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The following people support a decision by city council to discontinue the golf subsidy at Heritage Oaks and begin

studying alternative uses for that public land to serve the public good. The petition is available at

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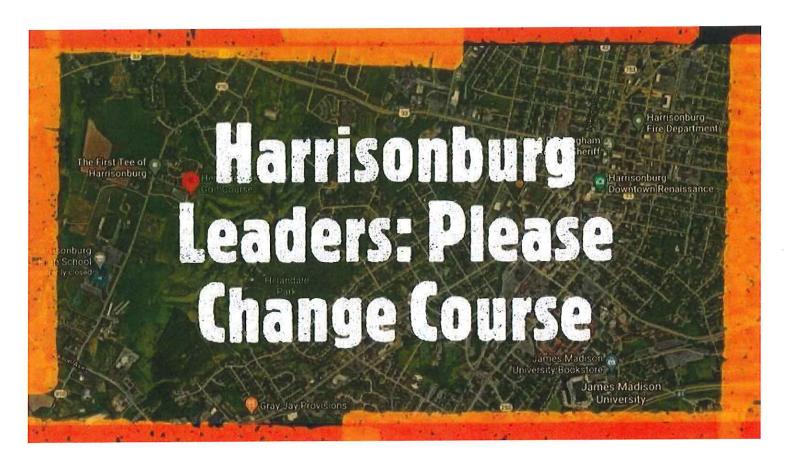
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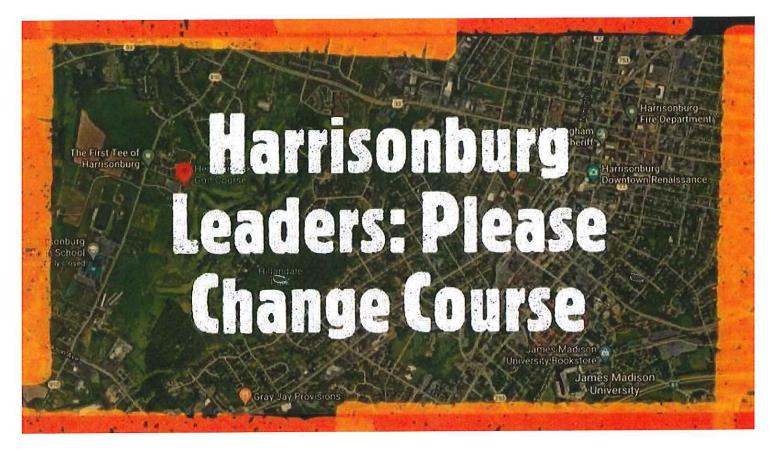
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Harrisonburg Leaders: Please stop using my taxes to subsidize Heritage Oaks Golf Course!





Kai Degner started this petition to Harrisonburg City Council and 3 others

Hey Harrisonburg!

Do you want to continue losing millions of taxpayer dollars on a government-run golf course?

The City has already lost \$23M on the golf course - do you think city councils should continue subsidizing a losing business indefinitely?

Do you believe losing \$500,000 each year on the golf course is a public expense that Harrisonburg can afford given our other priorities?

If not, sign this petition to tell the Harrisonburg city leaders to begin a process to responsibly transition away from using the 205 acres of city land as a golf course.

The Harrisonburg City Council will vote on the 2020-21 budget in May, so action is needed NOW to avoid Harrisonburg's City Council voting for another year of golf course losses.

Remove the Burden to Fund Other Priorities

Harrisonburg is facing major uncertainty in its budget because tax revenues will be severely impacted by the COVID-19 response. One thing is certain: we have higher priorities for public money and public land than a golf course the loses hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

Good Effort Despite National Trends

Previous city staff and elected leaders have tried for two decades to reduce the losses at the golf course. They have done their best. But golf is facing a crisis as fewer people play, and these losses will not stop. In fact, the National Golf Foundation reported that 198 18-hole golf courses closed across the USA in 2018. That means 3-4 golf courses closed PER WEEK in the USA.

But shouldn't we study how to make the golf course work better before closing it?

