



**Agenda Item D.1**  
**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**  
**Meeting Date: January 18, 2022**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Jaime A. Valdez, Neighborhood Services Director

**CONTACT:** JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Proposal from the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization to Repurpose the Existing Tennis Courts for Pickleball Use

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Support the proposal by the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization to repurpose the existing tennis courts for use as permanent pickleball courts; and/or
- B. Provide alternate or additional direction to the Goleta Valley Community Center organization.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Goleta Community Center is a city-owned facility, managed by the Goleta Valley Community Center (GVCC), a non-profit organization. In 1994 the GVCC built the multi-purpose courts, designed for use by tennis and basketball players. In the beginning, the courts were used for tennis instruction and pick-up play but saw more activity by pick-up basketball. In the last 15 years, it has been reported that most of the activity on the courts is an occasional pick-up basketball game and a private rental for softball pitching practice due to the courts having lights and perimeter fencing.

In 2019, GVCC staff worked with residents to create a temporary pickleball court on the existing basketball court. This system was operated similar to the temporary court system first established at Evergreen Park. The lines were temporary tape, and users had to check out the portable net system. The temporary court was met with high demand and was quite active until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all activity.

As the State of California released guidelines to allow tennis and pickleball activity to resume during the pandemic, the need for pickleball space increased significantly. In the spring of 2020, the existing tennis courts were identified by GVCC staff and pickleball enthusiasts as a possible location to convert existing tennis courts to temporary pickleball courts. Members of the pickleball community joined forces to raise the necessary funds

to maintain the existing modified basketball court and provisionally convert the existing two tennis courts to four temporary pickleball courts.

The pilot pickleball court conversion has been well-received by the pickleball community. The temporary court conversion also included updated light fixtures, additional access gates to the north of the courts, a revised entrance walkway from the parking lot to the courts and a membership program facilitated through GVCC, with a reported membership more than 300 people. The membership program allows users to reserve a court from 8:00 am until 8:30 pm and has proven to be popular and well-liked.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On Thursday, November 18, 2021, at a Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, the GVCC presented their proposal for the Commission's consideration. The proposal, provided in Attachment 1, is to convert the temporary pickleball courts into four permanent pickleball courts and maintain the multi-use court which accommodates a portable pickleball court and basketball court. An updated version of the presentation provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission is included with this staff report as Attachment 2. In addition to updating the proposal and presentation in response to Commissioner and public comments, the GVCC has also included an analysis of pickleball within the City of Goleta which is provided as Attachment 3. This proposed renovation would allow the GVCC the opportunity to resurface the existing courts, install the permanent net system and paint permanent court lines. The pilot program has been running for more than a year and continues to be successful with significant demand for use. Fundraisers have been held in the form of clinics, tournaments and more. These events have attracted players from all over the central coast, with some coming from surrounding states.

The permanent adjustments to the courts would not only provide necessary improvements to the playing surface and fencing material but would also allow for more local and regional competitive opportunities. The existing court surface is over 25 years old, and areas are smooth, making it challenging for maintenance and users to play.

The noise from pickleball is an evolving issue experienced nationwide with very few options to consider when trying to mitigate the noise of the paddles, balls and the enthusiasm of the players. The GVCC has received some complaints from area residents and have been able to be responsive with adjustment to the hours of operation. Noise reduction options are evolving, and GVCC has communicated in their proposal about the installation of sound mitigation measures that are effective, reasonable for users and affordable.

To date, the GVCC does not feel that they have found the right product for this location. Some products are costly without proven benefit, while others require additional improvements to the existing fencing infrastructure to handle the weight of some of the proposed materials. At a minimum, GVCC staff has shared with City staff that they will be installing windscreen to the south fence, which currently has no materials besides chain link fence.

At the Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, there were 320 written comments (Attachment 4) and fourteen additional speakers that evening. The comments received prior to and at the meeting were nearly all in support of the conversion from temporary to permanent pickleball courts on the existing tennis courts. There were four comments received in writing prior to the meeting that were not in favor of the proposal, for various reasons (ex: noise, light, accessibility, other recreation needs). These four concerns were discussed at length in the meeting by numerous Commissioners. While there was a motion passed to support the proposal, during the line of questioning, many Commissioners had requested that the GVCC continue moving forward on other efforts. Specifically, there was a request to: 1) ensure that there is access to the courts by all area residents, regardless of ability to pay the daily or annual use fee; 2) ensure that play cannot continue on the courts after 8:30 pm; 3) consider uses on the courts other than pickleball or basketball (activities appropriate for the court surfacing); and, 4) to continue efforts to mitigate the noise concerns.

Prior to the Special Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on November 18, 2021, staff went above and beyond the City of Goleta's required noticing procedures and mailed notices on November 4, 2021 to over 500 residents/tenants within a 300-foot boundary from the parcel edges of the Goleta Community Center to ensure notification to neighboring tenants and residents. This noticing was in addition to the press release, website news posting, GovDelivery email notification system message, direct emails to interested parties previously requesting notification, a story on this topic in the Monarch Press and posting to all City of Goleta social media platforms.

The purview of the Commission was to evaluate the use and proposed conversion of existing basketball/tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts. The existing basketball court will be resurfaced and remain as a basketball court but will also serve as a multi-purposed temporary pickleball court.

#### **GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The proposal before the City Council does align with the City of Goleta's 2021 - 2022 Strategic Plan, with specific strategies and goals listed below:

**City-Wide Strategy:** Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities

- **Strategic Goal:** Support programs that enhance quality of life in the Goleta community such as recreation, public safety, human services and cultural arts

**City-Wide Strategy:** Return Old Town to a Vital Center of the City

- **Strategic Goal:** Support the continued vigor and vitality in Old Town

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The proposal provided by the GVCC Organization does not request any funds of the City. All costs associated with the proposal, as stated, will be covered by the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization through their fundraising and operations budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

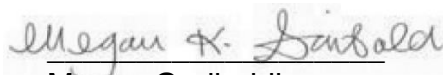
The Council may choose not to accept the proposal, but if so, the City will need to allocate funding to a future maintenance project to resurface the existing courts which have exceeded their life expectancy. In addition to the court surface, there would still be a need to address the repairs to the perimeter fence to address holes, sharp edges and gaps at the bottom of the fence.


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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Proposal to Repurpose the Existing Tennis Courts for Pickleball
2. Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Presentation on Repurposing Existing Tennis Courts for Pickleball at the Goleta Community Center Campus
3. Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Analysis of Pickleball within the City of Goleta
4. Written Public Comments Received for the Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting



## **Attachment 1**

Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Proposal to  
Repurpose the Existing Tennis Courts for Pickleball



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To: City of Goleta

From: Charlie Johnson, Acting General Manager

Re: Pickleball Proposal: Court conversion

December 21, 2021

Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

Please see attached "Proposal" for your review and consideration. This Proposal is being forwarded to the Goleta City Council after having been reviewed by the City of Goleta Parks and Recreation Commission and voted on in the affirmative to sent to City Council for consideration and action. I've attached a special investigative report, **Analysis of Pickleball Within the City of Goleta, GVCC Court Resources Report**, it is a collaboration with the Goleta Chapter of the USA Pickleball Association and the GVCC.

Respectfully,

Charlie Johnson, Acting General Manager



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### **Proposal December 19, 2021**

*The Goleta Valley Community Center, (GVCC) a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, currently the managers of the Goleta Community Center Campus located at 5679 Hollister Ave in the City of Goleta, proposes to Convert the (4) existing temporary Pickleball courts into 4 permanent Pickleball Courts and one court, court #5 into a multi-use court for Basketball and Pickleball, the conversion to be done at no cost to the City of Goleta.*

The outdoor courts are currently being used as temporary Pickleball Courts with one court, court #5 being used for dual sports of Pickleball and Basketball. The proposed changes include, resurfacing and painting the playing surface, striping the new surface for Pickleball on courts 1-5 with court #5 also being striped for basketball. The improvements also include installation of eight new permanently installed court net post and four nets for Pickleball on courts 1-4. Court #5 will have a portable net due to its mixed use of Pickleball and Basketball. Additionally, the GVCC would like to replace damaged chain link fencing on the divider fence between court #4 and court #5 and parts of the south facing fence. The changes/upgrades to the courts if approved will make them permanent Pickleball Courts. The GVCC has (3) bids on file from licensed contractors that specialize in court resurfacing and our hope is to begin work in early 2022.

### **Court History:**

GVCC has been managing the Goleta Community Center property for over 40 years. We take pride in our work as the caretakers of this property, not just in maintaining the property but also for our vision towards the future. Over 25 years ago, in 1994 GVCC sought permission to build a multipurpose outdoor court to bring more recreational opportunities to the Community Center. Our request was sent to the County of Santa Barbara, the property owner and it was unanimously approved. The new courts were well received. A local Tennis Pro taught lessons and managed the courts for years, however as time went on there was more "pickup" basketball games than tennis use. Eventually, demand for tennis went away. The courts sat

underutilized for the last 15 years. The most significant uses were occasional pick-up basketball games and a request from a girls' softball pitching coach wanting to rent the courts at night for the Fall Season. She came to the GVCC as we had the only lighted courts for nighttime use.

## Justification for Change:

The playing surface of the temporary Pickle Ball Courts is old and worn, with peeling and chipped paint and a playing surface that no longer has traction and has become slippery especially with dust and dirt on the court.

While the courts were originally built for tennis, they have not been used for tennis for over 15 years. Since being temporarily modified for Pickleball in early August of 2020 the courts have been active seven (7) days a week with heavy use in the morning and early evenings.

The courts were opened for play during the COVID 19 Pandemic. State and City of Goleta COVID 19 guidelines for safe play were established and posted on the courts and GVCC Web site. Players commented how good it felt to be outside playing a game they really enjoy with friends and family. Several commented that it was a mental health boost from the “stay at home” order during the pandemic.

These courts are contributing to health and wellbeing of those coming to play and they are a boost to the local economy especially when there are pickle ball clinics, or tournaments as those activities attract local players as well as players from out of county and in some cases out of state. Those people come and stay in our local hotels, and local RV Parks or campgrounds, they patronize our local restaurants and food markets as well as buying gas in our local service stations. The GVCC benefits financially from the tournaments, thru entry fees and court reservations, the funds received have allow the GVCC to make significant improvements without asking the City of Goleta for additional funds.

Five years ago, the City of Goleta shared with the GVCC management that they wanted to see more recreational opportunities on the Goleta Community Center Campus as well as more recreational value added to the property. They also wanted to see an improvement in the GVCC's ability to generate more income to reduce the city's need to subsidize GVCC's operations. The GVCC has delivered on both those city directives. The proposed changes when completed will attract more players, and because of the quality of the courts the GVCC will be able to host “sanctioned” tournaments bringing in top notched players from out of the area. Tournaments are weekend events, this means people will be coming to Goleta for an extended time, staying in local hotels, eating at local restaurants, and staying to see our local scenic spots. This will be a boost to the local economy and to the GVCC as the “host Site.”

Recently the GVCC made a presentation to the City of Goleta's Parks and Recreation Commission, about our Proposal to refurbish the temporary Pickleball Courts making them permanent, their charge was to ***consider the GVCC Proposal to repurpose the existing tennis courts for pickleball use and provide a recommendation to the City Council related to the***

***recreation use compatibility based on community need and existing adopted City Parks and Recreation related plans.***

The presentation was virtual with over 135 people logging on to the presentation and over 300 letters of support sent to the City of Goleta stating how important the courts are for the community and how important it is to have this outdoor recreational activity that supports not just individual physical activity but that the courts are a financial boost for the local economy. The community overwhelmingly supports pickleball and expressed their desire to have even more courts available. The CVCC Courts are a logical best choice for renovation, they are central to the community and located in a Commercial Zone as opposed to residential zoning, they serve a more diverse population than any other site, they have ample parking, and lights for night play.

The GVCC Pickleball Courts help keep our community vibrant and healthy! The GVCC management is committed to resurfacing the courts, painting the courts, striping the courts, having permanent net post and nets installed, replacing the damaged fence between Courts 4 & 5, and installing windscreen material on the south fence, all at no cost to the city.

**Summary:**

- The GVCC Pilot Pickleball Program has been highly successful.
- It's been a huge hit with the community, positive community response and the most widely used and supported courts in Goleta.
- Hundreds of users
- It's generated thousands of dollars
- It's brought public recognition to the Goleta Community Center
- It's supported by Businesses, Associations, and neighbors throughout old town
- The courts are filled daily with active vibrant visitors

We encourage the Goleta City Council to support our proposal to refurbish the existing temporary Pickleball Courts making them permanent, it creates the highest and best use for this city resource and it immediately allows the City of Goleta to meet community demand and deliver a service comparable to other area cities.

The GVCC and the USA Pickleball Association have collaborated to produce an Investigative Report, **Analysis of Pickleball Within the City of Goleta, GVCC Court Resources Report**. The attached report supports the GVCC's desire to renovate the existing courts and addresses the issues and concerns raised by the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, it is included as a separate attachment for your review.

Respectfully,

Charlie Johnson, Acting General Manager

December 10, 2021

## **Attachment 2**

Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Presentation  
on Repurposing Existing Tennis Courts for Pickleball at the  
Goleta Community Center Campus

# Goleta Valley Community Center

Proposal to “Convert” temporary  
Pickleball courts to permanent courts

January 2021



Bringing Goleta Pickleball Resources  
Up to Par with other Cities





# Pickleball is the Fastest Growing Sport in the USA

Exhibit 7 Analysis of Pickleball within City of Goleta

- SB Muni barely keeping up with demand. Expanded to 12 courts
- Pickleball Complexes being built across the US

St George, UT	24 public courts
Griffin, GA	18 public pickleball courts
Naples FL	9 initial courts to 54 public courts in 5 months
East Naples, FL	64 public courts
Austin, TX	32 courts
Concord, CA	14 dedicated courts
Chandler, AZ	16 indoor court complex
Arvada, CO	24 courts



# California Cities Grab State Funds for Pickleball Expansion

California State  
Grants issued  
Dec 2021 – include  
pickleball courts

Exhibit 9: Analysis of Pickleball  
within City of Goleta

• City of Oroville	\$4,583,000	includes 8 more pickleball courts.
• City of McKinleyville	\$2,331,375	includes additional pickleball courts
• City of Wasco	\$1,769,740	includes additional pickleball courts
• City of San Fernando	\$4,234,980	includes additional pickleball courts
• City of Fulton	\$6,445,610	includes additional pickleball courts
• City of Hollister	\$1,826,125	includes additional pickleball courts
• City of San Diego	\$7,140,000	includes 8 more pickleball courts
• City of National City	\$5,632,571	includes 4 more pickleball courts
• City of Fairfield	\$5,669,210	includes additional pickleball courts

# Pickleball Expansion

## Local Demand for Courts is High

- SB Muni now has more Pickleball courts than tennis – changed its name
- Pershing Park soon to convert temporary courts to permanent

Exhibit 2 Analysis of Pickleball within City of Goleta

**Santa Maria built 6 dedicated Pickleball Courts**



## **Santa Barbara Municipal Tennis Facility**

12 dedicated pickleball courts, 9 tennis courts

## **Pershing Park**

3 shared courts with tennis, discussing dedicated



## **Santa Barbara County – Kellogg Tennis Park**

4 newly built dedicated courts







## **Cambria**

6 new dedicated courts



## **Pismo**

Dedicated courts with Lights



## **Solvang**

2 new dedicated courts



## **Santa Maria**

6 new dedicated courts



**San Luis Obispo**  
10 courts



**Paso Robles**



**Arroyo Grande**





# GVCC vs Santa Maria







**Pilot program GVCC courts**

City of Goleta Trailing other Cities  
— Needs to Build Courts Like Other Cities

## Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan

indicates:

- High growth trend for pickleball
- Surplus inventory for tennis and basketball in Goleta
- Deficit inventory for pickleball
- Access to pickleball courts very limited
- High demand for pickleball – Community driving all over to find courts

# Goleta's Current Pickleball Resources/Inventory



## Only 2 "official" facilities

City Courts – not utilized/not real functional

- **Johnny D Wallace** (no fencing, no lighting, shared with children's game)
- **Evergreen Park** (no nets, no lighting, shared with tennis)
- Other resources are expensive private clubs



# Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan

It is important to  
“Routinely analyze the usage of  
facilities...

Routinely measure the amount  
of participation in its facilities  
and services ...

Determine the levels of usage  
and identify any trends in this  
usage...

Make appropriate changes to  
its supporting facilities...”



GVCC Park pickleball in background  
Both areas improved – now high community use

- GVCC worked with Community
- Pickleball courts actively used and trend is growing
- Hundreds of families now visit GVCC and Old Town – some for 1st time



## GVCC Responded with a Pilot Program

- Conversion 1 tennis court -> 4 pickleball courts + 1 multi use court
- Tennis/Basketball resource not used in 15 years – abandoned by community
- Goleta's 1<sup>st</sup> dedicated pickleball resource (seeking reclassification)
- Basketball court available for day and night play





## GVCC Pickleball Pilot Program – Community Investment

- Grass roots community effort
- Clean and paint courts
- Find and purchase temporary nets
- Upgrade fences, gates and security conducive to pickleball
- Repair and upgrade lighting system to energy efficient LED lighting
- Find and install wind screening
- Build a reservation website
- Work with community and other stakeholders determine best operating times, usage, policies

## GVCC Pilot Program – Highly successful Huge hit with community – supported 100%



- Over 400 supportive letters
- Over 135 actual attendees
- Most widely used and supported pickleball courts in Goleta
- Hundreds of users
- Public recognition of Center
- Attracting people to Old Town Businesses
- Supported by Businesses, Associations and neighbors throughout Old Town
- GVCC has a membership of \$60 per year allowing access to the courts
- Membership is approximately 300 people
- This has generated approximately \$18,000 per year in income for the center
- Drop in guests pay \$2 for 2 hours
- This has generated approximately \$60 per week or \$3,120 in additional income





## Goleta Courts Need Improvements

- Court Resurfacing
- Permanent Nets
- Fence Repairs
- Landscaping
- Benches
- Shading and Table area

# Components for Functional Facility – standard city resources

<u>FACILITIES</u>	<u>AMENITIES</u>
12' fenced area	Restrooms
Fences separating courts	Drinking station
Gates between courts	Benches
Gates to enter courts	Shaded area
Court surface	Picnic tables
Pickleball coloring	Trash cans
Pickleball lines	
Pickleball nets (cemented)	
Wind screening	
Lighting	
Sidewalk around court	
Landscaping	
Reservation/usage website	

Note: Highlighted items completed at GVCC facility



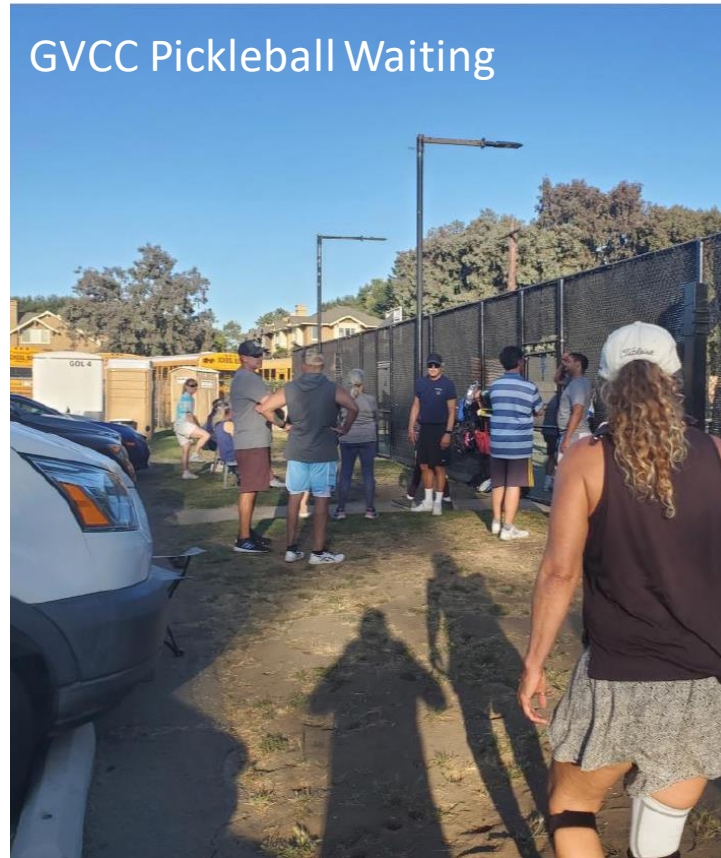
# More Courts are Needed

## Options to Meet Demand

Kellogg Pickleball Waiting



GVCC Pickleball Waiting



### Meeting Goleta's Growing Needs

1. Conversion of existing resources
  - Fastest immediate solution
2. Construction new courts at existing Parks
3. Land acquisition with new construction

	Conversion Existing Tennis Facility				Construction at Existing Park		
Facilities	GVCC	Evergreen	Berkley	Stowe			
12' fenced area	yes	yes	yes	yes		needed	
fences separating courts	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
gates between courts	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
gates to enter courts	yes	reconfigure	reconfigure	reconfigure		needed	
court surface	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball coloring	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball lines	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball nets (cemented)	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
wind screening	3 sides	yes	yes	yes		needed	
lighting	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
sidewalk around court	no	yes	yes	yes		needed	
landscaping	needed	lawn	lawn	lawn		needed	
reservation/usage website	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
Location							
ample parking	yes- parking lot	yes-street parking	no-street parking	no-street parking		needed	
community accessibility	drive/bike/walk/bus	drive/bike	drive/bike	drive/bike		needed	
	commercial						
	industrial						
zoning local area	med/high density residential nearby	single family residence	single family residence	single family residence		needed	
ADA accessibility	review	review	review	review		needed	
adjacent picnic area	yes	yes	yes	no		needed	
tournament capability	yes	no	no	no		needed	
close proximity to hotels	yes	no	no	no		needed	
Amentities							
restroom facility	yes	yes	no	no		needed	
drinking station	no	yes	yes	no		needed	
benches	needed	yes	yes	yes		needed	
shaded area	needed	no	no	no		needed	
trash cans	yes	yes	yes	yes		needed	

# Meeting Goleta's Growing Demand

Options for converting existing resources

4 available options  
each requires an investment

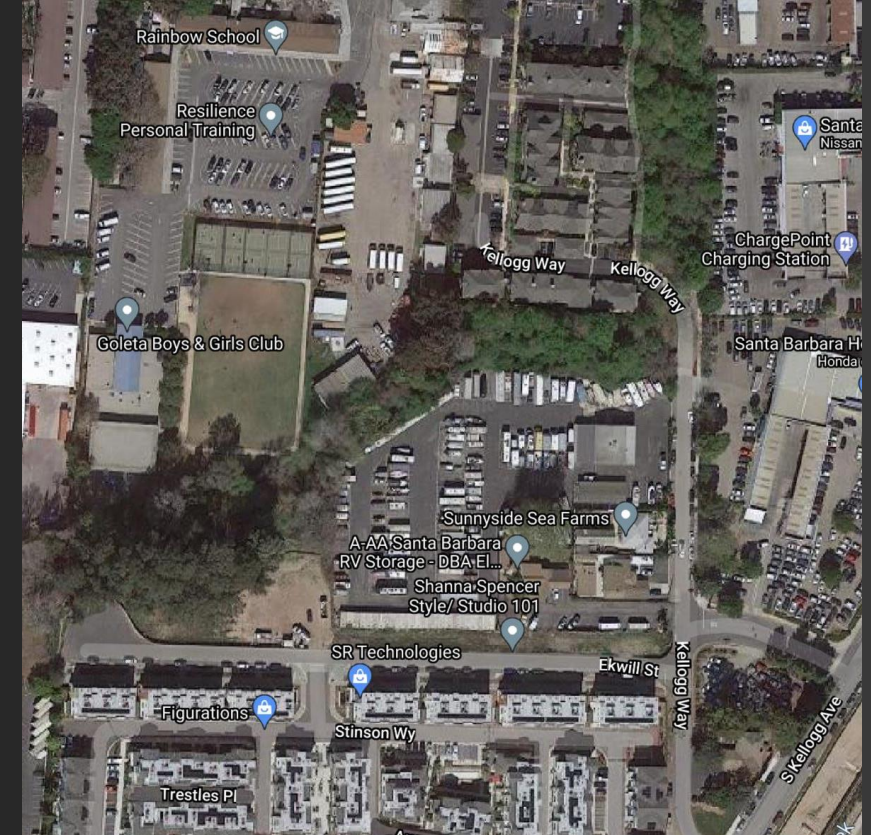
1. GVCC best option

2. Consider also converting Evergreen – provides 4-5 more courts



# GVCC – Currently Goleta's Greatest Pickleball Resource

- Fills immediate need
- Community accepted, widely used and appreciated
- Only requires a re-Classification and minimal investment
  - Could easily be reclassified again if future needs change
- GVCC furthest along, least expensive and fastest immediate solution
- Makes most sense from location standpoint.. adopted by community... center of town... brings in business
- Aligns with Goleta Parks and Recreation Master Plan and goals for GVCC along with many other City initiatives



# Goleta City Pickleball Planning

- Meeting Existing Needs
- Future Planning
  - Determining number courts for future
  - Location of future pickleball courts/complex

See Page 18 Analysis of  
Pickleball within City of Goleta



# Today's Decision

- ✓ Reclassify GVCC courts
- ✓ Improve GVCC courts
- ✓ Plan for Future courts



- Greater impact than a simple reallocation of resources
- It's about investing and supporting Family, Friends, Business, Community and their Health and well-being



# If not GVCC – Then Where?

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*Hundreds of Goleta Families  
Need a Place to Play*



# Community Letters of Support

- Hampton Inn
- McDonalds Restaurants
- United Boy's and Girls Club of Goleta
- CommUnify
- Rainbow School
- The Habit Restaurant
- Willow Creek Condo Assoc.
- Goleta Coffee

### **Attachment 3**

Goleta Valley Community Center Organization Analysis of Pickleball  
within the City of Goleta



# ANALYSIS OF PICKLEBALL WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLETA

## GVCC COURT RESOURCES REPORT



Presented by:  
Goleta Chapter USA Pickleball Association

December 2021

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## **Situation and Consideration**

This report provides a realistic view of Goleta's pickleball facilities, the condition of current resources and the most feasible options to meet the immediate needs of the community as they exist now and as they could evolve into the future including a review of the temporary facility at GVCC and the desire to reclassify that to a permanent dedicated pickleball facility. The information is based on a comprehensive process involving extensive research and review of the existing parks, playgrounds and zoning in Goleta, as well as input from staff, community and other stakeholders. It provides an assessment on pickleball nationally and locally within the City of Goleta. The trends and the expansive growth, how other coastal communities are meeting the demand relative to Goleta and how Goleta pickleball facilities compare to other central coast cities. Information is derived from, and recommendations align with those stated in: City of Goleta's General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan, City of Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan, The 2017 City of Goleta Strategic Plan, City of Goleta Strategic Energy Plan, City of Goleta Climate Action Goals, The Citywide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative, as well as the goals and vision for GVCC to be a vibrant active resource for the community.

This report provides a comprehensive analysis to aid in long-term decisions regarding pickleball resources within the Goleta community, the information covers many aspects and extends beyond the scope of this initial meeting which is merely a decision to reclassify the single tennis court facility located at GVCC to 4 dedicated pickleball courts and determine what additional improvements are needed at that location. The 4 courts at GVCC have been operating on a pilot program to evaluate the ability of the GVCC facility to meet current needs of the community. The program has been widely accepted by the community adding new life to GVCC and Old Town. Given the success GVCC facility a reclassification from tennis to pickleball will allow for the improvements for this to continue as a valuable community asset.

Within the City of Goleta there is an extremely high demand for pickleball facilities by the residents; however, there are a very limited number of courts. GVCC currently provides the largest number of pickleball courts throughout the City of Goleta, and it has now become the highest and best use for the GVCC facility. This pickleball facility is now used by more than 300 families on a regular basis and the courts are active every day. The single tennis court, which had not been used in 15 years, had suffered neglect, and was converted for pickleball use to evaluate community support. The community embraced this change and a recent Parks and Recreation meeting received over 400 positive and supportive letters with approximately 135 citizens in attendance. The public shared amazing stories of community, friendship, health improvements, how they rediscovered the charm of Old Town, the supporting of Old Town businesses, appreciation to the City for this resource, etc. all supporting a permanent/dedicated pickleball facility at GVCC. It was quite an amazing turnout and an unusual situation with the City receiving such praise and support from a courteous and overly polite mass of citizens promoting the best aspects of community.

Like tennis, pickleball has a national association and national standards as to court design, nets etc. The City has been thoughtful in the design of tennis facilities not only providing ample courts but ensuring the courts meet the national standards. The data confirms that to date the same consideration has not been provided to pickleball. There are very limited pickleball facilities within the City of Goleta and the City is falling far behind other central coast cities in providing resources to support the demand for this sport. Currently, the only 2 facilities classified for pickleball do not even come close to meeting minimum standards.

The demand and popularity continue to exponentially grow for pickleball, this report provides many of the reasons behind this growth trend and how it shall continue. A key factor is the ease of entry, almost everyone can play; and the social aspects create an environment whereby it becomes more of a fun activity rather than exercise. Unlike other sports and exercises pickleball exponentially grows because friends and family bring in more friends and family and it becomes a healthy activity that is described as "additive". Individuals will play several times a week and psychologically it is more of a social event than exercise. In response to this growth and high demand/need for resources many cities are building dedicated pickleball complexes with updated courts. This report provides details on the complexes being built around the central coast. Larger communities are even seeing businesses commercialize and take advantage of this popularity with franchising of a combination restaurant, bar and pickleball complex popping up all over the country.

Goleta as well as the City of Santa Barbara has also experienced a reduction in tennis players as they move toward pickleball. In response Santa Barbara has invested significant funds to build dedicated pickleball courts within the municipal tennis facility. They now have more pickleball courts than tennis courts and changed the name of the facility to the Santa Barbara Municipal Tennis and Pickleball Courts. The demand is expected to continue as population ages and younger players enter.

Unlike other cities, there really is no dedicated pickleball facility within the City of Goleta and it appears that GVCC presents the best opportunity. Further, GVCC presents a unique opportunity to continue to evaluate the demand and provide a valued resource while the City considers other dedicated options. Additionally, by virtue of location, the GVCC site offers access to this sport within the highest diversity within the community. Pickleball at GVCC has indisputably been an activity to generate more visitors to the community center and Old Town than any other activity in the history of the Community Center. Data supports that the City should embrace and invest in pickleball while examining how it can also help with the revitalization of both GVCC and Old Town.

The current city agenda item is a simple question of providing resources for pickleball to meet the high community demand. Which the master plan indicated as a growing trend and there is an indisputable need for pickleball resources within the City of Goleta. The City needs to add resources, not remove them, and this is easily accomplished by merely changing the classification of temporary courts at GVCC to permanent dedicated pickleball courts. This designation further provides the framework to make the needed improvements for safe pickleball play and to begin bringing the services up to par with other Cities.

The pickleball community along with GVCC has made significant personal investment of time, money and resources to support pickleball and bring this activity to the community. It has become a vibrant active resource that have brought life and hundreds of citizens and other resources supporting the Community Center as well as other Old Town business. Without this reclassification the result is a reduction in needed resources. When reviewing all options to provide pickleball resource, simply reclassifying and making an investment into the GVCC Facility offers the best solution and best use of the facility at this time for all stakeholders.

GVCC was an area identified as one of four facilities that is underdeveloped and should have an investment for sports resources. Also indicated in the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan it is important to **“Routinely analyze the usage of the programs, facilities, and services and make appropriate adjustments based on collected data. The Division should routinely measure the amount of participation in its facilities and services to determine the levels of usage and identify any trends in this usage. With this data, the Division can make appropriate changes to its supporting facilities or agreements with program providers to reflect this demand.”** Like other cities, Goleta has experienced a change in usage from tennis to pickleball requiring adjustments to be made to meet community needs.

The GVCC pickleball facility has been widely accepted and utilized by the community. From usage fees and donations, the community has already invested approximately \$35,000 towards the facility over the past year. Based on a comprehensive review, a reclassification of the GVCC facility to dedicated pickleball use and an approval for the improvements will continue to satisfy the immediate needs of the community while the City can pursue additional evaluating additional resources.

## Pickleball Overview and Unique Attributes

The City of Goleta, like other cities, should embrace and support the sport of pickleball and they now have the opportunity with this proposal to re-characterize an abandoned tennis court resource into an active vibrant pickleball resource. Municipalities are rapidly expanding pickleball facilities based on high public demand and the unique aspects of the sport for creating and fostering community, inclusiveness and diversity. Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America not just because it is fun, and good exercise, but because it is environmentally responsible, socially inclusive, and inherently safer than other active sports.

One of the few active sports where anyone at any age can start playing and be confident within a short period. Although pickleball can be energetic, it is contained to a small area, limiting the running and fast turning, thus making it easier for much younger and older players, or those with mobility concerns. Yet its activity is strenuous enough to give a solid aerobic workout, improving overall health. With its small footprint, pickleball is also environmentally responsible. You can place four pickleball courts on a single tennis court. You could place enough pickleball courts on a single soccer field to support an entire playing community for a long time.

### Attributes of Pickleball:

1. Fastest growing sport and widely adopted/desired by the citizens of Goleta.
2. Pickleball offers and supports diversity more than most other sports.
  - a. Low cost: accessible and inclusive to all ages, races, just need a paddle which can be purchased for as little as \$25 new or cheaper used
  - b. Easy to learn and develop skills – anyone can pick up a paddle and become a player
  - c. Disabled community members can also easily play and enjoy pickleball.
    - i. The USA Pickleball Association rules encourage and include players in wheelchairs and prosthetics
    - ii. The Goleta Chapter of Special Olympics located in Old Town is supportive of the pickleball facility at GVCC
    - iii. Goleta Parks and Recreation have limited resources for active disabled members of the community and pickleball provides that resource.
    - iv. Pickleball communities have supported veterans and their families who benefit from the sport
  - d. The Goleta Chapter of the USA Pickleball Assn is highly supportive and encouraging all community members from all backgrounds to embrace pickleball. This was a key factor in making an investment in the GVCC location vs other locations.
  - e. The local Goleta pickleball community has actively supported the Boys and Girls Club children with free clinics, and even suggested providing access to free paddles/balls etc. however, their personal resources are limited and to date have not received support from the City which could help foster this environment.
3. Great health benefits: uses many muscle groups, forearms, biceps/triceps, leg muscles, bending frequently
  - a. Since pickleball is so easily played by all ages it promotes healthy active lifestyles which reduce illnesses including diabetes, heart, joints, arthritis, muscle atrophy, obesity, stress, etc.  
Letters received indicated great support including recovery from heart surgery, cancer, and stress related issue.
4. Highly supported by seniors  
Smaller court than tennis so all around easier movements for seniors so they can remain active.  
Community input along with letters received highly support this attribute within Goleta.
5. Covid relief: pickleball expanded during 2020 due to above stated attributes. Players found relief from covid fatigue/stress and lack of regular exercise and social impacts from covid. Public comments express this over and over.  
Community input along with letters received highly support this attribute within Goleta.
6. Goleta businesses support the GVCC pickleball facility: Businesses use pickleball for team building, destressing, socializing and hold competitions/tournaments between local companies.  
Community input along with letters received highly support this attribute within Goleta.
7. Tournaments: Similar to soccer the sport is conducive for tournament play. Tournaments provide a revenue source through fees, bed tax, business and promote attributes of Goleta attracting visitors.
  - a. GVCC has successfully conducted small tournaments for fund raising resulting in over \$10,000 of incremental funds. The courts are ideally situated with an adjacent grass park supporting picnics, onlookers, etc.
8. Promotes and fosters community, Family, Social attributes: Families all play together, multigenerational: Grandparents and grand kids can play. A sport teenagers will play with parents.  
Community input along with letters received highly support this attribute within Goleta.
9. Egalitarianism diversity/equality not found in other sports. Public input and court observations has shown that women, men, young, old regardless of age, race or economic status or body shapes/styles are all on equal playing fields and collaborate together during play and between games. Creating a unique environment in which players are not interested in what you do for a living or how much money you have they are all only interested in meeting each other and playing the game of pickleball.

- a. Locally UCSB students, cottage hospital nurses, teachers, engineers, retirees, residents from old town along with people passing through from out of town and other states are all stopping at GVCC for pickleball. Even Kenny Loggins has come to GVCC to play and so have some of the top national players.
- b. Letters received and public comments expressed how individual are making new diverse friendships and even some with disabilities have felt more inclusive playing pickleball.

### **Goleta City Mission/Goals for Parks**

From the City of Goleta website: “The City of Goleta recognizes that local parks and recreation opportunities are an integral part of a happy, healthy, community and we strive to meet the needs of our residents. It has been a desire of the City to increase the amount of active recreation space within Old Town Goleta for many years and is an identified need within the City’s strategic plan.”

Recategorizing the abandoned GVCC tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts helps the City of Goleta move more toward their mission to increase active recreation space.

Most of the Goleta parks are currently passive parks and there are very few active parks to promote good health, social environments, and family activities. Goleta has 28 neighborhood parks yet only 5 have any active characteristics (Exhibit 1). According to data within the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan these parks are underutilized, and the most widely used park is Girsh Park (a non-public facility) due to its support of active sports.

Most new parks built today are reflecting the active lifestyles and health movement that is throughout the country. Johnny D. Wallis Park, the newest addition has a multitude of recreational amenities and landscaping, including a multi-purpose field, basketball court, handball court, concrete ping-pong table, bocce ball court, pickleball court, perimeter walking path, fitness nodes with exercise equipment, picnic areas, skateboard plaza and soon to be added splash pad.

With hundreds of new families using the temporary pickleball facilities at GVCC it may have become the most widely used public facility for healthy active lifestyles. It has moved from an abandoned unused facility to vibrant active recreation space and if recategorized and supported as a dedicated pickleball resource it will establish the ability to make necessary improvements.

### **Goleta Pickleball Demand and Current Park Resources (Exhibit 1)**

According to the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan, nationally, pickleball is one of the highest trending sports gaining an average eight percent growth each year. Locally, the sport has seen explosive growth, support and demand; however, the available court facilities provided within the City do not currently meet the demand.

The GVCC facility represents a supportive start and has the foundation to offer the community an excellent pickleball resource. The GVCC pickleball facility not only fosters good health and an active lifestyle for everyone in the community, but it is also the only facility that has lighting. The lighting enables the working-class community to engage in active recreation and enjoy exercise in the evening which is their only opportunity. For 5-6 month out of the year (nearly half the year) the sun sets prior to 6:30pm so having lights at a facility is a critical factor to promote active healthy lifestyles. Providing resources to this segment of the population has also been a key factor for hours of site availability and open play which currently seems to be working effectively.

Data derived from the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan indicate that based on the population of Goleta there is a need for 6.4 dedicated pickleball courts. In 2020 we saw an enormous increase in pickleball players including many tennis players moving to that sport. Based on the hundreds of public comments received and given the demand for the courts it is likely this number is severely understated and the City will not only need to retain and dedicate the GVCC courts to pickleball, it will likely need to look at adding additional resources to meet the popularity and demand for the sport. Based on public comments once players start the sport they will play on a regular basis for years to come, thus, investing in these courts would result in a good city resource.

