

**From:** [Phoebe Brunner](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:48:06 PM

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Dear Powers That Be:

Please for the record, I'd like to state how much I love and enjoy the pickleball courts... I have made so many friendships and it has helped me thru Covid... it has especially helped my mental and physical well-being.

In addition I now frequent businesses in Old Town Goleta that I never would have gone to.. I for sure am spending money in Old Town that would never happen except for the courts. Please keep these courts available to the public. There is a reason this is fastest growing sport.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Brunner

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**From:** [Nancy Dubie](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:09:51 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to demonstrate my support for the continuation and proposed improvements being considered for the Pickleball courts behind the GVCC. I love pickleball and in particular, I love playing at the Goleta courts because the country atmosphere and relaxed vibe offers a nice alternative to the more competitive spirit at the muni courts. Pickleball is a feel good, health inducing activity (beyond a sport) that enriches my life in innumerable ways; great exercise, socially engaging, mentally and emotionally challenging, spurring personal growth and wellbeing, just to name a few! I've also discovered that the city of Goleta has a lot to offer for after game activities, such as food shopping (Trader Joe's & Sprouts), restaurants ( Backyard bowls, Panino, Blenders), banking (Golden 1), etc. I can't imagine that any circumstantial negatives experienced by a few ( noise annoyance) could in any way over shadow the enormous positives this activity provides for so many!!! Please keep doing the good work of enriching the community of Goleta Valley!

Kind regards,  
Nancy Dubie

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Russ Kovacevich](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [Eileen Kovacevich](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:58:08 AM

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To the attention of the Goleta Recreation Commission:

My wife and I are fairly new to the pickleball community. We are both 73 years old now and over the span of our 50 years of married life together we have tried many different sports for recreational enjoyment as well as to maintain and improve our level of fitness. About one year ago we signed up for beginner lessons at the Santa Barbara courts to learn the game of pickleball. From the very first lesson it became apparent that we finally found an activity which we mutually enjoyed at a high level. Not only are we getting in some healthy exercise, but we also really enjoy the social aspects of getting to know and recreate with a whole new group of like minded, fun loving and healthy friends. We also discovered that we can enjoy playing with both men and women in our similar age group, but we can also have great games and fun with our kids (now in their 40's) and with our grandkids (ages from 6 to 16). It's a wonderful and healthy activity for people of all ages.

We live in the "Noleta" area of the County of Santa Barbara in the foothills near the end of North Patterson. The ability to play at the GVCC courts is convenient and nearly vital since there are few other options in our area as this sport has grown so much in popularity. The recently opened courts on Kellogg are a welcome addition, but every time we have gone there to play the courts are all full and we either have to wait for an opening or just give up on the idea of playing that day. Being able to reserve a court from time to time at GVCC is also a bonus since we can plan ahead and know that our court will be available. We have met many new friends at the GVCC courts and we look forward to forming new healthy friendships resulting from playing pickleball.

Now that we are way more frequent visitors to the Old Town area of Goleta, we are discovering a number of previously unknown gems in that area. We were aware of the original Habit on Hollister, but we have recently patronized Old Town Coffee, the Auto Zone, El Pollo Rico, Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, Goleta Jewelers, Wendy's, 7-11, buying gas in Old Town, and more... If we weren't frequent users of the pickleball courts at GVCC, we probably would have gone elsewhere for those services.

I feel that it is very important that the Goleta Recreation Commission does everything within its power to not only keep those 5 pickleball courts open to our local community but also proceed with haste to make the needed improvements for the safety and well being of the people who enjoy and count on the ability to recreate there and to build our healthy community.

Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration.

Russ Kovacevich  
Cell: 805-886-8585

**From:** [Dave Kuwata](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball is life  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 6:56:15 PM

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I would not be exaggerating if I said that pickleball has changed my life. There are few hobbies where you meet new people on such a regular basis. The interpersonal connections cannot be overstated nor can the benefits. We are in trying times, and PB is an outlet that is fun and good for the body and soul. People are smiling ear to ear when they are playing or even waiting to play. It is indeed a "passion". There would be a large void in my life if PB were to be removed for whatever reason, and I think that I speak for many many other participants. Anyway, that's my 2 cents, thank you for your consideration. Dave Kuwata

