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## **Oakmont Multi-Sport Court Project: History and Community Outreach**

The dry facts of the project file do an excellent job of describing the scope and details of the proposed development. But one thing missing is the sense of history. We have heard comments that this has “sprung up out of nowhere” and that it is “a pet project supported only by a few players with an inappropriate sense of entitlement” (ouch!)

The attached history is provided to counter some of these claims , in particular:

- How the project came to be and the work of the Board-appointed Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee
- The Board meetings and forums at which the committee kept the community informed
- The numerous Oakmont News articles intended to apprise those members who do not attend meetings, and
- The changes made along the way to accommodate resident concerns

### **A Brief History of Pickleball in Oakmont**

**1965** Pickleball invented in Bainbridge Island, WA

**Nov 2012** Saddle Club members invite Oakmonters to play pickleball as their guests.

**Jan 2013** Several Oakmonters are playing regularly, stretching “guest” privileges

**Mar 2013** Oakmont Board recognizes “Oakmont Pickleball Club”

**Apr 2013** Pickleball Club makes presentation to Oakmont’s Long Range Planning Committee requesting pickleball courts.

**Jun 2013** Oakmont Board adds “pickleball facility” to its list of goals

**Jul 2013** Oakmont News story about proposal for pickleball courts

**Sep 2013** Long-Range Planning Committee recommends temporary use of one tennis court (East #4) and construction of dedicated courts by May 2015

**Oct 2013** OVA Board of Directors approves painting lines for two courts at East, using portable nets and forms Ad Hoc Committee to recommend a site and explore costs.

**Nov 2013** Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee appointed with representatives from Pickleball Club, Tennis Club, Petanque Club, Finance Committee, and Maintenance Dept.

The Open Space & Recreational Element of Oakmont’s Long Range Plan is released, recommending separate Pickleball courts because:

- Pickleball is one of the newest activities played by active seniors,
- Oakmont needs to remain competitive with other senior communities,
- Oakmont's players need pickleball courts and the temporary arrangement with Saddle Club will end soon, and
- OVA's main purpose is to "provide athletic and recreational and club facilities for the use of the members of the corporation and their guests."

**Nov 2013** First meeting of Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee. Work **over the next year** includes:

- Inventory and assessment of vacant or underutilized OVA parcels – Central Activity Area emerges as best choice with minimal impacts.
- Recommendation of six courts, based on review of other retirement communities
- Meetings with Hogan Land Services and Lori Cagwin Landscape Architecture leading to development of the concept of a multi-facet Central Park.
- Preliminary cost estimates from Hardy Construction and Siri Paving.

**Aug 2014** Proposed Central Park Sports Complex presented to the OVA Board, reported on front page of Oakmont News (attached). Plan includes:

- Five courts over putting green, with acoustic fencing to protect nearby homes
- Picnic tables and benches between courts and central pool
- Extensive landscaping, including berms facing Laurel Leaf neighbors
- One multi-use courts over the old shuffleboard area, and
- Renovation of the existing petanque area.

**Sep 2014** Meetings with neighbors on Laurel Leaf lead to adjustment of court orientation to increase distance from closest residences.

**Jan 2015** Project downsized by removing one court in order to preserve abandoned water hazard.

**Feb 2015** Planning Dept announces Public Meeting Feb 19 to approve or disapprove Design Review and Conditional Use Permit.

Planning Dept advises that, due to community requests, the proposal must be reviewed at a Public Hearing.

**Mar 2015** Pickleball Expo at Berger Center promotes pickleball as a fun, healthful activity, with coverage in the April 15<sup>th</sup> Oakmont News (attached)

**Apr 2015** Planning Dept advises that Sound Assessment and Visual Impact studies will be needed and recommends having a Town Hall meeting to address people's concerns.

**May 2015** Sound Assessment by Illingworth Rodkin  
Visual Impact study by Digital Realm  
Ad Hoc committee recommends removing the court at the shuffle board area

**Jun 2015** Analysis of Parking requested and completed.

Oakmont fills the Berger Center auditorium for a Town Hall meeting to explain the project to residents and to address questions and concerns. Follow-up coverage in Oakmont News (attached).

**Jul 2015** Project layout revised slightly to increase buffer between courts and “pond”

**Aug 2015** Project elevated to a Public Hearing before the full Planning Commission, probably in October.

**Sep 2015** Planning Dept advises that hearing will be November 12.  
Reviews and comments received from other City departments.

**Oct 2015** Planning Dept advises that November 12 is cancelled, and new date is December 10

**Nov 2015** Oakmont receives and accepts Conditions of Approval from City planner.

**Dec 2015** City Planning Commission unanimously approves CUP & Parking Reduction.

# **PICKLEBALL EXPO!!!**



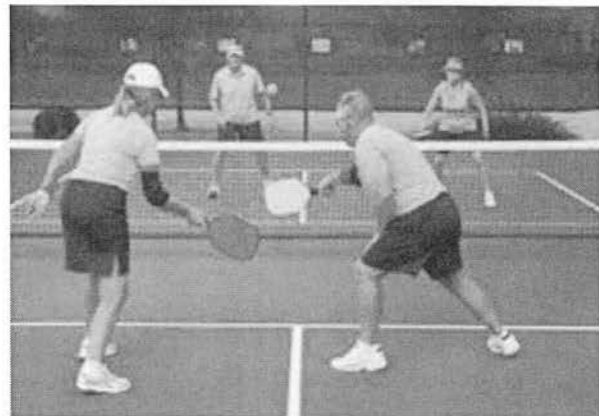
*WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?*

*A fun, informative event put on by the  
OAKMONT PICKLEBALL CLUB*



*Who plays pickleball?*

*Pickleball at Oakmont?*



***Friday, March 27 4:00 PM Berger Center***

*Refreshments served!*

# Pickleball



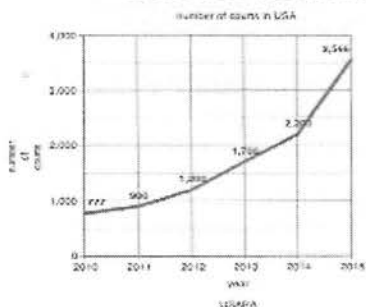
## The fastest growing sport in America!

