys who are very active
in local sports. Over the years, I have seen the quality of the fields
available to children in Alexandria deteriorate, and the availability of
the fields shrink. We need a new field, with lights to increase
availability.

Comments: Last year, my wife and I were planning to buy a new
home. We looked in Arlington and in Alexandria. While I understand that
Alexandria has a much lower percentage of homes with children in it as
compared to Arlington or Fairfax County, I believe our town has
demonstrated a strong commitment to providing resources for children. We
chose to stay in Alexandria, and have bought a house here with plans to

remain in the community. I urge you to work with us to keep Alexandria a community with much to offer to active children. I ask that you support Councilman Krupicka's proposal.

Thank you,
Tim Peterson

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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Field

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 12:31:59] IP Address: [74.93.212.169]

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Subject: Brenman Field

Dear Mr Mayor and Member of Council,

I write to support the field

improvements at Brenman Park that Councilman Krupicka will be initiating tomorrow evening. The field is in need of updating and the addition of a turf field would serve the community very well. Potomac Yard field is very close to being unsafe for those using it . As a parent with two children

Comments: who participate in youth sports in Alexandria I am very interested in maintaining both their ability to have fun and remain safe.

I hope that

you will give careful consideration to the improvement of Brenman Park.

Sincerely

The Rev. Sean Cavanaugh

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer fields

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Please fund additional artificial turf fields for alexandria. Soccer is a
Comments: key sport in this city.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields

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Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 13:11:18] **IP Address:** [76.21.200.8]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Soccer Fields

Dear Mr Mayor and Council Members,

Please focus your efforts on the

improvement or establishment of productive soccer fields for the children

Comments: of Alexandria.

Thank you

John Schmidt



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Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 13:27:00] IP Address: [168.203.76.39]

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Subject: soccer fields

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to urge your support for more and
better soccer fields.

A strong soccer program means a strong community.

Yet as my two daughters enter their second year of soccer season, I
am

struck by the dearth of high-quality fields. I have visited many of the
fields that are available and I find them to full of
dangerous holes,
patchy grass, "valleys" and other forms of disrepair.

Obviously, the fewer good soccer fields there are, the worse it is for

Alexandria's young soccer kids. The soccer fields at
Potomac Yard are not

Comments: in good shape, and the ones behind Jeff Houston elementary are equally as
bad. This lacking means
fewer opportunities, perhaps, but also forces

kids' schedules to be wedged into an increasingly limited soccer playing

"window."

I understand additional funding could give us a

new field at Ben Brenman Park. I urge you to consider doing whatever you

can to ensure that kids in Alexandria have good - and safe- soccer fields

on which to practice and play.

Thank you for your time.

gl.

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Gordon Lubold

Alexandria

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Loretta Scott
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04/20/2009 02:28 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget Concerns

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 14:28:17] **IP Address:** [206.158.3.10]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Scott

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-933-6300

Email Address: lscott@acps.k12.va.us

Subject: Budget Concerns

Although I am not a resident of Alexandria, I have been an employee of ACPS for 18 years. As principal of Samuel W. Tucker Elementary, I wanted to express my gratitude for the programs that the city has supported in our schools. I appreciate all of the difficult decisions you are having to make. Thank you for considering reducing the cuts to the MHMRSA budget. If you want to maintain important cost-saving school & community-based services to children and families by preserving the MHMRSA substance abuse prevention positions, the only way to insure this is to specify the

Comments: positions in the MHMRSA budget. Please specify the maintenance of the substance abuse prevention positions at GWMS, Tucker ES/Brent Place and

Patrick Henry ES in the MHMRSA budget.
Thank you for the hours you have

given to the budget making process. Thanks, too, for keeping the children and prevention in mind as you make final decisions.

Sincerely,
Loretta

Scott

Principal
Tucker Elementary



Trina Wood
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04/20/2009 02:43 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Field

2
4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 14:43:57] IP Address: [70.108.67.87]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Wood
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone:
Email Address: trinawood6@msn.com
Subject: Brenman Field

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Subject COA Contact Us: Re: Budget Memo #106 to City Council

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 15:14:47] IP Address: [206.113.148.2]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: D'Sylva

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State: Virginia

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-329-6761

Email Address: Chaiforme@Verizon.net

Subject: Re: Budget Memo #106 to City Council

Comments:

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 20, 2009

TO: JAMES HARTMANN
CITY MANAGER

FROM: BRENDA A. D'SYLVA
PRESIDENT, AGEA

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #106 in response to Question #5

On April 14 City Council was given Budget Memo #106 in response to Councilman Wilson's request for information on possible savings options related to the City's Supplemental Retirement Plan, Voluntary 457 Pension Plan, and Life Insurance Benefit. I will address Life Insurance for Retirees first, since that is the item on the Add/Delete List with 5 Council members supporting it.

Elimination the life insurance benefit for existing employees upon retirement: It is patently unfair for an employer (the City) to exchange years of labor (from the employee) for certain promises of benefits, and then arbitrarily eliminate the benefits to the detriment of the employee, who has dedicated his/her labor in good faith.

The years of labor given by all City employees (sworn & civilian) to the City should be compensated at the rate (of salary and benefits) that was promised at the time of employment. Employees factor in benefits and may turn down job offers at other places because of the future benefits promised by the City. The City should not renege on benefits because they find themselves in a tight budget condition. This is especially true when it can be noted that the City makes budget decisions on items of "choice" every year based on political pressure from other interest groups. City Council and the CMO should not go back on their agreements with their employees. The City has a responsibility to her employees to find other funding means in difficult budget times.

Another very important concern is that changing benefits for new employees creates a disparity of compensation for employees who are doing the same job. Isn't that what we are trying to fix with all these consultant studies? The Watson Wyatt Study is a perfect example. If I thought for a moment that funding for this study would come from OUR own pockets, I would never have agreed or participated in the study.

