

Bianca Stallworth

From: Carol Ann Desiderio
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Bianca Stallworth
Subject: FW: Please Support Equal Access for Mystic Valley Students at Trafton Park

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Carol Ann,

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Marissa *Milbury*

From: Marissa Polichene <mpolichene@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:44 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Please Support Equal Access for Mystic Valley Students at Trafton Park

Dear Members of the Malden City Council,

I am a parent of a Mystic Valley Regional Charter School student. I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the City's new restrictions and proposed fees for Mystic Valley's use of Trafton Park.

For years, Mystic Valley children—including my own—have used Trafton Park for recess and physical education. This is a safe, nearby space where our kids can play, exercise, and build friendships. Taking that away, or attaching an unfair financial burden, would hurt our students.

What troubles me most is that these restrictions are not applied equally:

1. Malden Public Schools, like Salemwood and Linden, use City parks during school hours without fees, and playgrounds are even reserved for them with posted signs.
2. Other organizations with many non-Malden participants use City fields—including turf fields with lights—at no cost.

3. State PARC program and federal LWCF program requirements are clear: all Malden children should be treated equally, without discrimination based on what school they attend.

Mystic Valley is not asking for special treatment, only the same access other Malden schools receive: a non-exclusive, daytime permit with no fee. Families like mine have even volunteered over the years to clean and care for Trafton, and we are more than willing to continue supporting our park.

This is not about money—it's about fairness. Mystic Valley serves over 400 Malden children. My child, along with hundreds of others, deserves the same access to Trafton Park as every other Malden student.

I respectfully ask that you **affirm equal access by granting Mystic Valley daytime, non-exclusive use of Trafton Park, including the playground, with no fee**—just as you do for other public schools in our city.

Thank you for standing up for fairness and for supporting all Malden students.

Sincerely,

Marissa Milbury - Parent of a Mystic Valley Student

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MVRCS

From: Yusuf Guler <y.guler84@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Lisa M. Cagno <lcagno@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Cc: adan@mvracs.org
Subject: Regarding to File #: 350-25

Dear City Council,

I regret that I will be unable to attend tomorrow's meeting due to personal commitments, but I would like to share my thoughts regarding File #: 350-25.

As a parent of a Mystic Valley Charter School student, I am disappointed that the school is being asked to pay to use a public park that was built and maintained with taxpayer money. This is not fair or equitable. What is the difference between public school students and charter school students in this regard?

As the City of Malden, you should be proud to host such an outstanding school in your community. Mystic Valley is recognized as one of the schools in Massachusetts — it deserves support, not obstacles.

I strongly believe it is both my constitutional right and my daughter's to have access to public parks during school hours without paying additional fees. This is our park, and it is not fair to single out a charter school for payment.

Thank you very much for considering my opinion and for supporting our students.

Best regards,
Yusuf Guler

108 Hill St
Stoneham

MVRCS

Bianca Stallworth

From: Carol Ann Desiderio
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:25 PM
To: Bianca Stallworth
Subject: FW: MVRCS use of Trafton Park

From: antonietta mariottini <antonietta.mariottini@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:24 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Re: MVRCS use of Trafton Park

Thank you!
My address is
7 Tamarock terrace in Stoneham

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025, 2:52 PM Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

Ms. Mariottini,

If you wish to have this email read into the public comment portion of this evening's council meeting, please provide an address for the record.

Thank you,

Carol Ann

From: antonietta mariottini <antonietta.mariottini@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 2:49 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: MVRCS use of Trafton Park



Hello,

I am writing this email in support of Mystic Valley Regional Charter School students using Malden city parks (namely Trafton Park) during school hours.

As a MVRCS parent, I believe our school should have the same rights as other public schools in Malden. It has come to my attention that the City of Malden is trying to charge MVRCS for the use of Trafton park, while it is allowing other Malden public schools to use parks without charging them.

MVRCS children and families should not be subjected to this kind of discrimination.

Thank you,

Antonietta Mariottini

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Stoneham

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Winslow

From: Brenda Price <brenda.lorraine.price@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 9:40 AM

To: Stephen Winslow <swinslow@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Carey McDonald <cmcdonald@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Karen Colón Hayes <kcolonhayes@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>

Subject: MVRCS use of Trafton Park

Hello

I am a resident of Ward 6 and live very near the charter school and Trafton Park. I love the redone park but I rarely get to use it because it's overrun by charter school. They're bad neighbors in general, causing lots of issue for us that live nearby, entitled to public space that needs to be shared. And that extends to the park as well. When they are using the park, there's an attitude that no one else is allowed to use Trafton, so I will go home or elsewhere. It's a shame this resource I love isn't actually available to me because of the entitlement of the school.