The GVCC pickleball courts are the highest and best asset to fill that need; therefore, these courts should be reclassified to a permanent dedicated pickleball facility. The reclassification would additionally initiate a process and justification to make the needed improvements so the facility could meet City standards. The community has made a significant personal investment of time and money into the existing courts; however, a comparable investment from the City is needed in order to bring the courts to the equivalent standards of other municipal facilities. Although currently temporary, the GVCC pickleball courts are the most viable pickleball resources within the City (refer below to available pickleball resources).

1. The GVCC courts are currently classified for tennis use; however, they were abandoned by the tennis community and have sat unused until revitalized by the pickleball community and turned into a resource used by hundreds of families. Additionally, for more than 12 months the temporary pickleball pilot program has been running successfully and there have been no requests to use the facility for tennis nor have there been requests to use court 5 for basketball.

- Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan data indicates a surplus of tennis facilities, so the reclassification of these courts would have no impact on the tennis community. It further indicates a deficit and need for pickleball courts.
- The pickleball courts at GVCC provide a better use of space than the tennis courts. The square footage of the court area in question was only able to provide 1 tennis court with maximum usage by only 4 players. The conversion to pickleball provides 4 playing courts within the same space and the ability to accommodate 20 players at a time instead of 4. Given the high cost of land the reclassification of 1 tennis court to 4 pickleball courts makes environmental and economic sense.
- Table 5-1 shows resources for tennis as well as basketball are available from many of the public schools within Goleta as well as UCSB; therefore, the inventory for these resources is high relative to demand. This is likely a contributing factor for why the community was no longer using court facilities at GVCC. Although the City does not have an established joint use agreement with the school districts it is identified as an objective. The citizens do have access and ability to use these accessible resources for basketball and tennis even without a City joint use agreement.
- There are no other public pickleball facilities accessible within the City of Goleta (such as school or county resources) which creates a greater need for the reclassification of the courts at GVCC (refer below to available pickleball resources).

Table 5-1: School Outdoor Facilities

Citywide Inventory of Outdoor School Potential Recreation Assets in Areas With Park Gaps	TOTAL	Barro Colorado (Goleta Union)	Elwood Elementary (Goleta Union)	Kings Elementary (Goleta Union)	La Paloma Elementary (Goleta Union)	San Valley High (San Carlos)	San Carlos High (San Carlos)
		1	2	3	4	5	6
School Acreage	129.05	8.25	8.75	9.00	8.00	17.80	77.25
Shared Use Acres If Fenced	48.68	4.17	2.50	4.88	4.62	6.51	26.00
25% Credit for Park Standard	12.17	1.04	0.63	1.22	1.16	1.63	6.50
Assets Located On-Site	10	5	2	2	1		
Playground/Tot Lot	7	1	2	1	1	1	1
Parking Lot	36	2	3	3	2	10	16
ADA Parking	12	2	1	1	2	4	2
Multi-Purpose Field	13	2	3	3	3	2	
Backstop (small)	9	1	1	1	1		5
Baseball Field	26	4	3	5	4	10	
Basketball Court	1						1
Softball Field	23	9	4	6	4		
Handball Court	1						1
Football Field	1						
Running Track	1						1
Swimming Pool	1						
Tennis	4						4

A reclassification of the GVCC courts to permanent dedicated pickleball courts and the support for improvements helps the City meets every aspect of the Goleta Parks and Playground Master Plan as well as the objectives and mission for the Community Center.

### Shortage of Available Pickleball Facilities within Goleta

The demand for pickleball in Goleta far exceeds the resources and the demand is growing exponentially. Other than the GVCC location there exists very few public pickleball resources available within the City of Goleta. Those few other resources are currently not conducive to play and do not promote the environment seen at GVCC (see descriptions below). The City of Goleta is drastically trailing behind all other Cities on the central coast for providing quality resources to support pickleball (Exhibit 2). Many of the cities are building dedicated pickleball complexes to meet demand and use the unique aspects of this sport as a foundation to foster a healthy active community lifestyle. These complexes offer dedicated safe courts conducive to the game, proper fencing, court separation, permanent nets, lighting, ample parking, bathrooms, shaded bench areas, built at accessible locations for all members of the community. Some cities include food services/restaurants services at the complexes which compliments and has the same social aspects of pickleball as well as increases community involvement, usage, promotes good business and generates ongoing funding. These communities are including pickleball in their budgets and are also utilizing grant opportunities available from the State to kickstart their pickleball programs.

Similar to tennis, pickleball requires special court surfaces, nets, fencing etc. exclusively designed for play. Areas designated for tennis and pickleball should restrict use to these sports to maintain surface, equipment and safety. Activities such as skateboarding, roller skating, biking are frequently restricted around town for the same reasons. Without public funding and support the hundreds of families using the GVCC resources are forced to drive to other cities or those with financial means will join exclusive clubs.

### Available pickleball facilities in Goleta:

#### Private Pickleball Facilities

- Several area clubs and hotels provide upgraded courts which are in high demand. Pickleball is accessible to privileged wealthier residents who can afford memberships at private clubs. However, given the limited public facilities, pickleball is inaccessible to the lower income population and a lack of public resources can create inequalities.
- Area residents with higher net worth and more resources also build courts or convert tennis courts on personal property.

#### Public Pickleball Facilities (see Exhibit 2):

- City Facilities
  - 1 permanent dedicated court at Johnny D Wallis Park; however, there is no fencing, so balls fly off the court and it's not idea for play unless you are at a pro level or a small child. No lighting is provided for evening play so usage by working-class is limited to summer months or weekends. The court is shared with children's basketball hoop game creating safety concerns. These issues result in low usage by the community and in this current condition this court should not be considered a fully functional pickleball court included in the inventory.
  - 2 courts at Evergreen; however, nets are not provided so players must purchase and provide their own nets; therefore, this impacts families/players with limited financial means. Usage limited only to community that have means to afford their own nets. No lighting is provided for evening play so usage by the working-class is limited to summer months or weekends. The park services a neighborhood segment rather than the city at large based on

location. Additionally, this is NOT a dedicated pickleball court. The City merely striped an existing tennis court to accommodate pickleball play; therefore, it reduces tennis court inventory and creates conflicts for competing resources between the pickleball and tennis community (additional lines also creates game confusion during play).

- c. 5 courts at GVCC. All courts are temporary and 1 court is multiuse. Temporary courts were repurposed from abandoned tennis facility, striping on multipurpose court creates game confusion during play. This is currently the best and highest used facility in Goleta, even though it is temporary. A request is proposed to recategorize the courts from tennis to dedicated pickleball. Nets and lighting are provided creating a more inclusive equitable environment that is easily accessible for those with lower income means. Courts have proper fencing, stripping and it's the only City courts with lighting to support evening play. Location is desirable and brings business into Old Town, bathroom provided, accessible parking, 4 courts are a pickleball only, 1 court is multi-use, court reservation system and open play systems provide good access, suitable for tournaments. Courts require resurfacing along with permanent pickleball nets and other minor improvements for safer better play (see repairs needed below).

## 2. County Facilities

- a. Although not within the city limits of Goleta there are 4 courts operated by Santa Barbara County at Kellogg, just outside the City of Goleta. Courts are newly built in 2021 so surface, nets, etc. are new. Certain design element flaws, location, parking and no lighting make it less desirable to the community than the GVCC location even though the GVCC site is older and requires upgrading.

## 3. Public Schools

- a. No facilities exist, unlike tennis and basketball which is available at San Marcos and Dos Pueblos schools and UCSB

### **GVCC Court Facility (see pictures Exhibit 2)**

**12 months ago:** The GVCC courts were available to the public as 1 tennis court and a basketball court asset; however, this asset had not been used in nearly 15 years. It was essentially abandoned and rarely used by anyone for basketball, tennis or any other usage. The facility was in high need of repair and it was the Goleta-based pickleball community (desperate for community resources) that provided the improvements and made an investment in these courts to support pickleball.

**Current:** The facility has become a vibrant active park used on a daily basis and widely supported by hundreds of pickleball players. GVCC pickleball has become a center for community bringing hundreds of individuals into Old Town patronizing restaurants, gas stations, markets and other businesses. The pickleball community using their personal time, resources and funding worked in collaboration with GVCC staff to restore this public asset so everyone in the community could benefit. As of this date there have been no public funds or resources used to support this effort. This has been a highly successful grass roots community action program that is now available for the benefit of everyone in the community. The public restored and salvaged this area with surface improvements, court stripping, purchased nets, replaced and installed new fencing, installed wind screening materials, repaired lights and upgraded the lighting to an energy efficient LED system. (additional information provided under diversity discussion)

The area consisted of 1 tennis court and 1 multiuse basketball court. The tennis court area was transformed from 1 tennis court into 4 pickleball courts and the multiuse area additionally accommodates 1 added pickleball court striped for both pickleball and basketball available for either sport. The basketball facility is highly dated by any measures with old metal backboards, so the public prefers to play basketball on more updated equipment that is provided at other area parks and schools. The pickleball community additionally provided a facelift to this basketball area including paint and new nets in the event that someone may choose to use it.

**Court time and security:** Courts are secured, and access is permitted only through locked gates. The GVCC staff unlocks gates at 8:00 am and locks the gates promptly at 8:30 pm, the lights are on a timer that automatically turns off at 8:35 pm. Public is unable to access courts outside these times.

**Court Usage:** Courts are available on both an open play system and a reservation system. A website was designed to allow community access to make reservations for courts to assist in managing the high demand and also allows for the public to know when open play is available or when a court is available. Prior to the website players would randomly drive around town hoping to find an open court. GVCC staff collaborated with the community and through trial and error identified the best operational access, hours and usage. The current system in place has been working well for all stakeholders. Open play concept allows the community to socially interact through a system designed such that an individual player or group of players could collaborate together using the courts in conjunction with other individuals and groups. This unique play fosters diversity, community and many social aspects of the sport. An individual arrives at the court and places a paddle into a rack along with other player's paddles then four paddles are combined in this system grouping players to a court. Each group plays one game, leaves the court allowing another group to play and continues the rotation. Players introduce themselves and make new friends while on the court as well as waiting for the next court. This continues throughout the period and someone who is new to the game can play 6-8 games and meet 20 new people over a 2-hour period. Observation shows the players share contact information and develop relationships simply by meeting at the courts for pickleball. The reservation system allows for groups of people to reserve and share the courts with their select family or

friends and controls so one group does not dominate the time and discriminate against others. Open play generally is the highest court usage, the most activity and the most visitors to GVCC at any given time. The described court system has been able to regulate the usage to controlled hours and days for open play vs reservation play. This system has proved highly effective allowing the ability to measure and control usage, activity and resulting noise generated to specific times of play.

**Court Fees:** The current operating bylaws of GVCC require that all services provided by GVCC to the community have small fees associated to offset administrative and maintenance fees to operate facility. Many municipalities charge a fee for tennis and pickleball due to the cost to maintain the courts for example Santa Barbara charges a \$5 fee and Lompoc charges a \$3 fee to use their facilities. After conducting a review of other fees and keeping in line with GVCC policy for fees to be below market for other municipalities GVCC determined a reasonable and nominal usage fee would be \$2 for drop in or \$60 for unlimited annual usage (appx \$0.16/day). The daily use fee uses an honor system with a fee drop box or ability to pay online. So far these fees do not appear to create a barrier or discriminate players (additional information under diversity discussion below). The fees provide an offset to administrative costs, court maintenance and portable restrooms. Popularity has generated over \$18,000 of *incremental* revenue annually to GVCC along with exposure to Old Town and Community Center resources now used by hundreds of new families. Some municipalities have even promoted their pickleball courts creating grant programs for the facilities and providing loaner paddles. These ideas have been widely discussed within the Goleta pickleball community and supported by the local chapters of the USA Pickleball Association; however, they have yet to be adopted by the City and with the lack of public funding the private donations and fund raisers have been necessary to simply provide the site as a community resource and cover the improvements.

***Alternative Options/sites for City Provided Pickleball (details in Exhibit 2):***

Alternatives sites to GVCC include either converting existing tennis courts, identifying a park with enough land to construct new court facilities, or completing a land acquisition to build a new pickleball facility.

***Converting existing tennis courts.*** This is a lower cost option than new construction; however, it results in a loss of tennis resources or a conflict and competing interest between pickleball and tennis players. There are only 3 existing tennis facilities available within the 28 City parks (Berkley, Stowe or Evergreen). Even though converting these courts reduces tennis facilities, tennis is still available at the high schools and university and the Goleta master plan indicates a surplus of courts not including the high school and university resources. For reasons stated, a complete conversion and reclassification of a facility from tennis to pickleball would have the best results. Of the 3 courts mentioned Evergreen would be the best option for conversion, based on size it is likely to convert these 2 tennis courts into 5-6 pickleball courts. The other two location are in closer proximity to residential areas which may present a different set of challenges. Converting existing tennis courts would in most cases require resurfacing and restriping to accommodate pickleball, so the cost is basically the same whether completed at GVCC or another location (see options table in Exhibit 2). Resurfacing GVCC and reclassifying it as a permeant dedicated pickleball court facility would add additional resources and is identified as the best option and location at this time for pickleball for reasons indicated within this report.

***Construction of new courts for pickleball.*** Parks require enough acreage for court construction and should be positioned at a distance from residential areas. Aside from costs for construction, alternative sites would require permitting, environmental impacts etc. taking months, meanwhile the community would not have pickleball resources. Based on the increasing demand and the numerous benefits of this sport, the City should examine additional sites within existing parks as well as a land acquisition to build a dedicated pickleball facility in addition to retaining existing pickleball resources and reclassifying the GVCC court as a dedicated for pickleball facility. The reclassification of GVCC appears to meet immediate demand while additional resources are pursued.

**GVCC an Ideal Location and Facility for Pickleball**

***Resources:*** Compatible with master plan and logical reallocation of unused resources into active facility with a proven program.

***Location:*** Consistent with the sport of pickleball this location, in the heart of Goleta fosters Community and Diversity.

***Proximity:*** Easily accessible by all Goleta residents with ample parking that does not interfere with others.

***Lighting:*** This is the only facility that allow for evening court activities to accommodate work-force citizens.

***Promotes business:*** Old Town has already experienced the benefits of hundreds of players.

***Essence of Community:*** the social and community aspects of pickleball align with the goals of a community center.

***Community Supported:*** The community supports this location and has personally invested in this facility.

***Noise considerations:*** The area is properly zoned to accommodate these activities; a history of other active recreation exists. The area is mostly zoned commercial and industrial uses (see noise discussion for further information).

***Minimal Investment:*** Pickleball requires a tennis court type facility including court surface, high fencing, painted lines, nets separation between courts etc. all currently present at GVCC. The lowest cost option for upgrading, meeting other municipalities.

***Business and neighboring support:*** GVCC pickleball is supported by the immediate neighboring organizations: Willow Creek Condo Association, United Boy's and Girls Club of Goleta, CommUnify, Rainbow School, Special Olympics, Numerous local business owners within Old Town including Hampton Inn, McDonalds Restaurants, Habit Restaurant, Goleta Coffee, Yogurtland, Jane's and many more including some of the larger Goleta employers and employees (Apeel, True Digital Surgery, Cottage Hospital, UCSB facility).



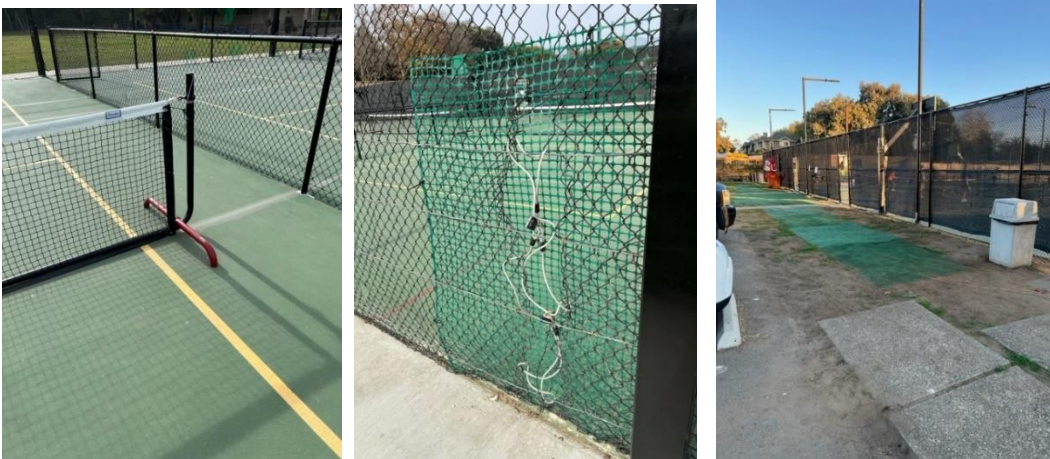
### Additional Court Repairs and Improvements Needed at GVCC

The community takes pride and care of this facility and even during the holidays the courts are decorated with a welcoming community spirit to all players. Although the community has made a significant investment and has spent endless hours working on the courts, they still require additional help that is currently beyond the means of the community itself.

After reviewing all the tennis court facilities, it is concluded that any tennis court to pickleball court use conversion within the existing Goleta parks system will require some repairs or improvements to accommodate pickleball. The conversion from tennis courts at GVCC is considerably the easiest and least expensive option. The resources and improvements made by the community provide an idea foundation for the City to build upon and with minimum effort these courts could become a valued asset offering services comparable to other local municipalities. (refer to Exhibit 2 and below)



These pictures show some of the needed repairs. Court resurfacing and restriping to bring up to standards with other area cities and that of the City of Goleta (see Exhibit 2 for comparison pics). Portable temporary nets replaced with permanent nets. Portable nets could be repurposed and used at Evergreen or other area. Fencing repair along with landscaping, leveling and better access to entry of courts. Attached is an estimate for repairs needed to bring the courts into an acceptable condition like other area municipal resources. Exhibit 2 shows the improvements needed at each possible tennis conversion site and because of the community efforts already completed, GVCC represents the facility with lowest cost and least immediate requirements.



### Covered Seating, Benches Landscaping

Due to the use of the pickleball facilities, GVCC may have considerably more visitors daily than any other parks; however, additional funding and upgrades are needed to support and reflect the desires within the Goleta Parks and Playgrounds Master Plan.

Picnic areas are needed for GVCC to meet community needs and to be compatible with other area parks. Shading and seating for those waiting for courts is desirable and standard for municipal tennis facilities including Evergreen, Berkley and other cities (Exhibit 2). Both needs can be easily addressed as seen at Johnny Wallace Park (pic to right). Many communities additionally incorporate games such as corn hole to play while waiting for courts increasing social and community interactions.



### **Noise impacts Associated with Increasing Recreational Activities in Parks** (additional information Exhibits 3-4)

The primary request presented is to convert existing tennis courts into permanent/dedicated pickleball courts. As indicated the tennis courts at this facility have not been used for numerous years. Tennis players have chosen to use tennis facilities at other city parks leaving the GVCC facility as a significantly under-utilized asset until it was converted to pickleball. The courts were built for active tennis use and studies have shown that noise/sound levels for tennis are comparable to pickleball.

Noise at the GVCC facility may be more of a perception than an issue. The GVCC facility has gone from virtually no use at all to active vibrant daily use which is aligned with the goals for the Community Center and Goleta Parks and Recreation. As activity increases, we would expect additional noise since the facility has essentially been dormant for more than 15 years.

When evaluating issues associated with noise it is important to review the Goleta General Land Use Plan which provides guidelines for acceptable standards, and it also provides actual ambient noise samples taken from various Goleta sites including GVCC.

The additional noise generated from increased pickleball activity in the park does not appear to be a significant impact on the local community:

1. Location, noise and Land Use Compatibility/zoning – Acceptable Noise levels and existing noise environment (Exhibit 3)
  - a. GVCC is located in an area that is predominantly zoned for business and industrial uses with a few residential areas located more than 200 feet from the center. The area is affected by many sources of noise, including automobile and freeway noise, railway traffic, airport and aircraft operations (it sets in a flight path), industrial and commercial activity (including speaker systems from car dealers, outdoor movie theaters and flea market activity), and periodic nuisances such as construction noise, amplified sound, loud parties, and other events.
  - b. Per the Goleta General Plan, field noise measurements at the community center normally measures 62.3 dBA, and the old town residency areas measure 60.7 dBA.
  - c. Normal acceptable noise levels for a Goleta playground or park are established by the general plan and has been set between 50-70 dBA.
  - d. Unofficial measurements taken from outside the residential areas nearest GVCC during the most active pickleball play times had maximum readings between 50-63 dBA. Levels would be significantly reduced from inside properties and furthermore, levels would be very minimal when windows are closed. Measurements directly on the GVCC courts during full active play had maximum levels between 60-70 dBA within the standards set for parks and playgrounds.
2. Shared responsibilities
  - a. Based on items indicated above, a certain level of responsibility rests with owners, residents and developers of properties to share in a responsibility of providing noise insulation measure so that newly constructed as well as existing properties comply with building standards for allowable interior noise levels. The policies are established to improve soundproofing for both noise receivers and sources. Property owners and developers are required to provide noise insulation measures to reduce interior noise levels to acceptable levels this includes insulation, glazing, double pane windows, etc.
  - b. Title 25, Section 1092 of the California Code of Regulations along with Goleta New Zoning Ordinances indicate that locating units in areas where exterior ambient noise levels may exceed 65 dBA require the developer to incorporate into building design construction features that will reduce interior noise levels to 45 dBA. Property owners have a responsibility to meet building standards for interior sound at these levels. Additionally, the Winslow and Willow Creek projects received zoning changes to accommodate residential housing that was not originally anticipated for these locations.
3. Exhibit 4 provides a table is showing the sound levels of various activities for relevant and comparative purposes.
4. The number of noise complaints has been minimal, it is not an excessive number and GVCC has implemented policies limiting usage which reduces overall noise. GVCC staff has proactively solicited neighbors for feedback. Only a very few individuals have expressed concerns regarding noise; however, at the same time other neighbors in the same complexes have indicated there is no issue.
  - a. The association representing 37 homeowners within Willow Creek, one of the closest residential communities issued a supportive letter indicating there is no issues pertaining to noise.
  - b. Letters received from the Winslow Community are also supportive and indicate that they barely hear any noise. Also public speakers at the Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Parks and Rec meeting indicated that noise was not a factor at Winslow.
  - c. The GVCC facility had not been used in years and now has regular active use, so a certain level of complaints is expected due to the changes and increases in activity.
5. In an effort to evaluate concerns and ensure notification to neighboring tenants and residents, staff went above and beyond the City of Goleta's required noticing procedures and even mailed notices on November 4, 2021 to over 500 residents/tenants within a 300-foot boundary from the parcel edges of the Goleta Community Center. This noticing was in addition to the press release, website news posting, GovDelivery email notification system, direct emails to interested

parties previously requesting notification, a story on this topic in the Monarch Press and posting to all City of Goleta social media platforms.

- a. With all that effort only 3 individuals expressed a concern regarding increased noise levels. These letters contain many exaggerated claims, including race and times of play, that cannot be substantiated or supported.
6. Consistency among area parks. Determining factors regarding noise at GVCC may also have unintentional impacts at other parks that have residential communities within a similar proximity as GVCC and possibly closer. Most of the existing 28 parks do have residential areas in closer proximity. As the City meets its need to provide increased activity within the parks system for a healthier community the result will be increased noise from the increased activity as we have seen at GVCC and Johnny D. Wallace parks. Johnny D. Wallace Park is directly next to residential homes and less than 100 feet from other residences. As an active park with pickleball, basketball, bocce ball, handball, ping pong, a skateboard plaza and soon a splash pad, the increased activities create increased noise factors that certain residents may find annoying. There is a high likelihood that an individual may relocate to the area and find noise from any one of these activities, such as skateboarding or basketball annoying and considerate it excessive even though it meets the operating standards for parks. The City will need to treat all parks with the same standards and expect that increased activity will increased noise. They will need to determine if any noise is actually held at a daily constant elevated level that disrupts activities and cannot be reduced through property upgrades or possibly a mere annoyance to a small number and not impacting the majority. Current zoning policy gives city officials a degree of flexibility in cases having a substantial benefit to the City.

The human perception of sound loudness is subjective and some individuals may be annoyed by sounds that don't annoy another. When considering evaluated noise one must identify whether the level is continually disruptive to activities or is it a mere annoyance, is the noise affecting a majority of stakeholders, can the noise be eliminated by closing windows and/or mitigation factors within the residence itself. If noise receptors have exhausted available means to reduce noise, then the noise source would implement additional means to further provide a reduction. The collaborative effort should result in maintaining acceptable levels per published standards.

#### **GVCC has been proactive to mitigate or control noise levels**

GVCC desires to retain a collaborative environment between all stakeholders including residents, businesses and those utilizing the facility. Most Goleta parks are non-staffed open facilities; however, the GVCC site does have regular onsite staff that helps with maintenance and monitors activities conducted at the center. Having staff present allows GVCC to evaluate situations to maintain harmony with the community.

GVCC has given thoughtful consideration regarding noise elements and has been proactive in implementing the following policies for the use of pickleball activities on the courts:

1. Operational hours are limited between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm enforced with locked gates and timers on lights. These hours are in alignment with other communities and needed allowing the working-class citizens ease and use of the facility.
  - a. All gates are locked by GVCC staff and there is no knowledge of court use outside posted hours. Such use would require scaling a 12' fenced area to access the courts, possibly in darkness.
  - b. Lights are on a timer system and automatically turn off at 8:35 pm. There is no other lighting, rendering the courts in complete darkness during the 6-month period when sunset is between 5-6:30pm.
2. Signage has been installed asking users to be respectful of area neighbors and noise.
3. The GVCC site is the only pickleball site in Goleta that controls open play and regulates this using a reservation website.
  - a. Open play hours will typically provide the highest usage of the facility and when there are a larger number of players noise levels naturally increase.
  - b. GVCC has regulated this usage to controlled hours and days for open play limiting to only two evenings a week and only mornings on the weekends. Non-open play is scheduled via the reservation website and is available all other times and typically there are less players and thus less noise all week-long during work hours and 5 out of 7 evenings a week. Through trial and error GVCC found these hours to represent a minimum for open play and public access, initially public demand desired more open play and longer access hours.
  - c. These control measures have been highly effective containing the higher active hours to a very minimum.
4. Notices are posted to the GVCC pickleball website and reminders are proactively emailed to users to promote and foster a respectful community environment. Based on public responses we appear to be successfully meeting this initiative.
5. GVCC continues to monitor the situation and has researched additional sound barriers and materials that may further reduce sound factors if the need arises. It is our goal to grow an active community center while balancing that growth and considering factors such as sound which is an unavoidable aspect of any built environment.

### **Discussion of Diversity – Will the City of Goleta make resources available to the Community**

There's nothing about race, ethnicity, gender, age, social economic status, etc. that deters or prevents people from playing pickleball – it's the location of courts and the available resources provided by cities. Ironically, it is not the people or the sport that will be the cause for exclusivity, but rather, court location and accessibility will be the primary and possibly the only factors that limit diversity or create exclusivity within the sport. The City of Goleta shall determine if the sport of pickleball becomes inclusive or exclusive within our own community. The decisions to support this activity, the locations of the courts and the ongoing funding for the growth will be the deciding factors. Without the support of the City, the only local resources available to pickleball players will be expensive private clubs, so the choices made by the City itself determines the diversity and availability of this sport to the working class citizens and those less fortunate living in Goleta. Currently, the only resources classified for pickleball by the City are Evergreen and Johnny D Wallace Park, and the location, court design and financial requirements to play at these parks all impact and hinder the diversity, equity and inclusive aspects naturally occurring with pickleball play.

Due to its unique aspects pickleball itself fosters diversity and inclusiveness more than most other sports. Exclusiveness is generally created when courts are built in areas away from need-based areas or when cities do not provide pickleball courts at all leaving private clubs as the only options. Pickleball as a sport has no limitation pertaining to diversity and is one of the most prominent and diverse activities that promotes a diverse, inclusive, healthy, and active community. What makes this diversity unique is you will find that everyone is playing with everyone else in an open-ended round-robin format. No other sport has this spirit of interaction across the normal barriers of society. The name Pickleball itself was chosen to emphasize the centrality of this inclusiveness. In rowing, a pickle boat crew is composed of leftover oarsmen from other boats and is often comprised of coed teams, something that is not usual in rowing. The name was chosen to emphasize its coed and inclusive nature.

As reflected in the 2018 physical council activity report (Exhibit 6) the affluent are getting more active while the less affluent are becoming more inactive. Approximately 42% of the population earning less than \$25,000/year are inactive and 34% of the population earning between \$25-50,000/year are inactive as compared to only 18% of the population earning over \$100,000 are inactive. Locating pickleball at the GVCC site by restoring/repurposing a 20-year-old abandoned tennis court removes inequity barriers and promotes a healthy community providing access to one of the most active and fast-growing sports. The social aspects inherent in pickleball need to be highlighted as shown to be a key catalyst to engaging the inactive community (Exhibit 6). The social and health benefits associated with pickleball were prominently represented from the hundreds of letters received from public comments. This reinforces that this the social aspects are highly engaging within the population of Goleta. (Exhibit 8)

From a cost standpoint pickleball is less expensive than the cost to play or purchase equipment for most other sports including: bicycling, roller skating, skateboarding, basketball, baseball, soccer, weightlifting, volleyball, tennis and is comparable to the cost of a yoga pad. According to data within the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan, Goleta residents spent on average \$1,221 a year on personal recreational expenditures. The cost of a pickleball paddle is only 2% of this expenditure and provides hours of ongoing healthy activity. Some municipalities have promoted their pickleball courts with grant programs for the facilities and providing loaner paddles. These ideas have been widely discussed within the Goleta pickleball community and supported by the local chapters of the USA Pickleball Association; however, they have yet to be adopted by the City and with the lack of public funding the private donations and fund raisers have been necessary to simply provide the site as a community resource.

It's ease of entry, though, is not its most remarkable trait. Pickleball is an unusually inclusive sport, relative to most other sports it is unique. A wide range of age groups, body types, athletic ability levels, races, genders, socioeconomic status and ethnic or social groups can be found playing at the GVCC pickle ball courts – everyone is welcome. The Goleta pickleball players work to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility all aspects naturally occurring with this unique sport (refer to pickleball attributes presented above). Pickleball at GVCC has become a unique activity and environment whereby everyone attending has been welcomed and has built community and new friendships. This is easily documented through the comments made within the hundreds of letters received and the public comments made at previous meetings. As the popularity spreads among Goleta one would expect the demographic trend of players to follow the overall demographics for the entire City (Exhibit 5). Roughly 33.2% of the overall population is older than age 50 which has been a primary demographic for pickleball; however, due to the social aspects and family dynamics we are experiencing significant players within the 25-50 age range which constitutes another 32.8% of the Goleta population. Within these brackets pickleball at GVCC is providing valuable health aspects, daily, to approximately two-thirds of the Goleta population and input received from the community indicates that children are additionally being exposed and enjoying the sport with their parents and grandparents.

Pickleball has help make GVCC an epicenter for the absolute definition of community. The players coming to GVCC select that site because of its location and meaning within the Goleta Community. These individuals are not leaving exclusive country clubs to play pickleball at GVCC. Quite the opposite, they are the working-class of Goleta, the backbone of our community (teachers, emergency response personnel, nurses, landscapers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, small business persons, etc.) and many reside in Old Town.



These individuals have used their personal savings and resources to restore this public asset and build community – all during a difficult covid environment without any government or public support. They have taken things as far as they can and now are asking the City to help support this highly desired activity within the community.

The GVCC facility represents the greatest opportunity to provide pickleball to the most diverse individuals of our community. It is in the heart of Goleta and within proximity to the most diverse population. It provides the greatest ease of access via bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and least driven miles providing ample parking as well. Although not included within this report, the GVCC location has undoubtedly had a very positive environmental and climate impact. It is well known that hundreds of users living in Goleta were daily, actively driving significant miles to access the only public courts available near Montecito. The GVCC location provided a higher sustainability best practice framework and removed barriers allowing easier access to health promoting activities for the underserved population within Goleta reducing the need to drive miles to find a court.

If the facility is not supported with dedicated courts, it will literally deprive hundreds of families from this social experience or force them to drive to other community, which in turn generates other environmental issues. The GVCC site and local businesses have already benefited from the pickleball usage which is currently categorized as “temporary” and we now seek to change that to “permanent/dedicated” pickleball usage. That simple change shall retain this unique resource within the heart of Old Town Goleta.

If the City of Goleta does not to provide community resources for pickleball, by these actions it is the City and City officials actively deciding to remove resources and limit this sport within the community to only those individuals who have the resources to join private clubs or build personal courts within private residents. Additionally, those actions will further be in direct conflict the City’s own Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan.

Thus far it has been the working-class citizens within our community who have raised funds and promoted this unique game to everyone. You have received hundreds of letters of how it has made a difference in the lives of people within our community and these letters come from people from ALL ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

As a community the pickleball players at GVCC have demonstrated that they are extremely inclusive, open, environmentally conscious. They have embraced sharing courts with Boys and Girls Club children, even holding clinics and playing alongside them. The players at GVCC have provided the use of free paddles, balls etc. so anyone in the community can participate. They have expressed a desire to work collaboratively with the City to support pickleball within the community and their actions have demonstrated this collaborative efforts to GVCC. We rarely see this sense of community and support from other activities within the parks and it is one that should be acknowledged, embraced, supported and fostered by the City of Goleta as well.

1. These are not privileged citizens who left their fancy expensive private clubs to play pickleball at GVCC.
2. These are working class citizens of all ethnicities, ages and socioeconomic status who did not have personal resources to join exclusive clubs or build personal courts on their private property. Many of these citizens are renters who rely on community resources to support healthy active after work activities.
3. These are citizens who rescued a declining, dilapidated and basically abandoned resource. These citizens removed debris weeds etc. to help revive and save the courts before they were totally lost.
4. These are citizens who used their own personally resources to refurbish and restore new life into the abandoned GVCC tennis courts.
5. These are citizens who had to use house paint to cover courts making them acceptable to play.
6. These are citizens who bought bottles of spray paint from local hardware stores and hand painted lines on the court.
7. These are citizens who scoured to find portable pickleball nets because the type of permanent nets supplied by other cities (Santa Barbara, Solvang, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, etc) are not provided here in Goleta.
8. These are environmentally concerned citizens who brought their own ladders to hang wind screening that was salvaged from other local courts and who saved that screening from filling our landfill for hundreds of years.
9. These are citizens who used their own funds to repair lighting at the courts because the City did not provide healthy active sports facilities for the working-class citizen who spend all day working and can only exercise in the evenings.
10. These are citizens who are environmentally conscious and went beyond repairing the lights and replaced the City’s expensive energy wasting lighting system with an updated/upgraded LED system that improves the carbon footprint, reduces light pollution, saves energy and reduces costs.
11. These are citizens who support other citizens and local businesses using their network and supported local electricians and local workers rather than hiring out of town companies to assist with repairs and improvements.

These are citizens who worked together to embrace and bring this valuable asset to the city welcoming all players without any limitations or restrictions on those who use the facilities. These are the people of Goleta and the City Officials should be honored to represent and support them.

## **Meeting Future Pickleball Needs**

It is expected and identified in the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan that the desire and usage for pickleball will increase. The City should begin the reviewing and planning process to identify additional resources to meet demand and consider locations for a dedicated pickleball complex. In the meantime, given that the community made a significant investment into the courts at GVCC and has embraced the location is a clear indication that pickleball is the highest and best use for the courts at the GVCC location, at least until additional resources are added by the City. Furthermore, the City should itself make an reciprocal investment to make the requested improvements and support the community efforts that have already been implemented.

## **Conclusions**

Given the enormous growth and positive support for pickleball at GVCC it simply makes good common sense and good governance to reclassify the GVCC courts from a tennis service to a permanent dedicated pickleball resource. Further it makes sense to make a minimal investment to assist in bringing the facility up to date with other comparable facilities provided by area cities. Approximately 135 citizens attended the zoom session. Over 400 positive and supportive letters along with 13 public comments containing amazing stories supporting a permanent/dedicated pickleball facility at GVCC, improving the facilities at GVCC and considering expanding those facilities in the future.

At any time in the future this resource can again be reclassified for another use that may make sense at that time. When initially developed there existed a need for tennis now the needs have changed and if we desire that the community use our resources (rather than sit idle/abandoned) then resources need to be adjusted based on the community input. As the City continues growing its pickleball resources it may in the future “retire” these courts for another activity or it may decide GVCC represents the best location for expansion of pickleball and then these courts will provide a good strong base to build upon.

Although in need of improvement and not meeting standards of other municipalities, the pickleball courts at GVCC are the City’s best pickleball asset/resource currently. The temporary courts at GVCC represents the largest number of pickleball courts within the City and is by far the highest used facility. The other locations have issues and are not being fully used or accepted by the community. Therefore, without this reclassification, Goleta essentially does not provide any resources and the community would perceive this as a removal of this valuable and highly desirable resource.

There is an overwhelming number of logical reasons to support the reclassification of the GVCC courts to dedicated pickleball.

1. There is a deficient/shortage of pickleball courts within the Goleta City parks and recreation resources and given the growth of the sport this deficiency is expected to increase.
2. The Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan indicates that there is a surplus for tennis resources. Observations indicate that the current courts are not consistently busy (unlike the pickleball courts). Tennis courts are widely available at the local high schools. Reclassification does not impact the resource inventory being used.
3. The reclassification is necessary based on changes in community needs. The GVCC tennis court was abandoned and unused for over 15 years, now it is used on a regular basis.
4. The proposal to the City of Goleta creates an opportunity to convert 1 tennis court into 4 pickleball courts and additionally dedicate 1 more pickleball court for a total of 5 courts and retain the 5<sup>th</sup> court as a multiuse court.
5. It is clear the City of Goleta will need to add more pickleball resources in addition to the 5 courts at GVCC and if GVCC courts are not reclassified that significantly increases the deficit in resources.
6. Locating pickleball courts at GVCC was initiated by the community and accepted by hundreds of families. It is currently the most widely used park resource than any other park within the City of Goleta. It is a location and sport supported predominantly by the working-class residents of our community who are frequently neglected.
7. The GVCC location meets or exceeds all criteria for planning for GVCC, the Goleta Parks and Playground Master Plan, Goleta Revitalization Plan, the Goleta Sustainability Best Practices Framework and even The National Physical Activity Council.
8. Currently, GVCC represents the most economic and efficient use of space for pickleball resources. A minimal investment will bring GVCC pickleball court resources up to levels of other municipalities and GVCC facility offers 5 pickleball resources (only replaces 1 tennis resources) due to the nature of the game provides activity to hundreds of families on a daily basis.
9. GVCC pickleball has proven to attract community to Old Town increasing business activity and activity within GVCC.
10. The GVCC location presents the highest and best pickleball resource within Goleta: centrally located, ease and accessibility via pedestrian, biking, public transportation with ample parking, lighting, bathrooms, court separation, reservation website, fencing, gated access monitored and this location all currently in place so is economically feasible and the location is aligned with the mission of GVCC to foster community activities and provide equitable inclusive resources to the Goleta community.