- Custom made for seniors!
- Physical demands are less than tennis – easier on your body
- Smaller court – less area to cover

Oakmont Pickleball Club  
c/o OVA Office  
6575 Oakmont Dr., Suite 7  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

## PICKLEBALL IN 55 ANTI-AGING COMMUNITIES!

- Most have existing courts
- More courts are being built every day
- Good for the mind, body, and soul – picklers are a fun, social group



*400% growth in USA 2010-2015  
12,117 courts as of Oct 2015!*

*Seniors want pickleball!  
A sport for our "Golden Years!"*

## PICKLEBALL IN OAKMONT

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?** The project has not yet gone out to bid. The current verbal estimate from Siri Construction, (who built the tennis courts), is \$250,000. Roughly \$60,000 has already spent on architectural & landscape drawings, and sound & visual studies, which brings it to approximately \$310,000.

**THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT!** It is not a small amount, but bear in mind Oakmont standards for its facilities are high. The West Rec remodel was over a million. The Berger project could easily cost as much.

**CAN WE AFFORD IT? WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF OVA?** Yes. All operating budget items are adequately funded, plus there is a reserve fund and year-to-date budget surplus as of August 2015. At the October 13 finance meeting OVA board members were in agreement - Oakmont finances are healthy.

**WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?** Because the courts would be a capital improvement, all monies would come from the Capital Improvement Fund, most of which was funded by impact fees from developers in Oakmont.

**WILL MY MONTHLY DUES INCREASE?** No. Further, there will be no loan or assessment. Any dues increase will be due to operating costs, not the pickleball project.

**WHAT ABOUT MAINTENANCE COSTS?** Unlike pools, Jacuzzis, saunas, lawn bowling, etc., there will be virtually no maintenance costs.

**HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OTHER OVA PROJECTS - LIKE THE BERGER?** The pickleball project will have no impact on the finances or timing of the Berger project. OVA has multiple projects underway at any given time. The Berger project is long-term and is currently in the planning phase. Simply deciding on a plan and determining the cost for it could take up to two years.

**HOW WILL THE SOUND OF PICKLEBALL AFFECT NEARBY RESIDENTS? AND WHAT ABOUT POOL USERS?** An earthen berm, soft landscaping, and sound-proofing "Acoustiblock", will mitigate sounds from residences. If it is deemed necessary, a plexiglass barrier of appropriate height will be installed between the pool and the courts. Also, pickleball play is usually from nine to one. Most pool use occurs after noon.

**HOW WILL VIEWS FROM NEARBY RESIDENCES AND THE POOL AREA CHANGE?** Attractive plantings will soften the views. Mt. Hood and Annadel views will be preserved.

**WHY DON'T WE JUST CONVERT A COUPLE OF TENNIS COURTS?** We do not want to take away facilities. We want to add a new facility. Both tennis facilities are located in valleys creating amphitheaters - the sound study has indicated that game sounds traveling upwards toward residences cannot be mitigated. The CAC site is level and sounds can be effectively mitigated to within city requirements.

**I LIKE OAKMONT THE WAY IT IS. WHY CAN'T WE JUST LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE?** We live in a small, dynamic, ever-changing city. 1970 - no tennis. 2000 - one-room small fitness center, and dilapidated bocce ball courts. Today, we have many beautiful facilities. A lot of change has taken place in Oakmont.

**HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY PROPERTY VALUES?** All of our facilities enhance property values, as will our pickleball courts. An Oakmont realtor recently stated "Prospective buyers often ask if Oakmont has pickleball."

**WHAT ABOUT COMPETITIONS AND OUTSIDERS?** Small competitions with local clubs are planned, scheduled to end by 1 pm. As with our other facilities, the policy shall be one guest allowed per resident.

Feel free to contact Oakmont Pickleball Club for any questions or for more information.

Tom Kendrick, President  
Bill Lucker, Vice-President  
Noel Lyons, Ad-Hoc committee member  
Anita Easland, Ad-Hoc committee member  
Jane Gyorgy, Ad-Hoc committee member  
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## **Publicity and Outreach through the Oakmont News**

- Jul 1, 2013 OVA Board adds Pickleball Courts to their list of goals
- Aug 15, 2014 Sports Facility Gets Positive Reaction from OV Board  
Plan shows six courts, spanning former pond to Shuffle board area
- Jan 1 2015 Report on proposed new facilities includes pickleball courts.  
"Pickleball Corner" chronicles growth, including supplies at Dick's
- Feb 15, 2015 "Manager's Corner" notes that pickleball project is at City review  
Revised plan published, with five courts and leaving pond intact
- Mar 15, 2015 Report on Candidates' Forum includes many pickleball references
- Apr 15, 2015 Pickleball Expo Huge Success
- May 1, 2015 Board advances Pickleball Plan, approving expenses for sound and  
visual studies
- May 15, 2015 Front page photo shows Michael Thill making sound measurements
- Jun 1, 2015 Sound Study results reported  
Pickleball Town Hall announced.
- Jul 1, 2015 Pickleball Town Hall Draws Large, Mostly Polite Crowd
- Aug 1, 2015 Pickleball gets Pond Buffer
- Jan 1, 2016 Appeal Filed after Planning Commission Approval

