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Re: field & park usage

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Hi Nancy & Heather,

With the opening of sports camps, practices & games underway I was wondering about field allocation in Ridgewood.

After seeing what is scheduled at Habernickle Park last week Sunday thru Saturday I was wondering what if any events are scheduled at other parks? Today we have already underway a soccer camp or practice going on in a small area close to Hillcrest. This is making the sidewalk unsafe to use because of no social distancing can happen due to the proximity the camp is to the sidewalk. Since baseball has put up its fencing in the outfield it makes the soccer field really unusable, so why schedule multiple soccer camps & practices during the week at this field/park?

On top of soccer every afternoon into the evening we have baseball practices & games (7) days a week. On Saturday morning we had Flow yoga taking over the parking lot which forced all cars onto Hillcrest. Then an afternoon full of baseball.

With Graydon not having camp this summer it leaves Vets available to have more space for sports camps/practices. I passed by Vets today & it wasn't being used for any sports, at the same time Habernickle has soccer going on. It just doesn't seem fair to our neighborhood.

Please keep in mind that we do have a private business operating camp all while the field is being used for sports. Is this just a case of out of sight out of mind? Does the village care that little for the well being of this area of town? I ask myself these questions every time I try to walk into the park but can't because soccer kids are sitting on the sidewalk watching as the coach demonstrate a move or are taking a break. Yesterday during one of the baseball games parents were sitting on the sidewalk making it unusable for park walkers.

Since we are all trying to do the right thing and keep our distance I hope you will take a better look at what is going on at Habernickle & try to figure out a better plan moving forward.

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