The information overwhelming supports a clear choice at this time to utilize the GVCC site and begin the process by reclassifying this resource as permanent dedicated pickleball courts and then approve the necessary improvements so Goleta can begin to match or exceed the resources of other area cities. Further, the city should continue exploring locations for a pickleball complex that can meet current and future demand while promoting the community and social aspects of this sport.

## Exhibit 1 – Park Resources – A Shortage of Pickleball Facilities

### Community Center Plan

The City should continue to maintain the current community center, and associated buildings, as a focal point for community activities and functions, including senior services, youth services, and various related classes and cultural and recreational activities. The City of Goleta recognizes that local parks and recreation opportunities are an integral part of a happy, healthy, community and we strive to meet the needs of our residents. <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/home/showpublisheddocument/578/635689476246700000>  
<https://www.cityofgoleta.org/community/parks-recreation-open-spaces>

**Tennis Resources:** There is a surplus of tennis facilities to service the city (Table 3-2 and 3-3). Additionally, the tennis community abandoned the courts at GVCC, and they have not been used by that community on over 15 years.

**Pickleball Resources:** The Goleta Master plan identified that there was a shortage of available pickleball courts based on Goleta population (Table 3-2 and 3-3). These estimates were made before the popularity of the sport really expanded throughout the community.

**Reclassification of GVCC Tennis courts to Permanent Dedicated Pickleball Courts:** Based on the resources this is a logical conclusion as it does not impact the tennis community, yet it provides much needed resources to the Pickleball community. The GVCC Pickleball courts are currently used by hundreds of families, even with this resource there is likely a need for additional courts throughout the City.

**Table 3-2:** Existing Recreation Facilities Level of Service

	Level of Service for Current Population	City Facilities	Private Facilities	Total Current Inventory	School Facilities Under Memo of Understanding	National Guideline Service Level (1/# pop)	Recommended City of Goleta Standard (1/# pop)	Total Facilities Needed	Total Surplus/Deficit
Park Facilities	Picnic Areas (12+people)	9		9		5,000		6.2	2.8
	Picnic Tables	114	7	121					
	Barbecue	22		22					
	Playgrounds (age2-5, 6-12)	19	1	20		3,500	2,550	11.6	8.4
Sports Facilities	Multi-Purpose Field	10	2	12		5,000		6.2	5.8
	Disc Golf	1		1					
	Baseball (Youth)	0	2	2		5,572	6,250	4.9	(2.9)
	Baseball (Adult)	2	2	4		7,000	30,600	1.0	3.0
	Soccer (Youth)	0	22	22			1,025	30.1	(8.1)
	Soccer (Adult)	0		0			7,700	4.0	(4.0)
	Softball (Youth)	0		0		8,300	7,750	4.0	(4.0)
	Softball (Adult)	0	1	1		10,493	16,900	1.8	(0.8)
	Tennis	11	0	11		5,000		6.2	4.8
	Basketball	2	1	3		7,000		4.4	(1.4)
	Volleyball	2		2		5,000		6.2	(4.2)
	Pickleball	1		1		5,000		6.2	(5.2)
	Bocceball	1		1					
	Skate Areas	1		1		50,000		0.6	0.4
	Ice Rink	0	1	1		21,000		1.60	(0.6)
	Pedestrian Trails - mi	6		6		4,000	2,300	13.4	(7.4)
	Bicycle Trails - mi	5.8		5.8		4,000	2,450	12.6	(6.8)

**Table 3-3:** Existing Recreation Facilities per Park

Citywide Inventory of Parks and Recreation Assets			Comm. Center	Mini-Park			Neighborhood Parks								Community Parks					Neighborhood Open Space								Regional Open Space																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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## Exhibit 2 – Goleta Services Compared to other Municipal Pickleball Courts on Central Coast

This exhibit focuses on pickleball resources provided by municipalities and provides a comparison between those within the city of Goleta and other municipalities. There are numerous private facilities; however, the high costs and membership fees and application processes make these resources rather exclusive. The following is focused on pickleball facilities and not tennis. Most municipalities have significant tennis resources and additional resources are publicly available at many public schools. Municipalities are actively attempting to catch up to the demand for pickleball and in many cases are behind in providing resources.

### Goleta

Goleta is clearly trailing behind other municipalities in supporting pickleball courts. The current resources provided by the City of Goleta at this time are considerably inferior in comparison to other area cities. GVCC offers the best resource and has the foundation to be a strong resource with a small investment. The community made a significant investment and should the City decide to make these courts permanent dedicated pickleball and provide some additional improvements the City could begin to catchup its pickleball resources and be more in alignment/equivalent with other cities.

**GVCC:** Older facility requiring updating. Needs resurfacing with proper court coloring, permanent nets, fencing repair, landscaping and entry updates, benches, shade covering. Community and private funding made significant improvements to date. Current features: Court separation, lighting, bathrooms, ample parking, reservation website, fencing, gated access monitored and controlled.

12 months ago: 1 tennis court, 1 basketball court rarely used



Current: 1 tennis court repurposed to 4 pickleball courts



Johnny D Wallace Park



Newest facility, semi-dedicated shared with children's basketball. Pickleball is a very active sport placement next to children games may result in safety concerns. Lacks fencing, lighting etc.

Current: 1 tennis court repurposed to 4 pickleball courts



Court 5 multi use lines creates confusion for racquet sports



Evergreen Park



Multi use with tennis. No lighting, street parking, bathrooms provided.



### **Santa Barbara Municipal Tennis Facility**

The Municipal Tennis Facility site offers 9 tennis courts, 12 dedicated pickleball courts, hitting walls, free parking and a playground.  
Cost: \$77/year or \$5 per visit. Hours 6:00am – 8:00 pm daily

### **Pershing Park**

4 shared courts with tennis, current discussions to make courts dedicated. Lighting for workforce community, ample parking.



### **Santa Barbara County – Kellogg Tennis Park**

4 newly built dedicated courts, first come first serve, no lighting, no bathroom, street parking



### **Santa Maria: 6 newly built dedicated pickleball courts**



### **Solvang: 2 newly built dedicated pickleball courts, free**



**Lompoc – Ryon Memorial Park:** Recently improved 6 tennis courts 4 shared with pickleball  
Lighting, fencing ample parking. Cost to play: \$3.00



### **Pismo Beach: Dedicated with lights**



### **Cambria: 6 newly built dedicated pickleball courts**



## San Luis Obispo

3 permanent dedicated courts, 7 multipurpose courts. Multi purpose courts are confusing to all sports with so many lines in a fast paced game it's nearly impossible to determine if balls are out of bounds



Arroyo Grande – Soto Sports Park



Morro Bay



Paso Robles



## Goleta Pickleball Options and Improvements of Existing Park Facilities

Facilities	Conversion Existing Tennis Facility				Construction at Existing Park		
	GVCC	Evergreen	Berkley	Stowe			
12' fenced area	yes	yes	yes	yes		needed	
fences separating courts	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
gates between courts	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
gates to enter courts	yes	reconfigure	reconfigure	reconfigure		needed	
court surface	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball coloring	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball lines	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
pickleball nets (cemented)	needed	needed	needed	needed		needed	
wind screening	3 sides	yes	yes	yes		needed	
lighting	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
sidewalk around court	no	yes	yes	yes		needed	
landscaping	needed	lawn	lawn	lawn		needed	
reservation/usage website	yes	needed	needed	needed		needed	
<b>Location</b>							
ample parking	yes- parking lot	yes-street parking	no-street parking	no-street parking		needed	
community accessibility	drive/bike/walk/bus	drive/bike	drive/bike	drive/bike		needed	
	commercial						
	industrial						
zoning local area	med/high density	single family residence	single family residence	single family residence		needed	
ADA accessibility	review	review	review	review		needed	
adjacent picnic area	yes	yes	yes	no		needed	
tournament capability	yes	no	no	no		needed	
close proximity to hotels	yes	no	no	no		needed	
<b>Amentities</b>							
restroom facility	yes	yes	no	no		needed	
drinking station	no	yes	yes	no		needed	
benches	needed	yes	yes	yes		needed	
shaded area	needed	no	no	no		needed	
trash cans	yes	yes	yes	yes		needed	



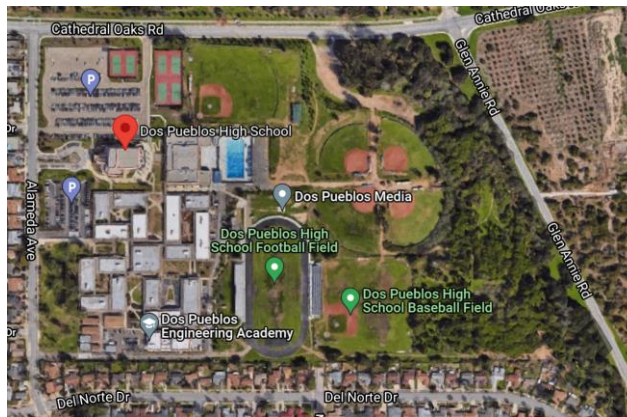
## Additional Resources and Future Consideration

To continue to meet the increasing demand for pickleball and other activities that build healthy communities, The Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan has identified several locations to expand facilities within the existing park system, using public schools and additional land acquisitions. High value may be obtained by the City of Goleta to pursue discussions and planning. Many cities have sports complexes and where applicable are adding and utilizing the social and health aspects associated with pickleball to be a driving force for these complexes.

These opportunities require a much longer planning timeline and, in the meantime, GVCC currently represents the best opportunity to delivering pickleball resources to the community. Should future complexes be developed the City could revisit the usage at GVCC making adjustments as needs change. As Identified the 26 acres at Dos Pueblos High and the 11.6 acres (currently West Wind Drive in) represent excellent opportunities for expanding pickleball and other resources.

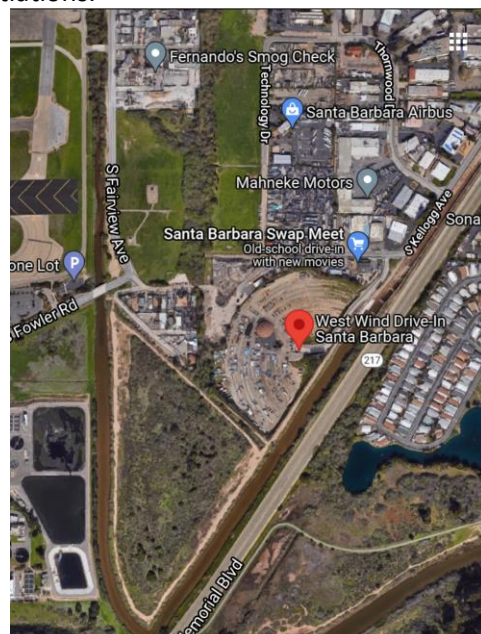
**Dos Pueblos High School** (26 acres) has significant acreage and many foundational services in which the city and the high school could both benefit from a joint use agreement. There is also potential to expand alongside the existing tennis courts which is an economical option and introducing students to pickleball has significant benefits for both the school and the City. The location is remote yet close to shopping, restaurants, and hotels which would accommodate tournament play that provides significant revenue for the City. Additionally, it is accessible by bike routes and public transportation with ample parking. It also is in close proximity to Los Carneros area which has been designated as “park poor” due to rapid residential growth of apartments, workforce housing and low-income dwellings.

- 6 One area exists at Dos Pueblos High School for joint use; area 7= 26 acres



West Wind Drive-in (11.6 acres) and two sites near Los Carneros (15.3 and 11.8 acres) were additional potential locations; however, these require an acquisition or developer negotiations.

- 5 Due to the proximity to the airport, a park site here may be appropriate to support existing and new development in the area. The park should be placed to connect with proposed bike lanes along South Fairview and South Kellogg by way of School Bus Lane.



## Exhibit 3 – Understanding Noise Implications within the City of Goleta

Source: Goleta General plan: <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/home/showpublisheddocument/577/635689476246700000>

### Sensitive Noise Receptors

Sensitive noise receptors are defined as users or types of uses that are interrupted (rather than merely annoyed) by relatively low levels of noise. Such receptors include residential neighborhoods, schools, libraries, hospitals and rest homes, auditoriums, certain open space areas, and public assembly places. Sensitive noise receptor monitoring locations are included in Figures 9-1 and 9-2. This map does not denote all residential areas, so it should be used in combination with land use maps that comprehensively show all residential areas. Sound levels were measured at each of the numbered sites on October 13 to 15, 2003. Results of this sound monitoring are included in Table 9-1.

**TABLE 9-1  
FIELD NOISE MEASUREMENTS AT NOISE SENSITIVE LOCATIONS**

Site No.	Category	Sensitive Receptor	Leq dBA
1	Residential	Winchester Commons	54.5
2	Residential	Santa Barbara West Mobile Home Park	55.4
3	School	Evergreen Discovery/Learning Center: Brandon Elementary School	50
4	Church	El Camino Presbyterian Church	58.8
5	School	El Rancho Elementary School	44.1
6	School	Dos Pueblos High School	55.5
7	Church	Christ Lutheran Church of Goleta ELCA	49.5
8	School	La Patera	47.8
9	School	Goleta Valley Junior High/Santa Barbara Charter School	53.7
10	Church	Goleta Presbyterian Church/Presbytery of Santa Barbara (also Care Unit in back)	56.3
11	Church	Goleta Valley Church	52.9
12	School	Montessori Center School	51.9
13	Church	Jehovah's Witnesses	46.6
14	Church	Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation	49.1
15	Library	Goleta Library	50.1
16	Church/Child care	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Preschool	57
17	School	Coastline Christian Academy	54.2
18	Church	South Coast Church	51.2
19	School	Kellogg School	48.8
20	Church/Child care	Cambridge Drive Baptist Church/Goleta Valley Nursery School	48.8
21	Church	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/LDS Institute of Religion	51.3
22	Retirement	Maravilla Senior Complex	57.5
23	Hospital	Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital	54.2
24	Church	Saint Raphael's Church and K-8 School	59.8
25	Residential	Rancho Goleta Mobile Home Park	55.2
26	Community center	Goleta Valley Community Center	62.3
27	Child care	United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County	48.3
28	Residential	Old Town Residential Area	60.7
29	Residential	University Mobile Home Park	59.5
30	Child care	Kinder Care	51.4
31	Child care	Village Park Child Care Center	64.8
32	Residential	Sesame Tree Apartments	65.5
33	Church	Jubilee Christian Church	61.3
34	Residential	Wayside Village (Mobile Home Park)	62.4
35	Residential	Rancho Mobile Homes	60.1
36	Residential	Santa Barbara Shores	57.8
37	School	Ellwood School	55.1

K-8 = kindergarten through 8th grade

Source: Noise monitoring survey conducted by RBF Consulting on October 13, 14, and 15, 2003.

**TABLE 9-2  
NOISE AND LAND USE COMPATIBILITY CRITERIA**

Land Use Category	Community Noise Exposure (Ldn or CNEL, dBA)			
	Normally Acceptable	Conditionally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Residential—low density	50–60	60–65	65–75	75–85+
Residential—multiple family	50–60	60–65	65–75	75–85+
Transient lodging—motels and hotels	50–65	65–70	70–80	80–85+
Schools, libraries, churches, hospitals, and nursing homes	50–60	60–65	65–80	80–85+
Auditoriums, concert halls, and amphitheaters	NA	50–65	NA	65–85+
Sports arenas and outdoor spectator sports	NA	50–70	NA	70–85+
Playgrounds and neighborhood parks	50–70	NA	70–75	75–85+
Golf courses, riding stables, water recreation, and cemeteries	50–70	NA	70–80	80–85+
Office buildings, business commercial, and professional	50–67.5	67.5–75	75–85+	NA
Industrial, manufacturing, utilities, and agriculture	50–70	70–75	75–85+	NA

Notes:

**Normally Acceptable:** Specified land use is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal conventional construction, without any special noise insulation requirements.

**Conditionally Acceptable:** New construction or development should be undertaken only after a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements is made and needed noise insulation features are included in the design. Conventional construction, but with closed windows and fresh air supply systems or air conditioning, will normally suffice.

**Normally Unacceptable:** New construction or development should be discouraged. If new construction or development does proceed, a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements shall be made and needed noise insulation features shall be included in the design.

**Clearly Unacceptable:** New construction or development should generally not be undertaken.

NA: Not applicable.

Source: Modified from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Guidelines and State of California Standards.

Source: Goleta General plan: <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/home/showpublisheddocument/577/635689476246700000>

### Goleta Noise Sources and Existing Noise Environment

Goleta is affected by several different sources of noise, including automobile and railway traffic, airport and aircraft operations, industrial and commercial activity, and periodic nuisances such as construction noise, amplified sound, loud parties, and other events. Roadway Traffic Noise: In general, noise levels caused by highway traffic are directly correlated with the volumes and speeds of vehicles and with increases in the number of large truck vehicles. Noise levels adjacent to U.S. Highway 101 (US-101) range from 75 to 90 dBA CNEL, while noise levels adjacent to major arterials in the city can be as high as 85 dBA CNEL. The orientation and spacing of these major roadways combined with the proximity of the Santa Barbara Airport result in a large part of the city being subject to existing noise levels that exceed 60 dBA CNEL, as shown on Figures 9-1 and 9-2.

9.3 CITY POLICIES Policy NE 1: Noise and Land Use Compatibility Standards [GP] Objectives: To protect Goleta's residents, workers, and visitors from excessive noise by applying noise standards in land use decisions. To ensure compatibility of land uses with noise exposure levels, and to neither introduce new development in areas with unacceptable noise levels nor allow new noise sources that would impact existing development.

NE 1.1 Land Use Compatibility Standards. [GP] The City shall use the standards and criteria of Table 9-2 to establish compatibility of land use and noise exposure. The City shall require appropriate mitigation, if feasible, or prohibit development that would subject

proposed or existing land uses to noise levels that exceed acceptable levels as indicated in this table. Proposals for new development that would cause standards to be exceeded shall only be approved if the project would provide a substantial benefit to the City (including but not limited to provision of affordable housing units or as part of a redevelopment project), and if adequate mitigation measures are employed to reduce interior noise levels to acceptable levels.

**Acceptable Noise Levels.** [GP] New construction and substantial alterations of existing construction shall include appropriate noise insulation measures (such as insulation, glazing, and other sound attenuation measures) so that such construction or renovations comply with state and building code standards for allowable interior noise levels. The intent of this policy is to require improved soundproofing for both noise receivers and sources.

### **Definition and Measurement of Noise**

Noise is an unavoidable aspect of any built environment. Noise is defined as a sound or series of sounds that are perceived as irritating, objectionable, and/or disruptive to the quality of daily life. Levels of noise are measured in decibels (dB) and are typically expressed as A-weighted decibels (dBA). The A-weighted decibel scale adjusts for very high and very low sound frequencies that are inaudible to humans. Noise levels emitted by various sources are often expressed as equivalent energy level (Leq). Because sound levels at a particular location typically vary over the course of the day and because people tend to be more sensitive to noise in the evening and at night than during the morning and afternoon, sound levels are commonly averaged over a 24-hour period, weighted for night and evening sensitivity, and expressed as either Day-Night Noise Level (Ldn) or Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL). These two expressions of average sound levels are nearly equivalent, and while this Noise Element usually refers to CNEL, standards cited from certain state and federal regulations may use Ldn.

Human perception of sound loudness, however, is subjective. Everyday sounds normally range from 30 dBA (very quiet such as a soft whisper) to 100 dBA (very loud such as the noise produced by a jet takeoff at a distance of 200 feet). In general, noise may become a nuisance at levels of 45 dBA CNEL or greater. Psychological and physiological stress are common with noise levels in the 65 to 75 dBA CNEL range, and hearing loss can occur at noise levels of 75 dBA CNEL or more.

**A-Weighted Level (dBA):** The sound level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the Aweighting filter network. The A-weighting filter deemphasizes the very low and very high frequency components of the sound in a manner similar to the response of the human ear and gives good correlation with subjective reactions to noise.

The California Department of Health Services has developed criteria and guidelines for local governments to use when setting standards for human exposure to noise and preparing noise elements for general plans. These guidelines include noise exposure levels for both exterior and interior environments. In addition, Title 25, Section 1092 of the California Code of Regulations, sets forth requirements for the insulation of multiple-family residential dwelling units from excessive and potentially harmful noise. These guidelines indicate that locating units in areas where exterior ambient noise levels exceed 65 dBA CNEL is undesirable, and require the developer to incorporate into building design construction features that will reduce interior noise levels to 45 dBA CNEL. Title 21, Subchapter 6 of the California Administrative Code, establishes noise standards related to airports. According to Title 21, an airport should maintain a noise impact area wherein no residential uses would be located within the 65-dB-CNEL contour. If noise levels exceed this standard for residences and other sensitive receptors, aviation easements and soundproofing of interior space are required.

**NE 1.3 Noise Buffers.** [GP] When feasible, the City should require an open space or other noise buffer between new projects that are a source of noise and nearby sensitive receptors. The nature and extent of the noise buffer shall be determined based upon site-specific conditions. **NE 1.4 Acoustical Studies.** [GP] An acoustical study that includes field measurement of noise levels may be required for any proposed project that would: a) locate a potentially intrusive noise source near an existing sensitive receptor, or b) locate a noise-sensitive land use near an existing known or potentially intrusive noise source such as a freeway, arterial roadway, railroad, industrial facility, or airport traffic pattern. Acoustical studies should identify noise sources, magnitudes, and potential noise mitigation measures and describe existing and future noise exposure. The acoustical study shall be funded by the applicant and conducted by a qualified person or firm that is experienced in the fields of environmental noise assessment and architectural acoustics. The determination of applicability of this requirement shall be made by the Planning and Environmental Services Department by applying the standards and criteria of Table 9-2.



## Exhibit 4 – Understanding and comparing the sound measurement of various noises

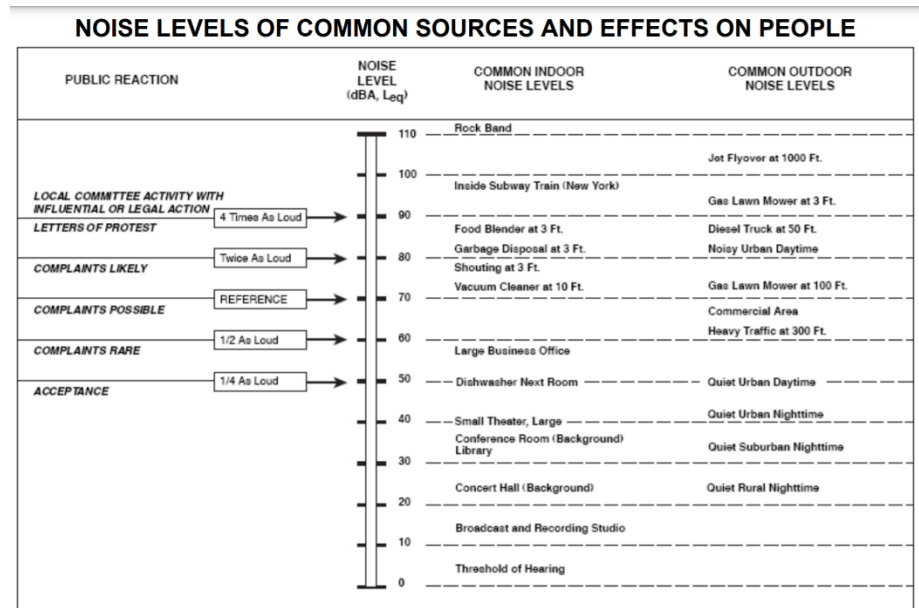
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It is helpful in understand these measurements by comparing the level for various sounds that are familiar. The chart below lists many common sounds along with the level of noise created as measured in decimals.

<https://noiseawareness.org/info-center/common-noise-levels/>

<https://www.cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/planning-and-environmental-review/general-plan>

- 30 dBA soft whisper
- 50 dBA rainfall
- 50 dBA Refrigerator
- 55 dBA Coffee Percolator
- 60 dBA normal talking
- 70 dBA Freeway Traffic
- 70 dBA TV Audio
- 75 dBA bird chirping
- 85 dBA Heavy Traffic
- 85 dBA Noisy Restaurant
- 95 dBA Electric drill
- 100+ dBA Plane Overhead
- 50-60 dBA Electric Toothbrush
- 60-75 dBA Washing Machine
- 50-75 dBA Air Conditioner
- 50-80 dBA Electric Shaver
- 55-70 dBA Dishwasher
- 60-85 dBA Vacuum Cleaner
- 70-95 dBA Hair Dryer
- 65-80 dBA Alarm Clock
- 65-95 dBA Power Lawn Mower
- 70-80 dBA Coffee Grinder
- 70-95 dBA Garbage Disposal
- 75-85 dBA Flush Toilet
- 80 dBA Pop-Up Toaster
- 80 dBA Doorbell
- 80 dBA Ringing Telephone
- 80-90 dBA Blender/Food Mixer or Processor
- 80 dBA Manual Machine, Tools
- 85 dBA Handsaw
- 90 dBA Tractor
- 90-115 dBA Subway
- 60 dBA sea sound
- 100 dBA Factory Machinery
- 105 dBA Snow Blower
- 110 dBA Power Saw
- 110 dBA Leaf Blower
- 110 dBA Baby Crying
- 125 dBA Auto Stereo



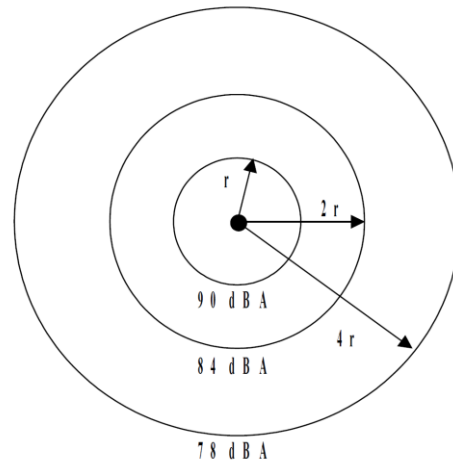
SOURCE: Caltrans Transportation Laboratory Noise Manual (1982)

### Amplitude Attenuation with Distance

Sound originating from a small point source will spread spherically in all directions, absent any nearby surfaces. The conservation of energy requires the sound pressure spreading out from such a source to decrease by half with each doubling of distance. This is known as the inverse square law and is demonstrated in Table A2.1 and Figure A2.5. source: Spondiarian & Willis Acoustics & Noise Control LLC

**Table A2.1. Decrease of SPL with Distance Due to Spherical Spreading**

Distance from Source (ft)	SPL (dBA)	SPL Loss Relative to 10 ft
10	90	
20	84	6
40	78	12
80	72	18
160	66	24
320	60	30



**Figure A2.5. Decrease of SPL with Distance Due to Spherical Spreading**

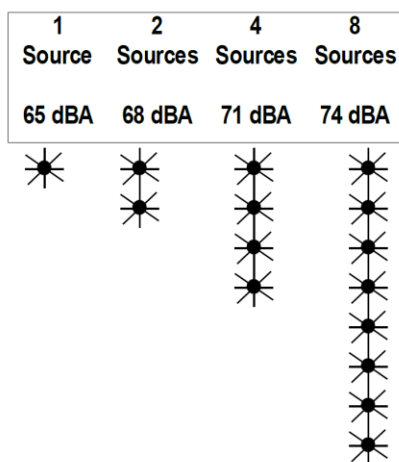
### Adding Decibels

Summing the contributions from multiple sound sources to obtain the total SPL is *not* done simply by adding the decibel levels because SPL is a logarithmic quantity. Imagine a fan produces a moderate SPL of 65 dBA at 6 feet. If a second identical fan were turned on the resulting SPL would not be 130 dBA. This would be equivalent to a commercial jetliner taking off at close range. The correct method of adding the SPL from each source is to sum the acoustic power produced by each source. This implies that each time the number of sources having equal SPL is doubled, the SPL will increase by 3 dBA. Therefore, in the example with two fans, the correct total SPL would be 68 dBA. More examples with multiple sources producing equal SPL are shown in Figure A2.6.

65 dBA + 65 dBA <sup>1</sup> 130 dBA **WRONG** (A2.2)

65 dBA + 65 dBA = 68 dBA **RIGHT** (A2.3)

**Figure A2.6. Total SPL from Multiple Sources with Equal SPL Output**



### Further Reading

Bruel and Kjaer, "Measuring Sound." Covers topics in this appendix in more detail. Available on the Bruel and Kjaer website, [www.bkhome.com](http://www.bkhome.com). Find this and other primers under the library section of the site. Cyril M. Harris, Ed. Handbook of Acoustical Measurements and Noise Control, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Acoustical Society of America, Melville, NY, 1998. Spondiarian

## Exhibit 5 – Goleta Demographics

Data reported in the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan. Additional updated data provided from 2020 census and 2019 American Community Survey (ACS).

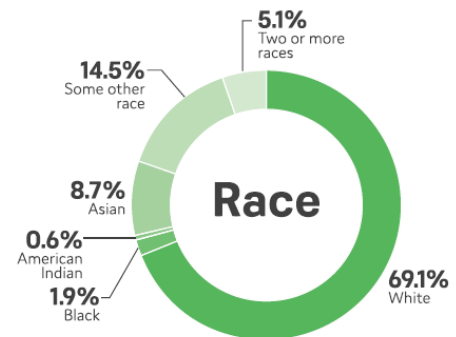
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### Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

One race	94.8%
White	72.2%
Black or African American	3.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%
Asian	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
Some other race	8.6%
Two or more races	5.2%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	32.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	51.5%

**Figure 2-3:** Goleta's Racial Make-Up



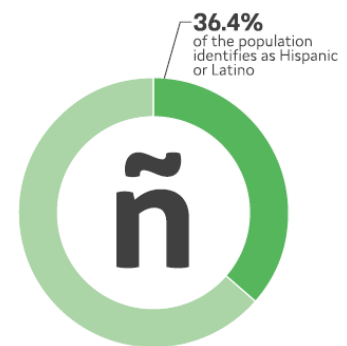
Source: 2017 American Community Survey 5-year Est

### Age Breakdown of Population

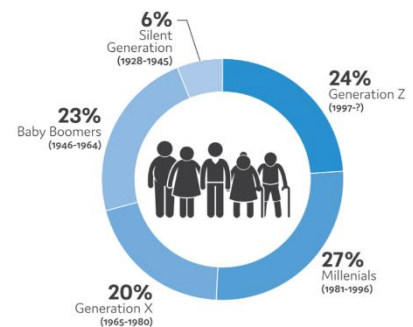
less than 25	34.02%
25-50 yrs	32.80%
50 yrs and older	33.18%

Under 5 years	1660	5.36%
5 to 9 years	1746	5.64%
10 to 14 years	1784	5.76%
15 to 19 years	1913	6.18%
20 to 24 years	3434	11.09%
25 to 29 years	2291	7.40%
30 to 34 years	2312	7.46%
35 to 39 years	1746	5.64%
40 to 44 years	2069	6.68%
45 to 49 years	1742	5.62%
50 to 54 years	1785	5.76%
55 to 59 years	1966	6.35%
60 to 64 years	1485	4.79%
65 to 69 years	1482	4.78%
70 to 74 years	1132	3.65%
75 to 79 years	932	3.01%
80 to 84 years	708	2.29%
85 years and over	<u>788</u>	2.54%
	<b>30,975</b>	

Source: 2020 census and 2019 American Community Survey (ACS)



**Figure 4-5:** City of Goleta Generational Breakdown



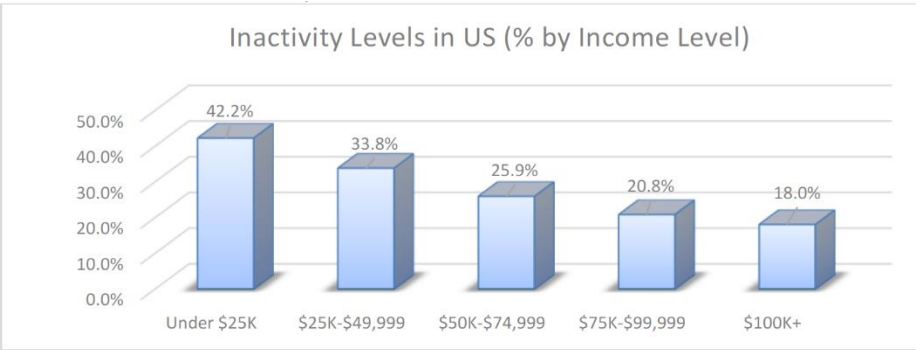
Source: Goleta Parks and Playground Master Plan

Exhibit 6 – Health and Community Attributes Associated with Pickleball

The following information is collaborated by the Physical Activity Council, whose overview report summarizes 'topline' data to establish levels of activity and identify key trends in sports, fitness and recreation participation in the USA. This annual report is produced by a partnership of eight of the major governing bodies and trade associations in the U.S. sports and leisure industry.

Inactivity Levels by Income

The accompanying chart illustrates the inactivity rates by household income levels. The lower the income level, the greater the inactivity. For example, on a national basis, 42.2% of the population with household incomes under \$25,000 are inactive. By contrast, only 18% of the population with household incomes over \$100,000 are inactive.

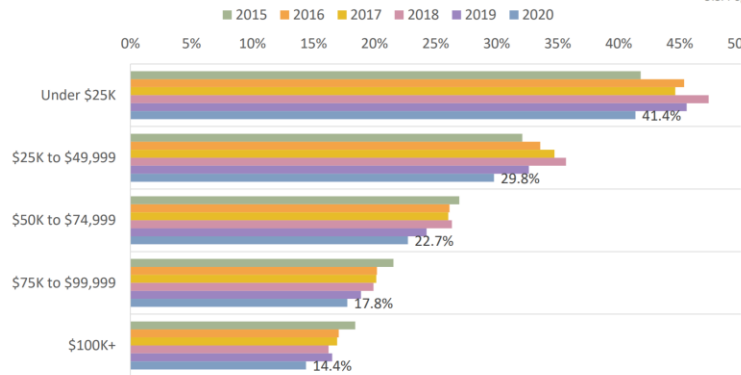


Source: 2018 Physical Activity Council Report

2015–2020 Inactivity by Income



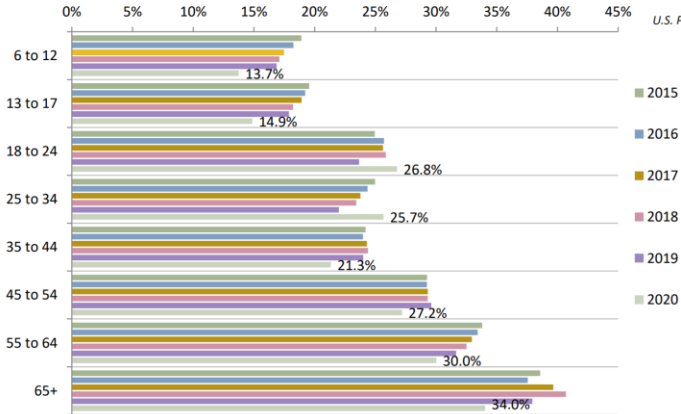
U.S. Population, Ages 6+



2015–2020 Inactivity by Age



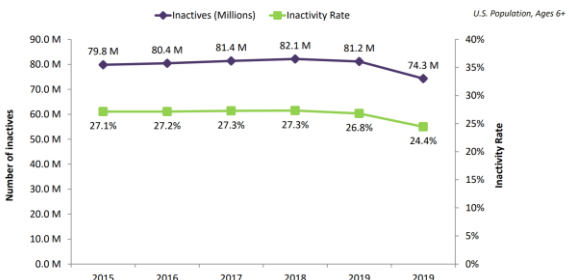
U.S. Population, Ages 6+



2015–2020 Inactivity Trend



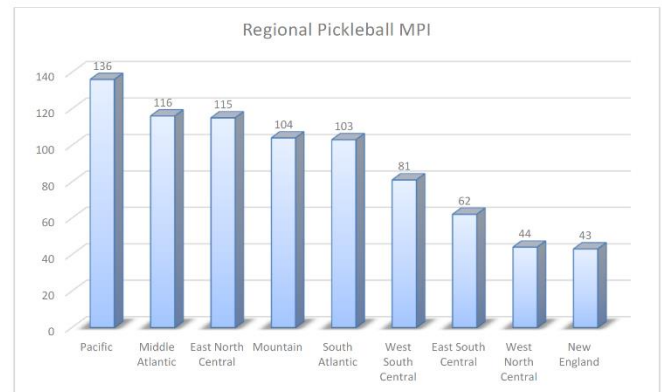
U.S. Population, Ages 6+





## Market Potential Index (NPI)

A Market Potential Index (MPI) measures the probable demand for a product or service within each Region. The MPI shows the likelihood that an adult resident will participate in certain activities when compared to the U.S. national average. The national average is 100; therefore, numbers below 100 would represent lower than average participation rates, and numbers above 100 would represent higher than average participation rates. The following table displays shows sport and leisure market potential data for each region across the US. Goleta is located in the Pacific Region demonstrates the highest MPI score when compared to all other regions. This above average market potential index score (136); indicates that Pacific Region residents have a rather strong participation presence when it comes to Pickleball. This becomes significant when municipalities within this region consider starting up Pickleball programs or building Pickleball new facilities.



Source: SFIA

## Health Benefits

### Research Results – Health Benefits Resulting from Pickleball

The popularity has led to researchers and physicians to study the health benefits. The results overwhelming support that pickleball provides tremendous health activities to all ages. Social and fun factors make this a sport that is not readily dropped, like is experienced with other exercise; therefore, it can be a magnet for cities in building health programs. The fun factor and social aspects lead this sport to an activity that individuals do over and over and leads to expansion among family members, friends and community resulting in healthy community.

A professor at Walden University has reviewed several studies on the health and social benefits of playing pickleball and has summarized the findings as follows: Research studies have consistently found that playing pickleball improves the bio-psycho-social dimensions of the people who play it. Numerous research studies with middle and senior aged adults have found that playing pickleball improves people's daily lives, their wellbeing, and contributes to successful aging. A study of older adults found that serious leisure through pickleball is important for their wellbeing and for middle aged people who are employed and play pickleball it contributes to their career progress and wards off depression as their retirement looms. Other studies of people who play pickleball found that it helps them maintain a healthy lifestyle, enhances their self-image and self-expression, provides for positive social interactions and improves their social relationships, thus improving their personal growth, health, happiness, and life satisfaction in retirement. Physiological studies have found that pickleball improves cardiovascular fitness, modifies and reduces risk factors for cardiovascular disease, improves metabolic rates and more calories are burned, improves cholesterol's high-density lipoproteins and low-density lipoprotein numbers, improves both systolic and diastolic blood pressure, and the maximal oxygen uptake in the lungs and blood. These physiological improvements through playing pickleball are better than the benefits of daily walking.