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Police Chief David Baker



Julie McCabe
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04/20/2009 04:08 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: MHMRSA

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 16:08:17] IP Address: [70.91.89.193]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: McCabe

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State: VA

Zip: 22034

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Email Address: julie@homesforamerica.org

Subject: MHMRSA

Comments:

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Subject COA Contact Us: prevention positions

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 16:09:09] IP Address: [74.92.155.141]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-535-7930

Email Address: criggle@anh.si.org

Subject: prevention positions

Comments:

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Gloria Agwaze
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04/20/2009 04:45 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: UNNACEPTABLE SOCCER/SPORTS FIELDS

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 16:45:03] IP Address: [4.79.229.245]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Agwaze
Street Address: 5800 Quantrell Avenue
Apartment 816
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22312
Phone: (703) 333-2799
Email Address: femmedieu@yahoo.com
Subject: UNNACEPTABLE SOCCER/SPORTS FIELDS
Monday, April 20, 2009

Dear Mr. Euille and Members of the Alexandria

City Council:

My name is Gloria O. Agwaze, and I as well as other soccer/sports parents are in agreement in requesting either a turf-surfaced, well-lit playing field, or a covered playing field for our avid □mini□ soccer players. It would be a big plus to provide shelter and seating/benches, too! I registered my 5-year old kindergartner son with the Alexandria Soccer Association in February 2009, and he started practice a month ago. Alas, we have had to cancel/reschedule our practice/games on numerous occasions due to the inclement in weather (cold, rain, unacceptable soggy/muddy playing fields, etc.), which in turn had saddened and discouraged our children from their desire to play □ particularly as we□re faced with having to inform them that practice has been cancelled at the last minute. We are very much appreciative of our soccer coaches and

assistance coaches who have taken time out of their work and busy schedules to help coach our children, but often times, the option to coach our little □ David Beckhams □ is out of their hands due to lack alternative coaching facilities during unplayable weather conditions.

My family and I went to offer moral support to our kindergartner at his first game (and most likely, other players □ first games) at the Potomac Yards off Jefferson Davis Highway by Crystal City last Saturday (previous games cancelled 3 weeks in a row due to the weather), and were indeed highly disappointed by the condition of the so called soccer fields □ they were patchy (no consistency of grass areas) and still muddy from the rain a couple of days earlier. Coupled with that, there were no restroom facilities □ I had to lead my daughter to an inconspicuous corner to ease herself. This is totally unacceptable!!! I truly believe that Alexandria City can surely come up with better playing facilities for its citizens □ both young and old □ particularly with the monies that we were made to pay for the sporting events.

Comments:

Our families were offered □ game make up □ times (i.e., Sundays) in lieu of game cancellations on Saturdays. This would for the most part, serve as an inconvenience to most people, particularly if they have Church, family outings, chores, etc. on their agendas on that day.

In short, yes, we soccer parents are in favor of having the turf-layered soccer field built at Ben Brenman Park (across from the Duke Street Library at Cameron Station. Other positives to that location include:

- Nearby Metro Stops and Shops
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Kid

Friendly

- Ample parking
- Restroom/baby changing facilities
- Venue

closer to most ACPS students □ homes and schools.

Thank you for taking
the time to consider my letter of petition.

Sincerely,

Gloria O.

Agwaze
(Soccer/sports mom, on behalf of other enthused sports

parents)
(703) 346-0682 (cell)
(703) 333-2799 (home)

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with a hole in their heart and fill it with Love.☐



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04/20/2009 04:54 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Park

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4-13-09

Time: [Mon Apr 20, 2009 16:54:21] **IP Address:** [68.83.211.31]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Duffett
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-519-9655
Email Address: darleneduffett@comcast.net
Subject: Brenman Park
I know it has been difficult figuring out the budget with the current economy, but I would like to voice my approval for the turf field at Brenman Park. The current turf fields have been so useful and we would love to have another to use in the City.
Comments:
Thank you,
darlene duffett



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04/21/2009 10:01 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Playing Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Tue Apr 21, 2009 10:01:56] IP Address: [204.248.24.161]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: BOEHM
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City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-683-5633
Email Address: annmboehm@aol.com
Subject: Turf Playing Fields

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Ann Boehm



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04/21/2009 01:52 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Parks & Recreation - soccer fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Tue Apr 21, 2009 13:52:16] **IP Address:** [151.145.238.92]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Cargas

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-370-3817

Email Address:argas1@verizon.net

Subject: Parks & Recreation - soccer fields
Mayor, Members of the City Council:

On behalf of my entire family, we

strongly support the funding of additional turf soccer fields at Potomac

Yards and any other feasible locations in the City of Alexandria. Playable

soccer fields are in high demand in Alexandria because this is such an

enthusiastic soccer community. It would certainly be a community service to

provide facilities for such a popular and wholesome activity. Let's not let

Comments: nearby communities surpass the wonderful city of Alexandria when it comes
to facilities for our residents.

While you are at it, please see if you

can entice DC United to build its new facility in Alexandria.

Thank you

for your consideration.

Martin Cargas for myself and on behalf of Donna,

Nicholas and Aaron Cargas



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04/21/2009 02:31 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Wahoos swim program

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4-13-09

Time: [Tue Apr 21, 2009 14:31:55] IP Address: [70.108.121.2]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Smet
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City: Alexandria
State: jVA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-8339
Email Address: mismet1@verizon.net
Subject: Wahoos swim program
Please follow through with your intention to fix up the Old Town Pool. It
is a gateway to the city, seen by visiting swim teams and hotel guests in
Comments: Old Town. We need to make a better impression and have a better facility
for city kids. Thanks.



Ricardo Hendi
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04/21/2009 03:22 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: More Soccer Fields in Alexandria

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4-13-09

Time: [Tue Apr 21, 2009 15:22:25] IP Address: [70.21.108.26]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Ricardo
Last Name: Hendi
Street Address: 116 East Rosemont Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-3261
Email Address: rahdac@gmail.com
Subject: More Soccer Fields in Alexandria
Please don't cut the budget for more and/or better soccer fields for
Alexandria. We desperately need
them!
Comments: More artificial turf for the
soccer fields too!
Thanks!!

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4-13-09



Anne LaFond
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04/21/2009 10:02 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Turf Fields

Time: [Tue Apr 21, 2009 22:02:59] IP Address: [24.126.104.152]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: LaFond

Street Address: 400 Cloverway

City: Alexandria

State: VA

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Phone: 7034015445

Email Address: anne_lafond@jsi.com

Subject: Turf Fields

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04/22/2009 10:08 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: soccer fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Wed Apr 22, 2009 10:08:10] IP Address: [68.50.211.36]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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804 Circle Terrace

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Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-739-1541

Email Address: chriscindyhart@aol.com

Subject: soccer fields

Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a mother of several ASA soccer players

and two refs, I would like to encourage you to make every effort to

establish a
new turf field at Brenman Park. This sport serves more city

youth than any other sport, and our field situation is really
below par.

Our family has seen fields all over Northern Virginia and also in Maryland

due to travel soccer, and the field
situation in Alexandria is, by

comparison, rather embarrassing. More importantly, the existing fields are

really not
sufficient to serve the large number of participants in city

soccer.