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Debbie](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:11:18 PM

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I am unable to attend the November 8 zoom meeting of parks and rec to discuss the issue of converting tennis and basketball courts for Pickleball, but I would like to let the committee know how valuable the Pickleball courts are to our community. I have been a resident of Goleta since the late 60s, and a homeowner in Goleta since 1993. I recently took up Pickleball and the Goleta Valley community Center is one of the few places available to play. Just recently having lights on the courts after 5 o'clock makes it even more critical. I played there last Monday night and all the courts were full, having been reserved at least a few days ahead of time. If the issue to nearby neighbors is noise, I think basketball is probably noisier and tennis as much. I know many people my age are not yet comfortable going indoors to gyms and having this very popular outdoor sport available and so well utilized is important and necessary. I think the Goleta Valley community Center recreational activities were there before some of the nearby housing was built. So these people moved it knowing they would be next-door to a recreational facility. In addition to using the pickle Ball courts, I find myself taking advantage of nearby restaurants and stores before or after I play in old town Goleta. Not much else brings me I into old town. I hope you will consider these comments as you make your decision. Thank you very much,

Debbie Mackie  
6831 silkberry lane  
Goleta

**From:** [mike myers](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball November 18 Meeting submission  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:58:45 AM

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for pickleball at the Goleta Valley Community Center. Currently, this is the only place in Santa Barbara area with lighted courts for pickleball. My wife and I are still part of the workforce and generally work from 9am to 5pm. This leaves little time for activity in the evening as the sun goes down early in winter.. Having the courts at GVCC allows us to get exercise after work. It has also allowed us to meet a large number of very nice people that we now call friends.

The City of Goleta only has 3 pickleball courts... one permanent court at Jonny Wallace and two temporary courts at Evergreen that have no nets. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in USA. The City of Goleta should provide its community with what they need for fitness and well being. Three pickleball courts is not enough for The City of Goleta. The pickleball courts are the most used part of the Community Center at this time. There is great demand and the courts should be improved. There has been no maintenance to the courts in 25 years, so they are due for an upgrade.

The courts are supporting many events that are bringing folks from out of town to Old Town Goleta. They are supporting local business often... gas, food and sometimes even lodging. If the courts were improved, we can increase the number of tournaments and bring more folks to town.

My wife and I personally do more shopping in Old Town than we previously had. We have often gone to Habit Burger, the gas station, McDonalds, Harry's Liquor and 7-11. Previously, we had mainly avoided Old Town and would frequent Marketplace as Old Town seems to be a bit run down and tired. It could use an upgrade. Pickleball and it's participants could be the thing that gets Old Town going... there is a huge potential here.

Please take GVCC's offer to refurbish the courts. All that is required is The City of Goleta's permission. This will enhance the lives of many in our community thru fitness, friendship, well-being and sense of community.... It is a community center... and it is very obvious that the members of our community want the pickleball courts.

Thanks

Mike Myers

**From:** [Jacolyn Neder](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts comments for the Parks and Recreation Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 2:18:43 PM

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I just wanted to express how much I enjoy the pickleball courts in Old Town Goleta. These friendships I have made through pickleball, helped make the isolation felt during the pandemic so much more bearable. My main activities of playing soccer and basketball were closed down during 2020. Going from team sports to only getting to go on walks and biking, made the pandemic so much harder. Pickleball opened up a whole new world of meeting new friends and playing competitively.

I would have never noticed the beautiful park that the City of Goleta has renovated near the pickleball courts. The Santa Barbara Women's Soccer Organization has enjoyed the park's use for practice activity and has brought new business to the City of Goleta and Community Center.

Ever since the Pickleball courts were created, I have frequented downtown Goleta and the many businesses there on my 3-5 days of playing pickleball. I frequent Santa Barbara Cider, Elubia's Kitchen, Unibol, Habit Burger, Taco Bell, Goleta Sushi House, the Gas Station, The Liquor Store and 7-11 for Gatorade, and Santa Cruz Market. I have also introduced a number of friends to these pickleball courts and various restaurants in Old Town. One of my favorite days is playing Thursday night pickleball for 2 1/2 hours, then heading over to Santa Barbara Cider for Trivia Night while enjoying some Elubias Kitchen's popusas and tacos.

