

From: [Melia Amble](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Save the courts!!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:01:48 PM

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Thank you,
Melia

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tom & Anna Anhalt](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts GCC
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:38:14 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand there have been complaints about the noise caused by Pickleball at the GCC courts. Clearly these people have never played because if they had, I promise you they would not be complaining and would be as addicted as the rest of us are. Can we get them to come to the courts and at least give the game a try? I will show them how to play myself or anyone of us will.

Discovering Pickleball has been the BEST thing that has happened to me this past year. I'm still not able to go to my gym since the majority of members don't wear a mask. Management doesn't enforce their own mask rule, so this is no longer a safe environment for me to work out in.

The list of benefits from playing Pickleball is long: Anyone can learn to play at any age, affordable, great exercise outdoors, always a lot of fun and laughter, keeping your mind sharp, forming new friendships-which isn't easy to do nowadays, supporting GVCC with my annual membership, supporting local businesses in downtown Goleta which I now do since I'm already there and it's convenient- remember downtown Goleta businesses are also benefitting! Just these past few months I have gone to The Habit, Sushi House, Goleta Coffee, Santa Cruz Market and thrift shops multiple times. I want to continue to support these and other businesses in downtown Goleta and it's easier to do that when I'm already there.

I'll be participating in the upcoming Pickleball fundraiser tournament December 3, 4, 5 for improvements of the courts and surrounding landscape.

Please don't close these courts. The negative impact this will have on our community will massively outweigh any benefit from doing so.

Sincerely,

Anna Anhalt
658 Carlo Drive
Goleta CA 93117
805 636-9574

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: mekelli@aol.com
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickle ball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:13:19 PM

Please make the GV court permanent, it is so wonderful to see people of all ages staying fit in such a fun positive way. The courts have brought a real sense of community just at the time we all needed it and continue to need as much positive interaction as possible.

Thank you,
Kelli Barrett

From: [Jane Bartholomew](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: I Support Pickle @ GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:26:17 PM

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!
I have met so many people through this sport and we have contributed economically to surrounding businesses.
Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe these courts enhance the community.

Thank You

Jane Bartholomew

From: [Becky Bautista](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Goleta Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:44:05 AM

Hello

Please keep the community sport of Pickleball alive and growing for Goleta and all the people who play this sport. GVCC provides the only lighted courts. This is a real gift and wonderful insight by the city to provide a winter resource for court sports.

Pickle ball is growing and will continue to grow. Get on the train now. Everyone wins.

Becky Bautista

From: [t b](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Support
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:36:14 PM

I support making the Pickleball courts at GVCC permanent and I further support making improvements to them.

Why should Goleta be the stepchild to Santa Barbara or Montecito which has numerous courts, in fact the Municipal courts in Montecito were just resurfaced by the city.

Pickleball is a great sport for exercise, and meeting people.

Closing these courts makes absolutely no sense.
Please reconsider.

Thanks
Tom and Stephanie Bramson

From: [Laurie Bryant](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:28:16 PM

Warning: Pickleball at GVCC is addictive!

The good news is it promotes community, good health, friendships and all around makes Goleta a better place to live!

I support giving pickleball a permanent home at GVCC and expanding the support so more people in Goleta can enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Laurie Bryant

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kris Buck](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickle forever
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:40:55 PM

Please do not close the Pickleball courts when there is such high demand. Tennis Courts are being converted all over the country as this sport continues to explode. The baby boomers have found a sport they can do as they age and a new found community. I remember all those years of support for Goleta and the Boys Club. Can't imagine why the Council wants to shut it down.

Kris Buck
Sent from my iPad

From: [kathy calhoun](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball at GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:20:04 AM

Hello,

I understand you are looking at the Pickleball courts at GVCC and I'm one of the many who enjoy our courts at the community center. I love the convenience, it's near our family business, so I can sneak over during lunchtime or before I go into the office.

I also love running into friends and parents of students from DPHS, where I worked until I retired. These courts are a cherished jewel for all of us that use them! We used to play at Wallace park but it was always full when we tried to go, so the reservation system is a godsend.

Thank you for listening,
Kathy Calhoun

From: [Hayley Carty](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball at GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:31:24 PM

To City of Goleta,

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Thank you,
Hayley

From: [Gail Cooley](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickle ball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:57:13 AM

To all whom this concerns,

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing recreation options in the city of Goleta!