The Ft Ward turf field is wonderful (though it might be nice

to have some big nets behind the goals so we don't lose so many
balls

into the woods each game!), and the addition of another at Brenman would be a huge help. The Potomac Yard fields are in very bad condition, and I don't see that situation improving with anticipated continued over-use and under-maintenance.

Thank you for taking seriously the sport of soccer.

We all know the great value of such healthy and fun outdoor activities in leading our youth toward positive and productive teen-age years and beyond, and such activities can be hard to come by in an urban environment such as ours. We need to invest in our future by investing in our youth in this way. Please help improve the soccer experience in Alexandria by your support of a new turf field at Brenman.

Many

thanks,
Cindy Hart



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04/23/2009 01:35 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:35:33] IP Address: [38.115.128.2]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Hamilton

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

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Phone:

Email Address: jhamilton@whitecase.com

Subject: Soccer fields

My family supports more and improved soccer fields in Alexandria including
at Cmaeron Station including every year as we watch our kids run and up and

Comments: done crooked fields with poor drainage. many thanks to council for your
support!



Keith Jabati
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04/23/2009 01:40 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Artificial Turf Soccer Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:40:16] IP Address: [199.136.149.68]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Jabati

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 901-246-7869

Email Address: jamaljabati@yahoo.com

Subject: Artificial Turf Soccer Fields

Please support the construction of artificial soccer fields in Alexandria.

We need them.

The existing natural grass field are being badly

overused. Some of them are already in bad. The other ones are not going

Comments: to hold up much longer.

Please contact me if you any questions regarding

this issue. Thanks.

Keith M. Jabati

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Anita Chomsky
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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:40:35] IP Address: [68.163.73.219]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Chomsky

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-684-4070

Email Address: anitac@agrilink.com

Subject: Playing Fields

Dear Council,

Comments:

As a parent of 10 and 11 year-old daughters active in various sports sponsored by the City via the Rec Department, Alexandria Soccer Association and Alexandria Volleyball Club, I believe it is critical to provide adequate fields and facilities for the children in our community to play sports. As such, I would request that you consider funding field improvements, including turf and lighting, at the Ben Brenman field. Right now we do not have enough fields to accommodate all of the sports leagues, but with the noted improvements the situation would hopefully improve.

Thank you,

Anita Chomsky



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04/23/2009 01:41 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:41:38] IP Address: [208.97.234.142]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Sean

Last Name: Laane

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone:

Email Address: laane1@earthlink.net

Subject: Soccer fields

Comments:

I am writing to urge the Council to allocate funds for the installation of turf fields at the Brenman complex in Cameron Station. The city has a severe shortage of good playing fields for soccer and other sports. Turf fields will handle the wear-and-tear of repeated games and can withstand both spring rains and summer droughts. It is a sad fact that Alexandria lags behind its neighboring jurisdictions when it comes to parks and recreation facilities. A good step in the right direction will be allocating funds for the Brenman project in the up-coming budget.



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04/23/2009 01:45 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: sport fields at Brenman

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4-13-09



Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:45:54] IP Address: [69.143.53.65]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: mcginnis
Street Address: 2224 north early street
City: alex
State: va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.820.6299
Email Address: mcginnis103@comcast.net
Subject: sport fields at Brenman
Keep the kids healthy and off the street. Place turf on the Brenman park
Comments: soccer fields.



Nancy Giblin
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04/23/2009 01:45 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: playing fields for youth sports

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:45:58] IP Address: [69.143.56.33]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Giblin
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.567.1500
Email Address: nancygiblin@comcast.net
Subject: playing fields for youth sports

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members- I am a mother of three children who are involved in city sports. They enjoy playing soccer, basketball, lacrosse and baseball. It has been very disappointing through the years but especially this spring season with numerous times of having to reschedule or worse cancel games because of a lack of fields in our city.

It's very difficult to explain to the kids that they can't play their games because we have no fields and the ones that we do have can't handle

Comments: any type of moisture. I am strongly urging you elected officials to think of the children of Alexandria and please improve our playing fields or better yet invest in building more of them. We have plenty of dog parks and we don't need anymore townhouses and condominiums to be built. Thank you for your consideration and I hope the children of Alexandria will benefit

from your decision to resolve the problem with our playing fields.

Sincerely-Nancy Giblin



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04/23/2009 01:46 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:46:59] IP Address: [76.21.179.83]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Hellmann

Street Address: 3310 Old Dominion Blvd.

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 703-683-4268

Email Address: shellmann5@comcast.net

Subject: Soccer Fields

Dear Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing

to request that you address the issue of the lack of soccer fields

available to our youth here in the City of
Alexandria. My family and I

and our soccer community would like to see Brenman field become a turf

field with lights. It is
our understanding that funds currently exist in

the upcoming budget that could pay for such improvements. This would turn

Comments: Brenman into a first class playing field complex and that would so

benefit the children of this community. Please make every
attempt to

secure funds for Brenman and make Alexandria a competitive soccer
town!

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Suzanne Hellmann



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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Soccer Field

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:48:12] IP Address: [143.228.129.9]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Taylor
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City: Alexandria

State: VA

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Phone: 7036833801

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Subject: Brenman Soccer Field

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members:
As you know, the economy has

dashed our hopes for a turf complex in the Potomac Yards (PY) development
in the near term. The developer has all but stopped work on the project as
it effects the replacement fields at PY. The existing PY fields are
rapidly deteriorating due to overuse and underinvestment.

Comments:

So please

support the upgrades for the Brenman Soccer Complex at Cameron Station in
the upcoming budget for the FY. The field is greatly needed in the City.

thanks

Terrance



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04/23/2009 01:55 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Athletic Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 13:55:41] **IP Address:** [69.140.77.116]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
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Subject: Athletic Fields

My family and I moved to Alexandria City three years ago this summer. While we are mostly pleased with the area, we are having a hard time adjusting to the run-down and poorly maintained athletic fields as compared to Montgomery County Maryland from where we moved. We support the ASA move to update Brenman field as stated in the below email. It is a happy note that the City is having such an influx of a families return to the public school system but sad that it can not support the extra-curricular and athletic needs of the children and residents of the community better. From my own observations we are years behind Arlington, Fairfax County and Montgomery County in terms of access and quality of parks and athletic fields.

As I sit here on this rainy April day I am reminded that the

only thing as certain as rain in April around here is our constant

struggle for usable playing fields. Our failure to get the Club season launched thus far is as good an example of this as I can find.