Researchers in the High Altitude Exercise Physiology Program at Western State Colorado University, led by Lance Dalleck, Ph.D.. The purpose of their study was to quantify the acute cardiovascular and metabolic responses to Pickleball, and to determine the effectiveness of a six-week Pickleball intervention at positively modifying cardiometabolic risk factors. The primary finding of this study is that regular participation in Pickleball elicits cardiovascular and metabolic responses that meet exercise intensity guidelines for improving and maintaining cardiorespiratory fitness, with the average caloric expenditure equaling approximately 350 calories per 60 minutes of participation. Collectively, these findings support Pickleball as an ideal form of physical activity for middle-aged and older adults. Decreased cardiorespiratory fitness contributes to reduced functional capacity and can eventually result in a loss of independence. In fact, low cardiorespiratory fitness may contribute to premature mortality for members of the population evaluated in this study. For these reasons, adding pickleball to an exercise routines is a great idea. Combine the findings of this research with the participants' enjoyment of the game and you really do have an ideal form of physical activity. It's important to highlight that the research team observed a lot of socializing, conversation and laughter before, during and after the Pickleball matches. As Dr. Dalleck reminds us, "This type of social support is tremendously valuable when it comes to long-term adherence." After just six weeks, participants saw favorable changes in high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, and  $\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ . Together, these equate to a positive effect on cardiometabolic health. <https://www.acefitness.org/education-and-resources/professional/certified/august-2018/7053/ace-sponsored-research-can-pickleball-help-middle-aged-and-older-adults-get-fit/>

## Articles Highlighting the Benefits of Playing Pickleball are Numerous

According to courtserve.com, the accompanying list are seven ways pickleball can improve life.

### 1. Mood & Mental Health

Playing pickleball can improve your mood and ward off depression. As participants get their hearts pumping with this form of moderate exercise, it can improve blood pressure levels as well. Physical activity can help release feel-good endorphins and take our mind off our worries. Participating in a group sport can also improve social interaction. Exchanging smiles with a teammate can benefit our moods and mental health. In addition to the social benefits of playing sports, participating in a pickleball game can also make you more confident. As you get in shape, you'll feel better about your appearance, which can improve your mental health, too!

### 2. Burn Calories

While there's no serious running, playing pickleball does provide a little aerobic exercise. As a great alternative to more strenuous physical activities, pickleball is ideal for older age groups that still want to get in a little moderate exercise. The game combines ping-pong, tennis, and badminton and requires players to move within a small court. This gives participants the opportunity to get on their feet, move around, and burn calories while they're playing pickleball.

### 3. Improve Balance

A rousing pickleball game can also improve your balance. Regular activity, including the aerobic exercise pickleball requires, can improve our balance even as we age. As more players perfect their pickleball game, they can build their stamina, footwork, and control as well.

### 4. Better Agility

Since a pickleball moves much slower than the speed of a tennis ball, a pickleball game is a lot easier on older bodies. This gives players the opportunity to tone their muscles and improve their agility.

### 5. Reduce Health Risks

According to NPR, pickleball is also a great sport for participants with previous injuries. Instead of putting your health at risk, you can burn 40 percent more calories than walking without causing yourself further pain.

### 6. Make New Friendships

Pickleball is also a social sport. Whether you play a single or doubles game, learning how to play pickleball can put you on the court with other enthusiastic players. That way, you're making social connections as you play, which can improve your mental health, too.

### 7. It's Fun and addictive!

Finally, pickleball is a fun leisure activity that can help you break away from your usual routine. Get out there and have a blast. It's not about winning, but about having fun with the other players around you.

Source: *Courtreserve.com*

## 5 Hidden Health Benefits of Pickleball By Lisa Fields | March 26, 2019 Source: *Silversneakers.com* blog

Pick up a paddle to protect your heart, boost your mood, and more! By now you've heard of pickleball. The increasingly popular paddle sport, which has similarities to tennis and ping pong, has attracted players of all ages and fitness levels—but especially active older adults. What's so great about it?

For starters, it's incredibly accessible. You can input your zip code on the U.S.A. Pickleball Association website to find out where to play near you. Beginners are always welcome, equipment is often provided, and the rules are easy to learn. Among the reasons older adults love pickleball: The court is small enough that you don't need to move much to hit the ball, especially if you're playing doubles. The game encourages players to socialize. There's none of the frustration factor that accompanies sports like golf—it's designed to be carefree and fun. "Pickleball is a great sport for active living across the lifetime," says Jonathan Casper, Ph.D., an associate professor of sports management at North Carolina State University. "Because it's similar to other racquet sports, you can learn the game pretty quickly, and you can play for as long as your body will let you." If that's not reason enough to give it a try, consider these five health perks of playing pickleball.

### Pickleball Benefit #1: You'll Lower Your Risk of Heart Disease

A recent study in the *International Journal of Research in Exercise Physiology* found middle-aged and older adults who played one hour of pickleball three days per week for six weeks improved their blood pressure, cholesterol, and cardiorespiratory fitness levels.

“These positive changes to heart health are significant, as a large number of adults have elevated cholesterol levels, hypertension, or low cardiorespiratory endurance, which puts them at increased risk of cardiovascular disease,” says study author Lance Dalleck, Ph.D., an associate professor of exercise and sport science at Western Colorado University.

#### **Pickleball Benefit #2: You’ll Cut Your Risk of Depression**

Exercise in general is a proven mood booster—and pickleball is no exception. A recent study in *Leisure Studies* found older adults who played in pickleball tournaments had a lower risk of depression. “I believe it makes older adults’ lives richer and happier,” says study author Jungsu Ryu, Ph.D., an assistant professor of sport management at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. “Engaging seriously in playing pickleball may buffer any type of negative emotions that people have during transitions to retirement and later life.” If tournaments aren’t for you, no problem. The important thing is the commitment to pickleball as serious leisure, or the continued pursuit of a sport or hobby so you gain special skills, knowledge, and experience.

#### **Pickleball Benefit #3: You’ll Get Hooked on Exercise**

Many older adults start playing pickleball because a friend or partner suggests they join them one day. Some may be skeptical when they arrive, but more often than not, they enjoy it enough to come back for more, Casper says. Science offers one explanation: A study in the *Journal of Aging and Physical Activity* found people become loyal to the sport because it helps them meet their fitness goals and enhance social connections. It’s a two-for-one workout! “Sometimes people are more willing to play a sport when it’s fun, and people report that playing pickleball is way more fun than going for a walk or going on the treadmill,” says Casper, the study author. “If you were to spend 60 minutes in the gym,” he continues, “it usually feels like 60 minutes. But when you’re doing something you enjoy, like pickleball, where you typically have time to talk and laugh in the game, all of a sudden you’ve been playing for 60 minutes and you think, ‘Where did the time go?’” Only about 20 percent of adults get the recommended amount of physical activity each week, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. That means a lot of people may need to find an activity they’ll stick to—and pickleball may be the ticket.

#### **Pickleball Benefit #4: You’ll Socialize More—and Feel Less Lonely**

Pickleball is a great social outlet. And that desire to connect with friends will keep you coming back again and again. “There’s this fun aspect, which really ties into social support,” says Chris Gagliardi, a spokesperson for the American Council on Exercise. “It’s not this individual journey, like going to the gym by yourself to walk on the treadmill,” he says. “You can play doubles, you can have a teammate, and someone is expecting you. For some people, it can be the only socializing they may have that week.” Even while on the court, interactions between pickleball players are different from those in other physical activities, Casper says. “Because this is a sport with two people playing together, you have that engagement,” he says. “And people are so passionate about pickleball—they look for opportunities to show other people and share their enjoyment. That’s more so with pickleball than any other sport that I’ve studied.” Plus, knowing that someone is depending on you may give you a greater sense of purpose and increase your devotion to the game even more. “If you were my workout partner and you didn’t show up, I could still get my workout in,” Gagliardi says. “But in pickleball, the game couldn’t take place if you didn’t show up. You have a lot riding on it.” Get along really well with your pickleball pals? Why not extend the outing with coffee or lunch afterward—or plan one of these fun friend dates?

#### **Pickleball Benefit #5: You May Stay Independent Longer**

Older adults who play pickleball regularly may improve their reflexes and balance, which can help you live independently for longer, Gagliardi says. You may also improve your range of motion, which can help minimize arthritis symptoms that prevent you from performing everyday tasks with ease. “As a result of not being physically active, you typically lose range of motion,” Gagliardi says. “If you’re doing something you enjoy, you’re more likely to do it. “But also, with pickleball, you have to think about the strategy and the hand-eye coordination,” he explains. “If you’re sedentary, you’re not doing that at all.”

## Exhibit 7 – Pickleball Industry

Unless otherwise stated, the information in this section of the report is an excerpt from the 2019 Pickleball Fact Sheet by the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA).

### Participation Levels

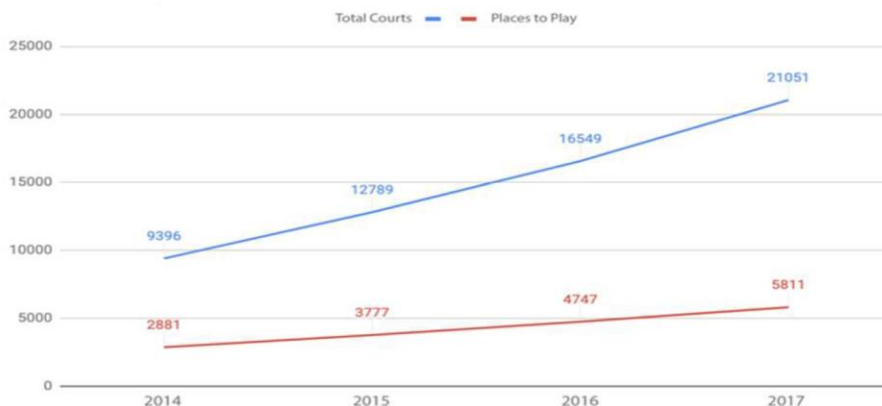
In the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) 2017 Pickleball Participant Report, it was reported that pickleball currently has 3.1 million players in the US – an increase of 12% over the previous year. In 2016, SFIA produced a detailed Pickleball Participation Report which provided the following details.

- 1.57 million were “Casual” participants who play 1-7 times a year
- 930 thousand were “Core” participants who play 8 or more times a year
- The rate of growth in participation from 2014 to 2015 was 1.8%, from 2.462 million to 2.5 million (Note: this growth rate is likely underestimated since 2014 was the first year for including pickleball in the SFIA report and the base number is questionable)
- Casual were 63% male and 37% female
- Core were 73% male and 27% female
- The age breakdown for Casual and Core are very different... with Core players being, on average, significantly older
  - ages 6-17: Casual 18.5%; Core 0.8%
  - ages 18-34: Casual 11.7%; Core 5.5%
  - ages 35-54: Casual 29.4%; Core 19.2%
  - ages 55-64: Casual 7.7%; Core 31.8%
  - age 65+: Casual 5.4%; Core 42.7%
- 13% of Casual participants and 75% of Core participants are age 55 and older
- The 2.5 million participants represent 0.9% of the US population
- The regions with the largest number of Core participants were Pacific (CA, OR, WA) = 263,000; East North Central (WI, MI, IL, OH, IN) = 200,000; South Atlantic (FL, GA, SC, NC, VA, WV, DC) = 174,000
- 2018, and beyond, represents the greatest opportunity for Pickleball’s growth, thanks to a combination of intangibles:
  - Growth of young players and newcomers to the game
  - Surge in new construction of Pickleball courts and facilities
  - Retrofitting of tennis courts for Pickleball use nationwide
  - International media exposure
  - Widespread exposure from digital and social media outlets dedicated exclusively to Pickleball
- Consistent grassroots publicity
- Influx of tennis players into the profession
- Increase in pro-shops carrying Pickleball equipment
- Unwavering commitment to players of all levels -- beginner to pro -- from Pickleball equipment companies and sporting goods brands, alike.

### Places to Play

The following chart illustrates the growth in the number of courts and places to play. For example, in 2017 there were 21,051 courts, an increase of 124% over 9,396 courts in 2014. Likewise, the number of places to play has increased from 2,881 in 2014 to 5,811 in 2017 for an increase of 101.7%. Note that there are some differences in the statistics listed below and those listed are the next page. The key takeaway is that there has been tremendous growth in pickleball over the last few years.

Places to Play



Source: Selkirk Sports



## Expansion of US Pickleball Complexes from Municipalities to Commercialization

The explosive popularity and growth of pickleball has even made it a profitable and franchisee businesses. A simple google search indicates that across the country municipalities and investors are placing millions into building restaurant pickleball facilities, pickleball clubs and complexes. Meanwhile according to AZ Sun News Oct 2021 - "Municipalities can't keep up with the demand for more free places to play and have spent millions of dollars over the last five years to try to feed the voracious appetite for courts." Even resort hotels are racing to replace tennis courts with dedicated pickleball to meet the high demand and attract visitors.

A simple internet search yields to many results to list:

Little Valley Pickleball Complex, UT 24 public courts

Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park, GA: 164 acres 18 public pickleball courts

Naples, FL From 9 initial courts to 54 public courts in 5 months

East Naples, FL 64 public courts

Pickleball Ranch, TX 32 courts

Concord, CA 14 dedicated courts

Chandler, AZ building an additional 16 indoor court complex

Arvada, CO 24 courts

Chicken N Pickle, one of several franchises growing across the country

Electric Pickle, one of several franchises growing across the country

<https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/pickleball-c...>

### Pickleball craze gives rise to a new form of restaurant ...

Oct 22, 2021 — Pickleball craze gives rise to a new form of restaurant eatertainment. Multi-acre facilities sporting multiple food and beverage outlets are ...

<https://www.theyvcc.org/calendar>

### Events - Goleta Valley Community Center

Do you play Pickle Ball? If so, make a reservation for a court here at the Community Center. Courts available from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm daily.

<https://celebrity.land/Home/Entertainment>

### California restaurant group picks Tempe for first pickleball ...

Sep 21, 2021 — California-based Eureka Restaurant Group is planning to open the first location of Electric Pickle, a pickleball-themed entertainment ...

<https://mouthbysouthwest.com/2021/09/20/coming-...>

### Coming soon: Pickleball-themed Electric Pickle to debut in ...

Sep 20, 2021 — The complex: A two-story, 7,500-square-foot restaurant with a large patio and rooftop bar; nine pickleball courts; a lawn for live music and ...

<https://www.smartbrief.com/2019/09/pickleball-rest...>

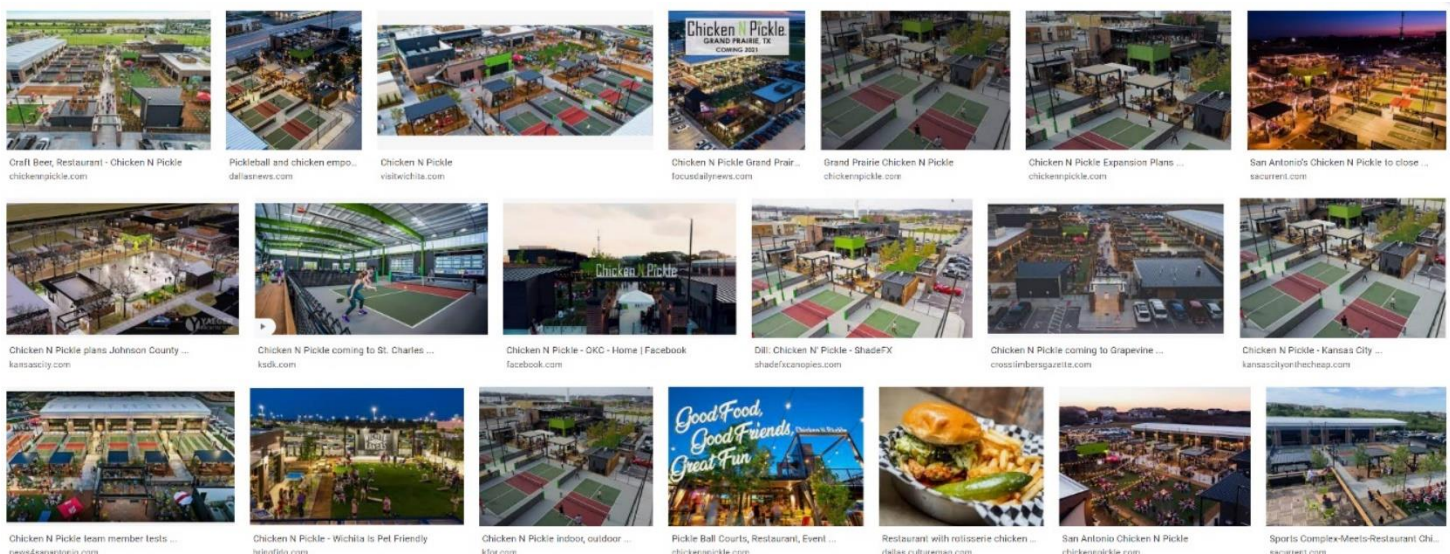
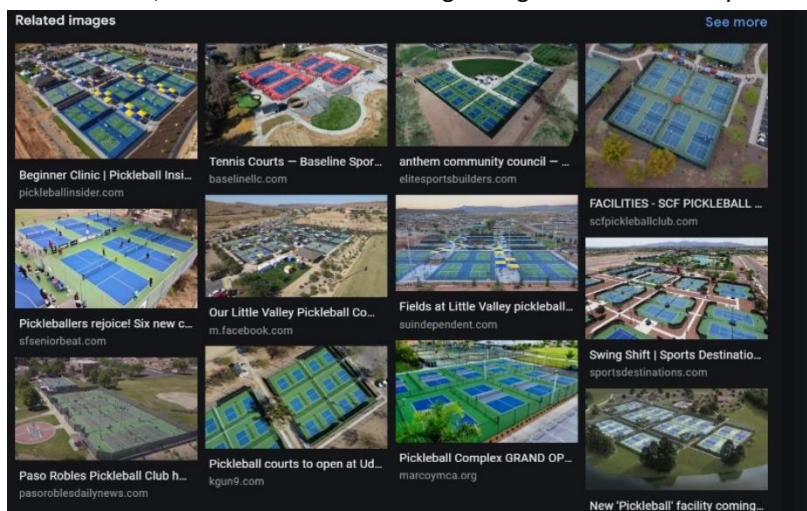
### Pickleball restaurants became a thing | SmartBrief

Sep 6, 2019 — In fact, the sport has become so popular that not one, but two different pickleball-themed restaurants are opening in Overland Park, Kansas.

<https://chickennpickle.com/grand-prairie/about/lo...>

### Our Locations - Grand Prairie Chicken N Pickle

Each location will feature indoor and outdoor pickleball courts, lawn games, a rooftop bar and a full service restaurant using locally sourced Amish ...







Perfect Pickleball Complex or Venue ...  
pickleballrocks.com



Little Valley Pickleball Complex ...  
greaterston.com



Sunriver St. George Pickleball Complex  
pickleballchannel.com



Spalding County Pickleball Association ...  
facebook.com



Shade Structures for Pickleball Courts ...  
usa-shade.com



Fields at Little Valley pickleball ...  
sundependent.com



Pickleball - Kings Point Suncoast  
kingpointsuncoast.com



Monument Valley Park Pickleball Courts ...  
visitcos.com



Our Favorite Pickleball Facilities in ...  
globalpickleball.network



Open Pickleball Championships Complex ...  
youtube.com



New pickleball courts at Hagerman ...  
santamaratimes.com



Play Pickleball ...  
pickleballportal.com



Shade Structures for Pickleball Court...  
usa-shade.com



The Top Pickleball Courts in the U.S. ...  
amazon.com



Bridger Park Pickleball Co...  
lghnews.com



Novato opens drastically upgraded ...  
manning.com



Tennis to Pickleball Court Conversion ...  
flooringinc.com



Pickleball - Kings Point Suncoast  
kingpointsuncoast.com



pickleball tourney in Chicago area ...  
chicagobrunn.com



## **Exhibit 8 – Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan Goals and Recommendations (excerpts)**

A reclassification of the GVCC courts from Tennis to Pickleball and completing the needed improvements aligns with many of the goals and recommendations stated in the Goleta Parks, Facilities and Playground Master Plan Goals and Recommendations

### **Recommendations that Help to Increase Recreational Programs**

The basis of determining core services should come from the vision and mission developed by the city and what brings the greatest community benefit in balance with the competencies of the division, current trends and the market. The City should pursue program development around the priorities identified by customer feedback, program evaluation process, and research. Those following criteria should be examined when developing new programs:

- Need: outgrowth of a current popular program, or enough demonstrated demand to successfully support a minimal start (one class for instance)
- Budget: accounting for all costs and anticipated (conservative) revenues should meet cost recovery target established by the Department
- Location: appropriate, available and within budget
- Instructor: qualified, available and within budget
- Materials and supplies: available and within budget
- Marketing effort: adequate and timely opportunity to reach intended market, within budget

Parks standards are not only about the quantity of parks, but also about the equitable distribution of these facilities and the ability of the public to access these facilities. As stated in the General Plan Open Space Policy 6.2, “to the extent feasible, park and recreation facilities shall be equitably distributed throughout the city to serve the various neighborhoods and all socioeconomic segments of the city’s population. Particular emphasis shall be placed on provision of new park and recreation facilities in areas that are underserved.”

**Objective 10.2** As a result of reviewing the entire parks systems for available undeveloped space or underdeveloped space, **consider adding infill sports fields** to the following existing parks:

Evergreen Park, **Goleta Community Center**, Stow Grove Park, Jonny D. Wallis Park

**Objective 10.5** Annually update sports facility needs based on standards from the Needs Assessment or use national standards. It is recommended that **the City should carry out small additions of new sports facilities on an annual basis to reduce the current deficit**. Annual investments should be applied to item 10.2 to 10.3 first..

**Objective 11.2 Upgrade convenience and customer service amenities to existing facilities** to increase usability and access to more. The Division should investigate opportunities to add shade, storage buildings, security enhancements, lighting, benches, and other amenities appropriately at existing facilities as it is making improvements and augmenting existing facilities. These improvements may increase capacity or use levels if they are offered.

**Objective 11.3** Create additional recreational facilities and amenities at existing parks. The prioritized facilities should be based on needs assessment and a **higher priority put on those amenities that have the greatest citywide deficiency**. Based on the existing facilities analysis and the LOS analysis, recommendations have been made for what types of facilities are needed. It is recommended that the City include the addition of these facilities and any ancillary improvements that will need to be done in order to accommodate these facilities in the Capital Improvement Program for design and implementation

**Objective 11.4 Identify where existing missing amenities can go** as part of new park development. Once it has been decided that a new park is needed or that a park is to be partially built/funded by a development, then consider having the Master Plan work into the overall design the missing facilities that are deficient either in the immediate area or citywide.

**Objective 15.2 Routinely analyze the usage of the programs, facilities, and services and make appropriate adjustments based on collected data.** The Division should routinely **measure the amount of participation in its facilities and services to determine the levels of usage and identify any trends in this usage**. With this data, the Division can **make appropriate changes to its supporting facilities** or agreements with program providers to reflect this demand.

**Objective 15.3 Work with other service providers to enhance/develop programs to address changing needs and trends.**

As needs and trends change, work with other recreation providers to supplement the needs of changing interests. Create agreements in writing with the service providers. Develop a web site where a member of the community can find out about all the other service providers’ recreational opportunities



## Exhibit 9 – Cities take advantage of State Grants for Parks

### Cities Including Pickleball Courts and Lighting in the Proposal

City of Oroville Hewitt Park, Phase 2 \$4,583, **8 more pickleball courts.**

McKinleyville CSD BMX Track & Park \$2,331,375

Wasco R.P.D. Love Cormack Park Renovating for Generations \$1,769,740

City of San Fernando Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project \$4,234,980

Fulton-El Camino R.P.D. Bohemian Park Expansion \$6,445,610

City of Hollister Fire Station #2 New Park \$1,826,125

San Diego, Eucalyptus Park Improvements \$7,140,000 **8 more pickleball courts**

City of National City El Toyon Park \$5,632,571 **4 more pickleball courts**

City of Fairfield 2030 N. Texas Park \$5,669,210

Santa Barbara City of Guadalupe Central Park \$4,887,084 Improve Central Park. Construct a new dog park, skate park, half basketball court, bocce ball court, fitness equipment, board game area, picnic/BBQ areas, swings/spinners and climbing feature, public art including a painted water tower and perimeter wall with mural, restroom building, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park. Renovate existing sidewalks/paths and fencing.

City of Lompoc College Park \$3,648,248 Improve College Park. Construct a new skate park with lighting, two half basketball courts with lighting, playground and game area with lighting, picnic area with shade structure, mural wall that will block wind, restroom building, and landscaping throughout the park.

City of Santa Maria Santa Maria Community Sports Park \$6,100,000 Create the new Santa Maria Community Sports Park adjacent to Adam/Minami Park. Acquire 19.7 acres of land in the City of Santa Maria. Construct four new soccer fields, four half-court basketball courts, walking/jogging trail with exercise stations, playground, plaza with art wall, restroom building, maintenance area, parking lot, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park.

Isla Vista R.P.D. Children's Park Renovation \$4,205,653 Improve Children's Park. Construct two new nature themed playgrounds, ADA trails, amphitheater, picnic/BBQ areas, gathering area, open field/meadow, two demonstration gardens, public art and entry features, ADA parking, pre-fabricated restroom, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park. Renovate and add square footage to recreation building for art programming, and construct a new shade structure next to the building.

City of Oxnard Durley Park Expansion / Improvement Expand Durley Park. Construct new bike pump track/skate park area, \$7,092,300 walking/jogging track with lighting, exercise equipment, natural play area with trail/gathering space, two picnic/BBQ areas, basketball court with lighting, public art mural, restroom, parking lot, and lighting throughout the park. Renovate four baseball fields with lighting, lighting only for two basketball courts, and irrigation system and landscaping throughout the park. City of Ventura, Parks, Rec & Community Partnership Westpark Skatepark Expansion \$1,990,000 Expand Westpark Skatepark. Construct a new 22,000 sq. ft. skate park area, park pathways, public art, and landscaping and lighting throughout the park. Renovate an existing skate bowl.

City of San Luis Obispo Emerson Neighborhood Park Revitalization Project \$2,810,000

### Local Headlines



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| 12/09/21 | Santa Maria, Isla Vista, Guadalupe, Lompoc Receive \$18 Million in Grants for Parks Projects |
| 12/11/21 | Isla Vista Children's Park Renovation Project Gets \$4.2 Million Boost From State Grants     |
| 12/14/21 | \$2 Million Grant a Real Kicker for Ventura Skatepark Expansion                              |



## **Exhibit 10 – Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held November 18, 2021**

Consider a proposal by the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization to repurpose the existing tennis courts for pickleball use and provide a recommendation to City Council related to the recreation use compatibility based on community need and existing adopted City Parks and Recreation related plans.

The purview of the Commission is to evaluate the use and proposed conversion of existing basketball/tennis courts at a city facility into pickleball courts with one basketball court. The Commission is being asked to determine whether this conversion meets the recreational needs of the community, namely how it aligns with the 2015 Recreation Needs Assessment and the 2021 Parks, Playgrounds and Facilities Master Plan.

**Decision:** Committee supported   Vote: 4 yeas   3 nays

**Public Comment:** A meeting notice was mailed to all area residents in addition to the normal posting of this meeting notice in order to generate significant public comments and concerns.

*Public Concerns submitted:* Only 3 letters received expressing any concerns. No public comments expressed any concern or negativity. The 3 individuals did not attend the virtual meeting and some items expressed could not be substantiated, deemed invalid or exaggerated.

*Public Support submitted (see excerpts below):* Approximately 135 citizens attended the zoom session. Over 400 positive and supportive letters along with 13 public comments containing amazing stories supporting a permanent/dedicated pickleball facility at GVCC, improving the facilities at GVCC and considering expanding those facilities in the future.

*Public Comment at meeting:*

13 citizens spoke, only positive supportive comments along with personal touching stories including:

- An individual who attributes 60lbs of weight loss to pickleball and the GVCC courts
- An individual who recently had heart surgery and uses the courts for rehab
- An individual whose special needs son has been welcomed at GVCC courts, gaining more confidence/interaction with others
- An individual from the Winslow community indicating they enjoy the facility and they do not hear the noise from Winslow
- An individual who feels GVCC fosters community and builds unity
- A UCSB student attributing GVCC pickleball as breaking the “IV bubble” meeting more people and discovering Old Town
- A 73 year-old explaining the huge benefits of pickleball and allowing him to get out with others and stay physically fit
- Goleta businesses using GVCC pickleball courts for team building and competition among other business
- Several individuals mentioned GVCC pickleball courts allowed them to discover GVCC and Old Town businesses which they previously ignored and now frequently go to these businesses
- Several mentioned the attributes of meeting new friends, community, help during Covid, the health benefits and how GVCC pickleball courts got them exercising and the need for local courts with lights

### ***Supported by:***

Willow Creek Condo Association

United Boy's and Girls Club of Goleta

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Special Olympics

Larger Goleta Employers (Appel, TruDigital, Cottage Hospital, UCSB facility)

Local Business owners within Old Town such as:

Hampton Inn

McDonalds Restaurants

The Habit Restaurant

Goleta Coffee

## Excerpts Public Comments on GVCC Pickleball (more than 400 positive letters received)

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.

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 .... I was happy to discover an activity that met my social, recreational and physical needs right here in my backyard. Pickleball!!! 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.

I love playing at the Goleta courts because the country atmosphere and relaxed vibe offers a nice alternative to the more competitive spirit than 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

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. ... Not only are we getting in some healthy exercise, but we also really enjoy the social aspects of getting to now and recreate with a whole new group of like minded, fun loving and healthy friends. 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.

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.

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.

My oldest son attended the Goleta Valley Boys and Girls Club after school program. Being a tennis player I remember the tennis court and wondering why it was never utilized? Kids were swinging on the net, the court was littered with graffiti, the basketball net torn...

I LOVE pickleball. I am 62-years-old and I have had a kidney transplant for almost 31 years. I am sun-sensitive (continually fight skin cancers), so being able to play pickleball until 8pm has given me a new sense of freedom. Playing pickleball without having to be completely covered in sun-protection clothing, has given me a new sense of myself.

The pickleball community has been a life line for so many during this particularly challenging Covid season. The physical and mental health benefits of this sport and more importantly the social community has kept my family afloat in so many ways.

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.

We tried a variety of sports that could be played safely outdoors and stumbled our way into the pickleball community. It has been an incredible boon to us to find such a community, especially for my wife, for whom English is not her native language. Being able to play this sport with others has enabled her to find a sense of community and friendships that transcend a language barrier. GVCC is where that all started

I discovered a new passion called Pickleball. Having the courts to go to at GVCC have really been awesome for my physical and mental well-being. This is a sport I plan to play for years and as a full time working professional, having courts with lights are critical for me to be able to get to play!

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 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.

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. 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.

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.

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...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!

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. 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 SB Muni.

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.

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.

The GVCC courts have provided myself, my wife and my kids with a new activity that we all share in. How often can you say that your 21 year old kid is excited to go do an activity with you! That's the power of pickleball, people from all ages, all walks of life, getting together and having a great time outside in the fresh air. GVCC also, have to only courts with lights, which allows many of us to play after work and then grab dinner or a drink at many of the local establishments nearby.... It's time for Goleta to take the next step and make these courts a shining example of how the city hears and supports its residents.

I am writing this in HUGE support for GVCC PICKELBALL. This place has made such a difference in my life physically and emotionally. To be able to connect with so many people of all ages and walks of life is really amazing! Playing at GVCC and seeing 20 to 30 friendly faces just makes my day! There's really nothing quite like it.

To close the courts would be a huge disservice to not just the people that play but for the future of the sport as well as business for Goleta. There are so many positive reasons to resurface and keep our pickleball community alive.

I am a retired school teacher - I've lived in Goleta for 40 years just a few miles from GVCC. I believe Goleta Valley PBall courts are so important for many reasons. 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 which I would never have visited before. 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 believe Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta.

The pickleball recreation at the GVCC has been such a blessing to our community. It's been essential during the time of this pandemic (the players have consistently been responsible and observing covid protocol and mutual respect). But beyond that, this is exactly what the city of Goleta needs to be a more cohesive, inviting, warm community. This is what the CV Community center exists for! People playing, chatting and laughing, etc on the property that has been designated and zoned for public recreation

Pickleball is a really fun sport. My husband and I (75 & 78 years!) have played regularly for the past three years. We have met so many nice people through pickleball and appreciate the camaraderie the sport provides. It is also really good exercise! It has provided regular times of fun and stress reduction during COVID.

Pickleball is a lot easier to play than Tennis. It's also easier on my body and a lot more social. I meet a lot of people, with tennis only 2-4 people play and you never talk with anyone else. Pickleball allows that community interaction - I appreciate Goleta a lot more now and I'm so glad the city is supporting Pickleball.

I came to USCB in 1988 and never left, My son played soccer in a league at the Goleta Boys and Girls Club. My wife works for a non-profit in a commercial building directly across Hollister Avenue from GVCC. We love it here. The pickleball courts at GVCC have only enhanced our enjoyment of Goleta.

Not only is pickleball a great sport and physical exercise, but it naturally draws people from all walks of life. The number of friendships and connections I have seen develop has been impressive. The courts at GVCC also draw significant business to the Old Town area. We now frequent Altamirano's after our Sunday-night sessions for incredible street tacos. Many of us enjoy a post-game beer at the recently-opened Centennial Beer



Hall. There is also dinner at other local restaurants, including The Habit, Noodle City, and Goleta Sushi. Old Town Coffee has become a regular spot for many of us.

Goleta has enough passive parks with children's playgrounds! Thank you for creating an active pickleball park for our community. Finally, a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents – we can all play together!

I am writing in support of the pickleball courts located at the Goleta Valley Community Center. Maintaining these courts is vital to so many community members. While I am new to the sport, I can attest they are always full with players who are engaging in physical activity which is so important during these challenging times.

Pickleball is a community game and GVCC is a community center. The game is uniting hundreds of people in the local community, especially in the elder community which is often neglected. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

I would again like to express my strong support for this valued community resource. Hundreds of people use these courts regularly, have carried out their own fundraising to support it and these courts serve as a critical outlet for a healthy, community building activity.

I've met great people from all walks of life through pickleball. Every Friday, I play in a round robin with 7 other ladies at GVCC. We range in age from early 30's to late 50's. Most weekends, my husband and I attend open play at GVCC to jump into pickup games. The courts are always full with people waiting in the wings from around 9:00am to around noon. I don't know of any other activity in town that gives me the opportunity to meet and connect with such a diverse group of people.

I am writing in support of the GVCC Pickleball courts. 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. I work in Goleta, at Flir and the GVCC courts are so convenient for me to jump into open play on a regular basis.

I am new to the Pickleball ...I have been wanting to start for some time but had back surgery a year ago. ... We have been reserving courts at GVCC at least once a week...It has been great to get back into sports with my back which I am grateful for. It really is a nice release for me after a long day at work. Everyone in this Pickleball community has been really welcoming and supportive.

I have been involved in Pickleball in the Goleta community for the past 3 years and I have seen it grow immensely in popularity. I first got started with Pickleball at the Evergreen tennis courts played at SB Multiple Courts, Evergreen Courts, and Purshing Courts, the new Kellogg, and the courts GVCC is the best at bringing the city, and community together.

I have lived in Goleta for the past 25 years and pickleball has been the best at providing a great sense of community for me and my fellow neighbors..... It cannot be overstated how valuable it is to have community-based PERMANENT Pickleball courts.

I am writing in support of the GVCC Pickleball Courts. As a member of our community who graduated from UCSB into the pandemic in 2020, pickleball has been my absolute savior.

It has been a delight to play with people 15 years my senior as well as those 40 years younger. I can't think of any other activity that brings that breadth together. I regularly play with my husband and kids. It's been so fun!

My kids and nephew played basketball at GVCC 15-20 years back. I haven't been there since. It's nice to return

I am writing because I just read about the project to make the GVCC pickle ball courts permanent. ...I have been using the courts for several months. I am a tennis player who has made the switch...This sport as you know is hugely popular and I now realize why! It is a sport for everyone. My family does not play tennis but I encouraged them to join me on the court one day and they were addicted, so now we have a sport that we can all play together

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 every Sunday night he gets to play, laugh, compete with a great group of other business men, church friends, local teachers and coaches. It has become a great place of connection

They are also the only courts in town with lights, so that we can play in the evenings during this time change. We would honestly be devastated if that were to ever change.

The GVCC courts are only some of very few available to Goleta residents and this is a much needed resource in our community. During COVID, having pickleball as an outdoor activity has literally helped me stay sane. During the winter, there are not many outdoor options for exercise, but the lights at GVCC allow people who work during the day to still be active after work.

The exercise combined with the social aspect has turned the GVCC courts into my "happy place". I can't think of another situation where the community, in all age groups, can come together and have fun. I have played pickleball with people from the age range of 9-90. It has also made

me more aware of the businesses in the downtown/Old Town Goleta area (who knew there was such a yummy wing place and such a great coffee place to go to).

The Goleta community needs healthy & social activities for their residents and pickleball is one that provides both. People actually choose communities that offer pickleball to live in; let's not limit what our community has to offer. Pickleball brings spending to a community. St. George is a perfect example. There are 1000's of Pickleball players who attend their events every year. They fill the hotels and restaurants to capacity. No pickleball courts means people leave your community to go to another where after or before their games they shop, dine, or both, with the locations they choose will most always be nearby where they play.

I have met so many wonderful people ... It has improved my mood, improved my social life and given me something to look forward to ...I have gotten to know the city of Goleta ( I live in San Roque) a lot more and have now gotten into the habit of shopping more in the Goleta area and grabbing lunch or a snack at the local restaurants nearby.

I've been playing Pickleball for about 2 years. I play at the Municipal courts as well as Goleta (and now Kellogg). Most of the people who frequent the Goleta courts LOVE them! Many of us live in the Noleta and Goleta areas and appreciate the convenient location, easy parking, friendly atmosphere, helpful, attentive staff and amazing groundskeepers... The joy, laughter, social, friendship, and exercise aspects that playing Pickleball brings into so many people's lives is unique

Thank you do much for the pickleball courts at Goleta valley community center. It gets dark by 6 pm so the only place to play pickleball after work is at GVCC. There are NO other courts with lights! One of the smartest things the City did was to support these lighted pickleball courts.

I am an RN at Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital and feel Pickleball is the best stress buster there is! I have met many doctors, nurses, therapists NPs through GVCC pickleball. I live at Winchester Canyon and it is so nice to not have to drive to Muni anymore. I play 4 x a week and rely on it for fun, fitness and socializing.

Please allow the courts to remain open. These courts have allowed our community to be together in a pandemic..keeping mental and physical health...There are many residents in our town who live near city recreation buildings including schools ...These courts are a positive for all in our community. – Classroom Teacher

I have participated in 2 clinics (to raise funds to improve the courts) and lessons. I play 3 to 4 days a week now and have made countless friends in doing so. This all has put joy back in my life at the same time keeps me feeling healthy both mentally and physically.

Pickleball supports a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically. I have many new friendships from playing at the GVCC courts and have grown to appreciate Old Town Goleta for it's community and unique quaintness. The courts are truly an asset to Goleta as a venue that not only provides outdoor recreation, but also comradery and socialization for local residents to thrive from. Any situation that can provide these vital ingredients necessary for happy living should be appreciated, maintained, and upheld at any cost.