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts. Many times we will go to Goleta Sushi or pick up food at the Habit when we finish play. And having lit courts is great for those of us who work. I appreciate being able to play in the evening on a municipal court, as the only other option is joining a private club.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

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From: [Lori Crestfield](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Save the GVCC Pickleball Courts!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:37:04 AM

Dear Ms. Dawson,

I am writing this email to plead for the continued support of the Pickleball courts at Goleta Valley Community Center (GVCC). The Pickleball courts are what the GVCC needed to become an active place that really served the COMMUNITY, not just a very few who attend the sparse programming there. Pickleball is a sport that has helped many in the community deal with the stresses of the past few years of COVID and navigating their way through the school system and work changes that came with it. It is a sport that gets people outdoors, active and enables them to meet other people with a common interest. It is healthy, both mentally and physically. We need the courts to remain open permanently. We need the City of Goleta to support this.

The GVCC courts are well used and loved by Pickleball players because they are organized (sign ups are available so I can play with people of my level/choice), there are 5 fenced courts and these are the only courts with lights, so we can play in the evening when the sun sets early. Players have contributed money towards court improvements because we really want to be able to play there. Other courts in Goleta are also busy, attesting to the popularity of the game.

Further, having quality Pickleball courts in Old Town Goleta brings business to the area. I have personally eaten at restaurants, purchased gas and grocery shopped in Old Town after playing Pickleball at GVCC.

Please, keep the GVCC courts permanently open and improve them. I really appreciate all that the City of Goleta has done to support this great game!

Sincerely,
Lori Crestfield
resident of Fairview/Kellogg neighborhood

From: [Suzy Dahl](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts at GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:33:47 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my support of continuing the use of the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center. I recently discovered this location and activity and have been wildly impressed with the community spirit, friendliness of the players. So rare for there to be an opportunity for strangers to come together and become friends. Players of all levels, community members coming together for fun and sport. I've been there on occasion when the kids have been doing activities on the field, they were loud and having fun – wonderful to hear happy sounds of children playing too!

I implore you to keep the courts open for a large number of community members to enjoy this activity!

Suzy Dahl
805-451-4332

From: [Donna Demeter](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:51:53 PM

To whom it may concern:

Please do not shut down the pickleball courts at the community center. It is one of the only places in Goleta that has lights for those who work until 5pm. Pickleball brings people together to exercise and socialize. Perhaps the hours could just be adjusted rather than shutting it down. It is also a good way to get more people to visit old town Goleta and their businesses!

Thank you for your consideration!!

Donna Demeter

From: [Kirk Greene](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Cc: [Jann Greene](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:10:41 AM

We've heard talk of GVCC pickleball courts being closed permanently. This seems crazy with pickleball being America's fastest growing sport—and having these courts available. Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

We have met so many people through this sport which helps us maintain a healthy lifestyle and have fun. And the courts contribute economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta. Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit not only me but our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Kirk & Jann Greene
3759 Center Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

From: [Ann Hammond](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:10:49 AM

We support making the Pickleball courts a permanent part of the city of Goleta. They are a great asset to the community.

Ann Hammond
Dick Hammond
Kelly Hammond

From: [Joyce Frederick Heart](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball has helped me at 75 to learn a sport!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:16:03 PM

Dear council member,

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Pickleball is so popular and there are very few places to play in Goleta.

We need more courts, please make these courts permanent and even consider making improvements and adding more courts in Goleta. Thanks

From: [Jim Higson](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC PICKLE BALL COURTS
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:30:54 PM

To whom it may concern,

Not only have I used these courts but I know many other people that do to. I would at least 25 people I know have used these courts.

I strongly urge you to to not only keep them open, as they are playable, but expand and rejuvenate them. Pickle ball is one of the few sports that aging joint can tolerate and keep us young by keeping active. AND IT IS FUN!!

Hoping that my experience, pleasure, and words will influence your decision to keep the courts active and perhaps expand these facilities.

Regards,

Jim Higson

From: [Katherine Hilzer](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:32:19 PM

Please keep the Pickleball Courts open as they provide our community (young and old) a place to come together, play, exercise and build friendships.

