

Dobbs Creek Recreation Center – Court Resurfacing and Line Placement

Recently, a social media post raised concerns about the resurfacing project and the placement of basketball, volleyball, and pickleball lines at Dobbs Creek Recreation Center. I want to take a moment to provide accurate information and clarity on this matter.

Project Process & Contractor Selection

This project was publicly bid through a formal “Request for Proposal,” which was advertised in the local newspaper and on the City of Cumming’s procurement website. The contractor selected submitted the lowest qualified bid, came highly recommended, and delivered outstanding results. I would absolutely recommend this company again, and we are very pleased with the quality of the finished product.

Court Measurements & Line Placement

- The courts at Dobbs Creek Recreation Center are **youth courts**, not measuring as a true full court basketball court at 94 feet long. Our courts are smaller in length but this allows us to fit six courts under one roof to meet program demand and community use.
- **Basketball lines** are correct for youth-sized courts.
- **Volleyball lines** include 4 side courts and 6 regulation-sized volleyball courts. The court on the wall side (Court 3) is intended for practice, which is why the line runs close to the wall. This was intentional and planned.
- **Pickleball lines** are accurately measured and placed. Due to the smaller court size, lines are closer together. Placement was carefully done to avoid overlapping lines or extending beyond court borders, which would have created unnecessary confusion. If players do not feel safe using 3 pickleball nets per basketball court then the two outside pickleball nets can be used, with no opposition from Dobbs Creek staff.

Investment & Long-Term Maintenance

This resurfacing and relining project is a major investment—nearly \$100,000—and is typically performed every 8–10 years. The hardwood floors were fully sanded, new lines applied, and multiple coats of sealant laid to ensure durability and quality. This process was completed to the standards approved by the City, and we are very proud of the results. The courts will remain as is.

Our Commitment to the Community

The courts at Dobbs Creek are designed for shared use **with multipurposed flooring** to promote competition, fun, and healthy living. We are excited to provide the community with a facility that supports basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and other recreational programs.

While some concerns have been raised, I take all feedback seriously and use it to continually improve. If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me directly:

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