

Why a New Lock on the Tennis Court ... No More Keys, Use keypad code to unlock.

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Five years ago the very expensive commercial lock that allowed keyed only access to the tennis court failed miserably. We don't know what board put that lock in. We had the original locksmith replace it at an even more enormous cost.

The lock by itself was \$400+. Once the locksmith was done with the gate the fix was nearly \$1000. Two weeks ago the crappy high dollar lock failed again! People had been telling me it wasn't working very well.

Not willing to put in another boondoggle lock I started researching options. Just the cost of replacing the community keys would be near \$400 so we would have to keep with those bad expensive door knobs. I decided it was time again to bring Sugarhill into this century technology, digital code activated electronic lock.

Realizing the locksmith that Sugarhill had used for years really wasn't looking out for our best interests I decided to install the new \$82.98 Honeywell Digital Keypad lock myself. It's difficult to install this type of lock on a gate but all indications are it's a success.

The things you need to know about this lock:

1. Even though this lock has a key slot it won't work with the old tennis court keys. (it's used to change the code or batteries if needed)
2. When you enter the code you will need to follow by pushing the **unlock icon button** for the lock to unlock.
3. Once you go through the gate, pull the gate closed and use the manual knob to lock it. This keeps the gate from swinging open while you're in the court.
4. When you leave, unlock the gate manually, go through and push the gate closed, then push the **lock icon button**. You should hear the motor move the deadbolt.

How to get the code

If you are an owner you can obtain the code by texting the number on the sign next to the gate. You need to identify yourself to get the code. The code is the same code we have used on other locking systems for this court.



When you leave all you have to do is press the lock button and it will lock, hold the gate closed while it locks.

When you want in you will need to enter the code then press the unlock button



From **inside** the court there is a manual knob used to operate the lock. Rotating this knob 1/4 turn will lock the gate or unlock the gate. You will need to use this to keep the gate from swinging open while you are inside.