The Oakmont News / July 1, 2013

## Pickleball Group



■ Anita Eastland

### OVA BOARD ADDS PICKLEBALL COURTS TO THEIR LIST OF GOALS

Nine members of the Oakmont Pickleball Group attended the June 6 OVA Board goal-setting meeting and we were encouraged when board member, Fran Diaz, recommended adding 1-2 pickleball courts to the list of goals. Pres. John Taylor added the goal of updating facilities to meet boomers' needs. He then voiced a concern that there might be some other activity like pickleball that is not yet known to the board.

That seems like a legitimate concern so to educate our pickleball group with the intent of sharing that information with the board I contacted the Merrill Barney, Director of Sports for the Huntsman World Senior Games. The Huntsman World Senior Games is the largest annual multi-sport event in the world for athletes 50 and over. It has been recognized as the premier event of its kind in the world for the past 27 years.

Pickleball was added to their list of 26 sports in 2004. Mr. Barney told me that 530 pickleball players have already registered for the games in October. The demand is so great that they have had to close registration and have to turn away several hundred pickleball players. He told me that in the 27 years of running the games they have never had any sport that has had such rapid growth as pickleball. He said, "they are not aware of any sport or events that would even come close to the growth of the game of pickleball." He suggested we invite the board members to come and watch us play so they can have a better understanding of the benefits of the sport.

Pickleball/multuse courts can also be used for two other senior games: badminton and volleyball, thus maximizing the space.

Come and join our ever-growing membership.  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays at 10 AM, Fridays at 10:30 AM, and Saturdays at 1 PM

**WHERE:** At the Wild Oak Saddle Club tennis courts  
Even though we continue to outgrow this facility we are eager to teach you this fastest growing sport in North America!

# OAKMONT NEWS

Oakmont's Semimonthly Newspaper

[www.oakmontvillage.com/members](http://www.oakmontvillage.com/members)

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## Sports Facility Gets Positive Reaction from OVA Board

■ Al Haggerty

A sports facility including five pickleball courts, covered bleachers, basketball and pelanque courts and two picnic areas, got a favorable reception from the Oakmont Village Association board at an Aug. 5 workshop.

John Felton, board vice president, called the proposal "worthwhile" and said it was "heading in the right direction." Director Bob Giddings said he saw enough in the proposal to move forward and Director Herman Hesse said, "as a first cut, it's OK."

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## Upgrading Busy West Rec. Will Affect Many Users

■ Marty Thompson

The 30-year-old West Recreation Center, Oakmont's busiest venue, will undergo remodeling and updating that will require closure for at least three months this fall.

The building will get a new exterior and the men's and women's locker rooms will be entirely rebuilt. When the old stucco finish comes off, engineers will evaluate the building's seismic safety and learn how much, if any, work is needed to strengthen ties to the foundation and other structural features.



## Oakmont: More than Just Fawns



Photographer Keith Sauer captured this hen turkey and her poults near Aspen Meadows Circle on a late-July morning.

## OGC Moving Ahead on Business, Water Issues

■ Jim Biesner

Golf in Oakmont is getting better and people are starting to notice.

After a disappointing winter, play was up significantly in June, following some restoration and improvements to greens under Kemper Sports, the Oakmont Golf Club's new management company.

"The championship West and executive-level East golf courses are back to the premier condition they were in a decade ago," said OGC Vice President Michael Canar. "The greens are now up to a high standard—not as fast as they will be, but much better."

Canar points to an increase of 100



A player on the 16th hole of the West Course. Photo by John Hillstead

at the end of October. The city has been under contract to supply OGC with 25% of its potable water needs, originally from the Oakmont Waste Water Treatment Plant, which the city closed in 2012. Depending on weather conditions, the OGC could face a strain on its emergency water supplies by the end of next winter.

The OGC already has taken steps to prepare for the cutoff, including installation of a new more efficient sprinkler system, dredging the storage lake on the East course to double its capacity to a million gallons, and installing a pump to move water from there to the new

**SPORTS** *Continued from page 1*

Felton chaired the workshop for President John Taylor, who was absent.

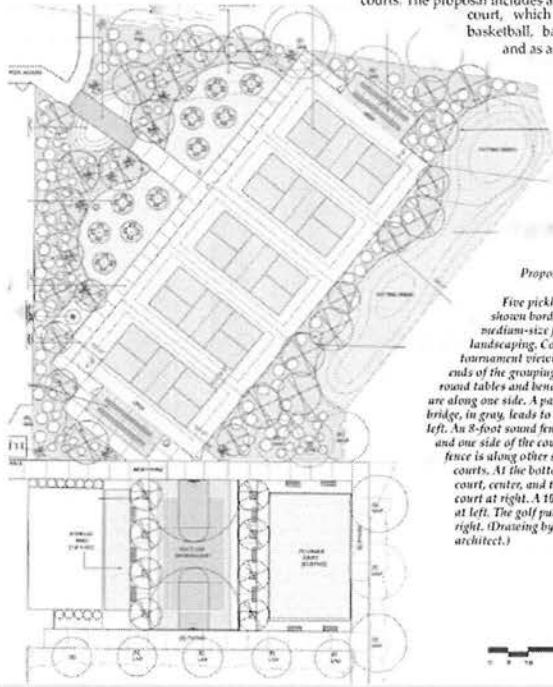
Noel Lyons, a member of the ad hoc committee which developed the proposal, said at this point in the planning "we wanted to touch base with the board and make sure we are on the right track before

getting cost estimates from the contractors that would be involved."