Good idea! And we did that. After almost a decade of losing money, a citizen Golf Course Study Committee met weekly from October 11, 2010 to January 20, 2011. It's conclusion was this: "The Committee believes that a significant increase [38%] in play will occur with the introduction of food and beverage service [by 2014]. Thereafter it should maintain at or above that level. The Committee is aware that any downward economic trend will adversely affect those projections." The city manager responded to the committee's report with detailed plans. He also wrote, "it cannot be ignored that the current trend nationwide is that less golf is being played overall. Unfortunately, at about the time Heritage Oaks was opened, rounds of golf being played in the U.S. began to decline, including a nation-wide decline of about 3.6% in calendar year 2010, according to the World Golf Foundation." The city invested in the food service and other recommendations, rounds did increase significantly, but we are losing even more money now than then.

Harrisonburg Golf Course Budget Numbers

The proposed 2020-21 budget (submitted to council by the city manager on April 14th) anticipates it will cost over \$1,055,665 to operate the golf course, and that the course will generate \$708,500 in revenue. That means it is scheduled to lose \$347,000. BUT, that same budget shows revenues were only \$616,933 in 2018-19. Why would a golf course that has seen declining rounds expect to earn \$91,567 MORE than the previous full year of data, especially in the time of COVID-19? In order to "only" lose \$347,000 next year, the course would need to earn 14.8% more than two years ago. Also, the current budget year (2019-20) planned for a \$556,000 operational loss (before COVID-19 hit, of course). It would be much more reasonable to budget for losses in the \$500-700,000 range. But that might concern voters, wouldn't it? It is irresponsible to adopt a budget projecting only \$347,000 in losses.

The City has Faced Reality Before - and Protected Staff while Transitioning

The City has faced the reality of declining markets before. When JMU stopped buying steam from the city's trash incinerator, we closed the steam plant and took care of the employees. When the international recycling market disappeared, the city pivoted and took care of staff. The golf market is shrinking, and we need to face reality: it's too expensive to keep operating Heritage Oaks Golf Course.

Start Exploring Other Responsible Uses for the 205 Acres

The Harrisonburg City Council can begin a thoughtful and collaborative process to decide what new direction to go with the 205 acres. Should it revert back to a park? Should it be a site for a new school? Should it provide housing? This petition does not advocate for a specific different use, but rather to initiate a process to explore and decide on a different use.

But why keep the pool and other parks open if we are closing the golf course?

Well, it's important to emphasize the golf course is completely different. First, city voters already voted overwhelmingly in 2000 to stop the golf course, but it was built anyway. The proponents for building the course said it would make money, which it never has. The pool is much more accessible and used by a much wider diversity of people, and the parks are even more so. This is an apples and oranges comparison that avoids a critical look at the golf course.

But where will people play golf?

There are other private golf courses at Lakeview, Packsaddle Ridge, Massanutten, and other nearby locations. You can golf a weekday round at Lakeview for \$18, Heritage Oaks is \$20 (the city's rates aren't on the website for some reason).

Note: if you divide the operating costs by the numbers of rounds played at Heritage Oaks in 2018-19, we should have charged about \$47 per round to break even - which means city taxpayers subsidized every round played by about \$25 on average.

Unless we city residents and voters state clearly that they want to stop these golf course losses, city council will continue to fund it.

Once the city council votes to tell the city manager to discontinue the golf course, the city leaders can start a process to debate alternative uses of the land, work to make sure golf course staff are cared for, and plan a smooth transition.

If you agree we need to stop operating an unsustainable and costly golf course, please sign this petition.

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Updates

TODAY! One Thing To Do NOW to Keep Heritage Oaks Open for All

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TODAY is the public hearing on the 2020-21 budget. I shared the names of local signees of the petition with councilmembers, but your individual comments are critical.

We need to tell Harrisonburg City Council individually about our opinion that golf subsidies should be discontinued and higher/better uses for Heritage Oaks land should be explored.

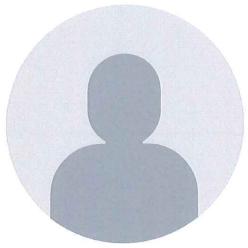
Tonight is an opportunity for councilmembers to amend the budget to align with our petition's request.