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Katherine Hilzer

From: [Sue Irwin](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: INCREASE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS WITH PICKLEBALL IN GOLETA!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:07:06 PM

Dear City Council and other decision making parties,

I have been playing pickleball now for over 5 years, and truly it has changed my life. Imagine being in your mid-60s (or any adult age) and learning the joy of playing and laughing and moving around like a kid on a playground again after years of working more solitary or less active and forms of exercise, like gyms, hikes, swimming etc.

Adults can have a lot of fun too, and learn how to play together in harmony. It has amazing health benefits, such increased mental acuity, increased quickness in body and mind, increased love of life, and big mental health improvements for most of not all players. This is HUGELY IMPORTANT.

This sport crosses all sorts of boundaries to create community. I play with people of all ages, many races, extremely different political camps, different skill levels, different social groups, different income levels. We all have fun together. THIS IS HEALTHY FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

I believe in this sport so much that I have volunteered many hours every year to increasing accessibility and fun activities, such as tournaments, etc, although I work almost 7 days a week most of the year. And, frankly, I'm not even addicted to pickleball. It's just the most fun, positive activity I've even done for recreation, and it could change the world if everyone played.

Please do your part to increase the health and happiness of the Goleta community. For those 8 or so folks who have complained, I offer free lessons and I'll get a group to pay for their annual passes!

Hopefully,
Sue Irwin
Vice President, Santa Barbara Pickleball

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Sue Irwin, Realtor

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From: [Marcy Jochim](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Please save pickleball courts!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:13:01 AM

Thank you, Goleta, for supporting Pickleball! Pickleball is a wonderful sport for all ages and all abilities.

GVCC pickleball is the only park where I can interact with others, exercise and have enjoyment. But we need more courts and more with lightsplease make the GVCC courts permanent and keep building more!

Marcy Jochim, resident of Goleta since 1975

Sent from my iPad

To: Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Goleta

From: Charlie Johnson, citizen

Re: GVCC Pickleball Proposal

November 17, 2021

I'm writing today in support of the GVCC making permanent improvements to the existing temporary Pickleball Courts and would very much encourage the Parks and Recreation Commission to forward their recommendation to the City Council **in support of the GVCC** and their proposal to make the courts permanent.

The courts we are talking about were previously built for both Tennis and Basketball and for years were used for both, however for the last 15 years the courts have been underutilized except for the Boys and Girls Club usage and the occasional pick-up basketball.

Today, the courts have been revitalized by the GVCC staff, not as a combined tennis and basketball but as a combination of pickleball and basketball. The courts are vital to the Goleta Community in that they are providing an outdoor area for recreation, which contributes to the wellbeing of the players.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport across the country, and the Goleta Community Center Courts are the only lighted courts in Goleta. A large portion of players told the GVCC staff how important it was to have the lighted courts for those players wanting to play after work. It was both a stress reducer and a time to reconnect with friends and family while enjoying a wonderful outdoor recreational activity.

The Goleta Community Center has been called the "Gem of Goleta" refinishing the court surface with new paint, fixed permanent nets will make the "Gem of Goleta shine even brighter!

The revitalization of the courts and the back field has shined an even brighter light on the Goleta Community Center, it's helped introduce many more people to the Center and the various other activities that can be found here. Allowing the GVCC to move forward with their planned improvements to make the courts permanent will contribute to a healthier community. The temporary courts have already helped stimulate the local economy, making them permanent with a new court surface will not just enhance the beauty of the courts and the campus, it will be an even bigger stimulus to the local economy by attracting more players.

In closing:

These temporary pickleball courts were created because the local community voiced their desire to have courts for this new sport called Pickleball, and because the City of Goleta told the GVCC management the city wanted to see more recreational activities at the Center. The public's voices were heard, as was the city voice about more recreational opportunities but more importantly the Pickleball players stepped up to fully support their desires for these courts. They made personal donations, they paid to play in the many fund-raising tournaments, and they bought memberships in the GVCC Pickleball Association which supports the court improvements. The money for the existing improvements has all come from their efforts without asking for City financial support. This is a big win for the City!

Thank You, for your consideration

Charlie Johnson

From: [Laura Johnson](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:17:43 AM

Hi there,

Please keep the courts alive at GVCC. I'm a 9 to 5er and GVCC is the only courts with lights during the week in the winter. As someone who struggles with seasonal affective disorder being able to maintain exercise and socialization outside is really important for my mental health. Thanks so much for your time.