The facility, with the working title of Central Park, would be located in the area east of the Central Pool, the current site of what Lyons called "underutilized" horseshoe pits, a putting green and shuffleboard courts. The proposal includes a multi-purpose sports court, which could be used for basketball, badminton, volleyball, and as a sixth pickleball court.

Lyons said pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and Canada and is "considered almost a required amenity in new 55-plus communities." He said developer Del Webb plans on one court for every 500 homes, which would mean up to six courts for Oakmont.

Stressing "our intention to be a good neighbor," Lyons said the side closest to the homes on Laurel Leaf Place would have an 8-foot sound wall, a raised berm and landscaping. There's an option for a 4,000-square-foot putting green depending on whether the Oakmont Golf Club is willing to maintain it.



*Proposed Sports Facility*

*Five pickleball courts are shown bordered by circles denoting medium-size flowering trees and other landscaping. Covered bleachers for tournament viewing are shown at both ends of the grouping. Two picnic areas with round tables and benches, with umbrellas, are along one side. A pathway with an existing bridge, in gray, leads to the Central Pool at top left. An 8-foot sound fence runs along the top and one side of the courts. A 6-foot vinyl-clad fence is along other sides of the pickleball courts. At the bottom are a multi-use sport court, center, and the existing petanque court at right. A 10 x 50-foot storage shed is at left. The golf putting green is at the upper right. (Drawing by Lori Cugwin, landscape architect.)*

**WEST REC. DISPLACEMENTS**

Marsha Zolkower, OVA's events and community relations coordinator, reported on what she called the overwhelming chore of relocating more than 600 events regularly held at the West Recreation Center, which will be closed for remodeling and updating for at least three months beginning Sept. 15. She said she knows the disruption will be emotional for some people and asked for understanding.

She said the OVA is looking into renting the vacant 2,000-square foot beauty salon on Stone Bridge Road as a temporary venue for some activities. She said the owner is asking rent of \$4,000 a month, but OVA is hoping to negotiate a lower price. The OVA only recently abandoned plans to purchase the building for its offices.

Zolkower said she will recommend moving tap dance classes to a studio in downtown Santa Rosa, available for \$1,000 a month. Another possible site for other activities is the East Golf Course's 1,400-square-foot banquet room.

**GARDENING POPULAR**

A review of the operating procedures of Oakmont's Community Garden prompted a lengthy, emotional and sometimes raucous discussion over the issue of whether the garden plots should be open to a lottery every two years.

Cassie Turner, association manager, said research makes it clear that a bi-annual lottery was not included in the original bylaws or subsequent revisions of the Community Garden plan.

Felton said the issue was raised as the result of a complaint to the board. Yvonne Horn, founder of the

**CAN'T ATTEND A BOARD MEETING?**  
 Watch it online at [www.oakmontvideos.com](http://www.oakmontvideos.com). Board meetings will be available the day after the meeting. Also, check out past videos.

## Regular Oakmont Association Committee Meetings

■ OVA Administration

The listed Oakmont Village Association meetings are open sessions. Any interested Oakmont residents are invited and encouraged to participate in these important meetings.

MEETINGS	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Architectural (No participation) / <a href="mailto:mary@oakmontvillage.com">mary@oakmontvillage.com</a>	2nd Tues. Monthly	2 PM	Sta. 6
Oakmont Village Association (OVA) Board	3rd Tues. Monthly	1-3 PM	Berger Center
OVA Board Workshop	1st Tues. Monthly	3-5 PM	East Rec.

COMMITTEES	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Communications (CC) / <a href="mailto:ova-communications@sonic.net">ova-communications@sonic.net</a>	2nd Mon. Monthly	9-11 AM	Rm. B
Community Development (CCD) / <a href="mailto:ova-ocdc@sonic.net">ova-ocdc@sonic.net</a>	2nd Thurs. Monthly	11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Rm. B
Finance (FC) / <a href="mailto:ova-finance@sonic.net">ova-finance@sonic.net</a>	4th Thurs. Monthly	2-3:30 PM	Rm. B
Landscape Improvement Committee (LIC)	1st Tues. Monthly	10 AM-12 Noon	Rm. G
League of Maintained Area Associations (LMAAA)			
Regular Meetings	1st Mon. Monthly	12 Noon	Rm. B
Quarterly Meetings	1st Wed. (March, Sept., Dec.)	7 PM	West Rec.
LMAAA Workshop	2nd Thurs. (June)	9 AM	West Rec.
Long-Range Planning (LRP) / <a href="mailto:ova-lrp@sonic.net">ova-lrp@sonic.net</a>	6th Tues. Monthly	10 AM-12 Noon	East Conf. Rm.
Emergency Preparedness Committee (DEPC)			
DEPC Board	1st Thurs. Monthly	2 PM	Rm. B
DEPC Community Meeting	3rd Thurs. (Jan., May, Sept.)	2 PM	Berger Center

*A quorum of OVA Board of Directors may be present at these meetings. \*It is sometimes necessary to change meeting locations and/or dates and times. Please check the OVA Center bulletin boards for written notice of change or call the OVA office prior to scheduled meetings for confirmation.*

**LOCATIONS**

Room B is in the Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Drive.  
 Room D is in the Central (Berger) Auditorium, 6633 Oakmont Drive, right side of stage.  
 Room G is in the Central (Berger) Auditorium, 6633 Oakmont Drive, lobby access from rest rooms.