TWO WAYS TO COMMENT TODAY:

Reasons for signing

See why other supporters are signing, why this petition is important to them, and share your reason for signing (this will mean a lot to the starter of the petition).

Thanks for adding your voice.



Chris Jones

3 hours ago

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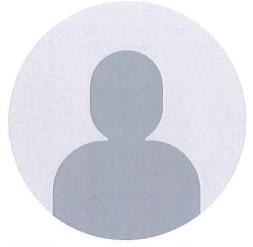
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Christina von Rotz-Brunk

1 day ago

As a native of Harrisonburg I remember the days when the space was not a golf course and how it became one. Its difficult to describe how happy I am to use it now again. It never should have been a golf course in my opinion and should definitely stay open to the wider public for use as... Read more

Chris Jones

3 hours ago

Heritage Oaks shows the huge disparity of equity between certain demographics in our community.

Our budget does not focus resources of that magnitude for women, people of color, veterans, people with varying abilities, and those with low to middle incomes.

We seem to invest a lot of budget resources for those that have the privilege of time to play golf.

I am disappointed in our lack of equity and inclusion in our budget.

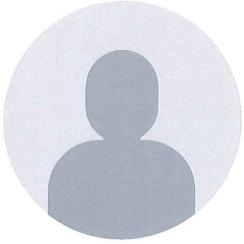
Not only should we redirect funding for the course we should intentionally create spaces and places for all verses repurposing.

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Zachary Williams

3 days ago

I believe it's ridiculous that any CENT is going to a golf course that should be destroyed and made into a homeless shelter... or anything that isn't a golf course... like a porta potty park...

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Anda Weaver

4 days ago

That land and money could be used for so much more good! Keep us a walking park, build a bike trail connecting hhs and thms!

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Isaac Schertz

6 days ago

I think this city's money should be doing things to improve itself and help citizens that need help, not overspend on a small perk for the most weathy of the city.

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Joette Bonadonna

7 days ago

Because my money should be going for things that really matter. Not a dang golf course!

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Dietrich Maune

7 days ago

I hope we find a way to develop a balance approach to migrating the golf course into a public park. This likely includes selling the frontage on Garbers for commercial purposes. Maybe we keep some of the golf course holes for a public short course, plus First Tee and convert the remaining... Read more

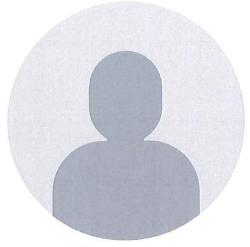
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Lindsay Acker

7 days ago

There are so many other programs to be funding right now that provide services to community members who need it, especially given the current and potential economic and social impacts of COVID19. Even better, those programs that aren't upholding an elitist and historically racist sport.

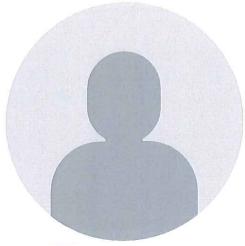
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Craig Miller 1 week ago

It's a big black hole sucking up tax payer money. Parks and recreation might be surprised to know how many county residents use the city subsidized course. Additionally, it is my understanding that the publicized losses do not include debt repayment which is another line item on the Parks... Read more

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Maggie Fletcher

1 week ago

Too many golf courses in this area. This golf course has NEVER made any money. Why keep wasting people's money!!!

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Jacqueline Walker

1 week ago

The city Golf Course was a bad idea from the beginning for all the reasons, Laura Dern listed. I voted against council people who voted for it then, and I still oppose it now.

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Meg Wightman

1 week ago

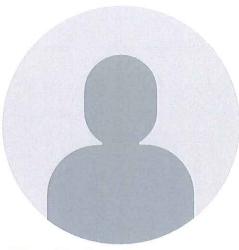
While my husband enjoys golfing, he agrees with me- that there are more important initiatives the city should pursue- like the new HS, safe bike paths, the Free Clinic.... a golf course should be supported solely by patrons and should do it's own, independent fundraising if need be.....

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Allison Vandevander

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Why would we remove funding from theater and not... This???

