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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing fields in Alexandria



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 15:35:44] IP Address: [138.162.0.41]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Playing fields in Alexandria

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Subject COA Contact Us: CIB - Funding for Playing Fields



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Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: CIB - Funding for Playing Fields

As a parent of 3 sports loving children in the city of Alexandria, I urge you to support all efforts and funding to improve the playing field conditions in our city.

As a volunteer soccer coach with ASA, I have observed first hand over 7 years not only the current conditions of our fields, but also the deterioration of conditions year after year. From the point of view of coaching soccer, which requires a smooth playing surface, the fields are basically unplayable. Holes exist that are larger than the ball. Grass in clumps, sticks and rocks prevent the young player from learning to control the ball and result in frustration, if not injury.

I

also support ASA's concerns with the following:

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Thank you for your concern for the growth of our children,

*Ben Bates

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Rose Cameron
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Subject COA Contact Us: Capital Improvement Budget for playing fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 15:24:45] **IP Address:** [132.200.32.34]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Cameron

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State: Virginia

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-683-9772

Email Address: rose.pianalto@frb.gov

Subject: Capital Improvement Budget for playing fields

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Mark Corallo
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Subject COA Contact Us: Brenman Park fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 14:40:37] IP Address: [68.50.198.238]

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Phone: 703-567-0167
Email Address: mark@corallocomstock.com
Subject: Brenman Park fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth baseball and soccer players. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. In particular, I urge the Council to approve funding to light the softball, little league andd soccer fields at Ben Brenman Park in the FY 2010 budget,

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Right now, the softball field at Brenman is being used for soccer instead of baseball. The soccer field at Brenman is barely used at all. This is absurd. If the fields were better maintained and lighted, our kids would have more places to play and practice with fewer conflicts between teams and sports.

Comments:

Many parents are demanding that the soccer field at Brenman be converted to synthetic grass. If the field is actually going to be used for soccer games and practices, then I'm all for it. But I'd settle for that soccer field remaining grass, being lit, and USED! Our baseball players can't get practice times due to lack of serviceable fields and the fact that soccer practices are held on the Brenman softball field. The softball field at Brenman is used more for soccer than for baseball or softball. That makes no sense when there is an adjacent soccer field that is hardly ever used. How about lighting all 3 fields and using the baseball fields for baseball and the soccer field for soccer? That would go a long way in alleviating the over use of the other fields in the city.

Please maintain the capital funding for the fields. Use it for lighting Brenman in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Mark Corallo

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Carlos Diz <dizs@msn.com>

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Subject COA Contact Us: City Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 14:33:20] IP Address: [161.203.16.1]

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Last Name: Diz
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State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-549-6906
Email Address: dizs@msn.com
Subject: City Fields

Dear Members of the City Council.

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent and former coach of a youth soccer player(s). I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. In particular, I urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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Lisa Goldberg
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Subject COA Contact Us: Fields in CIP

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 13:55:00] IP Address: [216.147.201.94]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Goldberg

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City: Alex

State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone: 7035481243

Email Address: legoldberg@verizon.net

Subject: Fields in CIP

I am a City of Alexandria resident, homeowner, tax payer, voter and parent of two Alexandria Soccer Association youth soccer players. I am

writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital

Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields.

City resources overall for our city's children are severely underfunded. Residents often note that per capita there are more dog parks than playing fields in Alexandria. Resources dedicated to our children's athletic endeavors have long been discussed and more recently progress to address these shortfalls have begun. A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria

only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition.

Since then, the demand for playing fields has grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, and adults are playing sports in greater numbers. The condition of most of these fields has not improved, and in comparison to our neighboring jurisdictions, their conditions are extremely poor and the general lack of fields within our city is embarrassing.

This condition coupled with a general perception that the City doesn't choose to address the concerns of families is one of many reasons that families with young children often choose to leave the city in favor of jurisdictions like Fairfax and Loudon Counties where resources for children's activities are better funded. While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights within the last 2-3 years, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever.

Comments:

I urge the Alexandria City Council to follow the example set by Arlington County which notably has taken great strides in addressing their field situation. Alexandria, like Arlington have much less open space to work with than the outerlying counties. Arlington recognized that the best way to meet this challenge is by converting fields to turf, thus allowing their use in all weather conditions and extending their overall use.

I urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010, as previously proposed. When the city's youth population is rising as measured by increased school enrollments and when the conversion of the Potomac Yards fields appear to be on hold, the Brenman field conversion must go forward. I would hate to see Council fail to invest in our children and their future.

Decisions that Council makes now will be felt and seen for years to come. Investing in our children's future through increased opportunities for competitive

sports and physical activity must be a priority.

Sincerely,

Lisa

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03/16/2009 01:47 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Lighted Fields Request



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 13:47:00] IP Address: [71.163.237.100]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-548-2344
Email Address: jhotchki@hotmail.com
Subject: Lighted Fields Request

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player(s). I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. In particular, I urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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Subject COA Contact Us: CIP - soccer fields

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 13:23:21] IP Address: [63.146.4.58]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-329-0688
Email Address: gretchen.schreiber@americansystems.com
Subject: CIP - soccer fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player for the past seven years. My child is not a star athlete, and not on a travel team. She plays for a city league team. As such, her team is one of the lowest priorities within the field-using community. When teams get bumped because there are not enough fields to go around, it is rarely the travel teams, and often the rec teams. But these are the kids who don't have vocal advocates. You don't hear from us much. But when you cut fields, it's my child and others like her, who play for the fun of it, that you most impact.