I hope is that the GVCC courts can flourish and the game can continue for all. I am born and raised in SB, and now a Noleta resident for 27 years, I frequent the area, am employed at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital in the ER, believe me Pickleball has saved me during the Pandemic.... Just the other day I introduced my 18 year old son to the game, a game he said was for "old people". Well he liked it, and of course picked it up fast.

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 live in the Winslowe community behind the Goleta community center. It has come to my attention that my neighbor is advocating to our other neighbors to speak out against renovating the existing tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts. I just wanted to say that I love those courts and am so happy to be a part of a community that offers this recreational activity. I live very close to those courts as well as frequently walk on Ekwill and barely notice the sound. It is not a noise nuisance in my opinion.

On any given day we have over 75- 150 plus people enjoying these courts, with exercise, laughter and building new friendships. The courts badly need a resurface job ASAP! And the city needs to pay for this and maintain these courts.

People always tell me how pickleball saved their lives and was an good escape from daily pressure or family trauma. At first Gvcc was only one court then became 5 courts. So many people play there and all having a great time playing this silly addictive sport. My wish is for Goleta invest in fixing this gem up for all to enjoy.

I am 13 years old and LOVE being able to play pickleball with my family, and other adults!

I am writing to urge the City of Goleta to continue to allow the GVCC pickleball courts to operate. There is every increasing interest in the sport of pickleball and losing 4 courts would be very bad for scores if not hundreds of local players.

Please keep these pickle ball courts! I use them a lot after work 3:30-8pm And sat n sun am

They have been amazing for more health and family. I play with my teenage son and his friends and it's wonderful! The only time I can exercise is after work and you may not realize but it's nearly dark by 6 almost 7 months out of the year!

I picked up Pickleball during COVID and it has saved my mental health. 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

Hundreds of people who work hard in the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara (like nurses, engineers, college students, graduate students, pastors, grandparents, teachers, etc.) have had a safe way to exercise and de-stress during this intense season of COVID because of these courts.

The GVCC pickleball courts are the epitome of what a community center should be. A place for people from all different walks of life and backgrounds to come together and recreate. To come together and be united in a love for a sport that builds community, creates laughter and joy, and allows people who are working so hard to serve the city to have a break from the pressures of life...

I'm a pastor and have seen first hand the divisions that are tearing apart our nation, community, and even churches. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game, that is bigger than themselves. The pickleball courts have been a place of unity

I am writing to express my positive experiences on the Goleta Community Center Pickleball courts. I have been playing on these courts for just over a year....They are the only courts in town that have light, so it is nice to be able to play in the evenings. The people I have encountered on the courts have all been respectful of the court rules.

City of Goleta: Pickleball to me is simply defined as an inexpensive, healthy and social activity that brings a community together. A community activity that should be played at a community center

Pickle ball has become a very important part of my life. After two hip replacements, it is the only aerobic exercise I can do. My cardiologist says it is the best exercise for my a-fib, as it is interval exercise. I support making permanent courts and adding more at the goleta Valley Community Center. It is such a close and convenient location.

We are three neighbors who live in the city of Goleta who play regularly at the GVCC courts and are very excited regarding the possibility of continuing to play there on resurfaced courts.

Our family has been using these courts ...It was a blessing ...These courts were unused and decrepit until fixed up... This is what the community center is for – The Community. The number of people benefiting from these courts is easily several hundred;

Overall there is no cost to the city. The city and local businesses are benefitting from our participation. We are forming a safe and healthy community. Pickleball is very popular and is growing rapidly. Take advantage of the help you have and support pickleball fully.

I have lived in Goleta for over 40 years. I believe Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta!

I have lost 10 lbs. gained stamina and balance which had faltered due to knee issues from running. GVCC pickleball has brought me back out to activity. I have 60 new friends all from pickleball there at GVCC. We have a great deal of fun, sharing laughs and singing and dancing during our games. This little community place has brought more joy to Goleta than anything in a long time!

My husband had just gone through open heart surgery at Stanford and had cancer. Those recuperation months were socially isolating and depression ensued. I started playing everyday on the GVCC courts and found an activity to focus my mind and friendly people to engage with. I am so appreciative of the courts

I have seen these courts go from unused and deserted tennis/basketball courts literally with weeds growing up all over the place to the following .....5 courts that the community has rallied behind during Covid, to build up into pretty dang decent courts. Let's make these courts even better than they are! Let's get them resurfaced, so they are the best 5 courts in the area.

I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade and play pickleball. I love the GVCC courts and like playing there with my family! Please keep these courts open and improve the courts!

One of the wonderful things about these courts is that many folks, particularly older adults, who have been sidelined by injury or other health limitations are able to participate fully in playing pickleball here and have renewed their physical and social lives as a result.

Here at GVCC, grandparents play with college age grandchildren, men and women play together, experienced athletes encourage the participation of those who have never held a racquet or a paddle in their life.

The irrepressible fun of pickleball is so engaging that many 'exercise adverse' folks brag of having lost 10, 15 and even 40lbs of excess bodyweight as a byproduct of their regular play.

With four players to a 30'x60' court, there isn't a more efficient use of real estate set aside for community use. These courts represent community sport at its highest and best expression.

Part of the due diligence required when purchasing a home is investigating the surrounding neighborhood. Purchasing a home near an existing community center offers many benefits including convenient access to the park and its facilities those who live in the nearby homes.

I'm Chinese....I would like to tell you how important pickleball is for me and my husband. Pickleball was the only memorable and meaningful thing we picked up in 2020 and we totally love this exercise.

Pickleball is politically agnostic and brings all ages and economic demographics of our community together to enjoy healthy exercise, and socialization. Please do something positive for our community and make the courts permanent.

The area has gone from a disused and misused eyesore to a vibrant and exciting community resource and all funded so far via those using the facilities. During the past year we took out 3 grandchildren ages 7, 10, and 12, to play every day. It was their PE class during pandemic home schooling

My grandson, and I would like to officially thank you for designing/installing the GVCC Pickleball Courts and also including lights! It's very difficult for us to find a physical activity that both an 8 year old and a 58 year old can do together and have an amazing time playing and laughing AND also meeting a whole lot of people. There have been so many adults that have reached out to us to play doubles and help us learn this exciting game! We have been blessed to meet all kinds of new people

We are lucky to have three generations (my 27 year old son also plays) come out and play together and even my 78 year old dad (great grandpa) has come out to watch us play!

the game is easy to play... you just need a paddle and can get one for as little as \$35

GVCC also has the only reservation system in Goleta that lets you know you are guaranteed a court during busy hours.

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.

Pickleball 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!

Bottom line, Pickleball is dramatically meeting people's needs for exercise, play, and community, while requiring little from the city to make this happen.

I've been a Goleta homeowner for over 23 years. Pickleball has been an amazing way to make new friends and exercise outside. I'm so glad you made pickleball part of the Goleta Parks and Rec. at GVCC. I'm also excited to have the lighted courts so I can play during the evenings

As a longtime Goleta resident who has raised five children in our community, I know it's important to provide recreational activities for our citizens. Thank you for providing these courts. I would love to see them become permanent

These courts provide a great place to play and hang out with people from all different walks of life and enjoy what our great City of Goleta has to offer.

The lighted courts at GVCC are such a blessing . It is amazing to be able to get out after work, when it is pitch black, and to be able to enjoy time with friends and strangers that will become friends on the lighted courts.

I recently taught my 5 and 7 year old nephew and niece. I have only played for six months but have gained many new friends in that short time. I love that I can go to the Community courts and reconnect with neighbors,

Great sport, great facility, great parking, great location, great, great exercise. Thank you in advance for your understanding how important these courts are to so many people in our community and beyond.

What is our community doing to address large scale recreation? Girsh park and other parks with in the south County can not meet our current recreational needs!! Our combined community of SB, Goleta and noleta needs something like Pleasant Valley Fields in Camarillo!

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.

I've lived in Goleta for over 40 years, 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!

Discovering Pickleball has been the BEST thing that has happened to me



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.

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

I recently discovered this location and activity and have been wildly impressed with the community spirit, friendliness of the players.

Pickleball is so popular and there are very few places to play in Goleta. We need more courts, please make these courts permanent

... at least 25 people I know have used these courts. I strongly urge you 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!!

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.

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

#### **Attachment 4**

Written Public Comments Received for the  
Special Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting

## ATTACHMENT 4 - Public Comments from the Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

**From:** [Anna Chapman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Valley Community Center Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:18:47 AM

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

To the City of Goleta! What a gift it is to play pickleball at the community center courts! These courts are visited by many PB enthusiasts. We love the game for the opportunity to meet new people, exercise that promotes mental and physical flexibility and over all well-being! PB is a sport phenom! In that nothing else has been created and become so popular in such a short amount of time. We are grateful for every opportunity to play!

It would seem that travelling to Goleta is opening people's eyes to what Goleta has to offer the greater community. Cafes and small businesses have an opportunity as well to offer their services to more people. It feels like just the beginning to a revitalization of the Goleta downtown core.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and also for the expanded vision of Goleta!

Sincerely,  
Anna Chapman

**From:** [Anthony Crestfield](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:53:11 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to give my input on preserving the Pickleball Courts behind Goleta Valley Community Center.

Pickleball 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!

Before the Pickleball Courts were created, there were dilapidated Basketball and Tennis Courts.

This space was laying unused, waiting for someone to revitalize it and put it to good use. The local Pickleball community depends on these courts because of the quickly growing number of players in town. It is hard to find courts, especially ones with lights to allow evening play.

I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them permanent and believe it will contribute to the flourishing of Old Town Goleta.

Anthony Crestfield  
Goleta resident



**From:** [heidjack@gmail.com](mailto:heidjack@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:57:50 PM

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Hi,

Just writing to you re: the closure of pickleball ball courts at GVCC.

It has been a pleasure playing there and have met some lovely ladies and of course men too.

I think it's a horrible idea to

take away what most of us enjoy

doing. It's a great escape to be outdoors and play pickleball.

Everyone always seems to be enjoying the exercise and are very courteous of others.

Please reconsider closing the courts.

Thank you,

Heidi

**From:** [Michelle.Kobashi@cox.net](mailto:Michelle.Kobashi@cox.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:48:39 PM  
**Importance:** High

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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.

I am certainly willing to pay an annual fee (\$100-\$150) to help support the pickleball community.

Please pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Thank you,  
Michelle Kobashi

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**From:** [Coco Li](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** We support pickleball at GVCC!!  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 11:49:23 AM

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Hello,

My name is Coco, and I'm Chinese. I would like to tell you how important pickleball is for me and my husband. Pickleball was the only memorable and meaningful thing we picked up in 2020 and we totally love this exercise. I'm working in Hyatt Place Santa Barbara, and studying in SBCC. My life is really simple, working, studying, and playing pickleball. I really hope the city does not take away this amazing sport from us. I understand it might have some noises for the neighborhood, but I believe anyone who tries to play it would absolutely fall in love with this game.

Pickleball is not only a sport, we make many friends when we play, and we celebrate for partners and even opponents when they make a perfect dink. Besides, we love to have food around the neighborhood, Wingsman, Uniboil, Habit, and Mexican restaurants. We get water almost two years from the Water Store, and we love to get coffee from OldTown Coffee, and we also know the information to get free Covid-19 tests from GVCC and so on. We know better about Oldtown Goleta because of pickleball there.

We support giving pickleball a permanent home at GVCC and expanding the support so more people in Goleta can enjoy it. Thank you for reading my email.

**From:** [Connor McCarty](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts in Goleta  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 10:01:07 AM

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Hello,

Can the city add sound-proofing around the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center? The sound is loud and constant - wock wock wock wock wock.

Thanks,  
Connor



**From:** [Lisa BOF](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle Ball at GVCC  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:38:40 PM

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I am writing to express how much I appreciate the courts at GVCC. I found the Pickleball community after moving here last year. It has been a wonderful way to meet like minded, healthy, enthusiastic people. GVCC feels most like home. The support and connections are what being in a tight knit town is all about.

I think about the summer camps on the green and how every Pickleball player stopped to join in singing the Star Spangled Banner and cheered the kids on in their relays. Such home town spirit!

Please find a way to keep these courts open and still respect the others that share the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Schoenthal

**From:** [Merissa Souza](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:57:26 PM

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Hello City of Goleta,

I am writing in regards to the Pickleball courts at GVCC.

Nothing beats the Pickleball courts at GVCC. They are awesome and I'm so grateful the city had the foresight to embrace pickleball.

Please continue supporting this great sport. There are not enough courts for the demand.

Merissa Souza

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jude tantoco](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Picklebal Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:01:35 PM

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Pickleball is accessible and inclusive... anyone can get started... the game is easy to play... you just need a paddle and can get one for as little as \$35 new or even cheaper used.

It's one of the few sports that everyone can play ... Young people, old people, men, women, wealthy, poor ... every gets along and becomes friends ... if you're not playing.. give it a try and you'll get hooked.

Thank you for making improvements to these courts

Sincerely,

Jude Tantoco

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note20 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Andrew Woollard](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 3:15:37 PM

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Hello,

I imagine you're inundated with emails concerning the courts already so I'll try to be brief. When COVID was first raging through our community last year, my wife and I decided we could no longer stand whiling the days away at home. We tried a variety of sports that could be played safely outdoors and stumbled our way into the pickleball community. It has been an incredible boon to us to find such a community, especially for my wife, for whom English is not her native language. Being able to play this sport with others has enabled her to find a sense of community and friendships that transcend a language barrier. GVCC is where that all started and because the place has lights, it even affords us the opportunity to play in the evenings when we have time to enjoy ourselves since we are both busy, working adults. I would implore you to consider making them permanent for pickleball and helping us preserve our new home away from home.  
Thank you.



**From:** [susan zink](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:02:47 PM

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I am newly retired and have discovered pickleball. It is a great way to stay in shape and meet new people. I've played for 2 years now and absolutely love it. I'm so grateful for the Goleta courts and totally support having them there and expanding them. It would be a loss for the community to loose them.

Sincerely,  
Susan Zink

**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  
President  
Willow Creek Townhomes Association  
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[robbrice@live.com](mailto:robbrice@live.com)

**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!

*Nancy Rydell*  
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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

805.886.6185

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

**From:** [Ross Barbour](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 10:09:48 PM

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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

Thanks.

Ross Barbour

**From:** [DARIN BIAMONTE](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** The Future of Pickleball in Goleta  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:58:26 PM

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Hello,

I am a fan of recreation and appreciate the recreation options Goleta has for its residents. However, I ask that the unusual noise associated with Pickleball play and its impact on nearby residents like myself be considered and respected. As important as recreation is for the mind and body of Goleta residents, so is peace and quiet while enjoying our fresh air and outdoor spaces.

Please consider noise mitigation measures and quiet hours.

Thank you in advance,

Darin Biamonte  
Winslowe Goleta

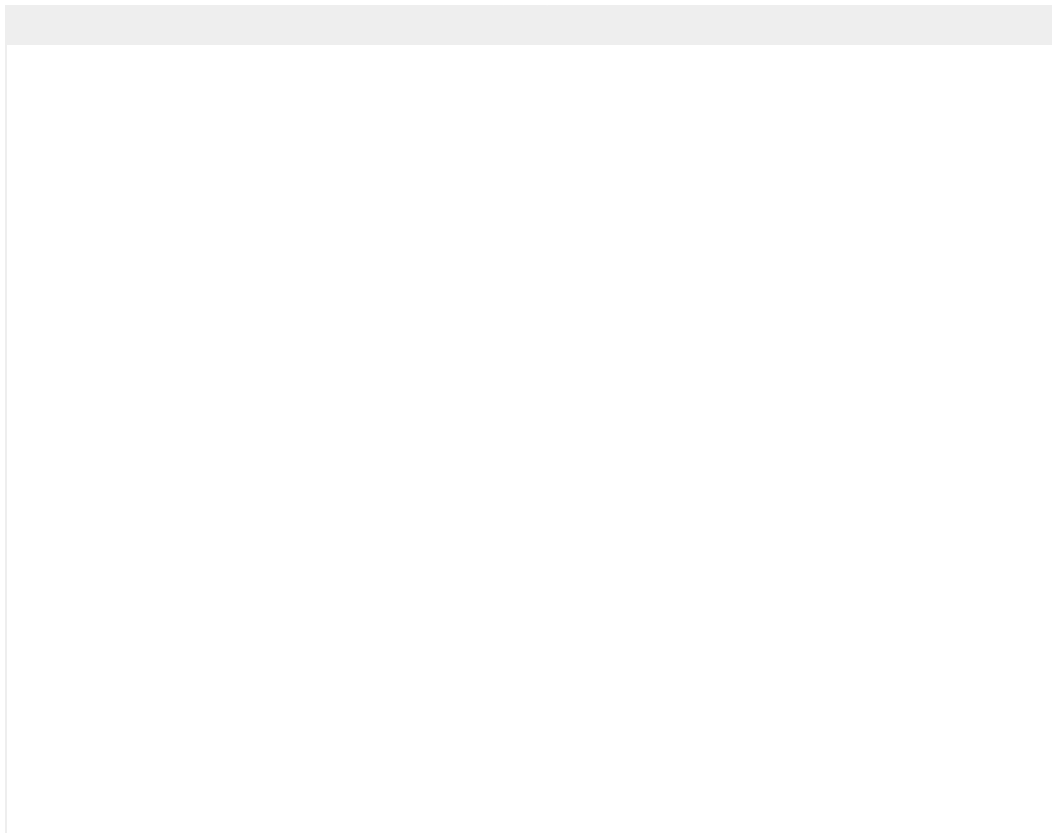
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Subject: Planning for the Future of Pickleball in Goleta





**From:** [Bies, Walt](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:30:42 PM  
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To who it may concern,

The GVCC courts have provided myself, my wife and my kids with a new activity that we all share in. How often can you say that your 21 year old kid is excited to go do an activity with you! That's the power of pickleball, people from all ages, all walks of life, getting together and having a great time outside in the fresh air. GVCC also, have to only courts with lights, which allows many of us to play after work and then grab dinner or a drink at many of the local establishments nearby.

It's time for Goleta to take the next step and make these courts a shining example of how the city hears and supports its residents. Mike Meyers has done a so much already, the next steps are easy and the result will be a signature attraction that will draw even more business to Old Town. I just read Robert Rice's email, it states that the Willow Creek HOA is 100% in favor of the continue support and development of the courts, they are the closest residents!

For those who have complained, I would personally be willing to provide them with a free lesson! Any can guarantee they will be as hooked as the rest of us!

Thanks in advance for your support!

## Walt Bies

President

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**From:** [biesbuds@aol.com](mailto:biesbuds@aol.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC PICKELBALL  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:16:34 AM

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I am writing this in HUGE support for GVCC PICKELBALL. This place has made such a difference in my life physically and emotionally. To be able to connect with so many people of all ages and walks of life is really amazing! Playing at GVCC and seeing 20 to 30 friendly faces just makes my day! There's really nothing quite like it.

I can't imagine the immense loss in my own life and so many others if these courts did not exist!

Sincerely  
Susan Bies

**From:** [Jeff Brown](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Gvcc pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:37:30 PM

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Hello

Allison and I enjoy playing at gvcc a few times a week

We are local , have our business in Goleta and are very happy to have the courts available for us to enjoy together.

We support you keeping the courts open for our friends

Thank you

Jeff & Allison Brown

**From:** [Patti Carter](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:38:35 AM

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I am in support of keeping the courts permanently open. I have played at gvcc since the beginning and have made many new friends. I personally have never felt that they are unsafe and that the noise level is 100 percent quieter than the air traffic flying over. I beg you please keep the courts open. We don't have enough courts in SB & Goleta to support the fast growing sport.

Sincerely  
Patti Carter

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Suzanne Christoferson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Re:GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:56:36 PM

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Hello and good evening!

Let me start by saying I am in favor of keeping the pickle ball courts open. I started April 5th off this year and I'm sure you have heard this over and over, but the moment my paddle hit the ball I was Hooked and booked. I could not get enough. Still can't! It's not just about the sport. it's what the sport does for us individuals that aren't necessarily the most outgoing. Or are slower to open up. I have made some fantastic connection and have had some amazing conversations during our rest and switch times.

To close the courts would be a huge disservice to not just the people that play but for the future of the sport as well as business for Goleta. There are so many positive reasons to resurface and keep our pickleball community alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne christoferson

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [AMS Events Santa Barbara](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:05:13 PM

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I am writing to voice support for keeping the pickle ball courts. Is a huge community benefit and would be a travesty to shut them down because someone complains about the noise of people having fun and being healthy outdoors. The fact this is even being considered is ridiculous in my opinion.

Tad Clark  
AMS Events  
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Mobile: 805.637.1170  
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Sent by mobile device (please excuse or enjoy any spelling errors)

**From:** [Wayne Cole](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:14:51 PM

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Hi,

My name is Wayne Cole and I am a retired blank and father of blank.

Hi,

My name is Wayne Cole and I am a retired school teacher - I've lived in Goleta for 40 years just a few miles from GVCC.

I believe Goleta Valley PBall courts are so important for many reasons.

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 which I would never have visited before.

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 believe 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 which I would never have visited before.

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.

See you on the 18th

Wayne W. Cole  
Assessment Consultant

**From:** [Megan Cotich](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:00:47 AM

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Good morning,

Have you been to the new Kellogg courts? The GVCC courts? ANY pickleball courts? There are always a lot of people, so much positive energy, laughing and people getting great exercise.

It is baffling to me that a few complaints about noise have closed the GVCC courts indefinitely. This is the worst decision! Hundreds of people, hard-working people, use the courts every week. Nothing has built community through a pandemic like pickleball has. It is a shame that one of the very few adult recreational activities has been taken away.

Thank you for listening and please make the GVCC courts permanent.

Megan Cotich

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Megan

**From:** [Joan Cotich](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at Goleta Valley Community Center courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:10:59 AM

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I started playing pickleball at my club a year and a half ago. There are many many members that go to the GVCC courts and pay for the courts on a daily visit like me. This allows me to meet at least 20- 30 new friends by playing pickleball!! Now I enjoy people I never would have known. My whole family played at Cathedral Oaks growing up and played high school and college tennis at UC DAVIS and UCSB. They still play tennis, but also pickleball! It is more accessible to the average person, and tennis players are enjoying this fun game while meeting new friends! Please DO NOT think we don't need the courts at GVCC! the courts are needed.  
Joan Cotich

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Curt Crawshaw](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** We need to keep Pickleball at GVCC Open!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:27:27 AM

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Hello Representative(s) of the City of Goleta,

The pickleball recreation at the GVCC has been such a blessing to our community. It's been essential during the time of this pandemic (the players have consistently been responsible and observing covid protocol and mutual respect). But beyond that, this is exactly what the city of Goleta needs to be a more cohesive, inviting, warm community.

This is what the CV Community center exists for! People playing, chatting and laughing, etc on the property that has been designated and zoned for public recreation shouldn't even be an issue.

If a neighbor moved in next to a public school and then registered noise complaints about the kids on the playground what would the response be?

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

Please protect what this property is designed to do.

Keep GVCC Pickleball open and flourishing!

Thank you for your time.

Curtis F Crawshaw

Old town goleta Business owner for 15 years / Adjunct Professor at Westmont College

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**From:** [Jan Cronk](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GV pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:08:06 PM

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This letter is written in support of the GVCC pickleball courts. I have played on these courts and am very supportive of the many positive aspects of maintaining them.

Pickleball is a really fun sport. My husband and I (75 & 78 years!) have played regularly for the past three years. We have met so many nice people through pickleball and appreciate the camaraderie the sport provides. It is also really good exercise! It has provided regular times of fun and stress reduction during COVID. In addition, pickleball is a sport that can be played by a wide-range of ages.

I am truly sorry to hear that some neighbors have found the "noise" to be a problem. Hopefully, we can be more considerate in the future once aware that our cheering may be a problem to some.

We appreciate the time that staff is investing in helping pickleball players have the courts needed in our town to support the large number of people who play pickleball (and all those who will!).

Thank you,

Ron and Jan Cronk  
5969 Village Terrace Dr.  
Goleta, CA 93117

**From:** [Babetta Daddino](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:58:28 AM

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Pickleball is a lot easier to play than Tennis. It's also easier on my body and a lot more social. I meet a lot of people, with tennis only 2-4 people play and you never talk with anyone else. Pickleball allows that community interaction – I appreciate Goleta a lot more now and I'm so glad the city is supporting Pickleball.

Please keep these courts open and make improvements so they last forever.  
More pickleball courts are needed. Not less. Support GVCC Pickleball courts  
Thank you.

Babetta Daddino Davenport rd. Goleta  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tony Davis](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:16:21 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I understand that the City of Goleta is taking up the issue of the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center, including proposed upgrades and the issue of noise complaints. I wanted to take a minute to write an email in support of the courts and GVCC.

I have been a resident of the Goodland for many years, with the good fortune to afford a home in the El Encanto Heights area. I came to USCB in 1988 and never left, attending SBCC, Westmont College, and SB College of Law along my journey to a BA in Sociology and a law degree. My wife was born and raised in Santa Barbara. We have raised our kids entirely in the Goodland, with one in college and another a junior in high school. We spend most of our time in the Goleta area. My son played soccer in a league at the Goleta Boys and Girls Club. My wife works for a non-profit in a commercial building directly across Hollister Avenue from GVCC. We love it here. The pickleball courts at GVCC have only enhanced our enjoyment of Goleta.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, I had a few friends who were avid pickleball players. Over the past 2 years, I have come to believe my friend's claim that "pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America." I joined the movement, along with dozens of other friends. We now have a standing pickleball "date" for 2+ hours every Sunday night, using at least 3 courts for our group of 13 (we actually have 28 guys on the text group thread who play, but we limit the numbers to make it manageable). Most of our wives play at other times of the week as well. Personally, I am addicted. I now play as often as I can, including "open play" times during the week. I am signed up for my first pickleball tournament, scheduled as a fundraiser for the GVCC courts in December.

Not only is pickleball a great sport and physical exercise, but it naturally draws people from all walks of life. I have met numerous folks out at the courts, all of whom are wonderful people. The number of friendships and connections I have seen develop has been impressive. The courts at GVCC also draw significant business to the Old Town area. We now frequent Altamirano's after our Sunday-night sessions for incredible street tacos. Many of us enjoy a post-game beer at the recently-opened Centennial Beer Hall. There is also dinner at other local restaurants, including The Hamburger Habit, Noodle City, and Goleta Sushi. Old Town Coffee has become a regular spot for many of us.

Upgrades to the courts as proposed would be incredible. I will play there regardless, but the improvements would be very much appreciated, would draw even more people to the area, would allow GVCC to host more tournaments and fundraisers, and would be a boon to the community. I don't know from where the noise complaints are emanating, but I can assure you that nothing that I have seen or heard is extraordinary. There is simply the game itself, the excitement of the competition, and the camaraderie that comes along with a community gathering for the shared love of an activity like pickleball. It is the epitome of good, clean fun.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for further comment, or with any questions or concerns. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Tony Davis

**From:** [Dave Demeter](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:35:02 AM

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Greeting,

Goleta has enough passive parks with children's playgrounds! Thank you for creating an active pickleball park for our community. Finally, a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents – we can all play together!

Goleta supports an active family life and I support Goleta!

Let's keep developing the GVCC pickleball courts so all generations to come will have them.

**Dave Demeter**



**From:** [CHRISTOPHER DEVAUX](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** In support of GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 10:48:14 PM

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City of Goleta Officials,

My name is Chris and I would like to add my voice to those in favor of the Pickleball activity that has proven so popular at the Goleta Valley Community Center.

I have been invited to participate at the facility several times now and believe it is a fine addition to the downtown Goleta area... and what a great group of people! (and I have rediscovered downtown Goleta, where I have spent little time in recent years)

Having been a tennis player for 50 years and Pickleball for the last 3-1/2, and having been employed to provide instruction in both sports, I've been able to witness the astonishing growth of Pickleball. Although more and more schools are beginning to introduce youngsters to the game, a big part of that popularity can be attributed to it's approachability by folks in the second half of their active lives. Another is it's ability to keep four times as many players active in the same space as tennis. And lastly, the shorter "learning curve" to get to the point where one's skill level reaches the point of enjoyable play.

I have heard that pre-Covid 19 growth of the sport was at around 15% annually, and that in 2020 it grew 23% ...by far the fastest growing sport in the nation. (Tennis normally grows at 1 or 2% annually, if at all) The 4 new Kellogg courts will help a little, but the GVCC courts were badly needed also; and what a great way of making use of, and improving, an existing property... there are so few quality places to play.

I understand there is some concern about the sounds generated by the game in the surrounding area. I am no stranger to that... my wife and I having bought our home which backs up to an elementary school playground. But we knew we were taking up residence adjacent to a recreational area, and the daily sounds of people enjoying themselves beats a gas powered leaf blower every time. I would imagine the GVCC's recreation area with soccer field, basketball, the Goleta Boys and Girls Club, etc. would be afforded some "grandfathering", as was the case with Santa Barbara's Municipal Tennis facility when there was a challenge.

I hope that GVCC Pickleball will continue, as I am quite certain that it is a net positive for the community in terms of health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Christopher DeVaux, Goleta resident

Pickleball and Tennis Instructor (PPR #333)  
The Alisal Guest Ranch and Resort  
Solvang, CA

**From:** [Stefanie Edwards](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:27:48 PM

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I am writing in support of the pickleball courts located at the Goleta Valley Community Center. Maintaining these courts is vital to so many community members. While I am new to the sport, I can attest they are always full with players who are engaging in physical activity which is so important during these challenging times. I would also add that as I have begun playing at this location I have visited businesses in downtown Goleta more than I have in the past, including restaurants and grocery stores. Closing these courts would negatively impact so many community members and possibly lead to less people exercising due to a shortage and overcrowding of courts. I saw this impact on the one day that the GVCC courts were closed by the risk management department. An overwhelming number of people were at the Kellogg courts, all waiting their turn to play. Lastly, I would like to add that the courts at GVCC have resulted in renewed and new friendships for which I will be forever grateful.

I implore you to support the pickleball community and the facility.

Regards,  
Stefanie Edwards

**From:** [Eric](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:53:30 AM

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Good morning ,  
Please keep the community center pickle ball courts

Thank you  
Local citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pamela Espinosa](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:53:10 PM

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Dear City of Goleta Officials,

I am one of the many people who have been enjoying the Pickleball courts behind the Community Center this past year, and I'm hoping that you will support the revitalization of these existing courts.

These courts have provided us a place to safely get together and get exercise with this fun sport throughout the pandemic's ups and downs, while creating a community of great people.

Mike Myers has given so much of his personal time to provide us a place to play, and I must say the improvements he's made are long overdue.

I realize that neighbors are complaining about the noise, it seems to be happening all over Santa Barbara as well. I hope you consider that the courts at GVCC have been there for many years, long before housing and between the noise of the school buses and mechanics next door, and the children using the field from the Boys and Girls Club, not to mention the airplane traffic overhead and hotel parking, this seems like an ideal place for pickleball courts. I urge you to keep these courts open for public use and put a plan in place to update these much neglected courts, maybe installing noise reduction netting to appease the neighbors?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Pamela Espinosa

**From:** [Pamela Espinosa](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:50:54 AM

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Thanks for re-opening the courts after their brief closure! Now, let's make them permanent!

There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball, that is bigger than themselves. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Pickleball is a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents – we can all play together!

Let's keep developing the GVCC pickleball courts so all generations to come will have them.

Steve Espinosa



**From:** [Kirk Evans](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:40:06 AM

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Pickleball is a community game and GVCC is a community center. The game is uniting hundreds of people in the local community, especially in the elder community which is often neglected. There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent. Thank you, Kirk Evans

**From:** [Juliette Fish](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:49:28 PM

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Dear City of Goleta,

As you have probably heard by now, there are so many of us who use the GVCC Pickleball courts on a daily or weekly basis. This sport allows us to get together and socialize while encouraging physical fitness. I personally would not have survived the dark days of the pandemic (pre-vaccinations) without this amazing sport--played at GVCC! I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed making new friends and playing in our local courts!

I started the Goleta Facebook page in order to help others learn about classes, find playing partners and to understand the rules for using the courts. I created the group one year ago and we currently have over 370 members! Talk about strong interested in Goleta Pickleball!

I love seeing so many players of all ages getting together on the courts for friendly play and for competitive tournaments!

Please support our interest and love of all things Goleta Pickleball!!!

Best wishes,

Juliette Fish  
805-637-0062

**From:** [Jeannine Forslund](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:16:42 PM

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I implore you to support the pickleball community and the facility.

Regards,  
Jeannine Forslund

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**From:** [David Fortson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [James Kyriaco](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball - SUPPORT  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:47:17 PM

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Greetings,

I understand the GVCC courts have been closed again.

I would again like to express my strong support for this valued community resource. Hundreds of people use these courts regularly, have carried out their own fundraising to support it and these courts serve as a critical outlet for a healthy, community building activity.

I understand that these courts have some impacts but local neighbors knew they were purchasing/renting homes adjacent to a community center that holds athletic recreational activities.

Pickleball is exactly the type of sport that should be fostered in the region - community building, high intensity/efficient use of property zone for recreation, healthy for all participants, accessible for all.

Thanks for your consideration.

David

**David Fortson** {he/him}  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
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**From:** [Kayla M. Galli](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:49:51 PM

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Hello,

My name is Kayla Galli and I have been playing pickleball for around 2 years now. Pickleball has been a great way to connect with community and stay active.

I've met great people from all walks of life through pickleball. Every Friday, I play in a round robin with 7 other ladies at GVCC. We range in age from early 30's to late 50's. Most weekends, my husband and I attend open play at GVCC to jump into pickup games. The courts are always full with people waiting in the wings from around 9:00am to around noon. I don't know of any other activity in town that gives me the opportunity to meet and connect with such a diverse group of people.

I discovered Old Town Coffee when searching for a cup of coffee after open play one weekend and now love going there to escape my work from home setup. I also frequent Santa Cruz Market, Wendy's, and the 711 gas station when I'm on that side of town before/after pickleball. When my parents come to visit, they stay in Goleta so we can play meet at the courts easily.

Pickleball is becoming a very popular sport and besides strengthening community ties, can help drive business to Old Town Goleta. Please use your influence to help us keep pickleball going at GVCC!

Sincerely,

Kayla Galli



**From:** [Jeff Galli](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:55:46 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the GVCC Pickleball courts. 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. I work in Goleta, at Flir and the GVCC courts are so convenient for me to jump into open play on a regular basis.

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.

Sincerely,

Jeff Galli

**From:** [debbygerken@gmail.com](mailto:debbygerken@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:26:46 PM

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I am new to the Pickleball community and want to share how much I love this game.

I have been wanting to start for some time but had back surgery a year ago. My sister and a friend reached out about 2 months ago to see if I wanted to give it a try. We found another friend to teach us. We have been reserving courts at GVCC at least once a week since then and are having a blast. I look forward to our games every week. It also has been great to get back into sports with my back which I am grateful for. It really is a nice release for me after a long day at work. I have also reconnected with many friends that I hadn't seen during Covid. Everyone in this Pickleball community has been really welcoming and supportive.

I also have been going to The Habit and McDonald's on a more frequent basis since I am right there after our games. The courts are in a great location and a good use of the space for our Goleta community.

Pickleball has been a great addition to my life both physically and mentally and I want to continue to play at these courts.

Thank you for your support,

Debby Gerken  
Goleta resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Todd Gillespie](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:15:33 PM

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Hello,

I'm am submitting a letter of support for Goleta Parks and Rec to continue to support the Goleta Valley Community Center Pickleball Courts. I have been involved in Pickleball in the Goleta community for the past 3 years and I have seen it grow immensely in popularity. I first got started with Pickleball at the Evergreen tennis courts and know that it was with the help of the community and the Parks and Rec that made Pickleball at Evergreen successful. I have lived in Goleta for the past 25 years and pickleball has been the best at providing a great sense of community for me and my fellow neighbors.

Pickleball at GVCC is incredibly successful in its popularity and community outreach. Having played at SB Multiple Courts, Evergreen Courts, and Purshing Courts, the new Kellogg, and the courts GVCC is the best at bringing the city, and community together.

The sport of Pickleball has dramatically helped many people in our community through the pandemic. The ability to have outdoor activities that allow you to socialize with your neighbors has been a tremendous benefit to Goleta and Pickleball. It cannot be overstated how valuable it is to have community-based PERMANENT Pickleball courts.

I often stop by the local downtown Goleta business before and/or after I play Pickleball at GVCC, it is a great boost to the local business. Through Pickleball is how I discovered the new Bam game store in downtown Goleta. I just had a conversation last night with a new Pickleball player and he wanted recommendations on places to eat and he ended up going to the Goleta Sushi house.

The GVCC Pickleball courts will continue to grow in popularity and help bring in more neighbors and visitors into our downtown Goleta community.

Goleta Valley Parks and Rec needs to continue to support the GVCC Pickleball courts and help with renovations and ongoing maintenance.

Sincerely,  
Todd Gillespie

**From:** [Lisa Gonzales](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball where it is going.....  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:58:36 PM

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I am concerned with the Complaints that are being received about our Pickleball games that are being held at GVCC. I would like to know what they are & can we address them, so as not to lose our Love of the Game & to make as peaceful as we can for the Neighbors. For a lot of retirees this is our outdoor life. We have made numerous friends with others & their families. This is a good thing that the City of Goleta has helped promote. It would be a total shame not to both sides for a fair decision. It could be something really easy and it needs to be discussed. I would be more than happy to sit on a Board to discuss the situation & help rectify it!!!!

My name is Lisa Gonzales – [gma04@cox.net](mailto:gma04@cox.net) – 805-570-5362

**From:** [Lauren Goodman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:04:16 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the GVCC Pickleball Courts. As a member of our community who graduated from UCSB into the pandemic in 2020, pickleball has been my absolute savior. It has introduced me to the most wonderful and accepting community of all ages all while providing a safe space for exercise, fun, and pure happiness. In addition, it has brought me to become a permanent resident of the Goleta community and introduced me to so many surrounding shops and restaurants.

The news of the courts' status being in jeopardy breaks my heart. I urge you to please reconsider this decision and stand by the community who loves these courts and the community so much. It would also be great to receive action items for the city and community to fix as we continue to enjoy the courts. While I wholeheartedly believe the courts are safe and suitable for use, I would be more than happy to join my community of pickleball players to make changes you deem necessary to the reopening.

I hope this message resonates with you, and please feel free to reach out for any information or questions. I truly would not be the same person as I am today without the GVCC pickleball courts.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Goodman



**From:** [Maja Greig](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:41:57 AM

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Thank you for your consideration!

I have been enjoying, with many others in the community, the sport of pickleball at our Goleta Community Center!

Not only is it a physically healthy activity to participate in, it has become a wonderful opportunity in our community involving multi-generations. It has been a delight to play with people 15 years my senior as well as those 40 years younger. I can't think of any other activity that brings that breadth together. I regularly play with my husband and kids. It's been so fun!