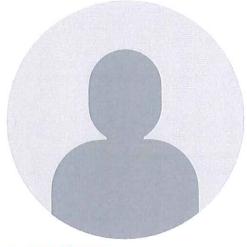
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Barbra Knupp

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The city needs to act financially responsible. They cannot afford to keep this unless they give up some other programs.

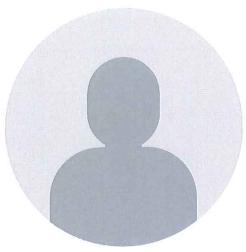
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Will Browning

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The arts and other non profits are worth far more than a public golf course ever could.

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Michelle Delacruz

1 week ago

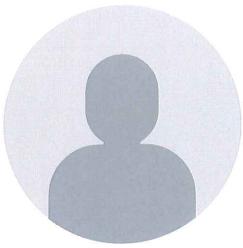
Please think about your residents and their needs. Be reasonable, realistic, and logical. How many of our residents will use a golf course versus the clinic or other facility. THINK ABOUT YOUR RESIDENTS!!!

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Julianne Morgan-Bungard

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There could be so many opportunities for recreation for more young people with the money and the land.

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Roy Nelson

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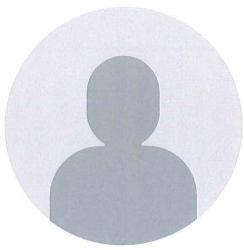
The city needs to turn towards better use of financial resources.

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Heide Westwood

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If the government won't fund the USPS they shouldn't fund a golf course.

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Elizabeth Brickhouse

1 week ago

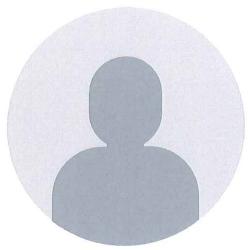
I believe that those who play golf should pay the real cost of playing. Also, the land could be used for the school and park, so kids could safely walk or bike to school. (When it reopens.)

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Katie Rose

1 week ago

They should have built the new High School on the golf course that they already owned instead of the ungodly amount they paid to JMU for a terrible location next to the interstate.

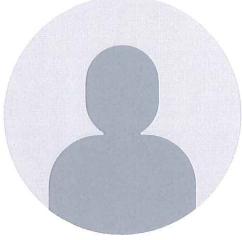
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Eleanor Baker

1 week ago

Golf has always been a game primarily for the wealthy elite. If our course is not being used, and costing all taxpayers money, we should close it.

I value and trust Kai Degner's opinions on what is fairest for everyone in Harrisonburg.

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Kathy Frakes

1 week ago

This golf course should have never been built. It was never going to make money.

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Laurie Davis
1 week ago

There are so many important parts of our community that would benefit from funding. This is not one of them. Support the arts, local businesses, after school programs, assisting the homeless. I am severely disappointed to know that these programs are not benefiting from my tax dollar like they... Read more

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Matthew Clancey

1 week ago

I feel there are better uses for our tax dollars.

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Phillip Updike
1 week ago

I pay BPOL and other taxes as a Realtor with Kline-May Realty in Harrisonburg.

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Benjamin Wilkins

1 week ago

\$600,000 can be used for so many more important things!

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Lisa Harman

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Taxes are already too high and gold isn't a necessity

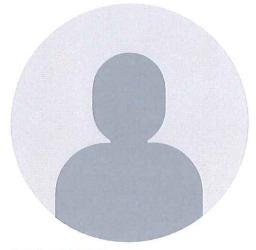
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Jessica Young

1 week ago

I agree that this proposed budget should be supplying more money to nonprofits in Harrisonburg.

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Laura Dent

1 week ago

Let's repurpose this land to uses that are sustainable for the environment, the community, and the economy.

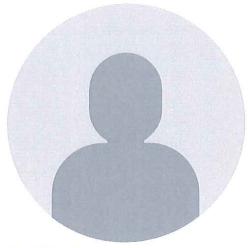
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Karl Shank

1 week ago

I too believe that we could use this land in a way that could benefit many more people in the city...and many more critters, birds and pollinators as well. Let's continue to imagine and dream and plan and restore this land and more people to this land as well.