Thank you again for your attention to the Old Town Pickleball Courts.  
Jacolyn Neder

**From:** [Trevor Reid](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Resurface Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 8:13:35 AM

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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Trevor Reid and I am writing in support of the pickleball court resurface project at GVCC. Over the past 1-2 year I have come to rely on these courts as a sanctuary of sorts.

As an ICU nurse at SB Cottage Hospital, the pandemic created some of the most stressful and chaotic days I have ever dealt with. Pickleball has been essential to my mental health during this time. I am not alone in this regard. Other Cottage Hospital employees I have played with besides nurses include physicians, anesthesiologists, respiratory therapists, radiology techs, patient care techs, unit coordinators, and physical therapists to name a few. I'm sure you can imagine the variety of other professionals I have met on these courts. Like me, these individuals rely on the courts at GVCC to bring them the physical and mental benefits that pickleball provides.

Pickleball is said to be the fastest growing sport in the United States. It is fun, a great work out, easily accessible, and inherently social, promoting relationships throughout the community that never would have been formed without the sport. If you are interested in learning more about some of the aspects that make pickleball so popular, the Today Show just did a special this month on the sport:

<https://youtu.be/7ZhQyetqPxI>

If the reasons outlined above aren't enough to earn your support for the project, the financial benefits alone of having a state of the art facility within Old Town Goleta should tip the scale. These courts will surely bring a financial stimulus local businesses would not enjoy without these courts consistently bringing people from surrounding areas into Old Town.

I strongly encourage the City of Goleta to show support for such a positive force in this community by providing its residents with a safe, state of the art facility that reflects the high standards we associate with this city.

Sincerely,

Trevor Reid

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Robb Rice](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [JoAnne Plummer](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts at GV Community Center  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 4:54:40 PM

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I represent 37 homeowners at Willow Creek Townhomes Association at 345 Kellogg Way in Old Town Goleta.

We are the closest residential complex to the Community Center and the pickleball courts. Our residents have not expressed any complaints about the pickleball courts or the court lights. Quite the opposite. Many of our residents enjoy playing on the courts and feel that the courts are a significant improvement from the rarely used tennis courts. For many working individuals, the lighted courts are their only chance to play pickleball is after work.

Our homeowners association strongly supports renovating the courts for permanent pickleball use. The former tennis courts have had a long history of very little use, and a gathering place for unsavory individuals which has been a public safety issue for years.

We also support improving the area immediately outside the north side of the courts. We would also support developing the area to host professional pickleball tournaments which would have a positive effect on the Old Town Goleta economy.

Our support mirrors the significant growth of pickleball across our community and nationally. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America.

Yours truly,  
Robert Rice  
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**From:** Goleta, CA <[webmaster@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:webmaster@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:23 PM  
**To:** Liana Campos <[lcampos@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:lcampos@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** Nov 18 Meeting - Parks and Rec

Message submitted from the <Goleta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Cecilia Rodriguez  
**Site Visitor Email:** [Ccrodriguez@cox.net](mailto:Ccrodriguez@cox.net)

Hi Liana,

I retired a few years ago after serving our community as the director of CALM. For 31 years I worked with the most at risk families in our community and looked forward to a well earned retirement here in Goleta. I was happy to discover an activity that met my social, recreational and physical needs right here in my backyard. Pickleball!!! First at Evergreen park (until nets were stolen twice in the last year) and most recently at GV Community Center. I along with hundreds of other people are visiting this side of Goleta several times a week just to partake of this healthy activity. The courts are a little run down and need an upgrade. I urge you to recommend the necessary fixes so that we can continue this activity right here in Goleta Old Town. The extra benefit is that many of the players are discovering the shops and eateries that they never new existed before now. It is a win win for us players and the Old Town Community.

Thanks

Cecilia Rodriguez

**From:** [Cecilia Rodriguez](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball @ GVCC  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:43:58 PM

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I retired a few years ago after serving our community as the director of CALM. For 31 years I worked with the most at risk families in our community and looked forward to a well earned retirement here in Goleta. I was happy to discover an activity that met my social, recreational and physical needs right here in my backyard. Pickleball!! First at Evergreen park (until nets were stolen twice last year) and most recently at GV Community Center.