My kids and nephew played basketball at GVCC 15-20 years back. I haven't been there since. It's nice to return and know that the facility can be utilized to serve Goleta in a way it was meant to be, providing health and community!

There are so many people who have invested in and enjoyed the courts!

I hope our City will choose to invest in them too.

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**In His Grace,**



**Maja Greig | Assistant to the Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support**

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**From:** [Half](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Gvcc pickleball support  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:28:23 PM

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Goleta has enough passive parks with children's playgrounds! Thank you for creating an active pickleball park for our community. Finally, a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents – we can all play together!

Goleta supports an active family life and I support Goleta!

Let's keep developing the GVCC pickleball courts so all generations to come will have them.

Thanks,  
T. Half

**From:** [DAVID HANACEK](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:38:31 AM

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Have you been to the new Kellogg courts? The biggest attraction is pickleball – there are always a lot of energy, people and excitement there....but hardly no one playing tennis.

Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in US ... we need more courts in Goleta.... Not less

This is an important meeting to help our community be more active, healthy and more social. Thank you for your support so far and please make the GVCC courts permanent.

**Dave Hanacek**

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**From:** [Suzanne Hayes](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#); [mmyers146@live.com](mailto:mmyers146@live.com)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball-Please preserve!!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:02:16 PM

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Hello City of Goleta,  
Please keep the pickleball courts at GVCC going!!! They are a wonderful community resource and provide fitness, fun and get people in the community together. This is especially important during the pandemic Pickleball is good for mental health. Many people have labored to set this wonderful thing up and it would be cruel and sad if it was taken away. The courts are a priceless community resource.

Suzanne Hayes

**From:** [Tim Hayes](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [mmyers146@live.com](mailto:mmyers146@live.com); [Suzanne Hayes](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep GVCC Pickleball going !  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:51:22 PM

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Hi,

The GVCC pickleball courts are very valuable to this community providing exercise and social contact - both very valued these days.

It is hard to imagine how anyone thinks that the courts are "noisy" at that location on Hollister with all the traffic from Hollister and highway 217 plus planes from the airport and school busses.

The noise complaint seems like a bogus reason to me.

Please keep them open !

Thanks  
Tim Hayes  
5442 Palace Court  
Goleta CA  
93111

**From:** [Suzi Heidner](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:56:57 PM

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Hello,

I am writing because I just read about the project to make the GVCC pickle ball courts permanent. I am so excited to hear this news since I have been using the courts for several months. I am a tennis player who has made the switch to pickle ball. This sport as you know is hugely popular and I now realize why! It is a sport for everyone. My family does not play tennis but I encouraged them to join me on the court one day and they were addicted, so now we have a sport that we can all play together which has been really great. It brings all different kinds of people together and the open play allows you to meet new people and improve your skills. We certainly need more pickle ball courts in Goleta as the sport is growing everyday. Some days it is hard to get on to play.

I look forward to playing on the new courts in the future.

Suzi Heidner



**From:** [Cole Heimerdinger](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball!!!!!!!!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:35:04 AM

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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.

Sincerely,

Cole Heimerdinger

**From:** [Tom Hilzer](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Goleta Community Center Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:20:46 AM

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Dear City of Goleta

I want to express my strong support for keeping the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center open. I have been a member at the courts for nearly 1 year and have enjoyed the exercise and comradery. I am confident that a solution can be crafted to satisfy both the neighbors and the pickleball community. Thank you for your consideration.

Many thanks

Sincerely,

Tom S. Hilzer

670 Inwood Drive

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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**From:** [HislopDan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball noise = goleta residents enjoying public parks  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:17:41 AM

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What a great problem we have in Goleta the Goodland : the public pickleball courts are so popular that they are reserved morning to evening and full of people getting exercise and community.

**I hope that full parks would be the goal in the first place - if we want "quiet" we'll probably need to close Girsh park on Saturdays. (which none of us want!)**

Keep the GVCC courts open!

Thanks,  
Dan Hislop

**From:** [Maureen Hislop](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:42:35 AM

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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.

My husband saw how much fun I was having and he started inviting all of his friends to play. Now, every Sunday night he gets to play, laugh, compete with a great group of other business men, church friends, local teachers and coaches. It has become a great place of connection. For both my husband and I. Our kids love playing too.

Thanks again and lets keep GVCC pickleball open and growing

Maureen Hislop  
Goleta Resident since 2000

**From:** [Suzyhoke](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:54:54 AM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

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. My husband and both of our children (26&13) enjoy the time we spend in the courts.

Thanks again and lets keep GVCC pickleball open and growing!

Best Regards,  
Suzy Hoke  
805-637-2637

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laurie Holbrook](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:13:56 PM

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Yep, Pickleball (PB) makes noise. What sport doesn't? Ice skating is quiet, but my days in a leotard are long gone!

Basketball, which was at the location prior to PB, also makes noise. The pounding of the ball hitting the pavement, the ball hitting the backboard and swooshing through the net. The little soccer players (and their parents) make noise. Fun and athletic activities typically make noise. I am sure we all hope there is much noise emanating from the Girls and Boys Club everyday all day.

I understand the noise complaint. Hermosa Beach also had complaints and someone even measured the decibels of the PB game. Rightfully, they decided that the noise was worth the complaints. The health and well being of our citizens; the young and old and those of every shape and color, outweigh the complaints of a few. The Community Center has been in that location for many many years, likely before those who are complaining. The facility is for the people. To cancel the sport would be unfair to the many who have discovered the social and health benefits. When one lives near a park or recreational center, they must learn to accept the happy noises that come along with it, and, they are certainly welcome to come out and play!

Laurie Holbrook  
Pickleball player since 2017

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**From:** [Jen Holdren](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:22:36 PM

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Hello,

I want to voice my love of Pickleball and the use of the Goleta Center.

My husband and I started playing Pickleball there just before the pandemic. We fell in love. We are both ex-pro volleyball players and for the first time in a long time, we found a new passion. It gets our heart rate up and the competitive juices flowing again! Not to mention the countless new friends that we have made. It's truly been a life saver for us. We are able to stay fit and socialize outside, during this crazy time we live in.

We play at the courts 3-4x as week, with many of the visits ending up at a restaurant in the area for a bite to eat. We also frequent Santa Cruz Market now for groceries.

Any how, I hope that you will all consider the many many positives that come from the Goleta Courts being open to the public. They are also the only courts in town with lights, so that we can play in the evenings during this time change. We would honestly be devastated if that were to ever change.

Wishing you all the Best,

**Jen Holdren**

**From:** [Paul and Linda Hollingsworth](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:43:17 PM

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I am writing in support of the proposed improvements for the pickleball courts behind the Goleta Valley Community Center. As a long time Goleta resident, I am asking for the City's support of this wonderful outdoor recreational activity. The GVCC courts are only some of very few available to Goleta residents and this is a much needed resource in our community. I love playing pickleball and have met many new friends on the courts. During COVID, having pickleball as an outdoor activity has literally helped me stay sane. As I talk to people in our community, I meet more and more folks who are in love with this sport. There is a reason why it's the fastest growing sport in the nation - it's really fun. During the winter, there are not many outdoor options for exercise, but the lights at GVCC allow people who work during the day to still be active after work. Besides the social component, there is an added benefit to improving the courts behind GVCC and that is bringing many potential shoppers to Old Town Goleta. I strongly urge the City to support this important part of our community.

Thank you,  
Linda Hollingsworth

**From:** [Marietta D. Jablonka](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep Pickle Ball alive in Goleta!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:31:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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I'm writing to you today to let you know just how much my friends and I love to play pickleball at the GVCC courts. Discovering this back in May has been life-changing for me. The exercise combined with the social aspect has turned the GVCC courts into my "happy place". I can't think of another situation where the community, in all age groups, can come together and have fun. I have played pickleball with people from the age range of 9-90. It has also made me more aware of the businesses in the downtown/Old Town Goleta area (who knew there was such a yummy wing place and such a great coffee place to go to?). I gas up my cars there now as well.

When I heard there was a chance that the courts would close I felt so sad. I am literally there 4-5 times a week. Please, keep our pickleball courts alive and well. It is so good for the community as whole.

Thank you for your time,

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**From:** [Bonnie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Pickelball courts!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:34:49 AM

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to request that the city of Goleta save the Pickelball courts! They are such a wonderful thing and I hope you keep them for all those who enjoy playing there. Thanks  
Bonnie Johnson

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Until the whole world knows!

Bonnie Sue Johnson <>

<http://jeffandbonniejohnson.wordpress.com/> Mission stories!

**From:** [nancy kaplan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [mike myers](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:06:56 PM

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Please keep the courts open. Pickleball is a sport that isn't going away as the desire & demand to play pickleball is huge.

The Goleta community needs healthy & social activities for their residents and pickleball is one that provides both. People actually choose communities that offer pickleball to live in; let's not limit what our community has to offer. Pickleball brings spending to a community. St. George is a perfect example. There are 1000's of Pickleball players who attend their events every year. They fill the hotels and restaurants to capacity.

No pickleball courts means people leave your community to go to another where after or before their games they shop, dine, or both, with the locations they choose will most always be nearby where they play.

Nancy Kaplan  
Goleta home owner

**From:** [Ellen Kenoss](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts..  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:30:50 AM

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I have been playing at the Goleta Valley pickleball courts for over a year now. The sport of pickleball has helped me maintain my sanity during these pandemic times. I have met so many wonderful people and have been able to do something healthy for myself. It has improved my mood, improved my social life and given me something to look forward to on the days that I play. I have gotten to know the city of Goleta ( I live in San Roque) a lot more and have now gotten into the habit of shopping more in the Goleta area and grabbing lunch or a snack at the local restaurants nearby.

Please know that this new sport (which is the fastest growing sport in the US) is an opportunity for the growth and support of all businesses in Goleta.

Thank you so much for considering all of us pickleball enthusiasts request that the city of Goleta do whatever it can to support this wonderful sport. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kenoss



**From:** [Barbk](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** LETTER FOR NOV. 18 MEETING  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:24:34 PM

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From: Barb Kloos  
To: Shanna Dawson  
Re: GVCC Pickleball November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Submission

Dear Goleta Recreation Commission:

I've been playing Pickleball for about 2 years. I play at the Municipal courts as well as Goleta (and now Kellogg). Most of the people who frequent the Goleta courts LOVE them! Many of us live in the Noleta and Goleta areas and appreciate the convenient location, easy parking, friendly atmosphere, helpful, attentive staff and amazing groundskeepers (many of whom we have become friendly with). Those of us 8 AM players are on a first name basis with the ones who unlock the courts and keep them looking good. It does not go un-noticed that there is no trash lying around, the restroom is clean, outside the courts is groomed, courts are leaf free, etc. All this is very much appreciated. While the courts do need some upgrading we have thoroughly enjoyed being able to play on them ever since they were converted to Pickleball courts.

Regarding the noise, prior to Pickleball there were 3 basketball courts. Basketball is a noisy, "bouncing" sport. The handful of neighbors who do not like the noise moved into an area that was noisy from sports when they purchased/rented their dwelling. It is unfortunate that they now are discovering the noise. An obvious noise factor is that they live right under a flight path that generates much more "noise" than Pickleball playing.

The joy, laughter, social, friendship, and exercise aspects that playing Pickleball brings into so many people's lives is unique to this particular sport. I hope that you will fully support keeping the courts available to our community. We love playing at all hours and the lights at night afford working people an opportunity to play that is not found at any other courts. Most of us have made many new friends who have helped with the isolation during the Covid season. It is very healthy to have an outdoor venue to frequent without the fear of contracting the virus.

Additionally, I have become familiar with the Goleta "downtown" and Calle Real area. I now go to some of the businesses that I never visited prior to playing at GVCC.

I hope that your Commission will move in favor of the hundreds of people who enjoy the courts and that you will also move forward with the improvements proposed. We have organized many fundraiser events to raise money for improvements so that we could contribute to the enhancement of the courts and surrounding area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barb Kloos  
531 Los Feliz Dr.

Santa Barbara 93110

**From:** [sbjoy8@aol.com](mailto:sbjoy8@aol.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:09:58 AM

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Dear Mr. Dawson,

Thank you do much for the pickleball courts at Goleta valley community center. It gets dark by 6 pm so the only place to play pickleball after work is at GVCC. There are NO other courts with lights! One of the smartest things the City did was to support these lighted pickleball courts. The next smartest thing they can do is make them permanent and then continue to support and grow our pickleball community.

Sincerely,  
Joy Kovacevich

**From:** [Catherine Kuljian](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC PICKLEBALL COURTS  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:07:23 PM

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Hello,

My name is Kathy Kuljian. I have been playing Pickleball for 7 or so years since it first started at Muni. It has been one of the biggest blessings of my life-just after my kids ☺. I am an RN at Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital and feel Pickleball is the best stress buster there is! I have met many doctors, nurses, therapists NPs through GVCC pickleball. I live at Winchester Canyon and it is so nice to not have to drive to Muni anymore.

I play 4 x a week and rely on it for fun, fitness and socializing. Please come observe on Tues and Thurs evenings where there will be 50+ people playing, waiting, talking, laughing and enjoying each other and the Goodland! I've never seen conflict, other than the good natured "trash talk" that goes along with any sport.

I usually go home for dinner, but occasionally stop as Hamburger Habit's aroma is sometimes hard to pass up. After play on Sat and Sun morning I go to Wendy's for their new coffee/shake combo and then to Destined for Grace Thrift Store. I know there have been many tournaments where people from out of town frequent the downtown area merchants also.

Please keep the courts open!! They are vital to the well- being of our community. Pickleball is growing so fast, we need more courts, not less.

Thank you for your time and concern for our community,

Kathy  
805-319-9059

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**From:** [J. Lambe](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:56:40 AM

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To the City of Goleta.

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

Thank you,  
Janine Lambe

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dana Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:03:57 AM

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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.

Regards,

Olympic Construction

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805-886-4422



**From:** [Liz Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** remain open  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:34:52 PM

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Please allow the courts to remain open.  
These courts have allowed our community to  
be together in a pandemic..keeping mental and  
physical health...There are many residents in our  
town who live near city/county recreation buildings  
including schools...These courts are a positive  
for all in our community.

Sincerely,  
Liz Larsen

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*Liz Larsen*  
*Classroom Teacher-*  
*Hollister School*

**From:** [varni Learned](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support letter for GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 7:21:33 PM

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Greetings to S Dawson~

I hope this letter finds you all in good health with all the craziness going on in this world.

I am writing to show my support for the Goleta valley community center and pickleball courts. I started playing pickleball about 2 years ago after a dramatic shift in my life that left me feeling rather hopeless, lonely and depressed. I have participated in 2 clinics (to raise funds to improve the courts) and lessons. I play 3 to 4 days a week now and have made countless friends in doing so. This all has put joy back in my life at the same time keeps me feeling healthy both mentally and physically. I SO appreciate having the GVCC courts to enjoy and the comradery that goes along with this ESPECIALLY after the shut down and feeling so isolated!

I/we understand there has been complaints about the noise level from playing. I/we have great hopes that something can be worked out that everyone can be satisfied with outcome. I/we ask that you PLEASE understand how important it is to so many of us to keep these courts open and figure this out for all. Certainly there is a way.

Many of us have contributed to a fundraiser to redo surface. Even if it took several fundraisers to collect cost for proper soundproofing I'm sure there would be PLENTY of support to do so. ALSO... there are ways to make all our paddles more quiet which would make a huge difference with the noise level!

One more thing I'd like to add,... having the courts in old town Goleta has made many folks visit that area that most likely would not have. Many now are driving there several times a week and were not prior to playing pickleball at GVCC. I know some people that go for lunch after in the area, get gas, buy waters/drinks at 7 -11 etc. All which brings business to old town which would not if these people were not there to play pickleball!

I thank you for your time and help in keeping the Pickleball courts at GVCC .

Best regards, Varni Learned

**From:** [Jane Maassen](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:17:22 PM

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am writing in support of the GVCC Pickleball courts that I have had the great pleasure and privilege of playing on over the past year. I write this to encourage and support both the improvement and permanence of them.

Pickleball supports a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically. I have many new friendships from playing at the GVCC courts and have grown to appreciate Old Town Goleta for its community and unique quaintness. The courts are truly an asset to Goleta as a venue that not only provides outdoor recreation, but also comradery and socialization for local residents to thrive from. Any situation that can provide these vital ingredients necessary for happy living should be appreciated, maintained, and upheld at any cost.

in gratitude,  
Jane Maassen

**From:** [mmacduff@verizon.net](mailto:mmacduff@verizon.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:15:36 AM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

Have you tried Pickleball? If not you should! What a fun, energetic, social and I'm afraid addicting game. Just the other day I introduced my 18 year old son to the game, a game he said was for "old people". Well he liked it, and of course picked it up fast. It's a game anyone can play, friends are made, competition is fierce, people are there to support one another, get outside in the fresh air and sun, interact with each other, exercise, and have fun.

I hope is that the GVCC courts can flourish and the game can continue for all. I am born and raised in SB, and now a Noleta resident for 27 years, I frequent the area, am employed at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital in the ER, believe me Pickleball has saved me during the Pandemic. I attend the drop in sessions weekly, and often play pickup games with my friends. I have taken lessons, support the GVCC courts with the membership and am willing to do so in the future if the opportunity continues.

My oldest son attended the Goleta Valley Boys and Girls Club after school program. Being a tennis player I remember the tennis court and wondering why it was never utilized? Kids were swinging on the net, the court was littered with graffiti, the basketball net torn on the far right court. Wouldn't it be great if the Pickleball courts could be utilized for the Boys and Girls Club for an hour or so, incorporate the program so the kids could try Pickleball too, get them outside participating in a Covid friendly activity, a win-win?

By continuing to enforce time restrictions of play and setting respectful guidelines, I feel the GVCC courts, after fully resurfaced and upgraded, could be a facility that the Goleta community can be proud of offering much needed recreation for all ages.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michelle MacDuffee

**From:** [Linda Malhotra](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:24:45 AM

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Good morning,

I have come to understand that there have been complaints of noise regarding the pickleball courts by the Goleta Valley community center. Being a player who plays 3-4 times a week I do hope a compromise can be reached. Perhaps a noise abatement or quiet paddle/balls requirement. I must note that I've found a renewed sense of community and new friendships in these courts and hope we can find a solution. Would you please include me on emails regarding this matter as I've contributed by way of annual use fee of these courts and would like to remain involved in finding a solution to this issue.

Sincerely,  
Linda Malhotra  
[Dhankaur@gmail.com](mailto:Dhankaur@gmail.com)  
8054481995

**From:** [L. Holzman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Message for Nov 18th meeting RE: Support of Goleta Pickleball!!  
**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 12:49:53 PM

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Dear City of Goleta,

I am writing to you to encourage you to continue to support Pickleball at the Goleta Community Center.

**I LOVE pickleball. I am 62-years-old and I have had a kidney transplant for almost 31 years. I play pickleball almost EVERY DAY!**

**I am sun-sensitive (continually fight skin cancers), so being able to play pickleball until 8pm has given me a new sense of freedom.** Playing pickleball without having to be completely covered in sun-protection clothing, due to the lights at Goleta Pickleball Courts, has given me a new sense of myself. After 30 years of hiding from the sun, I can play in regular clothes! I don't have to hide my arms, legs, face, ankles, ears, etc. If you can relate it to the kids who can't play outside in the daytime and can only go out at night...that's how it feels.

**Playing pickleball has increased my stamina, muscle strength and balance, which are so necessary at this age. And, the comradery of Pickleball players has given me a sense of belonging.** I have made new friends, something that is hard to do as you get older. These are people who are healthy, active, and competitive, but also love to have fun and if you're ever near the courts, you'll hear a lot of laughter!

**Consider providing the community near the courts, free annual passes to play Pickleball at Goleta Courts.** You will be encouraging them to join us, get healthy, have fun and be part of the fastest-growing, new sport in the world.

**Please continue to support the Goleta Pickleball courts. It serves the Goleta Community and improves our community in such an easy and fun way.**

Thank you,  
Lisa Marciano  
Kidney Transplant Recipient 12/12/1990



**From:** [Jill Martin](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:17:48 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Goleta Valley Community Center pickleball courts.

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County and began playing at the GVCC pickleball courts over the pandemic. The hours that my family, friends, and I spent at the pickleball courts over the last eighteen months were some of our brightest moments during a very trying time for our community. Even now, my time at the GVCC courts continue to be highlights of my week.

The GVCC pickleball courts provided, and continue to provide, a unique opportunity for community members to socialize and exercise in a healthy, friendly environment. Unlike most sports, pickleball casts a broad net in terms of its accessibility for people of different ages and athletic abilities. It is one of the only sports in which I have seen three generations happily playing together. I have watched new communities and friendships form on the GVCC pickleball courts that transcend the dividing lines that have become more entrenched in recent years. Inclusive, community-building recreational spaces, like the GVCC pickleball courts, are precisely what our increasingly, siloed community needs.

Beyond the immeasurable benefit for our community members, pickleball at GVCC also draws people like me to spend their dollars in Goleta. Before playing pickleball at GVCC, I rarely ventured to Old Town Goleta. Now, I am there multiple times a week and frequent the local coffee shop, gas station and grocery store in Goleta. Additionally, as the fastest growing sport in the United States, "pickleball tourism" is becoming increasingly common. If GVCC is able to maintain and improve its courts, it could become a draw for Goleta's tourism industry.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the future of GVCC's pickleball courts.

Best regards,

Jill Martin  
Cell 908-591-6170

**From:** [karenemclean@gmail.com](mailto:karenemclean@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:37:53 PM

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Hello Ms. Dawson,

Thank you for your service to our community! I am writing as a member of the community to kindly ask that you, as a local government leader, do anything you can do to maintain the successful and safe operation of the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center. The pickleball community has been a life line for so many during this particularly challenging Covid season. The physical and mental health benefits of this sport and more importantly the social community has kept my family afloat in so many ways. The opportunity to exercise while maintaining vital social connections through this sport at the Goleta Valley Community Center has been so valuable and we very much look forward to it continuing. Additionally, it has been a joy to provide patronage to the local businesses in Old Town Goleta including Domingos Café, The Habit, Old Town Coffee and Centennial Bar before and after our pickleball matches. Again, thank you for your service to our community and I'm happy to provide any additional information or context that might be helpful to you and your team.

-Karen McLean  
Goleta resident

**From:** [Linda Meyer](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** I Support GVCC pickle ball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:48:47 AM

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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.

Sincerely,

Linda Meyer

**From:** [Florence Napoles](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 12:27:58 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Hello, I live in the Winslowe community behind the Goleta community center. It has come to my attention that my neighbor is advocating to our other neighbors to speak out against renovating the existing tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts. I just wanted to say that I love those courts and am so happy to be a part of a community that offers this recreational activity. I live very close to those courts as well as frequently walk on Ekwill and barely notice the sound. It is not a noise nuisance in my opinion. I look forward to hearing the proposal to renovate the courts. Please let me know what I can do as a member of the community to help push this project forward.

Thank you for your time,

Florence Morris

**From:** [Beth Morris](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickelball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:35:12 AM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

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.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Morris  
Sent from my iPhone

Dear City of Goleta and Parks and Recreation Board members,

I am writing as a Goleta resident to confirm the support of the conversion from a dilapidated unused tennis court at Goleta Valley Community Center to permanent pickleball courts and to demonstrate a community need for these courts beyond the fact that they are full 7 days a week.

Pickleball has made the community center an actual place where the community is meeting and recreating. As a volunteer court monitor, I have instructed many players to purchase memberships and or pay daily fees as they use the courts, explained rules, helped them to use the online scheduler, and joined them in play. They are from all parts of the community demographic, and some are new to the sport, and some have been playing pickleball for a long time. I have witnessed many happy seniors enjoying playing there on a daily basis, with old and new friends, mothers and fathers playing with their kids, UCSB college students mixing with everyone, and our professionals who work locally at Yardi, Flir, Cottage Hospital, Raytheon, just to name a few. I am one of these working professionals who can only play at night, after work because there are lights on the courts. Many of these folks, myself and family included, are now frequenting the local restaurants before or after play. Also, some local restaurants such as McDonald's and Habit Burger, have either donated to the pickleball fund or provided gift certificates to players. I have met new visitors to Goleta who have stopped in to play and have stayed at the nearby hotels and frequented the nearby restaurants rather than going to downtown Santa Barbara.

I have researched on your website, <https://www.cityofgoleta.org> and found that there have been multiple requests as part of the **City of Goleta Parks, Facilities & Playgrounds Master Plan** where people, who have been asked in the community, have requested pickleball courts and courts with lights. So, it seems we are most of the way there to completing the plan! See example: *Page 166, Stakeholder Meetings: Second Round June 12, 2018.*

In conclusion, GVCC has not only changed my life and made me a part of the bigger community of Goleta, but GVCC Pickleball has been a refuge during uncertain times by providing safe outdoor exercise to all, a place where I met first responders, nurses and firefighters, who were able to take a much-needed break and feel the support from the community, for people who told me about losing family members to come and feel lighter with strength from peers, a place for pro athletes to train and teach all of us. Pickleball is an equalizer, it's social and only going to grow. See example: <https://www.pickleballmagazine.com>

Thank you for understanding the need for these courts and I look forward to helping in anyway I can.

Thank you,

Mandy Myers

**From:** [Denise Neil](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:35:12 AM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

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.

Thank you!  
Denise Neil  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



**From:** [Amanda Oh](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:13:07 PM

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## Dear Goleta City Council and Mayor-

Do you know how these pickleball courts came about? Mike and Mandy are great friends who we met on the pickleball courts at muni about 5 years ago! They were our pickleball friend bubble during covid restrictions. All tennis and pickleball courts were locked up. All gyms were closed. People needed exercise to keep healthy during this crazy time! Mike found this cement plot on google maps and asked Charlie the GM if he could convert this old tennis court which hasn't been used for 20 years!? Into pickleball courts.

I'm a pickleball avid player (5 years) and certified pickleball instructor (International pickleball teaching professional association).

The GVCC pickleball courts gave us hope and kept us all sane during covid restrictions of over a year. The community of Goleta and the surrounding businesses have reaped the wonderful benefits from this silly named but fantastic sport!

We (my husband Eui, also a pickleball player) frequent the businesses around there, habits hamburger, the thrift stores, Wendy's, 7 eleven, the gas stations, Mcdonalds, Taco Bell, Goleta Sushi etc.,

The founders of these pickleball courts, Mike and Mandy Meyers and countless volunteers have given their time and money to build these courts for the community. New fences, new doors, new outside landscape, new LED lights, new nets etc.,

On any given day we have over 75- 150 plus people enjoying these courts, with exercise, laughter and building new friendships.

The courts badly need a resurface job ASAP! And the city needs to pay for this and maintain these courts. Cities across the nation pay for such maintenance of courts so the city of Goleta should do the same.

Thank you City of Goleta for recognizing that pickleball is of great value for the community and businesses!

Sincerely,

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949-981-8016

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Eui Oh](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Gvcc pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 9:23:53 PM

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Hello city council member,

I wanted to quickly write that playing pickleball is extremely important for mental and physical health especially during these past few years.

I have so many friends that started playing pickleball in the past year and a common place is the Gvcc courts.

People always tell me how pickleball saved their lives and was a good escape from daily pressure or family trauma.

At first Gvcc was only one court then became 5 courts. So many people play there and all having a great time playing this silly addictive sport. My wish is for Goleta or Santa Barbara to invest in fixing this gem up for all to enjoy. I bet over 150-200 people daily at Gvcc pickleball. That would be a great investment in our community.

Thanks for listening

Eui Oh

Sent from Eui's iPhone

**From:** [Ken Palley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:23:25 PM

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Dear S. Dawson,

I am writing to urge the City of Goleta to continue to allow the GVCC pickleball courts to operate. There is every increasing interest in the sport of pickleball and losing 4 courts would be very bad for scores if not hundreds of local players. I understand the issue that some local residents have with the noise of the courts but there must be some way to reconcile the two interests. Possibly limiting the hours of erly play or some form of sound barrier. Closing the courts entirely at this point seems rather Draconian to say the least.

Cordially

Ken Palley  
Noleta, CA  
805 722-4037

**From:** [ERIC](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** In support of pickle ball at goleta valley community center  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:52:09 AM

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Please keep these pickle ball courts!  
I use them a lot after work 3:30-8pm  
And sat n sun am

Eric pearson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [A Peyton](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta pickleball court  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:34:22 AM

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Please do not close the pickle ball courts! They have been amazing for more health and family. I play with my teenage son and his friends and it's wonderful!

The only time I can exercise is after work and you may not realize but it's nearly dark by 6 almost 7 months out of the year!

The GVCC Pickleball courts are the only park with lights where I can play and exercise outdoors during those months. The county really missed the mark by not providing lights at the Kellogg courts.

The City of Goleta were so smart to embrace this sport and have courts with lights... its is so appreciated. Keep up the good work and make the needed improvements so these courts stay permanent.

Please support this wonderful sport!  
Thank you,  
Amber Peyton

**From:** [Ann Pieramici](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please save pickle ball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 10:20:07 PM

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Please save the Goleta Valley Pickleball courts! They are such an asset to our community.

I picked up Pickleball during COVID and it has saved my mental health. 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. I often combine my play time with shopping at Calle Real, visiting yogurt land and grabbing coffee at Goleta Coffee company.

Please make the GVCC courts permanent and even consider adding more courts. Our town can support this and we will promise to abide by your rules. 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.

Best,  
Ann Pieramici

**From:** [Jeanelle Posch](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [cjposch@cox.net](mailto:cjposch@cox.net)  
**Subject:** Plea to keep GVCC Pickleball courts open and permanent  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:37:36 AM

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Greetings,

I am emailing to express my thoughts on the Pickleball courts at GVCC. The past 1.5 years have been so tough with the pandemic. During this time I discovered a new passion called Pickleball. Having the courts to go to at GVCC have really been awesome for my physical and mental well-being. This is a sport I plan to play for years and as a full time working professional, having courts with lights are critical for me to be able to get to play! As you may know, the GVCC courts are the only ones around with lights... I have met so many new folks and established more community and have used more businesses in downtown Goleta as a result of use of the courts.

Please please please, pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Thank you and kind regards,

Jeanelle Posch

805-895-7137



**From:** [Michael Powers](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickelball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:42:13 PM

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I support and use the GVCC PB courts. Thanks for making them available. Seniors like myself need the exercise. There are also other noise sources in the area during the day like children's programs. Thanks in advance for supporting Pickelball  
Michael Powers  
Goleta resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nikki Ramage](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please Keep Pickleball Courts Open and Update them!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:07:04 PM

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## To Whom it May Concern,

The GVCC pickleball courts are an incredible and outstanding gift to the City of Goleta. And on a more personal note, they have been life-changing and transformative for me.

Hundreds of people who work hard in the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara (like nurses, engineers, college students, graduate students, pastors, grandparents, teachers, etc.) have had a safe way to exercise and de-stress during this intense season of COVID because of these courts.

The GVCC pickleball courts are the epitome of what a community center should be. A place for people from all different walks of life and backgrounds to come together and recreate. To come together and be united in a love for a sport that builds community, creates laughter and joy, 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.

At the GVCC courts I've played Pickleball alongside Kenny Loggins (yes, that Kenny Loggins), alongside UCSB undergraduates wondering what their major should be, alongside nurses who are slowly working through their trauma from this past year, alongside engineers working at Apeel who absolutely love their job. What we all have in common is a love for a sport and a love for the GVCC which allows us the opportunity to play this sport.

I'm a pastor and have seen first hand the divisions that are tearing apart our nation, community, and even churches. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game, that is bigger than themselves. The pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Bottom line, pickleball is dramatically and quite easily 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! Imagine the partnerships that could happen between happy and energized pickleball players and a revamped community center! ;)

If the City of Goleta does not view these courts as an incredible opportunity to further the mission of the city to care for, empower, and uplift it's citizens I think they are making a huge mistake and again underestimate the gift of a game that people love.

Thank you for taking this into consideration as you make future decisions.

Respectfully,

Nikki Ramage

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*Nikki*

**From:** [Nikki Ramage](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** P.S. You are invited to come and learn how to play pickleball!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:38:33 PM

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Sometimes, you might need to do "hands-on" research!

I know I can speak for countless others that we would be happy to teach you how to play pickleball anytime that works for you... so you can know what we are talking about and why we want to keep and improve the courts!

Pickleball in general has a reputation for being very welcoming and hospitable for newcomers, and GVCC in particular has this reputation as well.

The offer to learn how to play is literally open to anyone on open play days and that includes all of you.

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*Nikki*



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**From:** [Susanne Roberts](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts- PLEASE Keep them!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 7:17:29 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my positive experiences on the Goleta Community Center Pickleball courts. I have been playing on these courts for just over a year.

Pickleball is becoming such a popular sport, it can be hard to find available courts to play on. The fact that there are 5 courts is such a great asset. They are almost always full. Unless you reserve a spot well in advance, it can be difficult to secure a court.

They are the only courts in town that have light, so it is nice to be able to play in the evenings.

The people I have encountered on the courts have all been respectful of the court rules. Pickleball players seem to all be a nice group of people and are friendly and inclusive . I have met several new friends on the court, as well as renewed some older friendships when I ran into them on the courts.

After leaving the courts, we have gone to eat at The Habit on several occasions. We also frequent Santa Cruz Market if we need groceries . I think having the courts in Old Town Goleta is definitely a boom to many the Goleta businesses .

Not having these courts to play on would be so disappointing so many people. It is just good clean fun, and such a great sport for all ages and abilities.

Thank you for your careful consideration of all the positive aspects of having Pickleball in Old Town Goleta.

Sincerely,  
Susanne Roberts

**From:** [Lynn Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Loving Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:14:01 AM

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Hey! Good morning. Thanks for your service to Goleta.

Wanted to let you know how great the Pickleball has been for me over the last year. I've met new friends, lowered my cholesterol and found a few new restaurants in old town that have become favorites for my family.

I know the neighbors are upset and while I'm not sure exactly why maybe we can try to meet them in their struggle by starting play later or eliminating music or putting up sound cloth on the fences? Is there something we might do to hear their concerns and be good neighbors ourselves but keep playing? I want to save what has become a great way to safely be in community, laugh and get exercise.

Lynn  
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**From:** [Hannah R](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:22:26 AM

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Hi,

It gets dark by 6 pm so the only place to play pickleball after work is at GVCC. There are NO other courts with lights! One of the smartest things the City did was to support these lighted pickleball courts. The next smartest thing they can do is make them permanent and then continue to support and grow our pickleball community.

Hannah Robinson

**From:** [Nancy Rydell](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:34:10 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!

*Nancy Rydell*  
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**From:** [Patricia Saley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball is a great community asset and activity  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:00:44 AM

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Pickleball is an amazing sport. It is easy to learn and really fun. Those who play come from all walks of life and are invested in the community. Please retain the GVCC courts and, if possible, expand and improve them. Those of us who play would be happy to contribute time and money to the effort as we get so much enjoyment out of the sport.

Thank you,  
Pat Saley  
[patriciaawsaley@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaawsaley@gmail.com)

**From:** [maryschmidt31@gmail.com](mailto:maryschmidt31@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:18:10 PM

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City of Goleta: Pickleball to me is simply defined as an inexpensive, healthy and social activity that brings a community together. A community activity that should be played at a community center.

Please keep Pickleball at our community center

Thank you

Mary Schmidt

**From:** [Nan Schooley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pleading for Pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 10:23:27 PM

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Dear City of Goleta Leaders,

I am writing in support of the pickleball Courts a Goleta Valley Community Center. I was introduced to this game a year ago and it has been such a blessing in creating community, fun, laughter and joy in a time that has been extremely difficult for everyone. As the the fastest growing sport in the country, it would be devastating to lose access to the courts at GVCC. If you have yet to pick up a paddle and try this funny game called Pickleball that is played with a wiffleball you are missing out. This game has attracted all sorts of people of all ages. It is all inclusive and available for anybody who wants to give it a go. Once you try it you can't get enough of it. Please consider The health and fitness that these courts provide for so many community members.

Respectfully,  
Nan Schooley  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michelle Seeds](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:35:22 AM

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Good Afternoon Shannon,

I hope your week is off to a great start. I wanted to submit the following question for Thursday evening's meeting.

*I am in full support of the Goleta Valley Community Center Organization repurposing the existing tennis courts for pickleball use but question the City's current plan for the Community Center as a whole. I tuned into a meeting back in September when public survey results were shared regarding a new space. The Council seemed to be making progress on next steps for the project. Where does it stand to date? Is it in the City's best interest to invest in courts that may be relocated in the near future?*

Thanks,  
Michelle Seeds | RNT Architects  
285 North Ventura Avenue, Suite 102, Ventura CA 93001  
P 805.628.7650

**From:** [Darla Sharp](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 4:09:38 PM

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Hi,

I'm responding to the Pickleball court proposal and as a homeowner in Goleta and resident I think it is Wonderful for the City of Goleta to expand recreational activities of all types!

I fervently wish some consideration would be made for those of us (thousands across California) who took up outdoor Roller Skating during the Pandemic--it would be SO NICE to share some of this court time with these other sports, to have permission if courts are not in use, say early morning or late evening. Just a thought.

Overall I think it is wonderful - the more opportunity to recreate outdoors, the better for the community, as a whole. I've met so many residents by spending time at the new Wallis Park in Old Town and Girsh Park. It's been really great - an unexpected bonus from this difficult Pandemic!

Thank you for all you do!

Regards,  
Darla Sharp 7068 Madera Drive

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Darla Sharp  
Goleta the Good Land  
California, 93106

Currently reading:  
Bleak House by Charles Dickens  
How To Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi  
Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle

**From:** [Kathy Sheffield](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:09:53 AM

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Pickle ball has become a very important part of my life. After two hip replacements, it is the only aerobic exercise I can do. My cardiologist says it is the best exercise for my a-fib, as it is interval exercise. I support making permanent courts and adding more at the goleta Valley Community Center. It is such a close and convenient location. People are complaining about the noise from pickle ball? What about the airplanes going overhead all day. PB noise pales by comparison.

Kathy Sheffield  
805-886-6175

**From:** [chris silverstein](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support Gvcc pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:58:11 AM

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Dear Goleta Administrators,

I am writing in support of improving the pickleball courts at GVCC. I and my family have played there many times. I realize that pickleball can be noisy but the laughter is usually louder than the balls being hit as everyone is having so much fun. Not to mention the noise of the passing airplanes and school buses that often drown out the noise of pickleball.

In addition to going to GVCC to play pickleball, being in Old Town has caused me to stop into many of the businesses in the area such as Three Pickles, La Tia Joanna, and Noodle City.

I urge you to support this this healthy recreational activity enjoyed by so many people.

Thank you,

Chris Silverstein



Shanna Dawson  
Management Analyst Trainee  
City of Goleta  
130 Cremona Dr # B  
Goleta, CA 93117

November 12, 2021

Dear Ms. Dawson,

We are writing in response to an email received from the City of Goleta with respect to the Future of Pickleball in Goleta.

We are three neighbors who live in the city of Goleta who play regularly at the GVCC courts and are very excited regarding the possibility of continuing to play there on resurfaced courts.