Best,
Laura

From: [Kristin Jordan](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:45:46 PM

Hello,

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

As someone new to Goleta, I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Thanks supporting our community,
Kristin Jordan

From: [Kristin Jordan](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:47:31 PM

Hello,

The GVCC Pickleball courts are really what the community center needed. The center should be a place for people from all different walks of life and backgrounds to come together and enjoy what our city has to offer. To come together and be united in a love for a sport that builds community, create friendships, and allows people who are working so hard to serve the city to have a break from the pressures of life in the current chaos we find ourselves in.

Please use your influence to serve the needs of our community and make the GVCC courts permanent! The Santa Barbara and Goleta workforce will be thankful.

Thanks,
Kristen

From: [Steve Julio](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:05:18 PM

To the Goleta City Council:

I support making the Pickleball courts at GVCC permanent and I further support making improvements and even expanding them so we have a great place for the community to play this great game.

Respectfully,
Steve Julio

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Steven M. Julio, Ph.D.
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Westmont College
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Santa Barbara, CA 93108
office: (805) 565-6873

From: [Cheryl Julio](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Our Goleta community is enriched by the GVCC Pickleball courts!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:25:51 AM

Members of the Goleta Park and Recreation Commission,

The Pickleball courts at GVCC have significantly improved the physical and mental health of many individuals since their creation. I personally have thoroughly enjoyed the exercise and the interactions with others that I have experienced as a result of these courts. I have lived in the Santa Barbara/Goleta area for the past 30+ years and these courts provide the opportunity to interact with so many people from all difference stages of my life, strengthening community through relationships.

I am so grateful for all the individuals who have donated time and resources for the GVCC courts to be made available for use to our public. I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them permanent and I believe it will contribute to the flourishing of our community.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Julio

From: [CindySue](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball in Goleta
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:07:17 PM

Hi!

I was very saddened to hear GVCC pickleball was possibly in jeopardy. I began playing pickleball during the pandemic, and I can honestly tell you it saved me. I play several times a week now and would play more often if I could. It is beneficial on so many levels. It's good for us physically, mentally, socially and I've even got my husband and kids playing now. Pickleball is such a gift!

Please let it flourish!

Cindy Keiran

From: [Dave King](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GV pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:08:52 AM

Thank you for supporting this delightful and accessible form of exercise.

As a recent retiree, pickleball has become a vital form of outdoor exercise for me, and I really enjoy meeting others. I now understand why this is the fastest-growing sport in America. It is growing ever more popular in Santa Barbara and Goleta.

Please keep the PB courts at the GV Community Center, and please support improvements to them.

Sincerely,
David King

From: [David Kloos](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: More Pickleball Courts Now
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:09:21 PM

Pickleball is a local, State, and national phenomenon – it's all the rage, generating enormous enthusiasm, and drawing all ages onto their feet, out the door & on to the court to be engaged physically & socially – so good for us on many levels that we walk away from games feeling renewed and upbeat (OK, tired too).

As a senior citizen, I love this game because it allows all the fast-action strategy, skill, & competition of sports that we thrived on in our 20s – BUT, without all the excess running. It's such a great way for all ages to make new friends, and stay in shape. One of PBs best features is that anyone can go out on the court and have fun the first day, AND there's enough depth to keep interest & continued improvement, leading to those spirited tournament competitions.

If the GVCC location is truly problematic (?), then make it a top priority to quickly construct 8-12 high-quality, roomy new courts with lights & parking in a suitable, central Goleta or South County location, and then (only) upon completion, retire these existing courts, or reduce playing hours to accommodate the needs of nearby residents, *if* significant numbers are being impacted.

Thanks for considering – we do need more courts now, and this would be a fabulous, all-community investment.

Dave Kloos

From: [Tom Lewis](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:35:57 PM

I understand the City of Goleta is considering closing the pickleball courts at GVCC due to some complaints.

We are heartbroken to hear that. My wife and I play often at GVCC and we always have a great time. It's great exercise and, more importantly for us as senior citizens, a great way to meet other people and socialize! It's nice to be around youngsters and oldsters alike, laughing, staying in shape and having a great time.

We hope the City keeps the courts!

Tom Lewis

From: [Laura Lewis](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: I Support GVCC Pickleball Courts!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:37:40 AM

Hello,

I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them a permanent facility for our Goleta community.