I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. If you can, please also approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010. But for my family, more fields are more important than synthetic turf fields.

Comments:

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John Timmons
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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 12:41:16] IP Address: [72.245.122.111]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: John

Last Name: Timmons

Street Address: 2408 Davis Ave.

City: Alexandria

State: va

Zip: 22302

Phone:

Email Address: jt@thecormacgroup.com

Subject: Playing Fields

Gentlemen and Gentlelady - I am contacting you on behalf of the 1800 children and their families that comprise the Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA). I have the honor of serving as their President.

I am sure it

does not surprise you that I urge your support for continued development of turf playing fields in the City when you consider the CIP budget for this coming year. This weekend was a good example of the worth of this investment. Despite wet and dreary conditions, both Minnie Howard and Ft. Ward saw considerable use. The former was used for lacrosse practices and the later was used for a soccer tournament which enabled ASA to raise \$200-300 for use in our scholarship programs. All other fields in the City were shut for the weekend.

I understand there is discussion of improving the Brenman complex at Cameron Station. ASA fully supports this and will support the Council in taking the actions necessary to make it happen. We

believe there would be multiple winners if such action took place. Not only the rectangular sports would benefit but also the diamond sports.

Comments:

Additionally the business owners in the area would benefit by a more steady stream of traffic through the complex. I believe turfing and lighting the appropriate parts of the complex would not add traffic at any point in time but would extend its flow over the day.

Finally, let me call your

attention to a fact I am sure you are aware. Children are returning to Alexandria. This year's ACPS enrollment was a record I believe and I have been informed that more of the same is expected next year. These children (and their parents) need places to recreate. Over the long haul turf fields are cheaper than grass fields for places expected to sustain heavy use. That is the situation in a City as dense as ours.

Please support

additional turf field development and let us know how we can help you get it done.

Regards,
John W. Timmons
President
Alexandria Soccer Assn.

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Tom Dabney
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Subject COA Contact Us: More high quality youth soccer fields

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 12:32:02] IP Address: [68.48.142.172]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7038369214
Email Address: DabneyTC@aol.com
Subject: More high quality youth soccer fields
I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of two (2) youth soccer players.
I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.
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Joseph Lasek
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Subject: COA Contact Us: ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TONIGHT



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 12:26:23] IP Address: [199.196.144.11]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT

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My daughter participates in a very competitive league which has given her an opportunity to play in exceptional venues in both Virginia and Maryland.

Comments:

What we have to offer as soccer hosts in Alexandria should be an embarrassment to the city when compared to the elite facilities of these other jurisdictions. We need to continue to provide our youth with recreational opportunities, especially with the growing soccer participation in our city.

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 12:01:21] IP Address: [207.218.180.35]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Soccer Fields

Dear Sir and Madam:

I KNOW THIS IS A FORM LETTER BUT I FEEL STRONGLY

ABOUT ITS CONTENTS SO PLEASE COUNT THIS AS ANOTHER PLEA FOR MORE
SOCCER

SPACE IN OUR GREAT CITY! MY FAMILY HAS LIVED IN ALEXANDRAI FOR THE LAST
18

YEARS. THIS IS A HUGE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE FOR BOTH ADULTS AND KIDS.

I

am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth
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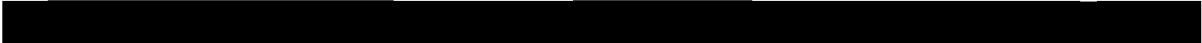
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Subject COA Contact Us: Capital Improvement Proposal



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 11:45:11] IP Address: [68.50.201.245]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State: VA

Zip: 22302

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Email Address: PriceGirls4@yahoo.com

Subject: Capital Improvement Proposal

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of youth soccer players and I play in the adult soccer league. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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Comments: then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults

are playing sports in greater numbers.

While the City has constructed

two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from

being fulfilled. Additional
synthetic fields are needed now more than

ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields,

including funds to
construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at

Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Veronica Price

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3-11-09



Mark Dowling
<dowlingm@gao.gov>

03/16/2009 11:31 AM

Please respond to
Mark Dowling
<dowlingm@gao.gov>

To william.cuille@alexandriava.gov, timothylovain@aol.com,
councilmangaines@aol.com, council@krupicka.com,
delpepper@aol.com, paulcsmedberg@aol.com,

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Subject COA Contact Us: Field Improvements

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 11:31:15] IP Address: [161.203.16.1]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mark
Last Name: Dowling
Street Address: 336 N. Latham Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-751-7384
Email Address: dowlingm@gao.gov
Subject: Field Improvements

As an Alexandria resident and taxpayer, and a father of two children, I am writing to express my support for continued efforts by the City to invest in quality sports fields for youth and adult sports by investing in field turf where appropriate. 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. Each year, the city's myriad soccer clubs have a challenging time arranging to share the city's limited fields for games and practices. Many of these fields are little more than unlevel surfaces with unkempt crab grass -- an insufficient facility for a soccer game and one that can lead to injuries from uneven footing.