Allow me to give you a brief update. The economy has dashed our hopes for a turf complex in the Potomac Yards (PY) development in the near

term. The developer has all but stopped work on the project as it effects the replacement fields at PY. I do not foresee new fields there for

several years (let's hope I am wrong!). The existing PY fields are rapidly deteriorating due to overuse and underinvestment. The Witter complex is similarly delayed as I understand it because of issues related to

Comments: adequate state funding. We have no other "sugar daddies" to turn to. It is up to us if we want adequate all-weather playing fields in the near term.

Fortunately we have a place available, totally under control

of the citizens of Alexandria, which could quickly be converted into a

decent turf complex. This is the Brenman complex located in Cameron

Station. What is needed is funding. Those of you who have been to

Brenman know a full-sized soccer field is there and an open area exists

(beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a

similar field. If lights were installed at a turfied Brenman soccer field.

we would acquire almost another half field. The City currently has money

in the upcoming budget which could be used for part of this project but

not all of it. To turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex

will require the City to find or allocate more funds for this purpose.

The City Council is presently going through the steps of finalizing next

fiscal year's budget (which starts in July). Once again it is time to

make our voices heard. If you believe it is important for Alexandria to

have adequate first-class fields for your children, please let them

know.

To summarize, if you want any new playing fields for

Alexandria in the next couple of years, contact the City Council and tell

them to make it happen [at Brenman](#). Below is a link that will allow you

to do that.

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4-13-09



Susan Tomai Patterson
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04/23/2009 02:02 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Fund fields



Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:02:56] **IP Address:** [98.218.172.128]

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Phone: 703 683-2399

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Subject: Fund fields

Sports are vital to the well being, health and confidence of our young people, if we want Alexandria to attract families and thrive, then we must invest in our playing fields. As a home owner and property investor in Alexandria, I also know how important it is to be competitive with neighboring communities.



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04/23/2009 02:09 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Recreational Soccer Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:09:34] IP Address: [66.92.154.226]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Long

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State: VA

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Subject: Recreational Soccer Fields

It is my understanding that there is a lack of suitable soccer fields for the many children that are part of the Alexandria soccer program. This is my son's first year year playing in the league (the U5) and they have only been able to schedule one game so far because of lack of fields and wet fields. I know these are tough economic times but even when times were good these facilities were lacking.

We appreciate the efforts the city has made to improve some of the playgrounds and other recreational facilities in hte area but more needs to be done so that our children have a safe and healthy environment to grow up in. Exercise is so important for these little children to incorporate into their lives and something that

Comments: should be a big priority.

I ask that you consider investing some money at the Brenman complex located in Cameron Station. If turf and lights were added to upgrade and expand the existing field this would accomodate a

number of soccer games. The City currently has money in the upcoming budget which could be used for part of this project but not all of it. To turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex will require the City to find or allocate more funds for this purpose. This would be ideal!

As a

taxpayer that pays a significant amount of property taxes, I thought my voice should be heard! Thanks for your time. -Mary Beth Long



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04/23/2009 02:19 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields at Brenman

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:19:24] IP Address: [70.17.72.128]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Lytle

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-751-4004

Email Address: tinalytle@aol.com

Subject: Turf Fields at Brenman

This is just a quick note to ask you to consider turf fields at

Brenman/Cameron Station. I am sure you've received other emails on this topic, so please add mine to the list.

Please consider funding the

installation of turf fields at the Brenman complex located in Cameron

Station. Currently a full-sized soccer field is there and an open area

exists (beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a

similar field. If lights were installed at a turf field Brenman soccer field

our community could gain almost another half field.

It is my

understanding that The City currently has money in the upcoming budget

which could be used for part of this project but likely not all of it. To

Comments: turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex will require you to find or allocate more funds for this purpose. Our kids are worth it.

It

is important for our children to be playing on fields that are not bare (like at MacArthur) and not full of puddles. This project would go a long way to solving the field shortage issue and would be a start toward redeeming Alexandria in the eyes of our athletic community as well as those of our neighbors.

Thanks.
Christina Lytle



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04/23/2009 02:32 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: athletic fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:32:19] IP Address: [65.117.186.194]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: athletic fields

As a parent of two girls in the ASA, I urge you to consider funding for a turf field and lighting at Brenman park. The dearth of alternatives and the condition of the existing fields makes this the best chance my children will have for improved play in the near and far future.

The president

Comments: of the ASA, John Timmons has made this argument to you in much more detail in his letter on this same subject. Please add my voice to his appeal when considering this worthy request.

Thank you for your
consideration,

Barbara Buzzell



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04/23/2009 02:50 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:50:08] IP Address: [157.130.53.242]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Ring

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State: VA

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Phone: 703-236-1812

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Subject: Turf Fields

I highly encourage you to consider another turf field. This spring is a perfect example of how the children cannot play their sports even when the sun is shining and the weather is warm, because our dirt (barely grass) fields do not drain.

Comments: I have been told that the Brenman complex would easily accomodate this with little extra funding.

I hope you will

sincerely consider this because it is for the health of the children of our city.



Susan Apgar
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04/23/2009 02:59 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: BRENMAN SOCCER FIELD
DEVELOPMENT

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 14:59:59] IP Address: [72.66.44.45]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Apgar

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City: Alexandria

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Subject: BRENMAN SOCCER FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Dear Alexandria City Officials,
Thank you for all your work. I would

like to add my voice to the Alexandrians who would like to see the Brenman
Park soccer fields upgraded to all-weather turf fields with lights. Not
only does my son play on the Suburban Friendship League spring and fall, I
also play on the Alexandria Masters Soccer League, spring and fall. A
decent field is as important as having proper shoes and shin guards. The
turf fields at Minnie Howard and at Ft. Hunt are wonderful. What a
contrast to the fields at Potomac Yard and Brenman Park. I see a lot of
money being spent on condo and retail development. It's time to invest in
the children of Alexandria. There is such a shortage of playing fields.

It's just not right.
Thank you,
Susan Apgar



Germaine Schaefer
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04/23/2009 03:00 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 15:00:35] IP Address: [63.118.45.4]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Soccer Fields
Dear Council Members, Mayor & Staff,

As a mother of 2 children (ages 8 & 5) who both play soccer on the city league. I am constantly dissappointed with the quality of fields for play - and our lack of usable fields. Soccer started 6 weeks ago, and we've had more practices and games cancelled than what has been played. Certainly the city council and mayor have no contol over the weather, but we do have a way to improve the situation.

I would like to echo the sentiments of John Timmons, league president, when he proposes updates to the Brenman complex located in Cameron Station. A full-sized soccer field is already in place there as well as an open area (beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a similar field. With the addition of lights at a turfed Brenman soccer field we would acquire almost another half field for the

city's youth. I understand that the City currently has money in the upcoming budget which could be used to fund a portion of this project. I request that you look at the budget to allocate additional funds to turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex. I believe it is important for Alexandria to have adequate first-class fields for its children, and urge you to allocate the funds needed to make this happen.

