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Subject: RE: Cherry Crest Park Tennis and Basketball Courts

Ishaan, thank you for reaching out with your inquiry related to the tennis & basketball courts at Cherry Crest Mini Park.

The tennis court as well as the basketball court are actually on the concrete roof of very large in ground water tanks. This fact limits our ability to modify the structures in any way and they are actually owned by Bellevue Utilities. In an effort to garner some benefit they do allow us to at least try and keep the courts stripped so that some secondary use can be realized. We are not able to overlay the courts with any additional material and/or modify them in any way that could structurally alter the tank lids. I apologize as this is probably not the answer you were looking for. Should you have any additional questions please feel free to call me.

Regards,

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Subject: Cherry Crest Park Tennis and Basketball Courts

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Hello Bellevue Parks Board,

I hope all of you are doing well. My name is Ishaan Mishra, and I am a rising 9th grader living at 124th Ave NE 98005 in Bellevue.

I really appreciate all the work you have done for the people of Bellevue, creating new parks, and making Bellevue a much nicer place to be for all. Your efforts have made countless people feel connected with one another.

I live near Cherry Crest Park, a local park with a playground, a basketball court, and a tennis court located at 2532 127th Ave NE 98005. Over the last few years, a few other neighbors and I have noticed that the park has fallen into disrepair. Despite a wonderful play area which children love, the playing courts have turned into an uneven ground covered with muck, dirt, and puddles, causing the community to avoid it. These uneven courts are rocky, rough, and discolored, leading players to avoid playing on these grounds. In fact, last year, neighbors in the summer who played tennis frequently traveled to the Sammamish courts when the Cherry Crest Elementary school courts were full, since the Cherry Crest Park court was not a safe place to play tennis. In other seasons, puddles

form and collect in several uneven parts of the courts, making basketball and tennis unplayable. I have attached several images of these courts in the summer of 2022, as well as birds eye view images of these courts in contrast to a few other well-maintained courts in Bellevue. Once it rains, the courts get a lot worse.

We, as neighbors, believe that this tennis court and basketball court can be restored to a place where everyone can benefit. I believe a coat of concrete to even out the ground, and a paint job would be incredibly beneficial to the courts and the community. Do you think this is something that the Bellevue Parks and Rec team can help to solve? I'm happy to assist in any way possible. I have founded an organization called Neighboring Ties where we devote our time to helping the Bridle Trails neighborhood. I can get some signatures from neighbors if you think that would be helpful.

Thank you for your time,

Ishaan Mishra

To see the attached files, please click [here](#).