Playing pickleball has literally changed my life and others. It is dramatically meeting people's needs for exercise, play, and community, while requiring little from the city to make this happen. Happy and contented people tend to spend more money, volunteer more, and contribute in positive and dynamic ways to their community, which in this case is the city of Goleta!

Please pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Thank you,
Laura Lewis
805-698-2162

From: [Liz Linde](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: PLEASE Support Pickleball at GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:04:56 AM

Dear One Who Can Make a Difference:

I love playing Pickleball at GVCC. I never laugh harder than I do playing pickleball. Laughing and playing gives me a sense of well-being. I carry these good feelings out into the Goleta community and surrounding businesses, such as Old Town Coffee, Noodle City and Santa Cruz Market. Pickleball has made me feel more connected to and welcome in my community.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Many thanks!

Liz

[Liz Linde](#)

From: [Ken Looney](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball at GBCC
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 7:01:05 AM

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my concern about the proposed closure of our community centers pickleball courts. As a Goleta resident, I find there is an inadequate number of pickleball courts to meet the high demand that pickleball has in the community.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America.

It is a great sport for an aging population. As a cancer survivor, Pickleball help save my life. It got me off of the couch and onto the courts. Now I play seven days a week and it gives me something to look forward to.

It helps bring members of the community together to help build a sense of community involvement. You can drive by almost any time and see most of the courts are full.

It also brings business to that area of Goleta. My friends and I often go to one of the local restaurants after we play to have lunch or dinner.

Please keep the courts open.

Thank you.

Kenneth Looney
5814 La Goleta Rd
Goleta, CA 93117

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From: [dan lord](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: pickle ball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:15:31 PM

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta! The City has come a long way in providing much needed recreation for adults and active seniors. Please keep going.

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Dan Lord ,
Local business owner and property owner
in the City of Goleta.

From: [sue.mozako](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Cc: [Lori Rozenburg](#)
Subject: save the GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:47:00 AM

Dear Ms Dawson,

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Regards,

Susan Mozako
5156 Tabano Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

From: [Katherine Parker](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:32:16 PM

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are VITAL for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

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Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Katherine Parker

From: [Pearson, Eric](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: goleta valley community center pickle ball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:22:31 AM

I am for keeping these courts open
especially after hours until 8pm and on weekends in the am.

i work so having lighted courts until 8pm is amazing

From: [Reggie Reginato](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:42:21 PM

Dear City of Goleta,

Pickleball at GVCC helps Old Town Businesses and builds a strong community!

It's time to make sure these courts stay forever, get improvements and continue to expand to help Old Town.

Please pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Sincerely,

Reggie Reginato

From: [Burt Ribet](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: The importance of Pickleball in my life and on my community
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:12:56 PM

I have many physical ailments including, but not limited to: broken toes, ankles that have been casted many times, double-knee replacements, pulled out both hips, stenosis in both my back and neck that require surgery, numb arms because of the stenosis, both thumb muscles are blown, ulnar tendon is blown so I can't turn my right wrist, systemic rheumatoid arthritis, and I am now recovering from radiation treatment for prostate cancer.

About 5 years ago, I "found" pickleball. Today, I play it an average of 4 days a week and 3-4 hours per outing. Pickleball has literally saved my life. I have always been active, but thought that would come to an end because of my ailments.

Pickleball is an unusual game that allows players of different skill levels to compete on the same court. It is a game that is very easy to pick up and impossible to master. It is the sport that requires more brain than brawn, but at the same time keeps the body healthy.

I was involved with GVCC from the very beginning. I played with Mike Myers when only one court was available. Mike and many others have contributed their time, energy, money and many other types of resources to make that location what it is today. When we start noone was using that facility. Even if people did, it was not safe and only a couple of people could be using it anyway. Now go out on an average open play day and you have all the courts filled with 20 players with 10 or so players waiting to play. That's about 30 community members talking, playing, and just in general communing with each other. There is no other city sponsored facility that can claim this kind of impact on so many people so frequently. If you go to an average park that requires so much maintenance on a weekly basis, you will see families and people milling about. That is great, but the level of interaction is minimal. The pickleball courts don't need to be mowed or swept or require any weekly maintenance at all. Yes, they will require re-surfacing and maybe some nets every so few years, but that is very low maintenance for the high-impact and high community involvement that they facilitate.