Obesity is a growing issue with the country as a whole, a issue that will squander our tax dollars in the future due to its many complications. Adequate facilities for soccer and other recreation (swimming pools!) can help turn the tide on this upcoming epidemic. These children are our future tax payers, and I am your present tax payer.

Lastly - let me express my disappointment in the delay on the part of the Potomac Yards development for replacement fields in their site plan. The existing PY fields are rapidly deteriorating due to overuse and underinvestment. The Witter complex is similarly delayed as I understand it because of issues related to adequate state funding. In my opinion the city has continuously caved in to the demands of the developer - and we've come up short.

Comments: First you let them use the excuse of their building plan to move our beloved firestation from Del Rey to their area - instead of making them redraw their plans. Then you allow them to hold hostage the thousands of people who commute daily over the Monroe Street bridge for months while they argue over easement rights. Now - we are losing our promised athletic fields because of poor fiscal planning.

Please

remember the youth of Alexandria when you are working on the budgets this month.

Sincerely,

Germaine Schaefer

To summarize, if you
want any new playing fields for Alexandria in the next couple of years,
contact the City Council and tell them to make it happen ☐ at Brenman.
Below is a link that will allow you to do that.

Regards,
John W.
Timmons
President
Alexandria Soccer Association.

Link to e-mail

city

council:

<http://www3.alexandriava.gov/contactus/mailto.php?id=610>

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Subject COA Contact Us: New Soccer Field (Brenman)

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 15:19:32] IP Address: [149.101.1.127]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: New Soccer Field (Brenman)

Please make it happen at Brenman Park. Brenman complex located in Cameron Station. What is needed is funding. Those of you who have been to Brenman know a full-sized soccer field is there and an open area exists (beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a similar field. If lights were installed at a turfied Brenman soccer field we would acquire almost another half field. The City currently has money in the upcoming

Comments: budget which could be used for part of this project but not all of it. To turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex will require the City to find or allocate more funds for this purpose. I hear that the City Council is presently going through the steps of finalizing next fiscal year's budget (which starts in July). It is important for Alexandria to have adequate first-class fields for your children. PLEASE PLEASE MAKE IT HAPPEN. Thanks



Edward Partee
<sanders@partee.com>

04/23/2009 03:31 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Soccer Field Funding

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 15:31:59] IP Address: [76.161.175.34]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Phone: 7035499394

Email Address: sanders@partee.com

Subject: Brenman Soccer Field Funding

I want to express my interest in funding additional playing fields for our youth (and my children.) It seems that turfing Brenman is the best way to

Comments: get an additional reliable surface for our kids to play on. Please consider this in your next budget.

Sanders Partee



Ann Horowitz
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04/23/2009 03:30 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: additional playing fields needed

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 15:30:28] IP Address: [68.48.106.57]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Horowitz

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State: VA

Zip: 22314

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Subject: additional playing fields needed

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council members,

As you formalize the

city budget on Monday, please include funding for additional soccer fields

at Brenman Park. My family
has been involved in the ASA's wonderful

soccer program for 5 years. So many children throughout the city

Comments: participate in this
exemplary sporting activity.

I hope you will

support the popular soccer program by establishing Brenman Park as a
complex dedicated to soccer.

Thank you.

Ann Horowitz



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Brenman Soccer Fields--Please Vote to Approve

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 16:29:07] IP Address: [216.200.93.134]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Cantwell

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City: Alexandria

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Phone: 571-312-8558

Email Address: chriscantwell@cashelgroup.com

Subject: Brenman Soccer Fields--Please Vote to Approve

I am writing to voice my support of the development of an Alexandria soccer complex at Brenman in Cameron Station. As articulated in the letter below from Alexandria Soccer Association President, John Timmons, the time to make this happen for our kids is now. Please vote to give our kids a first-class soccer complex at Cameron Station.

Dear Fellow ASA

Member;

As I sit here on this rainy April day I am reminded that the only thing as certain as rain in April around here is our constant struggle for usable playing fields. Our failure to get the Club season launched thus far is as good an example of this as I can find.

Allow me to give

you a brief update. The economy has dashed our hopes for a turf complex in the Potomac Yards (PY) development in the near term. The developer has all

but stopped work on the project as it effects the replacement fields at PY. I do not foresee new fields there for several years (let's hope I am wrong!). The existing PY fields are rapidly deteriorating due to overuse and underinvestment. The Witter complex is similarly delayed as I understand it because of issues related to adequate state funding. We have no other "sugar daddies" to turn to. It is up to us if we want adequate all-weather playing fields in the near term.

Fortunately we have a place available, totally under control of the citizens of Alexandria, which

Comments: could quickly be converted into a decent turf complex. This is the Brenman complex located in Cameron Station. What is needed is funding. Those of you who have been to Brenman know a full-sized soccer field is there and an open area exists (beyond the outfield of Brenman softball) that could accommodate a similar field. If lights were installed at a turf field Brenman soccer field we would acquire almost another half field. The City currently has money in the upcoming budget which could be used for part of this project but not all of it. To turn Brenman into a first class playing field complex will require the City to find or allocate more funds for this purpose. The City Council is presently going through the steps of finalizing next fiscal year's budget (which starts in July). Once again it is time to make our voices heard. If you believe it is important for Alexandria to have adequate first-class fields for your children, please let them know.

To summarize, if you want any new playing fields for Alexandria in the next couple of years, contact the City Council and tell them to make it happen at Brenman. Below is a link that will allow you to do that.

Regards,
John W. Timmons
President

Alexandria

Soccer Association.



Rushan Rozi
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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Soccer Field

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 16:33:36] IP Address: [68.48.142.210]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Rozi

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 703-9891534

Email Address: rushan.rozi@yahoo.com

Subject: Brenman Soccer Field

Dear Council members,

I am the mother of a young soccer player Ilyas

Rozi, 9 years old, a 3rd grader at the Mount Vernon Community School. as

the parents of other young soccer players of Alexandria, I would strongly

Comments: support the City Council's funding for the conversion of the turf in

Brenman field to a decent soccer field.

Your sincerely

Rushan Rozi



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04/24/2009 08:03 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Fields @ Brenman

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4-13-09

Time: [Fri Apr 24, 2009 20:03:17] IP Address: [64.12.116.203]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Graf
Street Address: 2714 Hickory Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-548-3348
Email Address: autografwd@aol.com
Subject: Fields @ Brenman
Please consider allocating some funds for field development at Brenman to
Comments: replace the loss of the development of the Potomac Yard and the Witter
complex. Thanks.