## Architectural Committee

■ Mary C. Patricia, Administrator

**A HOLIDAY DECORATION REMINDER**  
 All visible holiday decorations must be removed by January 25.

The Architectural Committee wishes you a wonderful new year. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining Oakmont's neat, clean and well-kept ambience.

## You're Important: Speak Up! E-mail Addresses Needed

The community-wide Oakmont survey starts Feb. 1, 2015, and the Long-Range Planning Committee needs your E-mail addresses.

Additional benefits of providing your E-mail address include: getting up-to-date information from the OVA Office and getting immediate notification in cases of emergencies like fires and earthquakes. Send name, home address and E-mail address for each person in your household to the OVA Office. Forms are available in the office or send information to [oakmontsurvey@gmail.com](mailto:oakmontsurvey@gmail.com). Help guide Oakmont's future!

## NEW FACILITIES Continued from page 1

Oakmont Gardens said in September they planned to add two buildings with assisted living and memory care, in the space between the Oakmont Gardens and the Meadows homes. A representative said it was hoped the units could be open by April of 2016.

### CENTRAL PARK?

A proposed sports facility near the Berger Center with the working name Central Park is under study. It could include courts for pickleball, basketball and petanque, plus two picnic areas.

California's water crisis prompted OVA recommendations on drought-tolerant plantings, along with city requests to cut water use 20%. Sonoma County Supervisor Susan Corin presided over a midyear community meeting on the danger of fire spreading from the dry timber in Annapel State Park.

Two new OVA Board members, Alan Scott and Andie Altman, were elected in April, and former member Bob Giddings was elected to a two-year term.

In August, President John Taylor resigned as he moved from Oakmont, and the board chose Vice President John Felton to succeed him.

A new level of cooperation between OVA and the Oakmont Golf Club coincided with improved results reported at mid-year by the club. OGC had to replace water formerly supplied by the city, putting in a new sprinkler system, doubling water storage and cutting back irrigation in some areas.

Scaled-down plans for the proposed Elnoka development on Oakmont's west border won OVA backing, and at year's end were moving toward city approval. The gated community would have 479 living units.

The Oakmont Drive medians were cleaned up and replanted at the beginning of the year, and in the fall new landscaping was installed on two corners at Oakmont Drive and Stone Bridge Road—property owned by the Berger Foundation and by Quail Run homeowners.

### OAKMONT TECH

Communications advanced during the year, with publication in February of a new and expanded Oakmont Community Directory and Resource Guide—more than just a phone book. The *Oakmont News* website was upgraded to include convenient page view access, and a password requirement was removed for the online newspaper and most other OVA website features.

OVA Manager Cassie Turner began a weekly E-mail newsletter that proved popular, with more than 1,400 people signing up.

The Long-Range Planning Committee worked toward a new plan for Oakmont's future, with additional community input to be sought in 2015. Data from a study completed last year show a majority of residents are female, the average age is 76 and more than half of Oakmonters live alone.

The spirit of volunteerism central to Oakmont's success was highlighted in April with naming of Dutch Lichtler as volunteer of the year. He founded Oakmont Video Productions, which provides online video coverage of board meetings and community events, and heads a committee working on a new OVA website.

The Architecture Committee stepped up efforts to spot CC&R violations, and won approval for an enforcement system that can lead to board-imposed fines in certain cases.

A new homeowners association, The Orchard, debuted late in the year. Its 55 homes are part of the development at Pythian Road and Highway 12. The Orchard is the 36th HOA in Oakmont.

## HAPPY & HEALTHY AGING Ask Your Professional



**Dear Home Instead Professional~**  
 My mom lives alone and I worry about her caring for her home during the winter months alone at her age. What should I be on the lookout for?

**Dear Winter-Worried Daughter~**  
 As potentially dangerous winter storms begin, I am encouraging families to help their senior loved ones and neighbors prepare for the possibility of heavy rain, flooding and frigid temperatures. Quick tips: Fill the cupboard, check and clean the fireplace and furnace, replace furnace filters, weather-strip around windows and doors. Keep doors closed to unused rooms, close curtains at night, add an extra blanket to the bed, wear an extra sweater or sweatshirt, make sure that they're keeping the thermostat above 65 degrees, check rain gutters for leaks and unclog if need be. Stay in touch. Check on your neighbor or loved one frequently during periods of cold and rainy weather. You can't always be around to help your elderly loved one. Call on your local Home Instead Senior Care office. Stay warm and safe this winter season!

For a FREE in-home care consultation on how Home Instead can offer aging solutions for you or your loved one, call us at 586-1516.

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- Personal care • Alzheimer's care • Hospice care
- Returning home from hospital
- Medication reminders

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## The Pickleball Corner

By Diane Naylor

### NEWSFLASH PICKLEBALL GOES MAINSTREAM!

How does one know when he/she has arrived? For an author, it may be having his/her book optioned for a movie. For a college athlete, it could mean being drafted by the pros. But for participants of Pickleball, it means something else, and that something is here.

