

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Can you believe it's already been over a year since we played our first basketball games in Forest Park? Your dedication and generosity helped transform underused turf and asphalt into a vibrant community gathering place.

Since opening in July 2024, the Nicholas J. Booker Basketball Courts have seen daily use. But Forest Park Forever staff continue to add features and think of ways to bring even more people to the space. Because you

helped make the courts happen, **we're giving you a sneak peek into these exciting plans!**

You may have heard about the racquetball court mural that will add even more color and energy to the area. We're also organizing regular game meetups, movie and basketball streaming nights, coaching clinics, and other programs in coordination with the City of St. Louis. **Keep up with the latest on our website!**

With gratitude,

Lesley S. Hoffarth, P.E.
President and Executive Director
Forest Park Forever



Scan to learn more about
the Nicholas J. Booker
Basketball Courts in Forest Park

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NICHOLAS J. BOOKER BASKETBALL COURTS



You helped bring basketball to Forest Park. What's next?



Retired NBA champion David Lee
hosted a skills clinic at The Nick
on Sept. 12, 2024.



Nicholas J. Booker Basketball Courts

“THE NICK” STATS

For years, basketball was one of the most requested additions to Forest Park. And as expected, The Nick has become a popular destination, bringing together players from throughout the region. With friends like you, we’ll continue to attract a diversity of visitors, build our basketball community and create new ways to experience Forest Park.



USE OF THE SPACE

Before the Courts

NUMBER OF VISITS

432

(July 2023–June 2024)



After the Courts

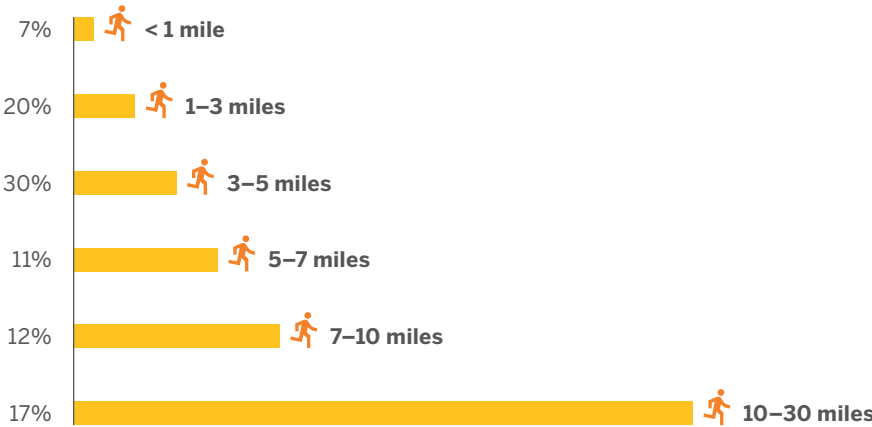
NUMBER OF VISITS

9,200

(July 2024–June 2025)



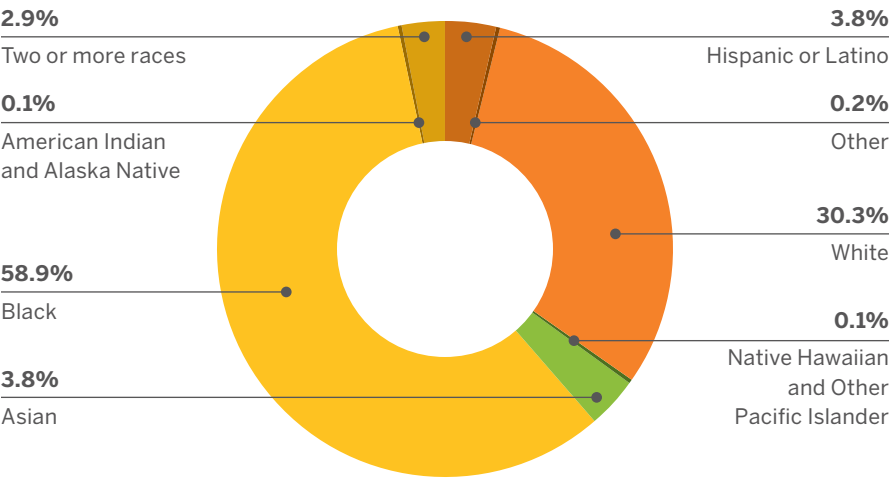
USER MILEAGE TO THE COURTS



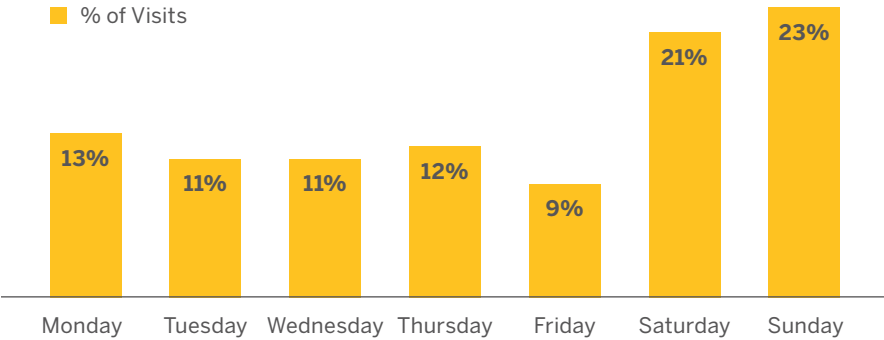
NUMBER OF BASKETBALLS LOANED

425 Basketballs

USER DEMOGRAPHICS



USE BY DAY OF THE WEEK



What’s Next for The Nick?

- Nearby **3,000+ sq. ft. mural** expected to be completed next spring
- **Kids’ programs** in partnership with the City of St. Louis and local organizations
- Movie and basketball **watch parties**
- **Coaching** clinics
- And more to be announced!



Data as of June 2024