Rachel Newhouse
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04/24/2009 04:22 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Additional Open Space

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4-13-09

Time: [Fri Apr 24, 2009 16:22:07] IP Address: [70.21.93.22]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Newhouse
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703 549-4378
Email Address: jrzejew@verizon.net
Subject: Additional Open Space
I support more open space for the City of Alexandria and this may be able
to happen if the swap happens with Land Bay L in
the Potomac Yards master
plan.
The only problem with the additional land under consideration is
that it has a lot of steep slopes that are difficult and expensive
to
develop playing fields on. I strongly urged the City to make the developer
responsible for building the parkig/fields/trials
that would make that
Comments: land useable as a public amenity.
Otherwise, do not trade it for the
exisitng GW/Braddock parking and fields. These are currently use for
sports activities and
although the open, rolling land of Land Bay L is
nice, it does not help with our need for sport fields.
The Braddock

fields land is extremely valuable. Do not trade it for nothing. Another
turf field would be great!



Jennifer Bretsch
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Subject COA Contact Us: DASH Bus - proposed reductions

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4-13-09

Time: [Fri Apr 24, 2009 16:05:14] IP Address: [128.164.216.121]

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City: Alexandria
State: VA
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Phone: 703-373-7324
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Subject: DASH Bus - proposed reductions

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members:

I am writing to urge our

City's leaders to find alternate solutions to the DASH budget shortfall
that is anticipated for FY2010 other than the severe cut backs in service
that have been proposed and were discussed during the DASH Board meeting
yesterday evening (4/23).

On behalf of the thousands of Alexandria
residents in the longstading Parkfairfax and Beverly Hills neighborhoods
that are serviced, and can be in the future, by routes AT4 and the AT3/4
loop, including elderly residents, commuters and others like me that choose
to live in Alexandria, in part, because of the reliable and accessible
public transit, the proposed cut backs to these routes will take our City
away from the goals of reducing traffic congestion, promoting a
sustainable, green City, and providing viable public transit to as many
residents as possible. For example, by eliminating midday and weekend

service on the AT4, I am left with virtually no public transit near my home. DASH bus should conveniently serve more than commuters in my neighborhood.

Ironically, I purchased my Alexandria home last fall - my first home after renting in Washington, DC for 10 years - because it is, and I hope continues to be, a place where I could continue to lead a pedestrian-friendly lifestyle without owning a car and rely on efficient, reliable, affordable and convenient public transportation for commuting to work at The George Washington University AND for daily needs such as shopping in Old Town, visiting friends, doctors appointments and more. I would very much like to heed the Mayor's advice of contributing to the Alexandria economy by shopping where I live, but frankly it will become difficult to visit Old Town on weekends if the AT4 and AT3/4 loop service is cut back. I'm sorry to say that it will then be more convenient to shop at Bradlee Plaza or Shirlington - both of which are in Arlington County.

Comments:

I know the City is facing tough economic times, as are many residents. While attending last night's DASH Board meeting I overwhelmingly heard residents call for a modest fare hike in lieu of service cut backs that will leave some areas without service or many more areas with only 1 bus per hour. I support a modest fare hike while keeping the DASH pass affordable for residents that frequently use the system. Many of the residents also spoke of the negative consequences of the Old Town Trolley both in terms of the financial drain on the City's budget as well as the impact to upper King Street businesses that have witnessed reduced foot traffic. This testimony suggests reconsideration of the value of the free Trolley rides that seem to benefit City visitors more than taxpaying residents that are facing cut backs in the DASH bus service that supports their everyday functions.

I thank you for your service to our community and your consideration of the ideas put forth by residents to minimize the service reductions to our City's wonderful DASH bus system.

Thank

you.

Jennifer Bretsch



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04/24/2009 01:36 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Support for Turf Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Fri Apr 24, 2009 13:36:54] IP Address: [98.204.142.187]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone:
Email Address: kdsmythe@comcast.net

Subject: Support for Turf Fields
Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to support

Councilman Krupicka's proposal to convert the current full-size grass
soccer field at Ben Brenman Park to a synthetic turf field with lights.

The sports teams in Alexandria are in desperate need of more quality fields
to support the increasing demand from various sports in both youth and
adult leagues (soccer, lacrosse, rugby, etc.). We are all competing for
fields. It usually means practicing when you can get space on a portion of
a field shared with at least 1-2 other teams.

I have seen first hand

how soccer has continued to expand over the past 10 years -- both in the
recreational league and in the travel league. I started out as a volunteer
coach 10 years ago when my oldest daughter started playing rec soccer at
age 5; she is now playing for the T.C. Williams team. For the past 4
years, I have been the team manager for Alexandria's two U12 girls travel

Comments: teams where we try to hold 2-3 practices a week. The weather has not been kind to us this spring and practices / games on grass fields have been rained out more often than not because of saturated conditions. Having another synthetic turf field would allow more teams to practice and play during the sports season.

Please vote in favor of Councilman Krupicka's

proposal to convert the current soccer field at Ben Brenman Park to a synthetic turf field with lights. The enthusiasm for sports in Alexandria is terrific. But that enthusiasm starts to diminish when there is not space available to practice and play. Or we have to schedule "away" games because we do not have the fields available for games. Let's continue to strengthen the sports in Alexandria. Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Best regards,
Katie Smythe



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04/24/2009 10:15 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Budget dash

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4-13-09

Time: [Fri Apr 24, 2009 10:15:19] IP Address: [206.113.148.2]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: ano

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Subject: Budget dash

Dash bus company is a very good service to the city and it residents. This

bus services is very vital since
they do cover all areas of the city and

thier buses do have the capability to handle the city's disabled with the

wheel chair lifts. Since the city has reveiled what programs has to be cut

because of the ecomony and how much the transprotation portion is going to

be Dash is projecting what they have to cut services.

The city has a

trolley service that only covers King Street from King street Metro to the

water front area.

This service either needs to be eliminated or put under

the Dash umbrella. Since the trolley's insecption it has cut into the

business revenues because not many people are walking up or down King

street any more. Which means potential customers are not seeing the goods

these stores have. The trolley has a few problems. They are the

following: having no way to handled wheel chair customers,
not able to

Comments:

have comfortable seating for passengers, no real schedule of when they run, once at king street they have no real place to park for driver's break, and not even a real trolley. With the scheduled eliminations this effects me

in 2 ways 1 I live at southern towers the only way I can get around is the AT2 route. They want to eliminate Sunday service, which means I will not be able to go to the store. If I have a doctor's appointment I have to get a bus from city hall my place of employment to King street metro and transfer and transfer to another route this is an inconvenience to me. Elimination of

AT3-4 route means they and religious activity that I have done previously I would not longer be able to do since it would cost me more money to do it or I have to impose on someone to get me. Please do not cut their

budget or it will cost the city since a lot of people move here because of the excellent bus service Dash provides.