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Sarah Lock

1 week ago

It is time to stop pouring money into 18 holes.

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Shari Scofield

1 week ago

There are so many wiser ways to use our tax money. Stop using it for recreation that is limited to the few!

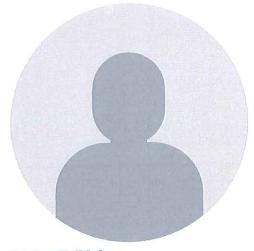
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Elaine T. Blakey

1 week ago

This golf course has been a sore spot, causing tax payers money annually, with no return. Money could be better invested elsewhere!!

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Vada Kelley

1 week ago

The money used for the golf course needs to instead be used to support Harrisonburg's homeless population.

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Margo McIntire

1 week ago

Basic economics. Spend on more urgent priorities.

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stephanie stago

1 week ago

Golf courses are an extreme waste of valuable natural... Read more

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Kathy Moran 1 week ago

My tax dollars can e enter utilized. This course is a drain on city funds. Please shut it down permanently!

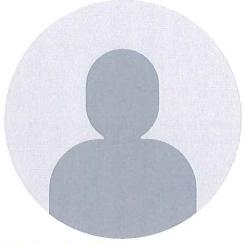
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Christopher Moore

2 weeks ago

My tax dollars should not subsidize an endeavor that benefit only a few and consistently looses money. It's time to shut it down.

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Paul Yoder

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I believe we need to invest in our schools and services that benefit the community at large.

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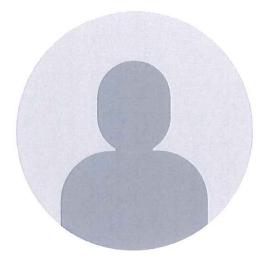
Adam King 2 weeks ago

There are so many other, better uses of Harrisonburg tax revenue.

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Kai Degner

2 weeks ago

I'm signing because I started the petition:)

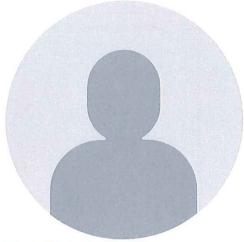
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Jason Knicely

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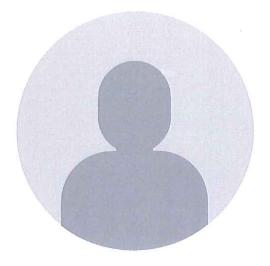
If you can afford to own golf equipment, you can afford to support your own golf course. This good ol boy handshake deal needs to end.

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Lauren Root 2 weeks ago Lauren Root

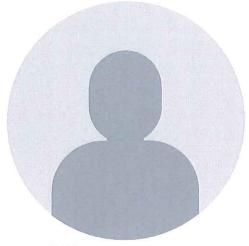
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Betsy Feldman

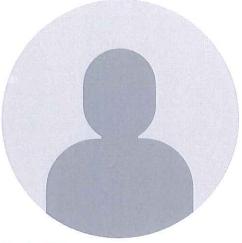
2 weeks ago ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!

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Nevin Zehr

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Yes but also don't privatize it and sell it off to real estate developers. (The local neoliberal Democrats' plan.) It should be turned into an actual park.

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Margot Kons 2 weeks ago

There are better and more community friendly ways to use the land and spend that kind of money.

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Kelly Brady 2 weeks ago

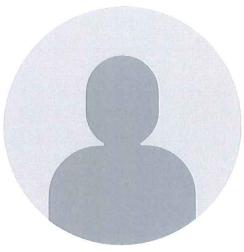
I don't think this is a good use of our resources.

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Jayne Docherty 2 weeks ago

Enough already!

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Mary Gatling 2 weeks ago

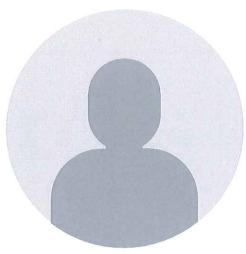
I have seen a hypothetical breakdown of the costs of keeping the golf course open vs. the cost of maintaining it as a public park, and I understand park maintenance also needs funding. I realize in a Covid-19 budget, the numbers are even less reliable, but we know community needs will... Read more

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Sarah Campbell

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My 8th grader needs a high school not a golf course!!

