

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

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

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

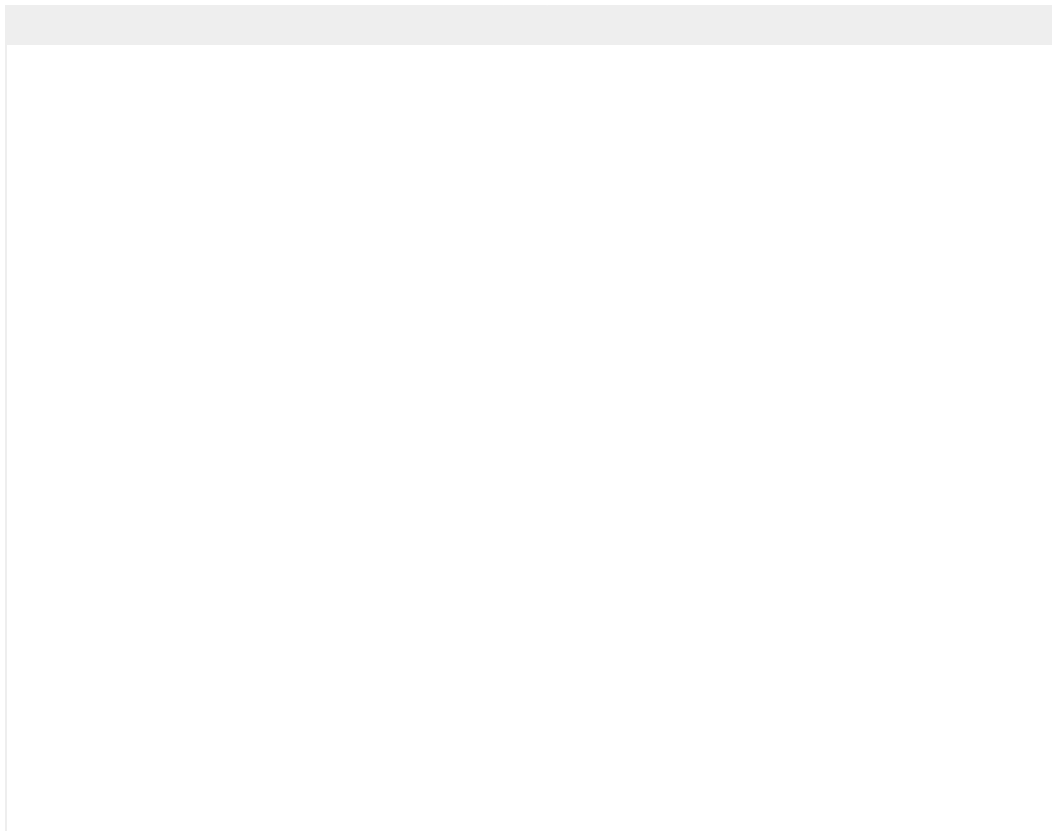
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Subject: Planning for the Future of Pickleball in Goleta



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
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC PICKELBALL
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:16:34 AM

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

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

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

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

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

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
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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

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

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

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

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

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
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Goleta, CA 93117

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 an activity that enhances physical and mental well being, which is so important during these challenging times. I would also add that as I have begun playing at this location I have patronized a number of nearby restaurants and grocery stores that I wouldn't normally visit. Closing the courts would be a very tough blow to many local residents; we saw the potential impact of court closing 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,
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

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

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

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
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: GVCC Pickleball courts
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:26:46 PM

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

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

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 – 805-570-5362

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

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

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

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

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
Subject: GVCC Pickleball-Please preserve!!
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:02:16 PM

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; [Suzanne Hayes](#)
Subject: Please keep GVCC Pickleball going !
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:51:22 PM

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

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

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

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

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Santa Barbara, CA 93111

805-448-4288

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

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

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

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

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

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 a 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

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](#)

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,

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

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

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

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

From: Barb Kloos
To: Shanna Dawson
Re: GVCC Pickleball November 18th 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
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Santa Barbara 93110

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:15:36 AM

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

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
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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

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

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
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Goleta pickleball courts
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 6:37:53 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,

Amanda Oh
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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

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

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: [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

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

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

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

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

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
Subject: Plea to keep GVCC Pickleball courts open and permanent
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:37:36 AM

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

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

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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Rev. Nikki Ramage

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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
patriciawsaley@gmail.com

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

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

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

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
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From: [Darla Sharp](#)
To: [Shanna Dawson](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 4:09:38 PM

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
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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