Jane Knops
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04/23/2009 10:12 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: budget: funding for community funds

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 22:12:24] IP Address: [76.21.182.109]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Knops
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State: VA
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Phone: 7035482312
Email Address: downing_jane@bah.com
Subject: budget: funding for community funds
Dear Mayor Euille and members of the City Council:

Thank you for taking

the time to listen to my comments about early childhood issues on April 13
(attached). I know that there are many competing priorities for shrinking
budget revenues in the upcoming year. I hope you have been able to commit
to an increase in taxes in order to maintain funding for critical safety
net services, especially for children. I believe that those of us in
Alexandria who can afford it are willing to sustain such an increase -- a
true investment in the future well-being of our beautiful city.

I have

lived many years in countries with great disparities of wealth (Brazil) and
quasi-socialized services (England). And I can say that the quality of life

Comments: in the USA is far better than either system. What sets us apart is our
appropriate mix of tax-payer funded social services supplemented by the
time, talent and treasure of concerned citizens, and an enduring

entrepreneurial spirit.

I firmly believe that a civilized society's most important obligation is to those who may need the most assistance in a time of crisis. As a member of the Resource Development Committee of Healthy Families Alexandria and as a parent of two young children, I urge you to consider fully funding the three community funds, particularly the Early Childhood Fund, to the highest level possible.

Thank you again , Jane

Knops

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04/23/2009 08:16 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing fields in Alexandria

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 20:16:22] IP Address: [70.21.59.43]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Wright
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State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 823-9215
Email Address: stephwright@verizon.net
Subject: Playing fields in Alexandria
I wanted to pass on my opinion regarding the lack of quality sports fields
in Alexandria. I absolutely love living in Alexandria. I
have lived in
Alexandria since 1995, have owned a home here since 1999, and plan on
living here forever! I have three
children who are involved in sports as
well as my husband and I. We definitely need more high quality sports
fields in the City.
The kids miss out on lots of games due to saturated
fields. Turf fields are the way to go. I know they are very expensive.
We
are fundraising at MacArthur Elementary right now trying to get
installation covered. I understand that there is some funding
set aside
for fields and that the Ben Brenman park has the space for a turf field.
I am writing with the hope that the City
Council understands that the
money would be very well spent. Recreational sports is excellent for our

community - promoting
healthy lifestyles and good sportsmanship. Please
consider providing additional funding toward a turf field.

Thanks.

Stephanie Wright



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04/23/2009 08:05 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing fields in Alexandria for youth and adults

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 20:05:43] IP Address: [76.21.170.115]

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State: VA
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Subject: Playing fields in Alexandria for youth and adults
Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council,
As you debate
the current City Budget, please consider the need for additional playing
Comments: fields for our youth and adult teams. We need to keep this City family
friendly, green and a place to love and use the outdoors. Thanks for
considering the request of the Alexandria Soccer Association. Meghan
Rainey



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04/23/2009 08:02 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Funding for Alexandria Soccer Fields

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 20:02:01] IP Address: [68.55.5.99]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Dori
Last Name: Antonetti
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Subject: Funding for Alexandria Soccer Fields
As the mother of a 5 year old and 3 year old, I have recently become a
proverbial "soccer mom." My children, husband and I have been
very excited about enjoying sports together -- not only is it a wonderful
way to spend quality time with each other and with friends, but they also
provide fabulous opportunities for exercise and many teachable moments
(good sportsmanship, teamwork, working hard to achieve goals, etc.).

For the first time this spring, we have joined the Alexandria Soccer
Association and have been very impressed with the program. The coaches are
wonderful, and the experience has been a major highlight of our spring so
Comments: far. The only problem is that we are SERIOUSLY lacking playable fields for
games and practices, and through the ASA, we have learned that prospects
for some fields are dim. However, we have also learned that there is a
great possibility for all-weather fields at Brenman Park, provided the City
prioritizes this project.

In your deliberations finalizing next year's budget, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE set aside the funding for renovating the soccer fields at Brenman Park. Having places to play is imperative for the City's children and families.



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>

04/23/2009 07:19 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: soccer field funding

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4-13-09

Time: [Thu Apr 23, 2009 19:19:23] IP Address: [68.34.7.201]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: soccer field funding

In the more than 15 years of my children playing soccer, I think our city government has done a poor job of providing fields and keeping playing and practice fields up to par. We are a city with very little green space and park land is minimal. I have two children that have continuously played soccer since 1993. For most of that time I also coached. We have played on gravel fields (Death Valley and now Hammond) hard pan fields, Brenman, Chicquapin, and marshes (Jones Point, Ft. Ward, and the one on Eisenhower. When we play in the SFL in other counties, they have nice complexes and some artificial turf fields. Over these last 16 years, we have lost many fields and others that were nice (Brenman, Potomac Yards) were not kept up. I am amazed that in that time of 16 years, the poor long range planning by the city. Of course, we have 2 artificial fields now and behind GW we have two nice natural grass fields. It seems however, that play there is

Comments: limited.

We live in a nice community and not much in the way of new

development taxes the city, i.e., how many miles of new roads have we added? We should do a better job on the limited parks we have and the council needs to look down the road, make the plans and fund them. If you need some extra money, dump the trolleys, it seems only the homeless use them anyway and businesses not at the foot of King Street don't seem to get anything from this redundant service.

I like most of the city council members, however, I won't be pulling the lever for all of the democratic members, I will vote for change and will personally contact the few that I plan to vote for and ask them their commitment for funding our children's major activity.

Thank you.



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Subject COA Contact Us: The need for a turf field for our kids

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Dear City Council -

I have coached ASA soccer for the last 5 years. I

have also watched both my daughter and son play over the years. During all of this time, I have been shocked by the shape of the fields that they are playing on. The fields are filled with potholes, the grass is choppy, and basically it is an accident waiting to happen.

I have witnessed so many

children getting injured and we need to make a change. My understanding is that there is an opportunity to build a turf field with lights at Brenman.

I want to express my support for this initiative.