Recently, I suffered a complete tear of my achilles tendon while playing at 4 Mile Run, a painful event which required a year of rehab. Perhaps the injury was inevitable, but I am convinced it occurred at that particular time because of the poor quality of the field.

Comments: 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. I understand there are proposals to do this at Ben Brenman field near my home - I support this wholeheartedly.

I applaud the City Council for its decision in recent years to budget for creating or converting several of the city's fields to modern artificial turf. This was a reasonable attempt to address the burgeoning number of youth players in the city, and their rising competitiveness among their regional peers.

I am therefore disappointed to hear that the City Council may debate whether to curtail or limit this funding. At a time when the city's youth population is continuing to increase, this would be a wrong decision - especially when public/private partnerships in this area (e.g. the conversion of the Potomac Yards fields) appear to be on hold.

I cannot stress the importance of continuing with these vital investments. For me and many other Alexandria residents, your decisions to move forward with new sports fields are among the most important that you face. Please continue with your prior year budget plans in this matter, and make investing in our childrens' future opportunities for competitive sports and physical activity a priority.

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3-11-09



Susan Braun
<sbraun@comcast.net>

03/16/2009 11:30 AM

Please respond to
Susan Braun
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Subject COA Contact Us: CIP Budget and Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 11:30:27] IP Address: [68.83.216.216]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Susan
Last Name: Braun
Street Address: 2707 Davis Ave.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 7038205238
Email Address: sbraun@comcast.net
Subject: CIP Budget and Fields

I am an Alexandria citizen, parent of two soccer players, co-founder of the Alexandria Masters Soccer League and Recreation Commissioner for

Alexandria Soccer Association. I urge you to preserve funding in the

Capital Improvement Budget for to address the critical shortage of playing fields in Alexandria.

ASA has seen a large increase in it's player base over the past few years. We are currently at 1,800 players and by the looks of ACPS enrollment, we're going to continue to grow. There are not enough fields in the city to meet our growing youth population

and we are over capacity now.

In addition, there are adult soccer leagues that use these fields. We have the new Alexandria Masters League that has grown from 100 players to 160 and will most likely top 200 this

Comments: spring. We have enjoyed playing on the new turf fields at Minnie Howard

and Ft. Ward when available. However, when we have been forced to play on

the Hensley natural "turf" field (acutally in such poor

condition it's dangerous), we've had many more injuries, some quite serious

due to poor field conditions. Masters is a group of 35+ men and women

who are working professionals, tax payers and voters.

We urge you to

support ASA, Masters and all of the other sporting leagues in Alexandria

and our efforts to promote healthy living and sport. Please vote to

maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to

construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY

'10.

Sincerely,

Susan Braun

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3-11-09

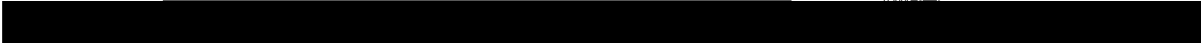


Brian Fortune
<bfortune@marwoodgroup.com>
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03/16/2009 11:01 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Sports Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 11:01:21] IP Address: [74.9.154.253]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Brian
Last Name: Fortune
Street Address: 3608 Norwood Pl
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone:
Email Address: bfortune@marwoodgroup.com
Subject: Sports Fields
To Whom It May Concern,

As an Alexandria resident and taxpayer, and a father of three children, I'd like to write to provide my most wholehearted appeal and encouragement that the city continue to invest in quality sports fields for youth and adult sports. My children all play soccer in Alexandria and I play in an adult league. My eldest daughter plays on a highly competitive soccer team that takes her to many regional and national events. Traveling around both the country and the region, I cannot stress the degree to which the city of Alexandria is behind in having sufficient, year-round, durable soccer or multi-use fields. Each year, the city's myriad soccer clubs have a challenging time arranging to share the city's limited fields for games and practices. Many of these fields are little more than unlevel surfaces with unkempt crab grass -- an

insufficient facility for a soccer game and one that can lead to injuries from uneven footing.

Comments:

I applaud the City Council for its decision in recent years to budget for creating or converting several of the city's fields to modern artificial turf. This was a reasonable attempt to address the burgeoning number of youth players in the city, and their rising competitiveness among their regional peers.

I understand that the City Council may debate whether to curtail or limit this funding. At a time when the city's youth population is continuing to increase, this would be a wrong decision. I cannot stress the importance of continuing with these vital investments. For me and many other Alexandria residents, your decisions to move forward with new sports fields are among the most important that you face. Please continue with your prior year budget plans in this matter, and make investing in our childrens' future opportunities for competitive sports and physical activity a priority.

Thank

you,
Brian Fortune

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3-11-09



Margarita Mendez
<Margaritam03@gmail.com>

03/16/2009 10:54 AM

Please respond to
Margarita Mendez
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Subject COA Contact Us: Capital



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 10:54:13] IP Address: [68.163.69.31]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Margarita
Last Name: Mendez
Street Address: 101 S. Reynolds Street # H-116
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 338-9003
Email Address: Margaritam03@gmail.com
Subject: Capital

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player(s). I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for

Comments: playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is

expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing

sports in greater numbers.