Pickleball is not the fastest growing sport by luck or circumstance. This sport is something special. It is for the very young to the very old. It is giving people a reason to get out of their houses, commune with each other, and stay healthy. I have found Pickleball especially good for the men of the community. Women are social and can find many reasons to be together. Men on the other hand usually don't get together or get together rarely to play sports that are very adversarial. Pickleball is a sport when men encourage men to be competitive, but also communal. We help each other with each others' games because better opponents make us better players. I can tell you that since I've been playing Pickleball I have never had such a large friend group. Without Pickleball I would be much more of a workaholic and much less social.

Sorry that this was so long, but I want you to know that I have been a life-long Goleta resident: Went to La Patera, Goleta Valley JH, Dos Pueblos, and worked at UCSB for 14 years. This is my home and I am super excited about Pickleball being a part of the community.

Thank you,

Burt
Cell: (805)245-8526

P.S. Call me anytime if you would like to discuss this issue.

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Burt Ribet
burt@ribet.com

From: [Chuck](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Letter Supporting pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:22:56 PM

I'm writing to support the repurposing of the GVCC tennis/basketball courts into permanent pickleball courts and to support needed court renovations/improvements to include resurfacing and installing permanent pickleball nets.

I further would like to support the consideration to add additional lighted courts to satisfy the high demand for this sport given the size of the city and the volume of citizens who are responding so positively. ... It's extremely nice and gratifying to see that there are so many good happy active people who really want to build community and friendships among Goletians! The City should discuss how to build upon and use the enthusiasm for this sport to promote their mission and revitalize Old Town.... you seem to have a lot of active people who will contribute.

I'd like to thank everyone in the city who helped make this possible... I've lived in Goleta for over 40 years, raised my family, volunteered and participated in many organizations, sports and public positions... but I have never seen such a positive supportive response and a mission of simply building community, family, fun and friendships - Go Goleta - The Good Land!

In summary:

I want my Pickleball!

In the 80's, I wanted MTV Today, I want Pickleball!

Please help improve the courts and make them permanent.... Everyone enjoys it ... one of the best things for Goleta – Thank You!

Chuck Riharb

From: [Heather Roach](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:16:34 AM

Hi.

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

I have met so many people through this sport, have maintained a healthy lifestyle, and have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Heather Roach
805-320-8055

From: [Neil Rooke](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Fw: GVCC Pickleball courts
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:49:28 AM

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From: Neil Rooke <tneilr@sbcglobal.net>
To: sdawson@cityofgoleta.org <
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 07:30:23 AM EST
Subject: GVCC Pickleball courts

My name is Neil Rooke

Pickleball at GVCC is great! I play there 4 days a week

It promotes community, good health, friendships and all around makes Goleta a better place to live!

I love the GVCC courts! I have met so many people there.

I support giving pickleball a permanent home at GVCC and expanding the facility so more people in Goleta can enjoy it.

From: [Mark Silverstein](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Let's keep the GVCC pickleball courts open!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:08:17 PM

I am writing to support making the Pickleball courts at GVCC permanent and I further support making improvements and even expanding them so we have a great place for the community to play this great game.

Thank you.

Regards,
Mark Silverstein
805-886-9519

From: [Lawrence Stayton](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts at GVCC
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:33:43 AM

Good morning,

I write to express how much I enjoy the Pickleball courts at GVCC. I'm so happy to have discovered the game and the courts since my recent retirement. Great to be out of doors, meeting new friends and getting in some exercise during these trying times due to Covid. Typically after a game, I purchase goods and services from local establishments (food, fuel, home furnishings, etc). To have GVCC appreciating the positive impact the courts have on the community as well having the funds for improvements is a terrific situation.

I ask you to please consider all the positives in your decision to let these courts remain as a part of Goleta's draw to the community.

Thank you,

Lawrence Stayton

From: [Pam Terry](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Cc: [JoAnne Plummer](#)
Subject: RE: Discussion of Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Goleta Community Center
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:33:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Shanna, Good morning to you as well. Hello, JoAnne. Noted and thank you for your time, I would like the following added to my original email if possible.

I apologize for my sense of urgency, but I just found out about the special meeting regarding the proposal yesterday. I spoke with some of my neighbors and they were not aware either and also expressed concern. I really want my concerns to be voiced and considered, but I'm not able to attend the zoom meeting to speak as I have a prior engagement.