We need to invest in

Comments: our kids and athletics. We've heard all of the reports about the growing rate of obesity among children and the fact that they are becoming sedentary with all of the video games and media channels available to them. By investing in the new field, we will be showing our young people that

we're not just going to talk about what they need to do to be healthy but
we are also going to support them by providing a safe place to
play.

Please consider allocating funds for a new turf field with lights
at Brenman.

Thanks for your consideration.

jill



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Subject COA Contact Us: tax rate & preservation of social services &
affordable housing

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Subject: tax rate & preservation of social services & affordable housing

In these difficult economic times, I know that there are many tough decisions to be made in creating the city budget. I am writing in support of setting the tax rate at a higher level in order to maintain Alexandria's 1 cent set-aside for affordable housing and for critical social services.

Many people across the economic spectrum are adjusting their lifestyles to meet the challenges we face. Those already living in poverty or near poverty are often the hardest hit, as they have no cushion, and no margin for scaling back further. Many other households in Alexandria, including mine, are fortunate enough to have some room to give. Although a higher

tax rate may pinch many of us a bit more, I believe it is a good investment in our community. I highly value living in an economically diverse community, and given the rapid pace at which development here occurs, I don't think we can defer concerns about affordable housing until a future time when the economy gets better. I believe investment in affordable

Comments:

housing is an investment in maintaining the character of Alexandria as a true community. We are all richer for living in the midst of a diverse population.

I am also consistently proud of Alexandria's social

services. When my congregation struggles with how most effectively to

extend our charitable dollars to help Alexandria's poor, we see the value

in the coordinated infrastructure that the Department of Human Services and

other city programs provide. Oftentimes the social service support now can

save much greater expenses later. And so much of their help is provided to

people who have nowhere else to turn.

One of our congregation members

said it well when she said she wanted Alexandria to be a "caring

community that is diverse and affordable." I do too!

I write this

as an individual, but am also a part of VOICE (Virginians Organized in

Interfaith Community Engagement), where I have come to know many people and

congregations who share a commitment to affordable housing and providing

for human needs.

(I am also a renter, so I acknowledge that I am

assessed the tax rate only indirectly.)

Ann Herlin



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Subject COA Contact Us: Alexandria Soccer Fields

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Subject: Alexandria Soccer Fields

It is know the tird year my son plays with the Alexandria Soccer League and, as many of his school mates (priveate or public schools) the league has to play in terrible conditions. Granted, at least we have some (not many) places to play, but many are in very poor conditions. I am not only talking about dry, overused, poor drainage and small fields, but last year we had to play in a field that was a dirt field that we could only get to

Comments: by passing by abandoned containers. I have seen fields in Arlington, betehsda and even DC in much better conditions. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE help Alexandria kids and Alexandria soccer find a home, since Potomoc yards is no longer an option (so they say) please support the Brenman fields at Cameron Station. We already lack recreational parks at least helps us mantainone outdoor sports for the young ones. As parents yourselves you know what I mean. Lets get children outdoors again!

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Subject Public hearing on Proposed DASH Service Reductions

The attached memorandum from ATC Board of Directors Chairman, Paul Abramson, provides a summary of the input we received last evening at the public hearing on the proposed DASH service reductions.

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



Chairman Memo to CC re 042309 Public Hearing.doc

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April 24, 2009

MEMORANDUM for the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

Re: Public Hearing on the Proposed DASH Service Reductions

Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) held a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 23, 2009, to receive public input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 DASH Service Reductions. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. There were nineteen speakers and four additional persons who spoke in support of the other speakers' comments.

The major points and concerns voiced by the majority of the speakers were that:

- They moved to Alexandria because of the quality of transit service and structured their lives around the public transit system and the ability to use the transit system to access jobs and services. One speaker referred to the DASH AT4 Route, which is on the list of reductions, as their "lifeline" to Old Town and to Metrorail.
- Reducing DASH service sends the message that Alexandria's transit network is not stable or reliable, and goes against the City's goal of reducing reliance on the automobile, reducing SOV travel, and making Alexandria a truly eco-friendly community.
- Although the proposed service reductions affect the least number of riders; those riders are completely transit dependent. The cuts will impact their mobility and ability to attend Sunday church services, Old Town Farmer's Market, City special events in Old Town, and commuting between home, jobs, and shopping in the off-peak, evenings, and weekends. At a time of increased economic hardship, the cost effective transportation that DASH provides to Alexandrians is critically important to maintain.
- The \$200,000 tentatively approved by City Council to restore a portion of the proposed transit subsidy reductions should be increased to maintain all current DASH service and provide funding to increase service on overcrowded routes.
- Approximately 65 percent of the speakers stated that they would favor a fare increase to avoid reductions in service, while acknowledging that a fare increase may have an adverse impact on low income riders.

It is the consensus of the ATC Board of Directors that after the City Council adopts the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget on April 27, 2009, it will review the Council action as it relates to the DASH transit subsidy request approved by the Board on February 4, 2009. The Board will determine what action it needs to take at its May meeting with respect to maintaining current service levels on all routes, including a possible fare increase.

ATC will work with Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) to ascertain what level of additional transit subsidy approved by City Council will be allocated to DASH service. The Board recommends that the additional funding be used to maintain local transit service in the City to the extent possible.

Respectfully,

Paul R. Abramson
Chairman

cc: ATC Board of Directors



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Subject: FY2010 budget

Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council Members:

Please consider

the attached letter in your FY2010 budget considerations this

evening.

Comments:

Sincerely,

Pamela Copley, Chair
Alexandria Emergency

Medical Services Council

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April 27, 2009

To: His Honor, Mayor William Euille,
and Members of the Alexandria City Council

From: Pamela Copley, Chair,
Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council

The Citizens of Alexandria, Virginia are rightly proud of their Emergency Medical Services (EMS). And the Citizens, Workers, and Visitors of our City can sleep well knowing that if some medical emergency were to arise, they would be in, probably, the best hands with our medics. I have, on numerous occasions, had Ride-Alongs on the ambulances and have witnessed first-hand the extraordinary skill, teamwork, and heart of our dedicated medics. Their calls often result in personal danger to our medics in terms of arriving on the scene of domestic problems, and treating patients in traffic accidents on busy streets (I've seen this in my Ride-Alongs). Our medics are in this field because of their the love and dedication to the job.

The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council fully endorses the following budget additions for the Alexandria Emergency Medical Services:

- EMS Operations Manager (\$180,000);
- An additional four Emergency Call Dispatchers (\$301,000).

The EMS Council respectfully requests that these two items be approved in the FY2010 budget.

The approval of the above items will assure that the City of Alexandria maintains its renowned and unparalleled pre-hospital care to all residents, workers and visitors.