Two of us have been playing for several years and were delighted when the GVCC courts opened up as they are closer to home and the lights make it possible to play after work hours especially during the fall/winter months. It's a convenient and safe environment to participate.

We enjoy the opportunity to meet new people during open play and appreciate those that have stepped up to organize and maintain the courts. We especially love the diversity among the players. It is great to see high schoolers play with people that could easily be their grandparents' age as well as husbands and wives and whole families.

We're sure that making the courts available has benefited many of the businesses along the Old Town corridor as players stop to eat, shop and fill up their gas tanks at the nearby businesses.

We ask that you continue to support this very fun, healthy, and popular activity.

Best regards,

Cristi Smith 5671 Stow Canyon Road  
Michelle Spink 5634 Stow Canyon Road  
Michelle Zoesh 5624 Stow Canyon Road

**From:** [Karyn Sorenson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Yes to Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:34:34 AM

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I'm writing to ask that the pickleball courts at GVCC be made permanent, and that they even add more courts and improve existing courts. In every way this is a win for Goleta. It is excellent for the physical and psychological health of players, it builds a stronger community, and it is an economic boom—particularly for Old Town. Before GVCC, I used to drive to Municipal in Santa Barbara to play, and it is there that I would buy my gas, do my shopping, and meet someone for lunch. Now, all of that happens in Old Town or in Goleta.

Please pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Sincerely,

Karyn Sorenson

**From:** [Karen Still](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts comments for the Parks and Recreation Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 9:16:46 PM

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Nov. 15, 2021

To Goleta City Council,

I am writing in support of the pickleball courts at GVCC. Our family has been using these courts since they first got put up and painted. It was a blessing in the restricted covid19 closures. We have introduced many other people to this sport and facility. We have met numerous people and made new friends at these courts. These courts were unused and decrepit until Mike Myers fixed them up and brought this to our community. This is what the community center is for – The Community.

This area was meant to be a community center. These recreation facilities have been here long before any of the housing in the area. I am sorry that there are a few residents complaining about the noise, but it is no more than tennis or basketball. I understand the Birnam Wood club did a study on the noise and found that the pickleball volume was no more than tennis. As a compromise we have limited the court hours from 8 am to 8:30 pm. We need court time in the evening, because many of us work during the day.

The number of people benefiting from these courts is easily several hundred; much more than a few residents. The local community is also benefitting. We have supported The Habit, Taco Bell, Goleta Sushi house, Santa Cruz Market, Uniboil and Santa Barbara Cider Co. after our pickleball participation. There is even a small paying job to the facilities caretaker now. There is desire and funding to expand the pickleball courts, which would bring even more support to Old Town Goleta. Why would the city ever throw away free money for improvements? Mike Myers has singlehandedly revived this decrepit recreation facility. The city needs to recognize how lucky they are to find someone so motivated and get his help free. He has also brought in funds to improve the courts and surrounding area further. There is potential to build a complex that will support tournaments which would greatly support Old Town Goleta, especially the local hotel, gas station and restaurants.

In Summary:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The number of people using these courts is so much more than a few residents complaining.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->We have already compromised the time the courts are open to accommodate these residents.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The local businesses are benefitting from these courts and more growth will mean more business support.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->This is a designated recreational facility and was here long before the housing.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->We have revitalized this facility and have money for even greater improvements.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Pickleball could be a new sport outlet to introduce to the kids at Goleta Boys and Girls Club.

Overall there is no cost to the city. The city and local businesses are benefitting from our participation. We are forming a safe and healthy community. Pickleball is very popular and is growing rapidly. Take advantage of the help you have and support pickleball fully.

Karen, Carl, Toby, and Ty Still  
4661 Camino Del Robles

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**From:** [Georgia Strickland](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:16:08 PM

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November 15, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned that the Goleta Valley Community Center (GVCC) pickle ball courts may close due to noise complaints from nearby neighbors. Although I sympathize with the neighbors, I also sympathize with the current pickle ball group of folks that play there.

During COVID, over a year ago, I took up pickle ball to get me out of the house and into a healthy environment during the shut down. I have been playing this game ever since. Speaking as a single woman, I believe the GVCC courts helped get me through that rough, lonely time of isolation. I can't imagine what my life would look like without the pickle ball community. You are a community and I am proud to be a part of that whole.

I ask you to please consider the number of folks that benefit from your courts compared to the neighborhood complaints and that they chose to live near a community center. Perhaps the next complaint will be regarding the Girls & Boys Club.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice.

Sincerely,

Georgia Strickland

**From:** [Becca S.](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save our Goleta PB Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:32:49 AM

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Hi There-

I am writing to support Goleta Valley Community Center's pickle ball courts. I love pickle ball and it is a great way to get exercise, make friends, and be part of the community.. Please make them a permanent fixture in Goleta. There are not enough courts to go around in this region and I depend on the Goleta courts to stay fit.

Thank you  
Rebecca Summers



**From:** [Leslie Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:21:53 PM

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It gets dark by 6 pm so the only place to play pickleball after work is at GVCC. There are NO other courts with lights! One of the smartest things the City did was to support these lighted pickleball courts. The next smartest thing they can do is make them permanent. **Please proceed to do this now without hesitation!**

Thank you,  
Leslie Thomas

**From:** [Tomi Topinko](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball @ GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:57:02 PM

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Hello there,

The GVCC pickleball courts have been a place for me to learn and play pickleball for a year now. In that time I have lost 10 lbs. gained stamina and balance which had faltered due to knee issues from running. GVCC pickleball has brought me back out to activity. I have 60 new friends all from pickleball there at GVCC. We have a great deal of fun, sharing laughs and singing and dancing during our games. This little community place has brought more joy to Goleta than anything In a long time!

Not only that, I have been frequenting many Goleta restaurants and stores I have never even been to. I am a Santa Barbara local born and raised, and have seen many outdoor venues come and go. This is a huge part of my life now as it is for hundreds of others and I am graciously begging you to consider how important and beneficial they are for the community in old town Goleta!

Thank you!

Tomi Topinko

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joy Van Wickle](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts keep open please!  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:38:42 PM

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What a wonderful opportunity to be outdoors, get exercise and be social with others. I can personally attest to playing Pickleball on GVCC helped me during a dark time in my life. My husband had just gone through open heart surgery at Stanford and had cancer. Those recuperation months were socially isolating and depression ensued. I started playing everyday on the GVCC courts and found an activity to focus my mind and friendly people to engage with. I am so appreciative of the courts and would ask that you would keep them open.  
Thank you for reading my letter,

Kind regards,  
Joy Van Wickle

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [JOLENE GRIFFITH](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 4:40:08 PM

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We are writing to support the pickleball courts at GVCC. Our Apeel & LogMeIn co-workers spend many nights learning to play pickleball at Evergreen and GVCC. We've also met many new friends on the courts. The pickleball community was so welcoming & supportive for all ages. Everyone we played with encouraged us as we learned the rules & improved our play. Everyone was welcome on the courts during Covid when most other social activities were shut down. Being outdoors, getting exercise and seeing people outside of zoom calls kept us sane during Covid.

My husband & I drive from Santa Barbara to Goleta to play. After playing games, many of us meet at SB Cider and Elubia's for dinner. On cold nights we'd pick up pho from Noodle City. We often stop by Santa Cruz Market for vegetables. Without pickleball we would opt for restaurants closer to home & save gas. Having tournaments on the courts would draw tourists who will also support local business.

In addition to playing on the courts, we have financially contributed to many of the improvements at the GVCC courts.

We hope you will consider the many mental, physical and financial benefits to our community and its members. Please approve the improvements and allow us to safely play.

Jolene & Bret Warren

**From:** [David Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 12:04:54 PM

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Hi,

I am writing to express my opinion on the Pickleball courts at GVCC.

I have seen these courts go from unused and deserted tennis/basketball courts literally with weeds growing up all over the place to the following.

5 courts that the community has rallied behind during Covid, to build up into pretty dang descent courts. We as a community have rallied to have these courts filled nearly every hour from 8am - 9pm (7) days a week. This equates to hundreds of people on a weekly basis getting the opportunity to recreate, build friendships, and blow off steam during this crazy time of our life!

I guarantee, local businesses have benefited from the hundred of daily visitors. Buying gas, eating burgers, Thai food, McDonalds/Habit/Taco Bell, oil change, you name it...I personally have used ALL of these during the past 2 years.

Let's make these courts even better than they are! Let's get them resurfaced, so they are the best 5 courts in the area. We can continue to host smaller tournaments bringing more out of town folks into our community.

Finally, my favorite thing...I LOVE that Pickleball is a sport that brings us all together. I have seen 7 year olds to 91 year olds and everyone in between. I have seen a huge amount of diversity...all walks of life (left/right political views, gay/straight, Bronco/Raider, vaccinated/non-vaccinated, etc).

Let's keep this going strong! Thank you for listening to me and taking this into consideration!

Sincerely,  
Dave Wilcox  
(805)637-8668

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David Wilcox  
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**From:** [Tracy Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** PB courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 6:20:13 PM

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To whom this concerns:

I am writing to express how much appreciation I have towards the pickleball courts at GVCC. The courts came online due to the work of Mike Myers during a very difficult time. These courts allowed me and my family to be able to play Pickelball and to be apart of a community during the pandemic. The courts are also valuable because it has lights and allows us to play after dark. For those who work full-time jobs this is the only time we can play. We have been able to host tournaments and round Robins with other teams from out of town. By hosting these events, we have brought business to old town Goleta and Santa Barabara. If the courts are resurfaced and fixed up, we can do even more events generating more business for the courts and for old town Goleta. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and it just makes sense to have these courts apart of our community. Pickleball provides a healthy activity for everyone of all ages, provides community, and a competitive environment. It's a must for our community.

Thanks for considering.

Tracy Wilcox  
805-637-8667

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Gvcc courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:51:31 AM

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Hi,

I am writing to keep the courts open and get improved at GVCC.

My name is Geb Wilcox, I am 14 years old and in the 9th grade at DP. I love playing with my family!

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Geb Wilcox

**From:** [Dave Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC PB courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:56:42 AM

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Hi,

My name is Joy Wilcox. I am 8 years old. I play pickleball with my family and want the courts to stay open and get improved.

My dad said to write you an email.

Joy



**From:** [David Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:48:00 AM

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Hi,

My name is Maleka Wilcox, I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade and play pickleball. I love the GVCC courts and like playing there with my family! Please keep these courts open and improve the courts!

My dad told me that the courts my be closed unless we get more people to write letters, so I want to write a letter to keep the courts open!

Thank you!  
Maleka Wilcox

**From:** [David Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:42:40 AM

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Hi,

My name is Zack Wilcox! I am 13 years old and LOVE being able to play pickleball with my family, and other adults! Please keep these courts open, and improve the courts. I have played at these courts probably 50 times over the past 16 months, and I love playing with my family, but also other kids!

Thank you!  
Zack Wilcox

**From:** [Michelle Zoesch](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:11:53 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Michelle Zoesch and I have lived in Goleta for over 40 years.

I believe 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 which I would never have visited before.

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.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Gil Zuniga](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:10:42 AM

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Good morning

I am a Pickleball player and would like to see the improvement of the courts at Goleta Community Center.

This is one of the fastest growing sports that provides exercise and fosters sportsmanship and an opportunity to socialize.

Please allow the continued use of the courts at the Community Center.

Thank you

Gil

805-331-7403

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**From:** [liz.adams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:liz.adams@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:41:00 PM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

I wish to add my voice to those supporting the continuation and improvement of the GVCC pickleball courts and to advocate to make them a permanent resource for the Goleta community.

As a regular player at the GVCC courts, I hope to convey to the decision makers what a special place these courts have become. The GVCC Pickleball courts play host to players of all ages, shapes, and sizes and are well used and well loved by all who come – as evidenced by the care, beautification and money spent improving them.

One of the wonderful things about these courts is that many folks, particularly older adults, who have been sidelined by injury or other health limitations are able to participate fully in playing pickleball here and have renewed their physical and social lives as a result.

Here at GVCC, grandparents play with college age grandchildren, men and women play together, experienced athletes encourage the participation of those who have never held a racquet or a paddle in their life. The irrepressible fun of pickleball is so engaging that many ‘exercise adverse’ folks brag of having lost 10, 15 and even 40lbs of excess bodyweight as a byproduct of their regular play.

With four players to a 30’x60’ court, there isn’t a more efficient use of real estate set aside for community use. These courts represent community sport at its highest and best expression.

I understand that there is opposition to the courts from local property owners, who are annoyed by the sound that is generated during regular pickleball play at the courts.

Part of the due diligence required when purchasing a home is investigating the surrounding neighborhood. Purchasing a home near an *existing* community center offers many benefits including convenient access to the park and its facilities those who live in the nearby homes. In exchange for this proximity benefit, there would be expected a compensating tolerance for voices raised in fun and the other various sounds of park activity – including lawn mowing, tree maintenance and sport activity.

While living next to a park may create the feeling for local homeowners that the park is their own private backyard, the park is indeed owned and operated for the benefit of the entire community.

This tolerance for community use, and the additional noise burden that creates, *must* be granted by local homeowners. If not, one can only assume that the local homeowner expects to *receive the benefit* of the nearby park like it was a private backyard, while at the same time *expecting it to be maintained* by the public, and that is simply not fair.

While it is proper to bear in mind the impact of the park on local homeowners, the sounds of fun activities that are generated during *appropriate* use by the community of their own park is not an unreasonable tolerance to request of the local homeowners – especially when the balancing benefit to the community is so great.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Liz Adams



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**From:** [liz.adams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:liz.adams@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:00:43 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Liz Adams



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**From:** [Cynthia Aghayan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:13:04 PM

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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. This is 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!  
Cyndi Aghayan

**From:** [The Ambles](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Re GVCC PICKLE ball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:49:48 PM

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Peer amble

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Keara Amble](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pickleball Saved My Life  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:21:38 PM

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On Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 5:15 PM Keara Amble <[kamble023@gmail.com](mailto:kamble023@gmail.com)> wrote:

Nothing beats the Pickleball courts at GVCC. They are awesome and I'm so grateful the city had the foresight to embrace pickleball ... the best sport ever! Pickleball was there for me when no one else was. I need pickleball, you need pickleball, we all need pickleball.

Please continue supporting this great sport... there are not enough courts for the demand.

Thank you!!!

Keara

**From:** [Julie Amble](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the GVCC pickle all courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:48:26 PM

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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.

Thank you!

Julie amble

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Debbie Anglin](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:33:11 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to support making the GVCC pickleball courts permanent. I have lived in Goleta for 48 years and experience the growth from an unincorporated area of the county to the city it is now. During this many years I have always heard talk by the local politicians about the revitalization of old town but until the GVCC pickleball courts went in I rarely saw neighbors from the other side of the freeway venture into old town. The pickleball courts have revitalized interest in Old Town that other projects have failed to do. The community center is providing a much needed and used service to hundreds of Goletans. Pickleball is politically agnostic and brings all ages and economic demographics of our community together to enjoy healthy exercise, and socialization. Please do something positive for our community and make the courts permanent. If a few people have issues with the noise, then put a representative committee together to find a compromise all can abide, don't ruin this for hundreds of people. Imagine the partnerships that could happen between happy and energized Pickleball players and a revamped community center!

I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them permanent and believe it will contribute to the flourishing of Old Town Goleta.

Debbie Anglin

**From:** [Colleen Atkinson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:43:35 PM

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I'm so sorry, my computer sent my previous email before I finished writing it. I was trying to express how the pickleball courts at GVCC have given countless people from all over the Goleta valley a place to interact and participate in a healthy activity that promotes sportsmanship, unity, and good will between all of us. During COVID, pickleball was a great activity that helped us cope with fear and great loss as well as brought us together to share mutual goals.

Please consider NOT closing the courts. We NEED this activity and this facility.

Sincerely,

Colleen Atkinson

*Colleen Atkinson*

On Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 8:34 PM Colleen Atkinson <[coatkins@westmont.edu](mailto:coatkins@westmont.edu)> wrote:

Good Evening,

I wish to present my request to preserve the pickleball courts at GVCC. Not only have the courts brought together people from all different backgrounds and ethnic diversity, this sport has given us a place to encourage and cheer each other during a very difficult time

*Colleen Atkinson*

**From:** [Jason Atyabi](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Make Goleta Great Again  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:11:05 PM

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Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts.

Sincerely,  
Jason Atyabi

**From:** [Glenn Avolio](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:44:29 PM

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Regarding the special meeting to discuss Pickleball at the Goleta Community Center. I was the first to tape out a court in the basketball area and to donate (through Latitude 34 Technologies) the net, the storage box and the locks. I also spent more than a few hours patching the numerous holes in the fence. This was before Mike Meyers took over and did the fabulous job he did. The area has gone from a disused and misused eyesore to a vibrant and exciting community resource and all funded so far via those using the facilities. During the past year we took out 3 grandchildren ages 7, 10, and 12, to play every day. It was their PE class during pandemic home schooling.

Pickleball is a fast growing sport that can be played by all ages with minimal training. It is especially accessible to an aging population and I play with people from 7 to 83. Noise is no greater than with tennis. And far less than the noise of kids playing in the field.

Don't let a few naysayers interfere with this important community asset.

Glenn Avolio  
Long time resident, business owner and Pickleball advocate

This letter represents the feelings of at least a dozen more people I play Pickleball with.



**From:** [Nicholas Behrman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:40:15 PM

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Thanks,

Nick

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**From:** [Alice Birch](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [alicebirch@gmail.com](mailto:alicebirch@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** GVCC PICKLEBALL  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:55:45 PM

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To S Dawson and the City of Goleta,

I support making the Goleta Valley Community Center Pickleball courts permanent and I further support making improvements and expanding them. I was born and raised and have lived in this community my whole life and I am now 68 years old and have found Pickleball to be a perfect sport for my age, and a wonderful recreational sport for all ages. It's especially nice because there are lights that I play under many times each week, making it a safe and wonderful place to be with friends, get exercise and enjoy life all year long. My children and grandchildren are wonderfully blessed to have Goleta Boys and Girls Club for all of their activities and they also now using these courts. It's so nice to see Goleta flourishing again with these Pickleball courts at GVCC. To come together here helps build community and a peaceful place to join together all walks of life and all ages. Thank you for caring for all of us by making these affordable lighted Pickleball courts a permanent place for all of us Goleta neighbors to gather in a joyful place! I see absolutely no reason to shut down this extremely important place; I'm astounded that you are thinking of taking away such an extraordinary, vibrant, community gathering place. Thank you for understanding that we all NEED THESE COURTS! Please make Goleta a better place to live!

Alice Birch  
1122 N. Patterson Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111``

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [tarryn.santabarbara-appraisal.com](mailto:tarryn.santabarbara-appraisal.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:41:13 PM

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Please keep the courts open. Pickleball is the only thing that has kept me sane over the past two years. The courts at GVCC have ample parking and lights which makes it very convenient. Even with the new courts at Kellogg being built the demand is still there. This is such a great facility to meet new people, have a great laugh and learn new skills, it would be very sad to lose that.

Sincerely,  
Tarryn Boyer

**From:** [Karen Boyse](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** re: GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:21:39 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm hoping that you decide to keep the GVCC courts open, I've just discovered them along with friends and it is such a great way to get some exercise, now that we are older. It's a great way to catch up with friends rather than sitting around with each other. Now that I'm older and can no longer play soccer like I used to, pickleball is a great substitute, you get exercise without really noticing. Plus, I never played tennis and always wanted to, so this gives me a chance. I love that the GVCC allows you to make reservations for a group, for those of us that are still working, it makes it much easier to get out there. GVCC courts are also a great environment, it's wonderful to see the kids playing on the grass and having fun, while we have fun. To be doing something outside is wonderful, thank you for having them open for the older group of us that need some good exercise. I'm hoping you decide to keep them open for the community to enjoy.

Karen Boyse

**From:** [sbssa2@aol.com](mailto:sbssa2@aol.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please SAVE our GVCC Pickleball Courts re: 11/18/21  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:39:22 PM

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Dear City of Goleta,

My grandson, Nick, and I would like to officially thank you for designing/installing the GVCC Pickleball Courts and also including lights! It's very difficult for us to find a physical activity that both an 8 year old and a 58 year old can do together and have an amazing time playing and laughing AND also meeting a whole lot of people. There have been so many adults that have reached out to us to play doubles and help us learn this exciting game! We have been blessed to meet all kinds of new people and exchange numbers and setup games.

We are lucky to have three generations (my 27 year old son also plays) come out and play together and even my 78 year old dad (great grandpa) has come out to watch us play!

We hope that you decide to make these courts permanent and HOPEFULLY add some more courts. All five courts are usually full!

It is also great that they have them linked up to the "Sign Up Genius" App so that we have the ability to reserve courts in order to play.

In all the months that we have been playing we have never had a bad or negative experience with anyone! I'm not sure how many places I can say that about these days!

It has helped my grandson overcome his anxiety regarding this life we are currently living with the mental effects of Covid on our youth.

Please keep our courts!!

Thank you for your time,

Lori, Nick & Jimmy Brakka  
5702 Cathedral Oaks Road  
Goleta, CA 93117

**From:** [Donna Buchanan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:53:43 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in support of keeping the pickleball courts at GVCC. I use the courts every week with friends and can't imagine my life without them. I depend on my time on the pickleball courts each week as they help me exercise my body, mind and provide an excellent source of friendship both with my immediate court and those playing around us. Pickleball means so much to me and I really look forward to playing each week. I also frequent the surrounding businesses each week that I play there. The 76 Station across the way for gas and The Habit are a couple of my usual stops, but I have other favorite stops as well.

Please keep the courts as they are essential for the well being of all the players that enjoy playing there.

Sincerely,

Donna Buchnan

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**From:** [Joe Buchanan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:51:18 AM

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1. Joe Buchanan

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

**From:** [kmb169@gmail.com](mailto:kmb169@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:54:11 AM

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Please make the GVCC pickleball courts permanent! I have been playing weekly and absolutely love the pickleball community! It is a healthy, happy active sport for all ages. Thank you for making the courts accessible to all, please, please make it permanent so that we can continue this great fun sport in our community.

Continue to support an active, healthy lifestyle with permanent pickleball courts at GVCC!

Thank you,

Karen Buchanan

805-637-9901



**From:** [Terrie Bugay](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:55:50 AM

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Pickleball is accessible and inclusive... anyone can get started... the game is easy to play... you just need a paddle and can get one for as little as \$35 new or even cheaper used.

It's one of the few sports that everyone can play ... Young people, old people, men, women, wealthy, poor ... every gets along and becomes friends ... if you're not playing.. give it a try and you'll get hooked.

Thank you for making improvements to these courts

Terrie Bugay  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tupelo Burton](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:40:09 PM

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I'm writing in support of making permanent the temporary pickleball courts at GVCC. As a pickleball fanatic, I go to Goleta for pickleball and then lunch. The current pickleball courts are good. Making the nets permanent would make them great. I'd play there much more often.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig Burton

Eastside Santa Barbara

**From:** [Cindy Busby](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:56:09 AM

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The courts are wonderful and provide a necessary outlet for fun and exercise. I play on them 4-5/week and the courts are nearly always occupied. We are respectful and leave no trash, etc. Please keep the courts open for those of us who enjoy playing AND then frequenting lunch/dinner/store locations after/before our games.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Busby

**From:** [Zoe Carter](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:36:42 PM

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To the City of Goleta,

Just wanted to thank you for your support for the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center. I'm so grateful to have access to courts with lights so that I can play in the evening after work. The courts bring together so many different people to play and have fun, all levels welcome, and they are managed in a way that is inclusive. You gotta come give it a try if you haven't yet!

Thank you so much!  
Zoe Carter

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patti Carter](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:58:24 AM

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I beg you PLEASE make the GVCC courts permanent for those of us that can no longer play tennis. It has changed my life. It's much easier on our aging bodies and is an awesome way to make new friends. Don't get me wrong its not just for the elderly, I have played with 18 yr olds and have seen younger children playing with their parents.

GVCC also has the only reservation system in Goleta that lets you know you are guaranteed a court during busy hours.

I live in SB and really haven't spent much time in Old town Goleta until I started playing at GVCC. I can tell you I have been to a few Old town restaurants, the thrift store, Carpeteria, small family owned grocery stores and Johnny Wallace park that has only 1 court with no surrounding fence, I have used the walking path for exercise there as well.

We as members of the GVCC courts have put time and money into the improvements there and will continue to do so if they are to stay open.

As for the neighbors that have complained about the noise, I'm sure they are more upset about the air traffic from the newly renovated Airport. It is extremely loud and has polluted the air quality immensely!!

PLEASE keep the courts open permanently

Sincerely

Patti Carter

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Holly Casady](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:47:36 PM

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Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts.

Teresa Casady

**From:** [Lisa Champion](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Valley pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:55:44 PM

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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.

**Lisa Champion**

**From:** [Paige Chase](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:25:56 PM

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Dear City of Goleta.

Pickleball saved my sanity and my social life during COVID. I think that the pickleball courts at GVCC need to be permanent. We love the new courts at Kellogg, but there are so few places to play in Goleta. Please keep GVCC courts open!

Thanks,  
Paige Chase



**From:** [Natalie Collins-Smith](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:52:13 PM

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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.

Natalie Collins-Smith

**From:** [Sandra Copley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:24:07 PM

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Dear Ms Dawson

Pickleball 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! Imagine the partnerships that could happen between happy and energized Pickleball players and a revamped community center!

I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them permanent and believe it will contribute to the flourishing of Old Town Goleta.

Sandra Copley  
805-452-5321

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Sandra T Copley  
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**From:** [Margaret Crocco](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:15:09 AM

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As a season-ticket holder of a pass to play on the pickleball courts in Goleta, I support making the pickleball courts permanent and even expanding them so that more people will get an opportunity to play this fun game.

Thanks for considering this request!

Margaret Crocco

**From:** [jdcrosby85@gmail.com](mailto:jdcrosby85@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:36:23 PM

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Mr. Dawson – as a retired senior, pickleball is one of the few sports I can do. I might add I see quite a few folks more senior than me giving it a go as well. Bottom line, Pickleball 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. Imagine the partnerships that could happen between happy and energized Pickleball players and a revamped community center!

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Sincerely,

James Crosby

**From:** [Katie Cushman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:04:58 PM

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Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts.

Katie Cushman

**From:** [Deborah Dahl](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:01:09 PM

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I've been a Goleta homeowner for over 23 years. Pickleball has been an amazing way to make new friends and exercise outside. I'm so glad you made pickleball part of the Goleta Parks and Rec. at GVCC. I'm also excited to have the lighted courts so I can play during the evenings. I also find that I am patronizing small businesses in Old Town Goleta more regularly before and after games. Please keep adding more activities to the parks that adults and seniors can enjoy.

Deborah Dahl

805-329-1100

**From:** [Matthew Dawson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:48:43 PM

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Ms. Dawson,

I often have the opportunity to use the GVCC Pickleball courts on the weekends during open Play. I have also brought my 11th grade son with me on many occasions. We have met many people there while enjoying a wonderful sport. As a longtime Goleta resident who has raised five children in our community, I know it's important to provide recreational activities for our citizens. Thank you for providing these courts. I would love to see them become permanent. Any additional courts or upgrades to current courts would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Matt Dawson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melvin Desilva](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep GVCC pickleball!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:53:13 PM

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If you close GVCC pickleball I think I'll end up as a couch potato and fat pig!

Thank you for bringing these courts to Goleta and please keep supporting it!

Thanks,  
Melvin DeSilva



**From:** [Debbie Donahue](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Valley Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:37:16 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a frequent user of the Goleta Valley Pickleball courts and so appreciate them. 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 benefit our community as a whole. I appreciate all you are doing to help make this a great community.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Donahue

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D.Donahue

**From:** [dzierski@cox.net](mailto:dzierski@cox.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE Make the GVCC Pickleball Courts Permanent!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:11:45 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Shanna,

The *GVCC* Pickleball courts are really what the community center needed. These courts provide a great place to play and hang out with people from all different walks of life and enjoy what our great City of Goleta has to offer. It gets dark before 6 pm now so the only place to play pickleball after work is at *GVCC*. There are NO other pickleball courts with lights in Goleta or Santa Barbara! One of the smartest things the City of Goleta did was to support these lighted pickleball courts. I strongly support updating the *GVCC* courts and making them permanent and believe it will contribute to the flourishing of Old Town Goleta.

Please use your influence to serve the needs of our community and make the *GVCC* pickleball courts permanent!

Play more pickleball  
Annie Dzierksi  
Goleta resident since 1974

**From:** [Barbara Eisley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC PICKLEBALL  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:44:40 AM

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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.

Respectfully,  
Barbara Eisley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DANIEL FELDHAUS](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** A Plea for the Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:20:47 PM

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Dear Ms. Dawson~

Thank you for creating the pickleball courts at the Goleta Community Center. Learning to play a new sport, which is Covid safe, outdoor, social, mentally and physically healthy, has been one of the best parts of this difficult year.

I encourage you to move forward with improving, and even expanding the courts in order to allow this fast growing new sport to draw hundreds of people of all ages to the GVCC and consequently, to the surrounding Old Town Goleta business.

Thank you very much~

Kim Feldhaus

**From:** [Chris Feno](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:09:01 PM

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To the amazing individuals at The City of Goleta,

My family recently moved down to the incredible city of Santa Barbara in May of 2020 permanently. I grew in Santa Barbara (until age 9) then San Diego for several years before moving to the state of Washington. It is so nice to be back in the sunshine again!

Thankfully, a friend of mine introduced me to pickleball this last May and I have been so thankful for the relationships, exercise and entertainment this sport has provided me. I can't imagine life without it, quite frankly.

The lighted courts at GVCC are such a blessing . It is amazing to be able to get out after work, when it is pitch black, and to be able to enjoy time with friends and strangers that will become friends on the lighted courts.

I hope and pray that the courts at GVCC become a staple for the community as the interest and demand for outdoor activities continues to increase. These courts fill a serious need for many seeking exercise, friendships and entertainment during such a difficult time in the lives of all our citizens.

These courts give folks a very healthy and safe outlet and the demand is surely going to continue to increase year after year. I have seen young, old, male, female, and all socio economic backgrounds come together on the courts enjoying themselves.

We hope that GVCC becomes a permanent space for our community to enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Chris Feno

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**From:** [Teresa Ferrell](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep our GVCC Pickleball courts open.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:39:04 AM

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Good morning

I am writing in support of keeping the Goleta Community Center pickleball courts open. I have lived in Goleta for 27 years. I taught for 30 years in the elementary schools of GUSD and raised my children here. I care deeply about our community. I recently retired and have discovered the amazing game of Pickleball. Not only is it great exercise but it is a great source of community building. I have enjoyed the welcoming positive attitude of the more experienced players in Goleta. I love that this game is played by all ages. I recently taught my 5 and 7 year old nephew and niece. I have only played for six months but have gained many new friends in that short time. I love that I can go to the Community courts and reconnect with neighbors, past colleagues as well as friends of my children. I have been impressed with the great care that has been put into improving these courts. These courts are well used. It is important that the city understands how much these courts mean to our Goleta community. I do understand that some neighbors are feeling bothered by the noise. Can we seek solutions that will help such as reducing some weekend hours or putting some type of insulative materials along the fencing? Can we create a way to show support for our downtown Goleta businesses and families through having fundraisers at local restaurants to raise money for the courts or having Pickleball tournaments that fundraise for resources that support our downtown Goleta families? Please help us to keep these courts open in a way that benefits all of our Goleta citizens. As you well know from the many letters the Goleta City Council received when there was a threat of closure to these courts a month ago, these courts are a very important resource to our Goleta Community. Let's be creative in finding solutions that will keep the much loved game of Pickleball alive in Goleta.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Teresa Ferrell

**From:** [Jessica Kinnahan Foley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:03:45 PM

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Good afternoon,

Thank you to the City of Goleta for supporting the sport of pickleball and the community of players. It has been a bright light in an otherwise very dark period. Please continue to support this sport and this community by keeping the pickleball courts open and lit.

Regards,

Jessica Kinnahan Foley

**From:** [Brenna Fraker](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GCVV Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:29:17 PM

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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.

Thank you,  
Brenna Fraker



**From:** [Goleta, CA](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:28:49 PM

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Message submitted from the <Goleta, CA> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Laura Gadsby  
**Site Visitor Email:** lsgadsby@cox.net

It was brought to my attention you are thinking about closing the pickleball courts at GVCC. I believe that would be wrong because by having the pickleball courts, you are helping senior citizens like myself to stay physically fit and physically alert and active. You are also providing a place for kids, young adults and middle age people to go. We all use these courts. I noticed in one of my emails that the noise is a issue. I didn't notice any houses in the immediate vicinity to disturb. But I did notice the buses right next door and Hollister with the traffic. But if pickleball is an issue we can install accoustifence material around the courts to help prevent some of the noise. Accoustifence material is suppose to cut 50% of the noise.

Thank you

Laura Gadsby

**From:** [jnigall](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Opinion  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:16:49 PM

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Hi,

My name is Jenny and I just started playing pickleball at GVCC after I paid the yearly fee. I have met wonderful people of all ages and have played with family and friends.

Great sport, great facility, great parking, great location, great, great exercise.

I heard there have been a few complaints. Our airport gets a few complaints too, but our much needed airport isn't going anywhere and I hope and pray our pickleball courts don't go anywhere either.

Thank you in advance for your understanding how important these courts are to so many people in our community and beyond.

Please reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Jenny Gall

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Joshua Gallup](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Parks commission discussion topic  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:12:58 PM

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What is our community doing to address large scale recreation? Girsh park and other parks with in the south County can not meet our current recreational needs!! Our combined community of SB, Goleta and noleta needs something like Pleasant Valley Fields in Camarillo!

<https://www.pvrpd.org/pleasant-valley-fields>

We have very little large scale open spaces left that could be developed into such a facility. I fear if we don't act soon, UCSB and other developers will gobble up all the remaining real-estate in the area and we will never be able to have something like this which is such a critical need for our community.

Thank You,

Josh

**From:** [Debby & Mike Gerken](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:45:34 PM

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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.

Mike Gerken  
Goleta resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [stephen gibson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** In support of Pickle ball courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:32:05 AM

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To whom it may concern,

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, creates friendships, and allows people who are working so hard to serve the city to have a break from the pressures of life. 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 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.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Gibson

**From:** [Mary Gilmour](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:25:47 PM

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I strongly support making the Pickleball courts at GVCC permanent and absolutely support making improvements and expanding the number of courts. It is the fastest growing sport in the US and can be played by anyone regardless of age. The demand for courts has outpaced the availability of courts in Goleta. I thank you for installing the courts at GVCC where I play weekly. I sincerely hope you will improve the ones you have and build additional courts. There is such a sense of community fostered on these courts and we need that feeling more than ever!

Sincerely,

Mary Gilmour

**From:** [Marsha Goldman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep Pickleball open!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:26:02 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to beg you to keep GVCC Pickleball open! This sport is a source of joy, connection, exercise, mental and physical well being during a pandemic. It has made all the difference in a challenging time.

I am a grief counselor by day and having access to this sport and camaraderie has saved me!

Please, please, please keep it open, especially at night!!

Thank you in advance,  
Marsha Goldman

With life as short as a half-taken breath, don't plant anything but love.  
Rumi

**From:** [Diane Goodacre](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save GVCC pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:22:58 PM

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I love to play at these courts and do not want to have to go to Santa Barbara or somewhere else.

Since I have been playing there I shop much more often in Goleta, which is also where I live. This is a great use of an otherwise neglected property. There are a lot of people who will be unhappy if this ends. Please keep the courts open for the hundreds of people enjoying them.  
Diane Goodacre- Goleta



**From:** [Cie Gumucio](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep our Pickleball Courts open  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:06:37 PM

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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.

with much appreciation,

**Cie Gumucio**

**From:** [kathy hanley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball and our community  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:36:52 PM

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Dear S Dawson,

I am a retired special education teacher and former professional beach volleyball player. I attended San Marcos and UCSB. I have enjoyed many sports in my life, but I have to say I enjoy Pickleball even more than my beloved beach volleyball. It is a game for everyone to enjoy. It is easy to learn, provides a lot of exercise, brings smiles and laughter to all who play, and helps build new friendships. I have so many friends I have met through this great sport that I never would have met.

The Goleta community center courts are a gift to the both Santa Barbara and Goleta. Thanks for re-opening the courts after their brief closure! Now, let's make them permanent!

There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball, that is bigger than themselves. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hanley 805-770-0177

**From:** [Julianne Hastings](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep pickleball at GVCC!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:55:01 PM

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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. Yesterday, there were players young and old- at least 10 kids from the boys and girls club were learning the game and having a great time. Although I live in Santa Barbara, I buy the majority of my gas at the station next to the courts and do the majority of my grocery shopping in Goleta after I play pickleball. After playing, I often go with groups to grab a bite and a beer at one of the local Goleta restaurants. I have made so many new friends while playing, just come by some morning and listen to the laughs and cheers of all the players on every court. I have played at numerous clinics and round robins that have generated funds for the courts. The opportunities are limitless! This is just what our community needs.

Thank you again for creating the courts and lets keep GVCC pickleball open and growing our community while continuing to support our local Goleta business.

Thank you,  
Jules Hastings

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Natasha Heinrich](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle Ball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:29:45 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

During the pandemic, playing pickleball kept me mentally healthy. This is a practice that I would love to continue and the GVCC courts are accessible enough that I can attend after a long day of teaching.

Please consider visiting open play on Tuesday night - Thursday night - Sat or Sun morning you'd see how popular and great these courts are to the community.

Thank you for installing these courts and please make the needed improvements and consider adding more courts in Goleta.

Natasha Heinrich

**From:** [Brad Hempy](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:44:10 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Pickleball is a lot easier to play than Tennis. It's also easier on my body and a lot more social. I meet a lot of people, with tennis only 2-4 people play and you never talk with anyone else. Pickleball allows that community interaction – I appreciate Goleta a lot more now and I'm so glad the city is supporting Pickleball.

Please keep these courts open and make improvements so they last forever.

Thanks,  
Brad Hempy

**From:** [Jill Holmes](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:20:46 PM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

I started playing Pickleball last December during the height of the pandemic. I have met so many people through this sport, and it has helped me keep my sanity during the long winter of lockdown. Pickleball ensures a healthy lifestyle for many of us that we do not any to see go away. I'm addition I have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta – All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Goleta Valley Pickleball courts are vital for the flourishing of the city of Goleta! Please make the GVCC courts permanent. 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.

Sincerely,

Jill Holmes

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [deborah holmes](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:38:42 PM

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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.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Holmes.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [L. Holzman](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:56:56 PM

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Not only are these courts needed, but they also bring in revenue to Old Town Goleta. These courts draw people and they eat, get gas, drink and shop in Old Town Goleta. In fact I brought my out of town family member to try Pickleball on the Goleta courts and we ate in Old Town. The very small number of any complaints do not come close to the number of community members these courts serve for exercise, fun and a sense of community. The area also hosts soccer and Volleyball practice. Why aren't those neighbors complaining about that? Hundreds of screaming kids is ok, but not pickleball? That doesn't make sense.

Keep these courts. Improve them. Add more. Don't be bullied by a few complaints. Goleta needs these courts, especially because they are the only lighted courts.