Regarding the pickleball noise. I hadn't been keeping track over the last year, so I don't have a detailed log, but last night they were there playing until sometime between 9 and 10PM. This is fairly typical, and I feel strongly that their hours should be limited. I propose 9AM-6PM. On Halloween weekend they were there much later and blasting loud music. **I greatly oppose the proposed conversion/addition of more courts, as the noise and intense lighting amounts to a public nuisance.**

I feel strongly that the Goleta Valley Community Center and Parks and Rec are catering to the white community with this proposal and not being inclusive of activities that could greatly improve the community support of the center by all who live in Goleta. Goleta City Council, Goleta Parks and Rec, and the Goleta Valley Community Center need to take a long hard look at Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Specifically equity in this case, ensuring that processes and programs are impartial, fair and provide equal possible outcomes for every individual.

Respectfully,
Pam

From: Shanna Dawson <sdawson@cityofgoleta.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Pam Terry <pam.terry@deckers.com>
Cc: JoAnne Plummer <jplummer@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion of Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Goleta Community Center

 **EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,

Unfortunately, we are unable to include videos as part of public comment. I will include your email, and you are welcome to send in a more detailed email as well.

Thank you,

Shanna Dawson

Management Analyst

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805.690-5126 | sdawson@cityofgoleta.orgwww.cityofgoleta.org

From: Pam Terry <pam.terry@deckers.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:35 AM**To:** Shanna Dawson <sdawson@cityofgoleta.org>**Subject:** RE: Discussion of Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Goleta Community Center**Importance:** High

Adding the attached video taken at around 8PM last night from my window, for the record. You can see how bright the lights are and hear how loud the noise is. The court is practically in our parking lot. Halloween weekend they were blasting loud music as well. I was aware there was a day care and a community center here before I moved in 6 years ago, but the pickleball is new. These guys are not being thoughtful to the community and I can't imagine how much worse this is going to get if more courts are converted.

Respectfully,

Pam Terry

Latinx (She/They)

C: 213.407.9083

From: Pam Terry**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:42 PM**To:** 'sdawson@cityofgoleta.org' <sdawson@cityofgoleta.org>**Subject:** Discussion of Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Goleta Community Center**Importance:** High

Hello,

As a 6 year resident of Old Town Goleta living in the Michelle Apartments adjacent to the Goleta Community Center, I would like to voice some opinions and concerns on the matter of more

Pickleball Courts being proposed.

One of the things I love about the community center is that it feels like the heart of Goleta. It's a beautiful building and has the potential for inclusivity of all Goleta's many diverse residents and their needs. Pickleball seems to be catering to mostly white community members, as I've seen on my many walks. I feel strongly that other sports should be considered for representation. Talk to the community as a whole, welcome them to the facility when it's safe again to do so, and allow your residents to see the space and share in the vision of what the community center could be for everyone.

Last year I spoke with, I believe it was the director, over at the community center regarding pickle ball players taking over the courts and asked if there would be other sports represented, *as in but not limited to*, equal share time of the courts for residents who want to practice outdoor yoga or tai chi, learning to roller skate, or a bike court for children to learn and practice how to ride a bike in a safe environment. While the director listened to my concerns, he eventually said that the pickleball players had offered to pay for the resurfacing the courts which was why pickleball was being represented. To me this makes it sound like the Goleta Community Center is basically for sale to the highest bidder willing to pay for their sport to be in the forefront. This is both elitist and non-inclusive behavior swinging the figurative door wide open for the gentrification of this community. Goleta's many diverse residents is what makes this such a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and the community center should be making sure all voices are being heard.

Additionally I voiced concern that the pickleball players are playing all day, from the early morning until late at night. They are not being considerate of the residents of the neighborhood. I work from home with a number of other residents in the area and all we hear all day long is the POP POP of the pickleball and loud talking and cheering from the players multiple hours of the day through the late evening hours, every day of the week. I was told by the director that I wasn't the first person to bring this issue up and that it would be addressed. It apparently never was because it just became worse over the last year. I can't have my windows open in my office during the day because of the continuous, monotonous sounds from the courts. I can't relax in my apartment in the evening and read a book without their noise making it unpleasant. Sometimes they play until 11PM or later if the weather is nice. If you're going to put more courts in, then there need to be restrictions on the play times, and mix other sports in so it's not just the monotony of the pickleball sounds. The courts should be treated like Goleta Beach Park.... Sunrise to sunset at the very least, inclusive of diverse sports, not just focusing on the latest trend where money is being thrown around.