While the City has constructed two synthetic

turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being

fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever.

Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including

funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman

Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Margarita Mendez

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3-11-09



Paul Hunt <paul.hunt@lw.com>

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councilmangaines@aol.com, council@krupicka.com,
delpepper@aol.com, paulcsmedberg@aol.com,

03/16/2009 10:45 AM

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Please respond to
Paul Hunt <paul.hunt@lw.com>

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 10:45:52] IP Address: [199.107.56.222]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Paul
Last Name: Hunt
Street Address: 311 Rucker Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 7038380233
Email Address: paul.hunt@lw.com
Subject: Playing Fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of youth soccer players. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. In particular, I urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers. Indeed, the new Alexandria Masters Over- 35 Co-Ed Soccer program continues to grow in size and popularity. Over 100 Alexandria families from across the city participate in this league and recognize the value participation plays in

Comments:

promoting a healthy and physically active community. The availability of lighted fields is especially important to our adult players who are working and would not have the opportunity to play until after 6:30 PM.

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to sp;construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Paul

Hunt

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3-11-09



Karen Beckhorn
<kpbeckhorn@aol.com>

03/16/2009 09:53 AM

Please respond to
Karen Beckhorn
<kpbeckhorn@aol.com>

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councilmangaines@aol.com, council@krupicka.com,
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Subject COA Contact Us: funding for turf fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:53:12] IP Address: [205.188.116.77]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Karen
Last Name: Beckhorn
Street Address: 4000 Moss place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-212-0596
Email Address: kpbeckhorn@aol.com
Subject: funding for turf fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player(s). I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

Comments: While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are

needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Additional playing fields

are especially important in light of the proposed land swap at GW Middle School which would eliminate existing fields.

Sincerely,
Karen

Beckhorn

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3-11-09



Emily Straight
<straight@ehsva.org>

03/16/2009 09:49 AM

Please respond to
Emily Straight
<straight@ehsva.org>

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Subject COA Contact Us: field turf field



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:49:43] IP Address: [98.141.247.50]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Emily
Last Name: Straight
Street Address: 1200 N Quaker Lane
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.845.7584
Email Address: straight@ehsva.org
Subject: field turf field
I am volunteer coach for Alexandria Soccer and parent of two players and I have played in Alexandria's adult league. I live in Alexandria City.

Comments:
I have been a supporter of more synthetic fields in Alexandria for quite some time. Three years ago I was playing soccer on the Alexandria field at Four Mile Run. The field was overplayed and therefore had little grass, many holes and a uneven surface.
The poor conditions on the field contributed to me tearing my ACL during a game one night. Since then I have not played Alexandria soccer because of the fields. Although I am a citizen of Alexandria, I have to go to Arlington to play soccer.
I hope that you will help meet the city's need for more turf fields and help protect the safety of your players by building a turf field at Brennen Park in 2010.

Sincerely,
Emily Straight

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3-11-09



Mary Clock-Rust
<clairda@gmail.com>

03/16/2009 09:42 AM

Please respond to
Mary Clock-Rust
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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:42:12] IP Address: [161.80.10.20]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Clock-Rust
Street Address: 317 Commonwealth Ave
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone:
Email Address: clairda@gmail.com

Subject: Soccer Fields
Dear City Council,

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria
and a parent of two children who love to play soccer. I am writing to urge
you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to
address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the
Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park
during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an
outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing
fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields
in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. I can
attest to this! I personally spent many hours watching my kids play in the
slimy mud. Not pretty! Since then, the demand for playing fields has only
grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next
several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

Comments:

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,
Mary

Clock-Rust

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3-11-09



Patrick McNabb
<patrick.mcnabb@gmail.com>

03/14/2009 01:05 AM

Please respond to
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Subject COA Contact Us: Finding and Upgrading Soccer Fields

Time: [Sat Mar 14, 2009 01:05:50] IP Address: [68.83.216.169]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Patrick
Last Name: McNabb
Street Address: 2507 DeWitt Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703.629.3330
Email Address: patrick.mcnabb@gmail.com
Subject: Finding and Upgrading Soccer Fields

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members:

I am the 2009 Alexandria

Soccer Association (ASA) coordinator for the Under 5 (U5) league and I wanted to send you a brief note encouraging the search for field space in the city to play soccer and to find ways to improve the available fields.

Over the past 12 years I have supported youth soccer in Alexandria serving as a parent volunteer, coach, assistant coach, fund raiser, etc. My two oldest daughters (Senior and Junior at TC Williams) have grown up playing soccer and have greatly benefited from participation in Alexandria soccer and team sports through city facilities in Alexandria.

I would very much like my 5 year old daughter and 1 year old son to have the benefit that they have had within the City of Alexandria.

As the new

U5 coordinator I am seeing a surge of interest in soccer and can tell you

Comments:

that I have 190 five year old girls and boys signed up to play this spring season. This population while primarily from higher end neighborhoods does include several kids from at risk neighborhoods and new kids are showing up every day. This sport appears to be on an up trend in being able to positively impact the lives of our young people.