I am in favor of MVRCS paying full price for permits for use of the park and a culture of them being a guest in our neighborhood. They should be using resources they own and contributing to the upkeep of the park on occasions where they use the park. I would object to blanket granting of permits for the entire school year so other neighbors have a chance to use our park too.

Thank you

Brenda Price

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Winslow

From: Christy Reisig <christyreisig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:14 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Trafton Park Use

Hi,

I am a Malden resident. I purchased my home 7 years ago, so excited to live around the corner from Trafton park.

I am also the mother of a toddler, an educator, and an administrator. I strongly oppose MVRCS having access to the parks for their recess and after school programs. As a resident and taxpayer my family should have access to those spaces first. My child should be able to use the equipment without navigating through poorly supervised older children. The amount of trash left by the school children is disgusting. They are not entitled to Malden's public spaces and they shouldn't have access before residents.

May I suggest they take the former business and residential space in Maplewood square that they razed and converted to a parking lot and build a playground there? Perhaps they will better care for a space they own themselves.

Thank you for your time. Kindly forward my email if it should have landed elsewhere, or direct me to the appropriate person.

Best,

Christy Reisig

37 Webber St
Malden

Winslow

Bianca Stallworth

From: Carol Ann Desiderio
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:26 PM
To: Bianca Stallworth
Subject: Fw: Trafton Park MVRCS permit

From: Shawn Bonneau <shawn.bonneau@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <cdesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Trafton Park MVRCS permit

Hello Carol,

I wish to register my support for the legislation being discussed tonight #350-25, sponsored by Councillor Winslow. My public comment follows:

Do not allow MVRCS to monopolize a public park for free. If they want to exclude the public from a playground without a permit, they should build their own on all the land they keep buying up instead of parking lots.

Shawn Bonneau
47 Perkins Ave, Malden, MA 02148

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Bianca Stallworth

From: Deirdr  Reilly Lavoie <djureilly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:00 PM
To: Bianca Stallworth; Carol Ann Desiderio; Stephen Winslow
Subject: Re: #2 shortened version Trafton Park/Sept 9 City Council Meeting

Hi Bianca,

I shortened my email by a couple of paragraphs in hopes it will now fit in the three minute time limit! Thank you:

To Mayor Christensen and the City Councilors:

I am a 15 year resident of the Maplewood neighborhood and I am writing to express my concern regarding the use of Trafton Park by the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School during school hours.

The charter school has used the Trafton field, tennis court, basketball court and even playground during school hours for many years.

The first time this directly affected me was in approximately 2015. I was on the field with my two preschool aged children, in the morning, along with a group of neighbors who had similarly aged kids. One of the neighborhood parents started an impromptu T-ball or kick ball game for our kids which was interrupted by a teacher from the charter school who had a group of students with her. She stated the school had a permit to use the field during the day and we needed to leave.

After that occurrence, one of my neighbors contacted the school and the City to complain, and we noticed decreased use of the park during school hours for a maybe a few years after that.

Since that time, I've had one incident where I left the park with my youngest child, again during the school day, because it was an unsafe environment for a toddler (rocks being thrown by students, etc).

Since then, I have read and heard about numerous similar accounts of residents being asked to leave the park or feeling it was unsafe to stay with a small child, quite a few times during the school day.

I'd also like to remind the Council that many families in our neighborhood do not have a yard for their kids and rely on Trafton Park for fresh air and exercise.

This park issue makes me wonder what my tax dollars are paying for. Should my kids be able to use the charter school's huge athletic turf field on Eastern Ave for a soccer or softball game when one of the Malden fields is rained out? That field is completely off limits to us.

And why can't my kids use St. Joseph's as a meeting spot for Girl Scouts anymore? It seems that the charter school has a new arrangement with the church that excludes Malden Girl Scouts from using it after years of doing so.

All this, and we've personally been kicked out of our own City park by this school. I've lived in six different cities and have never seen anything like this.

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School should pay the full price for the permit to use Trafton Park during the school day or find another spot to hold PE classes. Residents of Maplewood deserve to use the public park whenever they wish and not be asked to leave.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Lavoie

11 Fremont Street

Maplewood Neighborhood

Ward 6

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 2:04 PM Bianca Stallworth <bstallworth@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Deirdre Reilly Lavoie <djreilly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Bianca Stallworth <bstallworth@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Re: FW: Trafton Park/Sept 9 City Council Meeting

Hi, I live at 11 Fremont St. Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 1:40 PM Bianca Stallworth <bstallworth@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

Good evening,

If you would like your statement to be read aloud during tonight's meeting, kindly provide your address at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

Bianca S.