Thank you for your time and for reading through my concerns. I hope greatly that my voice is heard and that my talking points are taken into consideration and read aloud at the meeting.

Respectfully,
Pam Terry

From: [Linda Thompson](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Upgrade/creation of Pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:49:14 PM

To the City Council:

My daughter is giving birth tomorrow; otherwise, she, her husband, and all the grandparents would be at the meeting in person to show our support of the Pickleball community in Goleta.

My daughter is a 20 year resident of Goleta and her husband and his family were born and raised here. We are all Pickleball players and enjoy playing at the Community courts.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world. Here in Goleta, the sport makes great use of the provided facilities, allowing the most people per square foot of usage (and cost per square foot) than any other sport.

And yes, it's true that we pickle ball players tend to be somewhat older... but it gives us old farts off the streets, and after a few hours of play we are much more likely to go out for a meal and some drinking! (or to the local grocery store or to buy gas).

We'd really appreciate your support in getting the courts in better shape. Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Thompson & the Baxter family

From: [Becky Villarreal](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:41:03 PM

Good Evening.

As a new player to the awesome sport of pickleball, I am writing this in support of keeping the courts open at the Goleta Valley Community Center. I was introduced last month to the sport by a few girlfriends, and quickly became addicted! I play just about every day with players from 9 years old to players in their 70's. I have made new friends and have gotten myself active in a sport that I am having so much fun playing.

The courts at GVCC are the only courts in Santa Barbara that have lights. It is so fun to see families out having a great time together, mine included.

With pickleball becoming such a fast growing sport, there are simply not enough courts to accommodate everyone. This is why it is important to keep these courts open.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Becky Villarreal

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Lisa Volmar](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Goleta Valley Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:38:13 PM

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

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Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. I strongly believe this will not only benefit me but benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Lisa Volmar
805-252-0550

From: [Nicole Welch](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:34:40 PM

During the pandemic, many of my friends and family and I discovered Pickleball at GVCC. This was a lifesaver for us to be active during that time and since. Pickleball at GVCC has been an incredible and addictive sport that is widely used and so enjoyable.

The good news is it promotes community, good health, friendships and all around makes Goleta a better place to live!

I support giving pickleball a permanent home at GVCC and expanding the support so more people in Goleta can enjoy it.

Please help us make that happen!

Nicole Lantagne Welch (plus family and friends)

From: [Wendy](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball Courts, SAVE!!!!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:08:04 PM

Dear S Dawson,

SAVE the Pickleball Courts at GVCC!!!! Please.

It shouldn't even be an issue.

We all "play at our own risk", and have a blast doing it. We meet new people, support local businesses, get fresh air, and enjoy life!

Many of us can't afford those fancy tennis clubs, so we rely on public parks and other places to gather, have fun, and exercise like the Pickleball courts at GVCC.

The Pickleball courts at GVCC need to be permanent. Even though the county built courts at Kellogg, the popularity of the growing sport exceeds the court demands.

Regards,

Wendy K

From: [Chris Wieland](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Chriwee62@cox.net
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:30:04 PM

Love pickle all

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lisa Wilcox](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:07:34 PM

Hello,

I've been waiting for pickleball to get on your agenda to tell you THANK YOU!!!!!!

It's been the single best thing to help me through this past year. And now I never want to stop playing... it's so much fun, I get exercise, I meet new friends, It's a game the whole family can play.

Thanks again and lets keep GVCC pickleball open and growing

Warmly,
Lisa Wilcox, PAS, CPT

Owner ProMotion Fitness and Wellness
805.453.1668

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dave Williams](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC pickleball courts
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:46:37 PM

I am writing this email in support of the pickleball courts at Goleta Valley Community Center. The courts provide an important resource for exercise for a very large group of people. I have purchased a year's membership to use the courts and play there often. If you have any doubts about the courts popularity, all you need to do is visit the courts any morning. They are always full and it is difficult to get a court during peak times. Instead of considering the elimination of the courts, you should be planning to improve the existing courts and add additional courts, the way many cities are doing.

Please do not give in to a very small group of protestors. There are hundreds of people who support the courts and use them regularly.

Regards,

Dave Williams