The whacky sport, which involves old people running around on a pint-sized tennis court and pretending to be young, is growing by leaps and bounds across the land. And although its popularity is exploding, and pickleball courts are being built faster than our Sonoma County water reservoirs are filling (and that's pretty fast!), you can still hear the old familiar phrases, "Pickleball—what's that?" Or, "Oh, yeah, I've heard of it—just another passing

fad." Or, "I was thinking about trying it, but I need to change my shoelaces." Well, guess what? I have some news for you—and here it is.

As of this week, pickleball supplies—paddles, balls, pickle fashion accessories, pickle sunblock, and pickle socks and shoes can now be purchased at our local Sport Authority and Dick's Sporting Goods! Okay, maybe just paddles and balls, the other items are tennis crossovers, but nevertheless, this is a significant sign. The fact that national chain stores are now stocking pickleball supplies is an indicator of a "coming out" of sorts. Yes, that's it! We've come out of the closet! We've arrived! We're mainstream!

Our world is changing, and I can see a day in the not too distant future where there could be wide acceptance. A day where players will no longer be



Pickleball paddle display at Sports Authority

**OAKMONT PICKLEBALL CLUB 2015 ANNUAL DUES**

Complete the form and place it with your check in the Pickleball folder in the OVA Office.  
(Suggestion, while you're there, pick up a tennis court key if you don't already have one.)

# of regular members at \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_ # of supporting members at \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed, made payable to OFC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please do/do not list contact info on the club roster \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

discriminated against because of the strange paddle they wield, or the type of balls they play with. Pickleball! It's coming to a town near you. It's at resorts and retirement communities! It's scheduled to be an event in the 2016 Olympics in Rio!

Dennis Rodman is headed to North Korea, using "Pickle-Diplomacy!" President Obama is coming to Oakmont to tour the proposed "Central Park" location! (Okay, I should not have had that third cup of coffee before I started this article.) But the point is, we have arrived! Pickleball club members at Oakmont now number over 100—we're mainstream!

Happy holidays to all Oakmonters, and happy pickling in 2015!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thank you Oakmont for another successful Winter Coat Drive!  
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## Regular Oakmont Association Committee Meetings

■ OVA Administration

The listed Oakmont Village Association meetings are open sessions. Any interested Oakmont residents are invited and encouraged to participate in these important meetings.

MEETINGS	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Architectural (No participation) / <a href="mailto:mary@oakmontvillage.com">mary@oakmontvillage.com</a>	2nd Tues. Monthly	2 PM	Ste. 6
Oakmont Village Association (OVA) Board	3rd Tues. Monthly	1-3 PM	Berger Center
OVA Board Workshop	1st Tues. Monthly	3-5 PM	East Rec.

COMMITTEES	DATE	TIME	PLACE*
Communications (CC) / <a href="mailto:ova-communications@sonic.net">ova-communications@sonic.net</a>	2nd Mon. Monthly	9-11 AM	Rm. B
Community Development (CCD) / <a href="mailto:ova-cc@sonic.net">ova-cc@sonic.net</a>	2nd Thurs. Monthly	11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Rm. B
Finance (FC) / <a href="mailto:ova-finance@sonic.net">ova-finance@sonic.net</a>	4th Thurs. Monthly	2-3:30 PM	Rm. B
Landscape Improvement Committee (LIC)	1st Tues. Monthly	10 AM-12 Noon	Rm. G
League of Maintained Area Associations (LOMAA)			
Regular Meetings	1st Mon. Monthly	12 Noon	Rm. B
Quarterly Meetings	1st Wed. (March, Sept., Dec.)	7 PM	West Rec.
LOMAA Workshop	2nd Thurs. (June)	9 AM	West Rec.
Long-Range Planning (LRP) / <a href="mailto:ova-lrp@sonic.net">ova-lrp@sonic.net</a>	4th Thurs. Monthly	10 AM-12 Noon	East Conf. Rm.
Emergency Preparedness Committee (GEPC)			
GEPC Board	1st Thurs. Monthly	2 PM	Rm. B
GEPC Community Meeting	3rd Thurs. (Jan., May, Sept.)	2 PM	Berger Center

A quorum of OVA Board of Directors may be present at these meetings.  
\*It is sometimes necessary to change meeting locations and/or dates and times. Please check the Rec. Center bulletin boards for written notice of change or call the OVA office prior to scheduled meetings for confirmation.

**LOCATIONS**  
Room B is in the Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Drive.  
Room D is in the Central (Berger) Auditorium, 6633 Oakmont Drive, right side of stage.  
Room G is in the Central (Berger) Auditorium, 6633 Oakmont Drive, lobby access from rest rooms.

## Manager's Corner

■ Cassie Turner, OVA Manager

2015 is going to be another action-packed, fun-filled year at Oakmont. Here are some, but not all, projects that are in progress at the moment.



The West Rec. remodeling project will be done sometime in March. Advance notice: the color beige was not used in this remodel!

The West Rec. pool area will have a new deck and re-plastered pool and spa, with all the city-required upgrades that come with getting the building permit. The pool steps will be wider and shallower, making it easier to get into the pool. An ADA chair lift will be installed as well. The pool and spa will be the first salt water pool/spa in Oakmont. We can't remodel or replace the pool cabana because it is too close to the creek (the city would make OVA tear it down) but we can replace the roof and paint it, so that is our plan.

Hopefully, by the time you read this the Central switchgear project will be successfully completed.

The OVA pickleball court/sports court area is still in Project Development review at the city. We hope to hear from them in late February.