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Jeff Pierson 2 weeks ago

Time to stop this tremendous loss of money!

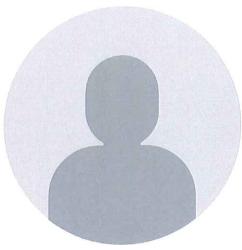
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Tony Brown

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Any private sector business that only lost money would go out of business. The city should not be competing against its citizens. We have plenty of other local golf courses. It would reduce the tax burden being put on the citizens to pay for a new high school. In all honesty, we should... Read more

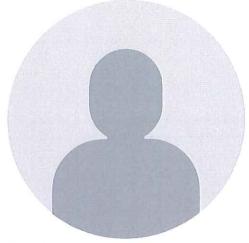
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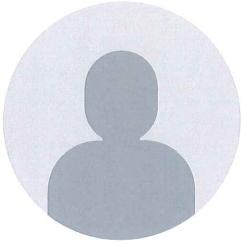
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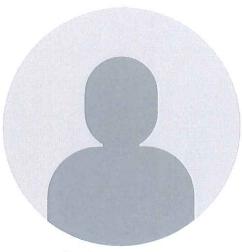
JULIA WHITE 2 weeks ago

I'm signing because we need the golf course land to be turned back into parkland. Twenty years ago my then 10 yr. old spoke at a town meeting about how important the land and wildlife were to her. Now, 20 years later, the golf course still loses money. Let's put an end to this asap.

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Michael Steele

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Build a dog park there instead!

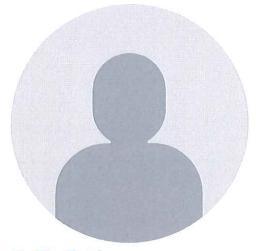
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Madiha Patel

2 weeks ago

I am signing this petition because my taxes need to go to sustain programs vital to the well-being of my community, not to a piece of land that serves the interests of a few.

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Stephanie Franklin

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Golf courses are a blight on the environment and the city parks budget.

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Fred Lavy

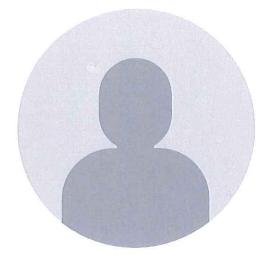
2 weeks ago

This golf course is of no value as a golf course.

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Dany Fleming

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Heritage Oaks is budgeted to lose \$346,500 in the 2020/21 city budget. This assumes Heritage Oaks has one of it's best revenue years ever - which seems unlikely given the... Read more

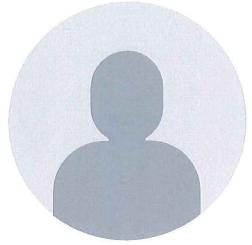
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Daniel Austin

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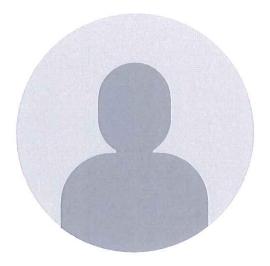
I am surprised it's still opened. I thought we voted in leaders that would change this.

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Dany Fleming

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Golf has been competing for city taxpayer dollars with other critical resident needs for 20 years - and winning. There are plenty of other golf courses in the area - that even cost less to play and don't need taxpayer subsidies. Heritage Oaks has lost \$23 million - taxpayers dollars. Golf use is... Read more

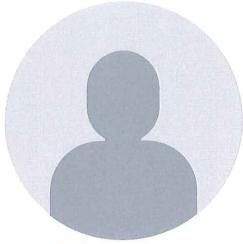
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Sandra Parks

2 weeks ago

Past history aside, the fact that this golf course has never turned a profit and is responsible for a significant chunk of the parks and recreation budget, means it is time to reassess how this land could better benefit recreation needs of Harrisonburg

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carl goetz 2 weeks ago

I never thought this was a good idea from the start. This is why it is important to vote in local elections.