For the past several years I have advocated for the improvement of soccer fields through field team adoption as well as upgrading degraded space to turf fields. While some progress is being made it appears to be proceeding at a slower rate than anticipated when I first discussed with city council members 5-6 years ago.

I would like to close with an appeal to please consider continuing the focus on improving fields, especially turfed fields (with lights) so that we can serve the expanding needs of the youth population.

Sincerely,

Patrick McNabb
ASA U05 Coordinator

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3-11-09



Susan Gildersleeve
<dc@pwg.com>

03/16/2009 09:15 AM

Please respond to
Susan Gildersleeve
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Subject COA Contact Us: Funding Playing Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:15:32] IP Address: [76.21.168.169]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Gildersleeve

Street Address: 3512 Saylor Pl

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703-370-2364

Email Address: dc@pwg.com

Subject: Funding Playing Fields

I am a citizen and small business owner in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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3-11-09



Cynthia Hart
<chriscindyhart@aol.com>

03/16/2009 09:10 AM

Please respond to
Cynthia Hart
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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields for Soccer

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:10:00] **IP Address:** [64.83.85.10]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Hart

Street Address: 804 Circle Terrace

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22302

Phone: not listed

Email Address: chriscindyhart@aol.com

Subject: Turf Fields for Soccer

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer players. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few

years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

Comments:

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic

fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Cindy Hart

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3-11-09



Christopher Hart
<chart@lockelord.com>

03/16/2009 09:06 AM

Please respond to
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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields for Soccer

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 09:06:10] IP Address: [64.83.85.10]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Christopher
Last Name: Hart
Street Address: 804 Circle Terrace
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: unlisted
Email Address: chart@lockelord.com
Subject: Turf Fields for Soccer

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer players. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

I will be watching

closely your budgeting decisions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Hart

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3-11-09



Karin Moore
<karin_67@yahoo.com>

03/16/2009 08:54 AM

Please respond to
Karin Moore
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Subject COA Contact Us: CIB and Playing Fields

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 08:54:11] IP Address: [204.246.251.66]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name: Karin

Last Name: Moore

Street Address: 704 Enderby Drive

City: Alexandria

State: Va

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-683-2690

Email Address: karin_67@yahoo.com

Subject: CIB and Playing Fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player, and future youth soccer player. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

Comments:

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled.

Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

I am sure that I don't need to stress the benefits that an additional lighted field would bring to the city: the business benefits, the health benefits, and the good will and morale that it would generate.

Sincerely,

Karin Moore

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3-11-09



Tariq El-Baba
<telbaba@msn.com>

03/16/2009 08:23 AM

Please respond to
Tariq El-Baba
<telbaba@msn.com>

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 08:23:18] IP Address: [66.63.9.12]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: Tariq
Last Name: El-Baba
Street Address: 401 Argyle Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-684-1920
Email Address: telbaba@msn.com
Subject: Soccer Fields

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members:

I am a taxpaying citizen in

the City of Alexandria, former coach of a girls recreation team, current assistant coach of an Alexandria boys travel team, a parent of a youth soccer player, and a player in two of the City's recreational adult co-ed soccer leagues.

I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds

in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few

years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only

grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers. Because of this shortage of fields, my son's travel team, the U-13 Dynamo Elite still practices on grass fields, which are often closed in inclement weather, preventing the boys--and the team--from developing to their full potential.

Notwithstanding the limited practice time, the Dynamo Elite recently played in--and won--a tournament in the City of Arlington. Better fields will attract better players to the Alexandria thereby enlarging the

Comments: pool of players and allowing an increase in the relatively low number of Travel teams representing the City. These teams proudly wear the City's name on their jerseys and the players are fine ambassadors for Alexandria when they travel outside the state.

More turf fields would also allow the Alexandria Soccer Association to host its own tournaments, which would add revenue to the ASA, thereby allowing an increase in the subsidies available to the many Alexandria children from families with lower income who cannot presently participate in the expensive Travel teams. Moreover, these tournaments, which typically span weekends and 3-day Holiday weekends, greatly increase traffic to local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, and other retail outlets. These fields are investments that will yield returns to the City and its residents.

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Please think long-term and act wisely.

Sincerely,

Tariq A. El-Baba

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03/16/2009 07:50 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing fields

Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 07:50:42] IP Address: [68.48.142.228]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Playing fields

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Subject COA Contact Us: funding for turf fields



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Subject: funding for turf fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and I have been a parent of 3 youth soccer players and the spouse of one adult soccer player. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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Sincerely,

Eugenie Ballering

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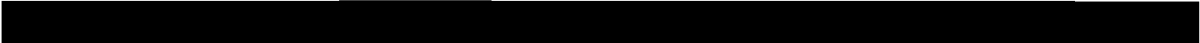
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Athletic Fields



Time: [Mon Mar 16, 2009 01:45:49] IP Address: [70.21.103.215]

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State: VA

Zip: 22305

Phone:

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Subject: Athletic Fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of two youth soccer players and one youth baseball player. I am involved in coaching both sports and I also play in two adult soccer leagues. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010. The lighting of Brenman would also allow the city to provide some relief to the soccer field at Hensley, which gets ground into a fine dust every spring and fall due to overuse.