Upgrades are being made to the lawn bowling facility which hasn't had any attention paid to it in many years.

The Research Survey is ending on February 21. After the data is analyzed, the Long-Range Planning Committee and the OVA Board will be better equipped to strategize Oakmont's future. This was a monumental project and we thank you for your participation.

Another huge project that isn't finished is the 55 and older age verification. Phase three of this project is contacting the residents that still haven't provided us with their verification form.

Also, coming online soon from the Communications Committee is a new Oakmont website. It will be updated and much more user friendly.

My Friday E-blast called "What's Happening" is now reaching 1,600 residents every week. Please send us your E-mail and street address if you want to be updated on what's happening in Oakmont and the surrounding area. Send to: [kelly@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:kelly@oakmontvillage.com).

We are also planning to relocate and renovate the OVA office space and conference rooms by July 1.

As I enter my 16th month as the OVA Manager (time flies!), I continue to be amazed at the residents who live here, and the astonishing range of volunteerism that helps make Oakmont so special. It is inspiring to see this level of commitment by residents who care so much about their community.

## Publication Policy of the Oakmont News—Draft

The OVA Board of Directors approved at its Jan. 20 Business Meeting the following amended Communications Committee Publication Policy. The document will be published in Feb. 15 and Mar. 1 Oakmont News editions for resident comments to the board in writing by E-mail [ova@mail@sonic.net](mailto:ova@mail@sonic.net) or in person delivery to OVA Office Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (note new office hours).

**Overview:**  
The Oakmont News is published under the supervision of the Board of Directors by the Oakmont Village Association for the informational benefit of Oakmont residents. Its purpose is to report on current and planned activities in and around Oakmont or of general interest to the Oakmont community, disseminate information on upcoming planned social, recreational and arts and craft events by our approved clubs and organizations, provide our residents a platform to express their views, and

include board and association communiqués.

**General News:**  
The front page of the newspaper plus one or more inside pages are devoted to news and photos of interest to the Oakmont community. Content to be provided by the Communications Committee Editorial Team and other volunteers working with the team.

**Election of Directors:**  
All candidates shall be provided equal access to the Oakmont News editions published during the annual nominations and election cycle. This access is limited to publication of a personal photo and statements that do not exceed 300 words. Candidate submissions shall not be edited by the Communications Committee or staff.

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### LOMAA League of Oakmont Maintained Areas Association

■ John Renwick

**WHAT:** ECHO Wine Country Educational Seminar  
**WHEN:** Saturday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Double Tree, Sonoma Wine Country, One Double Tree Drive, Rohnert Park

Visit [www.echo-ca.org/events](http://www.echo-ca.org/events) for latest information and online registration. Price is \$50 for non-members (please refer to website for fee schedule).

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, March 2, Room B, 12 noon



## Valley of the Moon Rotary

■ Randy Rozak

Valley of the Moon Rotary meets on Friday mornings for a full breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Please visit our website at [www.valleyofthemoonrotary.org](http://www.valleyofthemoonrotary.org) for details on our speakers, programs, involvement in the community and international projects. All are welcome. Be our guest and see if you fit.

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  3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
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At a recent meeting, Terry Metzger who serves as our Youth Services Director introduced us to the principal of Austin Creek School, Mr. Michael Kollison, who introduced our Student of the Month, Aiden Strunk, a sixth grader. Among various awards Aiden was given a sum of money to donate to a cause of his choice. He was asked to report back his choice. These students are selected based upon their outstanding contributions to their fellow students and exemplary good citizenship.

One of our members Rich Irwin reported on a fascinating part of his life. He spent 10 years building scale model airplanes that were used in films, such as *Top Gun*, the three *Iron Eagle* films, and others. He and five associates built 50 models to order for the film.

Our upcoming crab feed fund-raiser on February 28 supports our various projects. Gather your bidding partners together for your chance to win that stocked water cooler or that vacation package to Italy, Hawaii or Mexico.



From L. to R. Austin School Principal Michael Kollison, Rotary Youth Services Director Terry Metzger, Student of the month Aiden Strunk, Parents Jennifer and Christopher Strunk

## Current Events Discussion Group

■ Tina Lewis

The Current Events group consists of lively discussions of current events, from local to international. Informed comments are voiced from across the political spectrum, from liberals to conservatives. Some prefer to just listen and learn, others offer to moderate. Whatever your comfort level, you will be welcomed when you join us. The discussions are moderated by volunteers within the group, and microphones are passed around to enable everyone to hear. A \$1 donation is requested.

### MODERATORS

Feb. 20: Karen Knutson  
Feb. 27: Bernice Park  
Join us on Fridays, 1-2:30 p.m. at the East Rec. and bring ideas of what you'd like us to discuss. For more information call 539-5346 or send an E-mail to [oakmontcurrentevents@gmail.com](mailto:oakmontcurrentevents@gmail.com).

## Pickleball News

■ Noeli Lyons



### NEW PLANS DEVELOPED FOR CENTRAL PARK

OVA has submitted revised plans to the City of Santa Rosa, in hopes of speeding up the approval process.

The original plans called for filling in the abandoned water hazard that was created when the golf course was first built. A careful analysis concluded that there were no endangered plant or animal species present. However, that doesn't mean that there couldn't be any. We could be asked to wait through a complete breeding season to make sure!

Therefore the plans were changed to eliminate one court and leave the water hazard undisturbed. We're hoping this means a prompt positive response from the city so that OVA can move forward.