Thank you,

Goleta Pickleball court user.



**From:** [Barryh1951](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:34:51 PM

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Are you considering closing the courts? Naples Florida has 100 of them, that draw thousands of people for competitions. This is the fastest growing sport in the US. Santa Barbara converted 3 tennis courts to 12 Pickleball courts. and now has hundreds of people paying to use them. Where there was nothing for the tennis. You got something better? What? Barry Hughes. Santa Barbara resident. I want people to enjoy our area and I meet people from all over the US on the courts.

**From:** [margaret.huston](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:32:41 PM

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Hello, I am writing to ask you to keep our pickleball courts at the Community Center open. I am in my 60's and this sport has helped me tremendously! During Covid, I became depressed and experienced high levels of anxiety and stress. I am now playing pickleball regular and my mental health has improved tremendously! GVCC is a valuable asset for our community and should remain. It's amazing to see the popularity of this sport especially among older adults who need to get outside. These courts have organically grown into something special for Goleta, please do not take it away.  
Thank you, Margaret Huston, Jane Restaurant

**From:** [Mark Huston](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:31:56 PM

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Hello, I am writing to ask you to keep our pickleball courts at the Community Center open. I am in my 60"s and this sport has helped me tremendously!

I haven't been active in a sport for over 20 years and now with pickleball I am getting in shape having a great time and meeting many many like minded contemporaries.

I play 3 times per week or more if I can. GVCC is a valuable asset for our community and should remain. It's amazing to see the popularity of this sport especially among older adults

who need to get outside. These courts have organically grown into something special for Goleta, please do not take it away.

Thank you, Mark Huston, Jane Restaurant

**From:** [Jill Hyers](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickle ball courts - PERMANENT PLEASE!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:46:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hello!

Thank you for creating an active pickleball park for our community. Finally, a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents – we can all play together! It was the only thing we could do during the pandemic, and Pickleball is THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE NATION! Being a local here since 1980- and working with the community organizations on many different levels, I feel Pickleball at GVCC has ENHANCED the whole area. My best friend and I spend A LOT of time ( and money 😊) in Old Town Goleta and are impressed with how many others we play with say the same thing. It's got to be good for Goleta!

After having cancer this Spring, Pickleball was the FIRST thing I wanted to get back to doing after my treatment. It helps keep our minds off the changing world and our problems. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE HELP SAVE THIS IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Let's keep developing the GVCC pickleball courts so all generations to come will have them.

**Thank you so much for all you do. I know you have a tough job, but believe me, this sport is only going to grow. We can do amazing things with this venue and bring lots of good to Goleta. let us help!**

**All the best,**

*Jill McRae Hyers  
ZEST Director  
Maravilla Senior Living Community  
805-696-6007*



**From:** [Jared Ingram](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:48:10 AM

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The demand for Pickleball is only growing. Please preserve these courts at GVCC permanently!! Please!

Jared Ingram

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805.455.7967

**From:** [Tim Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:58:18 PM

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Nothing beats the Pickleball courts at GVCC. They are awesome and I'm so grateful the city had the foresight to embrace pickleball ... the best sport ever!

Please continue supporting this great sport... there are not enough courts for the demand

Tim Johnson

**From:** [Karen Kegg](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:51:24 PM

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Please continue the fantastic job that Goleta is modeling for the other communities in accommodating the huge pickleball population in the area. So fun and Goleta is a stand-out in responding to the wants and needs of the public. Thank you!

Karen Kegg

Sorry but I am a Goleta resident. Doesn't mean I don't love what you do!

**From:** [Vicki Kellams](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:59:40 PM

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Hello,

I really want to support making the GVCC Pickelball courts permanent. I further support any improvements to the courts and surrounding areas.

Having these courts available for our community has changed peoples lives. Pickelball ball is for everyone. It's fun, social, healthy both physically, mentally and emotionally. It definitely builds strong relationships and community. It would be devastating to our community to have them shut down. To be honest, the noise factor on the courts is not nearly as noisy as all the kids events on the connecting field from the Boys and girls club, community soccer etc. Please don't shut them down.

Vicki Kellams  
71 year old PB player

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Michael Larkin](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:56:06 PM

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Dear Ms Dawson,

I'm writing to express my strong support for keeping and expanding pickle ball at GVCC. Playing there has consistently been a highlight of my week (2x/week) since the courts first opened. The diversity of people who gather to play is extraordinary, with all ages, shapes, sizes, races, and skill levels playing with each other. Everyone is extremely accepting of beginners, older people, younger people, or people in less than perfect body form, and the encouragement and camaraderie is heart warming. The pickle ball venue at GVCC is by far the strongest community building experience I've had in the Goleta area in my 20 years of living and raising children here. I also naturally find myself doing much more of my weekly shopping at Santa Cruz Market and buying bike gear from Bicycle Bob's than I had before I started coming to the courts. I very much hope this cherished venue will be allowed to continue.

Best Regards,  
Michael Larkin

**From:** [Karina Lee](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC PICKLEBALL COURTS  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:57:26 PM

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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. 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.

Karina Lee

**From:** [Christine Macko](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:43:41 PM

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Ms. Dawson –

I am writing this email to show my support for the Goleta Valley Community Center Pickle Ball Courts which I use weekly. Please consider making these courts permanent as well as adding more courts. The courts are obviously a draw to the Old Town Goleta area as they are always full when I am playing. I have reconnected with so many local friends and have made many new friends as well. It is so enjoyable to have a safe place to play and enjoy a fun sport with others who share a healthy lifestyle. I live in Santa Barbara and make the drive to Goleta specifically to play at these courts. I often make my shopping plans for before or after I play. This location encourages me to shop in the Goleta area (I often continue on to Camino Real, get a bite to eat at The Original Habit, or cross the freeway to the Calle Real shopping corridor. I actually just had some rooms re-carpeted after heading across Hollister to Carpeteria on a whim. This is a shop that had not been on my radar in years. All of this to say, the pickle ball courts are a positive addition for the Old Town Goleta community and for the health and enjoyment of the community at large.

Thank you,  
Christine Macko

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Maclear, Licia](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** We support the pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:26:28 PM

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

The pickleball courts have become an excellent source of exercise and many of us are not cycling on the streets as much which is safer for everyone! Pickleball is a great way for many to enjoy a relatively small space and maintain optimal physical and mental health.

We would love to see more courts in the future!

Licia Maclear  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Tribal Clean Water Section  
Telephone: (415) 972-3161

**From:** [Kelly Mada](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please do. It close Goleta Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:44:17 PM

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Please do not close the courts! This is a place for us to come and escape from the world around us for a few hours! Pickleball has been a life saver for many folks including myself. I'm hoping you will reconsider and keep the courts open  
Sincerely  
Kelly Mada

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**From:** [Donna Mahoney](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:12:05 PM

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Hi,

I just want to say we need the GVCC pickleball courts. The sport is soooo much fun and growing rapidly. I would also like to add that I live in Santa Barbara and drive to Goleta and then while in Goleta I do my errands. Just last week instead of shopping at my regular Ralphs in Santa Barbara I went to Trader Joes, Calle Real, then instead of Home Improvement Center on Montecito Street I went to Orchard Supply and of course I had to top it off with an iced latte from Starbucks near Orchard....just saying...you shop where you are!

Please don't change GVCC it is needed.

Kind Regards,

Donna Mahoney

**From:** [Malota, Jason](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Writing in support of the pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:36:50 PM

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Hello,

I just wanted to write a quick note of support for making the pickleball courts at Goleta Valley Community Center permanent. This has been such a great addition to Goleta and has been extremely popular. There are not enough pickleball courts in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area to keep up with the demand!

Many of us purchased annual memberships and have made donations to help build out the exiting courts and are so glad to have a place to come play. We even get our teenagers and their friends to join us occasionally!

Thank you for considering making the courts permanent.

Sincerely,  
Jason Malota

**From:** [Imaraszek@cox.net](mailto:Imaraszek@cox.net)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:03:35 AM

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I cannot begin to express how much Pickleball in my local community has changed my life. I have been a resident of Goleta for almost 30 years, and have never been more excited about a local facility.

I am 64 years old, and have been playing 3-6 times a week for a year now. It's been a game changer for my outlook, my mental, physical and emotional health, and I've met SO many people from all walks of life.

There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball, that is bigger than themselves. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts. It's a highly inclusive game that most anyone can quickly learn to play. I guarantee that if you build it, they will come!!

Sincerely,  
Tom and Lisa Maraszek



**From:** [Sal Marciano](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [Sal Marciano](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts - Please keep open, remodel, resurface and expand them  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:33:38 PM

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Ms. Dawson,

I write to you today as a senior community member retiree and a US Army Veteran. I play pickleball every morning for several hours.

Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in the United States. I can't afford to be a member of any tennis/health club in the area, so I rely on city service like the pickleball courts at GVCC.

I have met so many people through this fun 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.

The City of Goleta had the foresight to embrace this sport and have courts with lights. It is so appreciated. It's one of the few sports that everyone can play. Young, old, men, women, wealthy, poor, everyone gets along and becomes friends.

Pickleball is a lot easier to play than tennis. It's also easier on my body and a lot more social. On a daily basis I meet a lot of people playing pickleball. I am also a tennis player. Playing tennis, I go out with a group of 4 for the match. We never talk to anyone else and the matches take 2 to 2.5 hours. Pickleball games last about 15 minutes on average, then you play with a different group. Pickleball allows that community interaction. I appreciate Goleta a lot more now and I'm so glad the city is supporting Pickleball.

Please keep adding more activities to the parks that adults and seniors, like me, can enjoy. This is an important activity that is helping to keep our community more active, healthy and social.

Goleta has enough passive parks with children's playgrounds! Thank you for creating an active pickleball park for our community. Finally, a sport the entire family can enjoy, kids, parents, grandparents. We can all play pickleball together!

Please keep developing the GVCC pickleball courts so generations to come will have them.

Thank you for your support so far and please make the necessary improvements to keep the GVCC courts permanent.

Sincerely,  
Sal Marciano  
Goleta, Ca

**From:** [Ray Markow](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support for pickleball courts.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:21:44 PM

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Hello,

My name is Ray Markow and I have been a local resident since graduating UCSB in 1971. I had been an avid tennis player for most of my life until a shoulder injury sidelined me ten years ago. One year ago I tried pickleball and was thrilled to discover that due to the underhand action used in pickleball, being less stressful in the shoulder, serving I could now return to playing a competitive sport. This has literally changed my life and improved my cardio health and fitness levels. Being 71 now, there are few active sports like pickleball where you stay active at a moderate level, and can meet and socialize with people of all ages. I usually don't bother to write letters like this, but pickleball has had a profound effect in a very positive way on my lifestyle. Please Please keep the courts at GVCC. The community needs them and more. The sport is exploding in popularity and we need every court the community can muster. Thanks and kind regards,  
Ray Markow

**From:** [Laurie McGill](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:12:22 PM

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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

Sincerely,  
Laurie McGill

**From:** [Julie McGloin](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please save the pickleball courts!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:12:21 PM

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Dear Mr. Dawson,

GVCC Pickleball is helping me destress and deal with work and covid. I'm also in my 60s and whereas I would normally go to a gym, Pickleball is safe, outdoors, very social and a great workout!

Thank you for supporting this great sport and I'd appreciate your continued support by making them permanent and completing improvements.

Thank you!

***Julie McGloin***  
***Goleta Resident***

**From:** [Jan McGuire](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** support for Pickle!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:35:17 PM

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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.

Great game for us older folks!!  
Jan McGuire

**From:** [Sherri McNary](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:06:42 PM

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Hello,

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,

Sherri McNary

**From:** [julie mershon](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickelball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:23:40 PM

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The Pickleball courts at GVCC are awesome and I'm so thankful the city had the foresight to embrace pickleball ... the fastest growing sport in America!

Please continue supporting this great sport... there are not enough courts for the demand and we cannot afford to loose these courts. What we need is more courts!

thank you for your consideration

Julie Mershon

**From:** [Stephen Minne](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Improve GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:22:05 PM

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Hi,

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.

I am currently playing there at least twice a week with both friends, work colleagues, and family.

Thanks for your support!  
Stephen Minne



**From:** [Shannon Minne](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:50:15 AM

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Hi, my name is Shannon Minne and having the pickleball courts in Goleta has changed my life. Please don't close them down. I am a mom of four kids, and it has been the one family event that everyone enjoys. My husband Steve and I bring all the kids to the courts, we laugh and play and get exercise and then go to hamburger habit or out to eat after.

It has been such a great way to socialize and have fun as a family and with friends. My husband Steve plays after work on Wednesday nights with people from his work. It's so great that the courts have lights, they are the only ones in town that does.

I play several times a week as well with friends that I have made from Pickleball. It has been such a wonderful upgrade to my life. Often times after Pickleball I'll go to Santa Cruz market, the thrift stores and other places in old town Goleta. I am so grateful for the pickleball courts and such a fun social sport.

Please keep them open.

Thank you,  
Shannon Minne

**From:** [Jessica Minne](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:42:30 AM

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Hi, my name is Jesse and I play Pickleball with my mom and family and we have so much fun. Please don't shut them down. I am in 7th grade at La Colina and I love playing with my friends as well.

Sincerely,  
Jesse

**From:** [Matthew Neal](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Support  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:24:51 PM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

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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.

Matthew W. Neal

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alison Gill](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickelball Goleta  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:10:00 PM

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Hi Shawn,

Just writing to say that I love the Goleta courts. I picked up Pickelball during Covid and it really helped me have fun, get some exercise and meet new friends.

I have gone to Crushcakes in Goleta and would have never gone there if there was no pickleball. Please keep the courts.

All the best,

Alison Nelson  
Women Venture Partners

**From:** [Elaine Nicol](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Pickleball open at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:08:46 PM

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> To Whom It May Concern:

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> I received upsetting news today that the GVCC pickleball courts may close due to some surrounding community members complaining about noise.

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> I know the easiest solution may be to capitulate to “the negative complaints” by closing the courts, but what about “the positive compliments”?

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> I’m one of many in the community that is thriving (getting exercise, which I’ve never considered myself active before, and socializing with new friends).

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> Meeting new friends through pickleball has substantially changed the quality of my weekly schedule, and I’m sure many others. In fact, NOTHING has made me feel more a part of this community than what pickleball has done for me.

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> People need parks, recreation and healthy ways to exercise and gather together. Having these attributes in one’s life gives a sense of community that people NEED—both for good physical and mental health.

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> Right now, the USA is experiencing a mental health crisis. Given the pandemic, political polarization, and addiction booms, you’d think people would support healthy structures in our society like pickleball, tennis, and other forms of group play that help to mitigate physical decline and ease mental turmoil.

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> There are NIMBYS (“not in my backyard”), who will complain about anything, sometimes for substantial reasons, but sometimes just because it’s easier to complain than to “let it be” and show understanding. After all, these complainers aren’t hearing pickleball late into the night. It can’t be anywhere near as bad as blaring music in the middle of the night or gang violence with shouting and gunfire. It’s just the sound of pickleball players for Pete’s sake! Must the sound of people having fun be shut down? What utter nonsense!

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> Please do what you can to keep the courts open. Pickleball is a joyful activity for so many.

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> Sincerely,

> Elaine Nicol

Sent from my iPhone  
(310) 809-8082

**From:** [Patricia Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:21:22 PM

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Please save the Goleta Pickleball courts.  
It is a wonderful gathering place for a sport we all enjoy so much.

The private homes seem quite a bit away from our play.

Please save the courts.

Thank you,

Patricia Palmer

**From:** [Kym Paszkeicz](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT close the Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:35:37 PM

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Hello Mr. Dawson,

I am so sad to hear that you would close the GVCC Pickleball courts because of 7-8 complaint letters. The community center is for the community and pickleball has invigorated our Goleta community.

Pickleball is accessible and inclusive... anyone can get started... the game is easy to play... you just need a paddle and can get one for as little as \$35 new or even cheaper used.

It's one of the few sports that everyone can play ... Young people, old people, men, women, wealthy, poor ... every gets along and becomes friends ... if you're not playing.. give it a try and you'll get hooked.

Thank you for making improvements to these courts and please pass the resolution to make pickleball at GVCC permanent.

Thanks,

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Kym Paszkeicz (she/her)  
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805 448-3067

"Hope is invented every day." ~ James Baldwin

**From:** [Kathy Patterson](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:22:30 PM

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Please keep the courts open and make them permanent. They're vital to our community.

—Kathy Patterson



**From:** [Diane Phan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Support FOR Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:09:06 PM

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This email is in support of pickleball at GVCC. Please keep the courts open!

**From:** [Mark Philibosian](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:56:57 PM

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If you have ever visited open play on Tuesday night - Thursday night - Sat or Sun morning you'd see how popular and great these courts are to the community.

Thank you for installing these courts and please make the needed improvements and consider adding more courts in Goleta.

Thank you,  
Mark Philibosain

**From:** [Tim Philibosian](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:28:37 PM

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Greetings City of Goleta,

I am so excited that the City of Goleta is looking to make the courts at GVCC permanent. Pickleball has had such a massive impact in the lives of many people from our community and I am not sure where else you could go to find any activity that could bring together such a diverse and wide-ranging crowd as pickleball. On any given night you can find college students playing with retirees, engineers and teachers, business CEOs and non-profit leaders.

The sport of pickleball is a social activity where you meet new people every time you play and develop friendships through competitive exercise. This is the best night activity in town (not even Santa Barbara has lit courts!!!).

Covid pushed people away from each other and it's funny, but pickleball brought us back together. I have made many friendships on the courts and look forward to every time I get a chance to head out to GVCC to play!

I am a longtime resident of Goleta and a few years ago my office moved into Old Town. Prior to playing pickleball at GVCC I would head to my office and then home, without spending any time in Old Town. Now that has changed. After work I often head out to the courts, stopping at one of the many local businesses for dinner, gas or shopping. We even have a group that regularly stops by the Santa Barbara Cider Co (located in Old Town) after playing. The SB Cider Co is 2 blocks from my office and I did not know it existed before a pickleball friend invited me to join them after playing!

I encourage you to keep the lights on and the courts open!

**Tim Philibosian**

Manager II, Sports & Competition  
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**From:** [Lyn Philibosian](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:55:33 PM

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### Pickle ball

I was a tennis player at cathedral oaks althelic club until,they kept raising the monthly dues. I missed the exercise the friendships and camaraderie playing a game. I found pickle ball 7 months ago and my husband and I are hooked. We have made some,new friends while having fun and exercising. It is a wonderful fun sport having the courts is fantastic and it says to the community that Goleta cares . it's the fastest growing sport right now and Goleta is leading the way . I played with my 8 year old grand daughter on Sunday . she loves it . keep the courts open.

We love living in Goleta and pickle ball is on the top of our list

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

I really would be do sad if you closed the courts. There is a hugh

amount of people of all ages that play.

**From:** [Tim Philibosian](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:32:59 PM

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There are few things that have brought my entire family together as effectively as pickleball. The GVCC courts have been a significant contribution to our family health and enjoyment. Please do whatever you can to keep these courts and build additional ones in our community. They add so much to the living quality of Goleta.

Tim Philibosian  
Goleta

**From:** [Fritz Pinney](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:00:52 PM

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

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

Thanks again and let's keep GVCC pickleball open and growing.

Best Regards,  
Nancy ("Fritz") Pinney

**From:** [heidi poley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:37:43 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

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.

Best,  
Heidi Poley

**From:** [JRP MD](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle Ball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:43:41 PM

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Thanks for re-opening the courts after their brief closure! Now, let's make them permanent!

There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball, that is bigger than themselves. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and even adding more courts.

Jeff Polito



**From:** [Lynne Pritchard](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball at GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:37:48 PM

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Thank you, Lynne Pritchard

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Lynne M. Pritchard  
[lmpritchard7@gmail.com](mailto:lmpritchard7@gmail.com)

**From:** [Susan Rider](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:32:56 PM

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To whom this may concern,

Thank you for your service and for considering the thoughts and experiences of many people who have found the sport of pickleball. I am 68 years old ( yicks is that really true) and I've found this sport to be one of the most fun experiences I've ever had. I started right before the Covid pandemic and when everything shut down I had an outlet for exercise and friendship time outside!!! It provided sanity for sure.

As time went on I got better and better. I had a great feeling of success as I never felt accomplished at any sport. Pickleball and my time with my grandkids is my happy place!!! Now I combine the two and play with my 17 yr old granddaughter and her teenage friends!! I love to hear "Hey Nana, you want to play PB?"

The only problem is that Everyone discovered pickleball and we have very few courts. I did enjoy Evergreen courts but then someone stole the nets and now you have to bring your own or set up an inferior net that's in a box. I quit going there and thoroughly enjoyed GVCC courts next. When those are all pre-reserved I go to Jonny Wallace but with no backstops we're chasing balls a lot. I heard there's new courts at Kellogg but since opening I've had an injury and haven't been to them yet.

So long story short, We need to keep the 5 courts at GVCC!!!!!! Thank you for keeping us all happy and healthy in Goleta with more PB courts!  
Sincerely, Susan Rider

**From:** [beyriley](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:03:12 AM

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Dear Ms. Dawson,

I understand that they are considering closing down the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley community center. Please reconsider! Getting into pickleball and playing weekly with my friends at the Goleta courts has changed my life so much. I used to just be at home alone and now I am getting back in shape, taking lessons, entering tournaments and playing every week at the Goleta courts. It has been the best thing that has happened to me in so many years. I would be devastated if the courts were closed.

Now I am in old town Goleta several times a week and often stop to get something to eat afterwards, go to the family discount store and thrift stores.

Please help us keep the courts open!

Olive Riley

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Ri Ro](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:52:43 AM

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Hello! My name is Riley.

I love playing with my family on the weekends. I am learning so much and improving while having so much fun. My mom gives us lessons and we all make jokes and laugh and have an overall amazing time. Please don't shut down the Pickleball courts please.

Thank you!

**From:** [Jill Roberts](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:20:02 PM

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To Whom it may concern,


Born and raised here in Santa Barbara, I have never seen the *GVCC* so active since Pickleball started. All of my kids played at Boys & Girls Club the courts were always deserted.

The Pickleball courts at *GVCC* provide a great place for adults and children to hang out and make new friends.

We would love to continue playing at this great park in Goleta.

Thank you!

Please make these permanent so we can enjoy forever.

Jill Roberts   
805-896-2047

**From:** [Jane Rohrs](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:24:36 AM

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Hello,

I am so grateful to be able to play this sport especially at the GVCC. I was introduced to PB three years ago and we played across the street, but could not reserve a court there. With all of us having busy schedules, we could not wait 45 minutes or so, when we have kids, appointments and jobs to get to. I drive from North Goleta 35 minutes twice a week, happily, to play PB. So we were all pretty happy (there are 8 of us in our group). All of us were born in SB 60 years ago, when GVCC opened. It's the only exercise I do that does not feel like a job or work. The friends I have made and the laughter is irreplaceable. I don't know what's going on, or what hurdles we need to overcome to keep these courts open, but they seem like a great community asset. Isn't our town motto "Goleta the Good land"? I have seen nothing but good things come out of play there. People of all ages enjoying a game. Tell us what we can do to help keep these courts open. I am sure as a community we can make this happen and have it be a winning situation/solution.

Sincerely,  
Jane Rohrs  
119 Hollister Ranch Road  
Goleta, CA 93117

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[Jane Sorensen](#)

**From:** [Lori Rozenburg](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Valley PB Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:08:05 AM  
**Attachments:** [Screen Shot 2016-02-09 at 8.31.51 AM.png](#)

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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.

This game and these courts have really “saved” me. Yes- I realize this sounds very dramatic- but before I caught the bug for this game, I was having to increase my anti-depressions meds. I was in a dark place. These courts have become my happy place.

I have tried the Muni courts own town, but the traffic and lack of parking has been an issue... The vibe at GV is so different too. I feel a sense of community at these courts. And the sense of community is actually what makes GOLETA so much more special and the difference from Santa Barbara. The exact reason why we chose this area to live & raise our family. I am actually a 3rd generation here in Goleta, which makes my grandkids a 5th gen. My entire family have been (& are) healthcare providers at Cottage Hospital- and most enjoy these courts as much as I do.

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.

Have a GREAT day!  
Lori Rozenburg  
PFI Inc.

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**From:** [jerry.rozenburg](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:22:46 AM

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The Pickleball courts at GVCC provide a great place to go and hang out to make friends even if watching others play. Its one of the best parks ever established in Goleta. Thank You and please make them permanent so we can enjoy this forever

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**From:** [Morgan Rydell](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Valley Community Center Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:13:53 PM


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To Whom it May Concern,

The Goleta Valley Community Center Pickleball Courts are my absolute favorite, even though I live right next to the Municipal courts. Being a local teacher, through the stress of COVID, Pickleball has provided me with a healthy, fun, and safe activity to support my mental and physical well-being. I have had the opportunity to learn and practice this sport with my mother, and all of her friends, and it brings us immeasurable joy. Connecting our community members old and young, providing a healthy mental and physical outlet for all(COVID or not), and a safe space with lighting for playing after work hours are just a few of the benefits these courts in Goleta provide for our community. Not to mention I also come to the city of Goleta much more frequently, shopping at the local stores for groceries, gas, coffee and burgers! As a former tennis player, I have found such joy and stress-relief through the game of Pickleball. I truly hope to continue being able to play Pickleball with my mom and friends here at the GVCC Courts for many years to come.

Best,  
Morgan Rydell  
The Riviera Ridge School  
2nd Grade Teacher

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Second Grade Co-Lead Teacher  
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**From:** [Nancy Rydell](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:18:53 PM

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I've been waiting for pickle ball 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 let's keep GVCC pickle ball open and growing

*Nancy Rydell*  
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**From:** [John Sanford](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVcc pickleball courts.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:59:47 PM

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Pickleball is a lot easier to play than Tennis. It's also easier on my body and a lot more social. I meet a lot of people, with tennis only 2-4 people play and you never talk with anyone else. Pickleball allows that community interaction – I appreciate Goleta a lot more now and I'm so glad the city is supporting Pickleball.

Please keep these courts open and make improvements so they last forever.

John Sanford

**From:** [sbgymclub@aol.com](mailto:sbgymclub@aol.com)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickle Ball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:01:26 PM

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To whom it may Concern,

These courts are very important to our community. Pickle ball is one of the fast growing sports! I would like to see the courts improved. These courts are a community resource that we use every week.

Thank you for your attention to Pickle ball,

Susan  
Sarmiento

**From:** [Lisa Schomer](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:04:12 PM

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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.

Lisa schomer

**From:** [Jill Sharkey](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** We love the Pickleball Courts!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:18:19 PM

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Dear City Council,

My family and friends...and new friends LOVE the Goleta Valley Pickleball courts!!! It is so important now more than ever before to invest in social and recreational opportunities for your community members to get off their electronic devices, get outside, meet new friends, and overcome the trauma of COVID! This sport saved me during such a dark time. Now I play pickleball with my kids, my peers, and even my parents!

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.

Sincerely,  
Jill Sharkey

Jill D. Sharkey, Ph.D.

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**From:** [David Sheehan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:32:47 PM

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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.

David

**From:** [Scott Smoot](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts - Yes Please  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:38:51 PM

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I fully support making the GVCC pickleball courts permanent. As an older person, pickleball is still an activity that is suitable for me. Basketball, softball and running cause too much pain, discomfort and damage. Pickleball is accessible for older people and competitive matches can be inclusive of both male and female players. No other sports that I know of have these qualities.

I am still working full time, and the Lights at GVCC make it possible for me to play during the week and play with others that have full time jobs. Other courts are around, but can't be used in the evenings. Especially at this time of year.

Please keep these courts open for public use; I will play a lot less pickleball if these courts are closed, or the hours are reduced to eliminate the night time play.

I have met many new friends with pickleball at GVCC and have a greater sense of the Goleta community with these courts. Many games end with post-match review at the local bar or restaurant.

Scott Smoot  
1011 Via Los Padres  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1344



**From:** [madeleine sorapure](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:50:39 PM

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Hello!

The Pickleball courts at GVCC provide a great place to go and hang out to make friends even if watching others play. It's one of the best parks ever established in Goleta. Thank You and please make them permanent so we can enjoy this forever.

Thank you,  
Madeleine

**From:** [Robbie Sparrow](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:59:08 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is a Rob Sparrow, I have been a Goleta resident and enjoying the GVCC pickleball courts for the past year. It is a wonderful place to exercise, socialize, and gives me something to look forward to through the week. With life's stress it is a great way to unwind and rejuvenate. I do understand that pickle ball may cause some noise, but how much?? I live in Storke Ranch and my condo is right on Storke Road. Feel free to google maps Sweet Rain place. My master bedroom faces Storke road. I hear buses, cars, motorcycles, dogs, skateboards, IV elementary kids and of course UCSB students every day. I would not ask them to stop living, nor would I move to get away from this life. Windows work well to keep out the noise and if I want to open a window I might hear some life. It might be a bird, owl, kid, car, police, ambulance but it is life. I feel closing courts due to noise during regular hours of 8 am - 8pm is a disservice to our community and a bit ridiculous.

Sincerely,

Rob Sparrow

**From:** [Gregory Starczak](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:33:11 PM

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Dear Shanna Dawson,

We are writing in support of the continuation and upgrading of the Pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center. The sport is going through rapid growth worldwide and municipalities across the county have joined in building courts to support the members of their communities who seek to play.

The City of Goleta not only needs to keep open the courts at GVCC but also needs to plan additional courts for the community. The sport has a very low cost of entry, a quick learning curve and has participants from the age of 5 and up. The courts are very low maintenance, do not require supervision and require only 1,800 square feet for the ideal size but can be played in as little as 1,300 square feet.

Pickleball play at GVCC this past couple of years has been a gift to the community. With the pandemic closing recreational opportunities to many of us, pickleball became a welcome pastime that was safe and easily accessible to the community.

I encourage the City of Goleta look into how other small to medium sized cities have taken the initiative to build pickleball facilities that are now an important recreational asset to the community that draws players from the surrounding areas and even from out of state. Add to that tournament play that would draw visitors and added business to our local merchants. (See St. George, Utah as one example of a city leveraging pickleball to benefit the community)

Sincerely,

Greg and Tami Starczak

**From:** [Isabelle Ste-Marie](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Keep GVCC Pickleball courts OPEN  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:52:49 AM

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Good morning,

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 pickleball 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.

Isabelle Ste-Marie

**From:** [Carl Still](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball is Great  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:00:16 PM

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City of Goleta,

Pickleball at GVCC was one of your best ideas ever. It fosters community, friendships, business and brings hundreds of people into Goleta who are buying gas, food and other services. We regularly visit businesses nearby after playing pickleball for a couple hours.

Please keep these courts open and make improvements so they can last forever.

Thanks,  
Carl

Sent from my mobile phone.

**From:** [Susie Stone](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:47:09 PM

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I am writing to share my support for the pickleball courts at the Goleta Valley Community Center. As a long time Goleta resident, the pickleball courts are such a great addition to the GVCC, adding to the community space that is GVCC.

Pickleball has been a great outlet that I discovered during COVID. Pickleball was the answer to all that COVID was doing to us as a society. Where COVID brought isolation indoors, pickleball brought healthy connections with others in a safe outdoor space.

I am so grateful to all that contributed to making the pickleball courts happen in Goleta. It has been so helpful to me both physically and mentally, and I appreciate the variety of people that I have met through pickleball---different ages, ethnicities, occupations, political views, etc.---pickleball is a great unifying activity!

Thank you for considering making these courts a permanent fixture at GVCC.  
Susie Stone

**From:** [Karen Strickland](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** GOLETA PICKLEBALL  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:56:05 PM

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Hello,

We have all been enduring the darkest of times on many levels. One thing in my life that has brought me a tremendous amount of joy is playing Pickleball! It has given me something to look forward to, a renewed interest in being active, a long awaited social outlet, fresh air and a new zest for life.

I know that there are hundreds of others who would be sitting at home lamenting all of the woes of the world without this outlet.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE lets do everything that we can to keep this community activity alive and well, so that it can keep us alive and well and a part of a wonderful healthy community.

All the best,

Karen Strickland  
(805) 455-3226

**From:** [Cheryl Tedesco](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Goleta Pickleball Courts!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:47:44 PM

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Mr. Dawson:

It gets dark by 6 pm so the only place to play pickleball after work is at GVCC. There are NO other courts with lights! One of the smartest things the City did was to support these lighted pickleball courts. The next smartest thing they can do is make them permanent and then continue to support and grow our pickleball community.

Cheryl Tedesco



**From:** [Pam Terry](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Discussion of Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Goleta Community Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:42:15 PM  
**Importance:** High

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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 to 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 a 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 you 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:** [Marcos Valles](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please make Pickleball Courts permanent.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:56:32 PM

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I'm writing this email to show my support for the Goleta Valley Community Pickleball Courts. I grew up at the Goleta Boys Club (next to the courts). Also a nephew to Sal Rodriguez who the Boys Club is named after. I can say I've never seen these courts used for so many people of all ages. As I am 43 years old now. I use these Courts 2-3 days a week. It's a great way to unwind after a long days work after I leave my business (Magnolia Barbershop). And also a great way to meet other Pickleball players from the community. Also with the days changing these are some of the only courts that have lights in the evening. I'm sure my Mom, Mother-N-Law, and Father-N-Law will be writing a email with their concerns as they do play 3-4 days a week as well.

Thank u. Marcos Valles

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Florie Wachtenheim](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the courts!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:09:47 PM

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Pickleball 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! Imagine the partnerships that could happen between happy and energized Pickleball players and a revamped community center!

I strongly support updating the GVCC courts and making them permanent and believe it will contribute to the flourishing of Old Town Goleta.

Florie Wachtenheim

**From:** [Donna Will](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Voting to keep Pickleball courts going strong in Goleta  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:47:28 PM

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Pickleball is so popular and there are very few places to play in Goleta. Before GVCC courts I always went to Santa Barbara, but even there the space is limited

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

Thank you,  
Donna Will

(paying member of GVCC Pickleball)

**From:** [Rhonda Yager](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:38:19 PM

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Hello! We love playing pickleball at GVCC because 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 keep the courts available!

Thanks- Rhonda and Josh Yager

**From:** [Jamie Yao](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save the GVCC Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:27:00 PM

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Hi,

If you have ever visited open play on Tuesday night - Thursday night - Sat or Sun morning you'd see how popular and great these courts are to the community.

Thank you for installing these courts and please make the needed improvements and consider adding more courts in Goleta.

Thank you!

**From:** [Jeff](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Save Old Town Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:30:44 PM

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Make the courts Permeant ! Save our courts !

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.

Jeff Yost



**From:** [Ann](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:20:03 PM

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Hi,

Please don't close the courts.

I have met so many people through this sport its been vital during the pandemic. It's really helped me and I have contributed economically to surrounding businesses in Old Town Goleta . All of which is only possible because you built these courts.

Thanks so much,

Ann

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**From:** [Stacy Zelenski](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** PickleballCouryst  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:45:37 PM

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My name is Stacy Zelenski and I am writing in favor to KEEP the courts.

In very much love and enjoy the courts as well as the friendships.

It definitely helped me through the uncertainty during Covid. Pickleball is great for both your mental and physical well being.

Thank you

Stacy Zelenski

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Katie Zelko](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** Please listen to us  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:15:00 PM

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Thanks for re-opening the GVCC pickleball courts after their brief closure! Now, let's make them permanent! Im not sure what the problem is. We have committed to taking steps to dampen the sound. We're a giant group of community members who care greatly about staying mobile and fit..that's a good thing, right?

There are so many divisions that are tearing apart our nation and community. It is a rare gift when people can unite around something, even a silly game like Pickleball, that is bigger than themselves. The GVCC Pickleball courts have been a place of unity for so many people, and with unity comes strength for our community and city.

Please choose to strengthen our city by making the GVCC courts permanent and maybe even adding more courts.

Kind regards

Katie Zelko

**From:** [Heidi Ziskind](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Subject:** I support Pickle @ GVCC  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:23:04 PM

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Hello!

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.

All the best,  
Heidi Ziskind

Sent from my iPhone

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

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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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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

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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 lights .....please 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

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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

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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

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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

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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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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

**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

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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

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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

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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. 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](mailto:burt@ribet.com)

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

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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

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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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----- Forwarded Message -----

**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

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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

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

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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

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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

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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.

Lisa Volmar  
805-252-0550

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

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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

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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](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:30:04 PM

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Love pickle all

Sent from my iPad

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

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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

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Sent from my iPhone

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

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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

**From:** [Katie Pazan](#)  
**To:** [Shanna Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [JoAnne Plummer](#)  
**Subject:** Written Comment for Special Parks and Rec. Commission Meeting Nov. 18 at 6:00 pm  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 5:37:52 PM

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Good Evening,

I am writing in response to the invitation to provide input regarding the City of Goleta's proposal to renovate existing tennis courts located behind the Goleta Community Center into permanent pickleball courts. As much as I love pickleball and think it is great for the city to offer courts, the fact that the courts at the Community Center are so close to many residences presents a few challenges.

Residents on my street can hear the ball hit the paddle, all day, every day from 8am - 8pm. Sometimes earlier and often later. As I sit here typing, I am listening to the ping, ping, ping of the ball hitting the paddle. It is relentless. Initially, when the Community Center courts opened during the Pandemic, our family tried to tune out the noise, recognizing how wonderful it was for community members to get out of their homes and remain active during the Pandemic. But as time went on, after 9 months or so, the noise became a real nuisance. Many neighbors up and down our street reached out to the Community Center for a resolution. Many of us work from home and our offices and businesses also face the pickleball courts. We can't even eat dinner without listening to the noise. We can't open our windows.

In repeated emails back and forth with Charlie Johnson at the Community Center, my neighbors and I were told that our concerns were being taken seriously and that noise mitigation efforts, such as windscreen material with sound deadening qualities were being considered. The most recent email correspondence was in June 2021, but nothing ever changed with regard to noise mitigation.

If the City is to proceed with 5 permanent courts, this would create space for potentially 20 people to play pickleball at one time, all day long. This would be an even greater noise nuisance than we currently experience. Special ball and paddle requirements and regulating play times are one solution, but how would this realistically be enforced? Acoustic panels are another option, but very expensive. The issue of pickleball courts being a noise nuisance has become a huge problem as the sport has become popular again. Simply google "pickleball noise" and you will find hundreds of complaints, YouTube videos about noise complaints, newspaper articles, and city council meetings related to the same issue all over the Country. Courts are being placed recklessly without consideration to nearby neighbors. The City then has to deal with the problem it creates. Pickleball noise is often considered "noise pollution." Creating these courts is a liability for the City.

I want to emphasize that we hear a lot of noise from school children most days from the Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club and it is not a nuisance at all. We love to hear the children play, and we enjoy being close to the Community Center. However, it is the pickleball noise that is the problem.

Please consider finding a place for courts that is not in close proximity to homes and businesses. Please consider an alternative use for the current pickleball courts rather than making them permanent. It would be interesting to find out where people who regularly use the courts reside. How many are Old Town residents? I would guess that most people using the courts do not reside in Old Town.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Warmly,

Katie Pazan  
Old Town Resident