I do not think it would be prudent to ignore the conclusions of the city-sponsored field study. The lack of full-size athletic fields

Comments: athletic fields

leads to overuse of the ones we have as well as overuse
of all of the elementary school fields. In my role as practice field

coordinator for the Alexandria Soccer Association, I have personally
observed many, many fields that are unsafe to play on.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Newhouse

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing Fields



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 21:00:20] IP Address: [70.108.235.233]

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Subject: Playing Fields

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Sincerely,

Jennifer

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Subject COA Contact Us: Preserve Parkfairfax



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 20:57:26] IP Address: [76.21.205.230]

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Subject: Preserve Parkfairfax

I watched the public hearing Sat. morning, Mar. 14, on the Hot Lanes. Before you think that Parkfairfax residents are rolling over and playing dead based on our Board's "opinion" that the Hot Lanes will benefit commuting residents, I would like to offer my personal opinion on the Hot Lane proposal. I know my opinions represent those of other Parkfairfax residents as well.

I believe that Mayor Euille and members of the City Council are on target questioning the need for the Hot Lanes at all, esp. at Shirlington Circle. They will provide no benefit to City residents and have the potential to create traffic nightmares. The current HOV system works just fine.

Del, this is another "no-brainer" like the time you told the gas co. "no" when they wanted to tear up our narrow lanes. With one word, that was the end of that. Parkfairfax remembers that.

This is a great opportunity to send a message that more roads and cars will not solve our traffic congestion. Instead, it's a great opportunity to propose a regional mass transit project. Why doesn't Metro or light rail run down I-395/95? Arlington just approved a new "streetcar" project. Those options would be a much better regional project and environmentally sound alternative to more roads and cars. As we all know, more roads, cars and stoplights are never the answer!

I was raised

and lived in the City of Alexandria most of my life. I remember when Fairfax and Prince William counties were rural farmland. Now they have created massive development with no traffic planning. To address their own traffic nightmares, they would just as soon pave over Alexandria and Arlington to get to the Pentagon and D.C. This is just the beginning, it will not be the last time and we cannot let them continue this process of steamrolling us (they've almost succeeded with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project.)

Who else will benefit from the Hot Lanes? DOD and their big bus fleet from BRAC to the Pentagon? From Ft. Belvoir to the Pentagon? Are the "tolls" where our tax money will go?

The proposed Hot Lanes provide no real benefit to Alexandria or Arlington. Why do they need an entrance and exit at Shirlington Circle? All that additional traffic which they plan to manage with 6 new stoplights???

Parkfairfax residents are very concerned about the many additional stoplights and likely gridlock and environmental impact stopped traffic would create. To get an idea of their impact, many years ago, VDOT installed traffic "pacing" lights at the bottom of the northbound Shirlington ramp. During morning rush hours, these stoplights back up traffic on Quaker Lane sometimes back to Fairlington Shopping Center. Many drivers now resort to cutting through

Comments:

Parkfairfax. We do not need to add to this backup, expand it around the circle or through more Parkfairfax roads.

Noise barriers are of great concern as well although we are still not sure we will be forced to install them. Many trees, the centerpiece of Parkfairfax's attractiveness, property values and tax base, could be cut down to install the barriers. Lack of trees along the roadways could create a myriad of other problems, incl. polluted drainage, noise and stark aesthetics. Tree cutting has been a major controversy along the Beltway Hot Lane project.

The Mayor and City Council are on the right track as I watched you discuss the unnecessary impact of this horrendous project and question the need for it at all in Alexandria. I have heard that Council Member Tim Louvain spent a number of years in Parkfairfax (living right across from where I live now) so I am sure he would want to preserve Parkfairfax, its excellent tax base and its reputation for country-style quiet and peacefulness. As it is, we are already impacted by too much highway traffic noise these days whereas when I moved here in 1976, you could hear a pin drop. Parkfairfax, a jewel in Alexandria, doesn't need anymore encroachment of any kind!

Shirlington Circle/Shirlington Roundabout

I have heard one of our Parkfairfax Board members state that she believes the additional stoplights on Shirlington Circle would be a plus, based on the confusing configuration, dangerous ramps and the drivers that simply will not yield. Although I don't agree that they would be better, since she travels around the circle frequently during the day with her doggie day-care business, I feel we should pay attention to her concerns.

I was wondering about making the circle a "roundabout" like the Europeans have. Last year, my family and I spent two weeks driving around Ireland. At first we were totally confused by their many roundabouts but soon we discovered how well they kept traffic running smoothly without stoplights. Ireland is such a

small country it would just be a matter of time before it was in total gridlock because of all the stoplights that would be necessary, if they chose that route. Fortunately for them, to keep traffic running as smoothly as possible, prevent commuting stresses, protect their environment and save petrol, they implemented a better idea. The roundabouts work so well, I just can't help but wonder why we don't use more of them over here!!

Thank you for your excellent work and excellent analysis of this project (that it's a loser.) Please move ahead to STOP the Hot Lanes and PRESERVE PARKFAIRFAX and Alexandria neighborhoods! (Ellen Pickering where are you?)