I along with hundreds of other people are visiting this side of Goleta several times a week just to partake in this healthy activity. However the courts are a little run-down and need an upgrade. I urge you to recommend the necessary fixes so that we can continue this activity right here in Goleta Old Town. The extra benefit is that many of the players are discovering the shops and eateries that they never new existed before now. It is a win win for us players and the Old Town Community.

Thanks  
Cecilia Rodriguez

**From:** [Nancy Rydell](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:50:23 PM

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Hello:

Regarding: the **GVCC pickle ball courts!**

What a godsend! Thanks to all who helped get the courts up and running! After entering into retirement last Nov 2020 and dealing w/covid already Most of last year...what a welcome relief to be able to enjoy a new found Sport/hobby! I have made so many new friends that I never would have Met if I was hunkering down in the barracks at home! Fresh air, making good Friends and learning something new! It's great to see Mike Myers familiar Face almost daily at the GVCC courts as he is fixing and working on making The courts look nice and stay safe for all of us!

I drive over 4-5 times per week from Santa Ynez as we have very few Pickle ball courts available to us....and subsequently have spent lots of Money in Old town Goleta enjoying burgers from the habit and gassing Up a few times a week as well as buying a new Toyota from SB Toyota! See as far as I can see it is a **win- win** situation!

Thank you for your continued Efforts in making GVCC a enjoyable, fun place for all ages to work out and put A smile to our faces!

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**From:** [D. & B. Shafritz](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Proposal--Nov. 18th, Agenda  
**Date:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 3:22:23 PM

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Dear Representative,

This email is to express my support for the proposal to make improvements to the "pilot" pickleball courts, and to make them permanent resources for Goleta residents.

As far as I know, there is only one permanent pickleball court in Goleta. With well over 200 folks actively engaged in the sport it would seem prudent to move forward with the proposal for the following reasons:

1. More courts would afford the continuing opportunity for the public to get exercise especially when there are lingering concerns of exercising at indoor facilities during pandemic times.
2. Converting the unused tennis courts to pickleball is very reasonable considering the much larger number of tennis courts already in existence within the City.
3. The location will bring in more customers to businesses in the Old Town area, especially during special pickleball events (e.g., tournaments) that attract folks from out of town. The City has made it clear they want to revitalize Old Town.

In sum, there is an overwhelming need for these courts to address the ever increasing interest across all age groups in playing pickleball. Providing and maintaining these courts for public use will contribute to both the health and well being of Goleta residents and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brian Shafritz  
Goleta resident

**From:** [Kathy Sheffield](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle Ball Courts Public Hearing  
**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:11:03 PM

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I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy playing pickle ball at GVCC.

In addition to the health benefits of the game (my cardiologist at Cedar Sinai says pickle ball is the perfect heart interval exercise for cardiac rehab), I actually support business in the area. I just love going thrift shopping, something I wouldn't do if I were not in old town. Recently I also tested for COVID after playing. It was wonderfully convenient!

I used to play at Muni but now I am playing more in Goleta. It is a wonderfully friendly group with all levels of play. I love the paddle system. It keeps the game from becoming "exclusive", which is happening at Muni.

So please consider the improvements mentioned in the plans for the courts! To play ones best, all equipment must be in good shape-from ones shoes to the courts we play on!

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kathy Sheffield

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Carol Gemberling Stewart](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Ball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:10:59 PM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

Recently it came to my attention that the community surrounding the courts has been impacted by the presence of the recreational pursuits of so many.

As a nurse practitioner I have found that getting people to exercise, especially getting cardio activities into their daily life, isn't an easy thing to do. From my perspective, the more our community encourages, supports and assists such activities, this makes for a healthier populace with fewer cases of hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and obesity. Additionally, the mental health of so many has been negatively impacted by Covid and the positive social relationships are a wonderful side effect of an active populace.

Please do what you can to offer sound barriers to adjacent homes impacted by the noise and consider other sites in which to develop more Pickleball courts that are not near homes and businesses.

As an aside, I have made lots of new friends and I have done lots more shopping in the Old Town Goleta area.

Thank you in advance for considering ways where adults and seniors can play an active fun sport along with young people.

Carol

Carol Gemberling Stewart, DNP  
Geriatric & Family Nurse Practitioner Clinician, Educator & Consultant