



What's New

Final Update: City Tennis Center Closings

This has been taken off the proposed potential budget reductions for the 2017/18 FY. Your calls, emails and concerns have had a quick impact on the Tennis Centers being removed in the listed potential budget reductions.

NEW UPDATE FROM CITY

Thank you for your recent email regarding the City of Dallas' tennis centers. We recognize the importance of Dallas tennis centers in contributing to active, healthy lifestyles and continue to support them as vital recreation components of our city.

The City of Dallas is currently going through the development process for its FY 2017-18 operating budget. Departments have been requested to submit budget bids for both budget enhancements and budget reductions. At the Dallas Park and Recreation Board meeting on April 6, 2017, a list of proposed redirection/reduction options was presented by staff. These options were evaluated and prioritized by the Board to meet a required 5% budget reduction scenario.

Based on the prioritization of the redirection/reduction options, the proposed budget reductions to the city's five tennis centers will not be submitted as a potential reduction to the Park and Recreation Department's FY 2017-18 operating budget.

Regards,
Willis C. Winters, FAIA, FAAPRA
Director City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department

ORIGINAL UPDATE FROM CITY

Thank you for your email in support of our five tennis centers. We recognize the importance of tennis in maintaining active and healthy lifestyles - and we are very proud of the role that these tennis centers have in our city.

We are currently going through an exercise to prepare next year's budget to present to the City Manager's Office and City Council. We were mandated to prepare a 5% budget cut and were further requested to include golf and tennis in the proposed reductions.

Of the 15 budget reductions offered to the Park Board last week (which also included reduced rec center hours and mowing cycles), golf and tennis were staff's (and the Board's) lowest priorities for cuts. We are very hopeful that reductions in these services will not move forward.

Should the City's budget process over the coming months keep these items on the list of potential reductions, citizens and tennis supporters will have the opportunity to express their concern at Budget Town Hall meetings.

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