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 19:37:29] IP Address: [76.21.174.79]

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Subject: Soccer Fields

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Comments:

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are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

The Conrads

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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 18:02:38] IP Address: [138.88.236.121]

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Subject: Turf Fields

Dear Mayor & City Council

I know it is difficult to meet everyone's needs during hard financial times, but as a citizen of the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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Participation in youth sports is critical as our nation faces an explosion in childhood obesity and resultant health consequences such as Type II diabetes. Ensuring that our cities youth have appropriate fields on which to play is taking a step in the right direction for our city's youth.

Sincerely,

Rebekah K. Hersch

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Subject COA Contact Us: Playing Fields for Youth Sports



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 16:50:38] IP Address: [69.3.159.112]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Playing Fields for Youth Sports

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent children

playing in both youth
soccer and lacrosse through the City. My son is in

8th grade at Hammond and will be playing school-related lacrosse next year.

I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in
the Capital

Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of
playing

fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new
synthetic turf

field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Although times are

tough and money is tight I believe that keeping our kids playing sports is

essential to their physical and mental well-being. The turf fields allow

them to play year-round and their sports seasons are not as negatively

affected by weather as are the grass (dirt) fields. Many of the

non-synthetic fields are in such poor condition that they are dangerous.

Although expensive, synthetic turf fields are worth the money spent.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carver

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03/15/2009 03:55 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: We Need Synthetic Turf Fields in Alexandria

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 15:55:28] IP Address: [76.21.201.56]

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Subject: We Need Synthetic Turf Fields in Alexandria

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of two youth soccer players. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

It's critical that funding is maintained for the planned additional turf fields. Alexandria has been a leader throughout our nation's history. It's unfortunate that all of the surrounding areas - Arlington, Fairfax, etc. is doing a much better job of providing the multi-purpose turf fields that children and adults need to improve our fitness and health. There is a direct correlation between fitness and health and health and overall academic and personal performance.

A few years ago,

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Subject COA Contact Us: converting to turf fields

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 14:16:32] IP Address: [68.83.216.147]

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Subject: converting to turf fields

Dear Members of the Council and the Mayor of Alexandria-

In your CIP

plan please continue to fund the conversion to turf fields in

Alexandria.

Alexandria Soccer Association has been an important part of

this city since my mother co-founded the first children's leagues back in
the early 70's.

The development plans for the baseball field next to GW

on Braddock Road is a threat not only to the safety of the hundreds of

children who pass that field every day but would be a loss to the city's

youth and adults who have so few green spaces to recreate in, in our city.

In addition, the plan to develop space next to the tracks and behind

Comments: GWMS is yet another problematic idea.
There has been little relief in

terms of congestion caused by the bridge project on Monroe Avenue. With the

added pressure of more homes and units, Alexandria will continue its reckless trend towards gross overdevelopment and neglect of the citizens who attempt to make this once beautiful city our home.

All citizens of

Alexandria need open and green spaces to breathe and recreate in. One of the few unobstructed views of a patch of sky comes from the football fields at GW.

Our city deserves better, our children deserve better than short-sighted pro-development policies.

Sincerely,

Robert McDonough

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Subject COA Contact Us: CIP -- Playing fields for Alexandria Children

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 12:58:48] IP Address: [70.17.90.230]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: CIP -- Playing fields for Alexandria Children

My husband and I have lived in Seminary Ridge for the last 10 years & lived in Del Ray for several years prior. We have watched how our tax dollars are spent for these years and are concerned about the current proposed CIP.

We are parents of two daughters who love playing ASA

soccer! We have both helped with both teams over the years and I currently help coach & manage our oldest daughter's U11 team. We have been concerned with the overall condition of the fields in the City especially at MacArthur school. It is shameful that our kids play on dirt fields or poorly maintained weed fields when compared with the gorgeous fields in neighboring communities and schools. Many of the dog parks in the City are in better condition than the field at our daughters' school. While this is great for our dog, Max, it isn't so great for over 600 kids at MacArthur School and rec program.

Basically we still have a critical shortage

of playing fields in Alexandria. I urge Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010. I believe this can be done in a little over a year's time & bring more foot traffic & folks to the Cameron Station businesses.

A few

years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. This is an understatement. Those of us who venture to Arlington & other neighboring communities for sports, are

Comments: embarrassed at the state of our City parks & fields.

Since the

study was done, the demand for playing fields has only grown. Our daughters teams are at capacity & there are more girls who want to play soccer each season. I know friends say the same things about softball & Tball & lacrosse. From my work on MacArthur PTA, I know that our youth population in the City is expected to increase over the next several years. We are expecting to have 6 kindergarten classes next year! Adults are playing sports in greater numbers as well.

While the City has

constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Anything else that can be done to properly

maintain our current natural fields would be so very much appreciated.

Parks & Rec just isn't getting the job done. The thing is, we can have great schools & a healthy youth sports program for the kids in our City, but if the fields & facilities are in deplorable condition, folks will look elsewhere for their kids. I've seen it start to happen. I, along with many other parents, will continue watching.

Respectfully

submitted,

Christina Lytle

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Subject COA Contact Us: soccer fields

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Email Address: dy-smith@comcast.net

Subject: soccer fields

The City of Alexandria needs more fields! Have you looked in Arlington/
Fairfax County lately? They have fields. What are we spending our \$ on?

Alexandria Soccer Association is a great youth soccer league. I have 4
kids, my twins are just starting in u-5. My oldest has been on ASA for 6
years now. We have had great experiences with the program but the fields

Comments: leave something to be desired. The Rec basketball is great, baseball
again, the fields are just ok. Something needs to be done. We as
taxpayers pay far too much to be envious of Arlington's parks and
recreation programs. We loose far too many families who move to Arlington
for the parks, recs and of course the schools is a whole different
ballgame!

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Todd Carroll
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03/15/2009 11:41 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Shortage of Soccer Fields in Alexandria



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 11:41:16] IP Address: [138.162.0.41]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State: VA

Zip: 22305

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Subject: Shortage of Soccer Fields in Alexandria

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player(s). I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

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years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

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Sincerely,
Todd Carroll

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Subject COA Contact Us: Turf Fields

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 11:26:50] IP Address: [68.34.7.249]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Church

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-836-4260

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Subject: Turf Fields

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Craig Church
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Subject COA Contact Us: Truf Fields

Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 11:18:41] IP Address: [68.34.7.249]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Church

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Sincerely,

Craig Church

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Charlie Knutson
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Subject COA Contact Us: Artificial Turf Field Money



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 11:10:17] IP Address: [151.200.37.63]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Knutson
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State: Va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703 299-8590
Email Address: charles.c.knutson@mdnt.com
Subject: Artificial Turf Field Money

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player on the Alexandria Freedom U-13 girls travel soccer team. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

Comments:
A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers. While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for

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Sincerely,

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Ange Knutson
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Subject COA Contact Us: Advocating for Artificial Turf Fields



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 11:03:16] IP Address: [151.200.37.63]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Knutson

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City: alexandria

State: va

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-299-8590

Email Address: angecharlie@verizon.net

Subject: Advocating for Artificial Turf Fields

I am a taxpaying citizen in the City of Alexandria and a parent of a youth soccer player on the Alexandria Freedom U-13 girls travel team. I am writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. I also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal year 2010.

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

Additional

artificial turf fields will also attract other soccer organizations to want

Comments: to play tournaments in our city.....thereby bringing in much needed revenue.

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights, the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Additional artificial turf fields would also attract outside teams to want to play tournaments in the city of Alexandria thereby bringing in much needed revenue

Sincerely,

Ange Knutson

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Bill Rossello
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03/15/2009 09:49 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Soccer Fields in the CIP



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 09:49:49] IP Address: [72.83.175.192]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Rossello
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-587-8080
Email Address: bill.rossello@gmail.com
Subject: Soccer Fields in the CIP

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

You should be hearing from a number of parents of youth soccer players today, tomorrow and throughout the week regarding the CIP.

As you know, Alexandria Soccer Association is the largest youth sports organization in the City and serves largely as an extension of the City Youth Sports program. We serve over 1,700 kids in Alexandria, second only to the Alexandria City Public Schools, our players constitute about half of all youth sports participation here. Importantly, we represent about Alexandria 1,100 households.

As taxpaying citizens and parents of a youth soccer players, we are writing to urge you to preserve sufficient funds in the Capital Improvement Budget to address the City's critical shortage of playing fields. We also urge the Council to approve funding of a new synthetic turf field at Brenman Park during fiscal

year 2010.

Comments:

A few years ago, a City-sponsored study by an outside consultant concluded that Alexandria only had half the playing fields that it needed to fulfill the demand, and, as a result, the fields in the City were severely overused and in very poor condition. Since then, the demand for playing fields has only grown. The youth population in the City is expected to peak over the next several years, while adults are playing sports in greater numbers.

While the City has constructed two synthetic turf fields with lights (one of which is dedicated to lacrosse during our spring soccer season), the demand for fields is far from being fulfilled. Additional synthetic fields are needed now more than ever. Please maintain the capital funding for synthetic turf fields, including funds to construct a synthetic turf soccer field with lights at Brenman Park in FY '10.

Sincerely,

Bill Rossello
Vice President
Alexandria Soccer

Association

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Subject COA Contact Us: Substance abuse positions



Time: [Sun Mar 15, 2009 09:33:19] **IP Address:** [69.140.82.125]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Kolish

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone: 703 8230617

Email Address: tkolish@comcast.net

Subject: Substance abuse positions

Dear Mayor and City Council Members: I would encourage you not to cut substance abuse and mental health prevention, early intervention and treatment services to Alexandria's children. The benefit that our students at Tucker derive from these services helps them perform and meet the demands of school everyday. These are valuable services which we should try to maintain. The dollars spent today will save us so much more in the future. Recent research indicates that every dollar invested in substance-abuse prevention yields \$10 in savings. With tight budgets I realize that the money must come from somewhere. We could increase the fees at some of the city run facilities or eliminate parking holidays to increase revenue. I understand the hard choices to be made but I request that you re-examine this item.

Best Regards,
Theresa Kolish
PTA

President/Tucker