As shown above, the planned "Central Park" includes a new pool-side picnic area, four pickleball courts, one multi-sport court, and an upgraded petanque area. Visual and sound screenings are still provided from nearby homes.

Meanwhile, pickleball continues to thrive in Oakmont, with new players showing up every Monday for orientation. Starting at 10 a.m. on Mondays, volunteer club members will spend an hour or so introducing you to this fun game. Loaner paddles and balls are available; just show up with suitable court shoes with non-marking soles.

**WHO:** Pickleball members and guests  
**WHERE:** Two courts with portable nets on East Rec. Court #4

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Saturday is drop-in play for all players, all skill levels—no reservations required. Reservations (at the club

website) are recommended outside of the 10 a.m. to noon drop-in period.

**WHY:** Come join the fun, exercise and meet nice people

**WEBSITE:** [oakmontpickleball.shutterfly.com](http://oakmontpickleball.shutterfly.com)

**CONTACT:** FJ Savage, 843-7266, or [fjsavage24@att.net](mailto:fjsavage24@att.net)  
Introduction and orientation to the game is offered every Monday from 10-11 a.m. Please wear court shoes with non-marking soles. We have loaner paddles available.

### 2015 Yearbook: Adoptable Pet!



#### Don Pepe

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Don Pepe is a wiggly little charmer. He was certified at SHS in December and has been searching for his ideal home ever since. His bubbly personality will do

great in a home with other dogs and cats with the right introduction. Don Pepe's new family will be best suited for him if they've had a dog or two before and have kids who are at least 10. Are you ready for this 1yo little kiss machine?



#### Loretta

**BEST DRESSED**

Loretta doesn't need a closet full of expensive threads to win this award. Her style and beauty are built-in. While she does love attention, she's far from arrogant. She'll play and get dirty and talk

your ear off about everyday things. Just a down-to-earth 8yo feline in search of her forever-companion. Loretta has FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), which means she has to live indoors and has to be the only cat in your home. FIV+ cats can live long, healthy lives. Ready for longterm love?

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Strunka



Felton



Hermann



Gyorgy

Photos by John Williston

## OVA Election—Candidates Focus on Long-Range Planning, Golf Course Viability

■ Al Haggerty

The results of the just completed survey of what Oakmont residents want in their community will strongly influence deliberations when the new OVA Board is seated next month.

This became clear as the six candidates for four open seats on the board discussed their views during a Feb. 26 forum before a packed house at Berger Center. The candidates also focused on the proposal for pickleball courts on property adjacent to Berger Center and the viability of the Oakmont Golf Club.

### OVA ELECTION AT-A-GLANCE

April 6: Annual Meeting, 3 p.m., Berger Center, Voting closes.  
April 7: Ballot Counting, 8:30 a.m., East Rec. Center, open to public. Results announced, 2 p.m., East Rec., new board meets.

The candidates, who made five-minute opening statements and answered questions from the audience, include current board members Frank Batsheler and John Felton, the board president; and Lisa Berman,

Jane Gyorgy, Herm Hermann and Elke Strunka.

Balots, which must be returned to OVA by April 6, will be counted starting at 8:30 a.m. April 7 at the East Recreation Center. Results will be announced there at 2 p.m., when the new board has its organizational meeting.

Hermann, who was unable to attend the forum because of previously scheduled knee replacement surgery, appeared by video and stressed the need to examine the adequacy of current facilities, including whether to remodel or tear down Berger Center. A veteran of two terms on the board, Hermann said the directors also have to decide financing of future projects, including the possibility of loans.

Berman, who led his year's Long-Range Planning Committee survey of Oakmont's needs, said the survey

See OVA ELECTION on page 3

## Zoe the Happy Dog

■ Jim Brewer

Oakmont photographer Bob Starkey still tears up when he talks about Zoe, the little McNab Bender Collie mix that he lost a little more than a year ago.



Bob Starkey takes Zoe for a ride in a Radio Flyer

Over that time, Zoe has become something of an international sensation, with words of support and sympathy pouring in from more than 40 countries on a Facebook page Starkey set up in her memory.

"She allowed me to expand my heart beyond anything I've ever experienced before," Starkey recalled during

See ZOE on page 11

## Lifelong Learning Classes Hang in the Balance

■ Al Haggerty

The future of Osher Lifelong Learning classes in Oakmont hangs in the balance pending negotiations over a lease in which Sonoma State University is setting down conditions described as "onerous" and "draconian" at an Oakmont Village Association Board of Directors workshop March 3 at the East Recreation Center.

Sonoma State is asking to lease space in Oakmont for the classes. Director Bob Giddings told the Oakmont News that he believes the board has no choice but to write a strong letter to SSU President Dr. Ruben

See LIFELONG LEARNING on page 11

## All About Pickleball A Community Expo Sponsored by the Oakmont Pickleball Club

■ Noel Lyons

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 4 PM AT THE BERGER CENTER

Come learn about pickleball—its history, how it is played, and why it is referred to as the "fastest growing sport in America." This Power Point presentation will use photos and videos to acquaint Oakmonters with this popular sport, including a brief demonstration using a portable net and indoor balls. Complementary wine and snacks afterwards.

## OVA Names Aubert Maintenance Manager

■ Marty Thompson

Rick L. Aubert has been named facilities maintenance manager for the Oakmont Village Association, Manager Cassie Turner announced.

Aubert, of Windsor, will start work March 2. He comes to the OVA from Varena at Fountain Grove, where he was maintenance director and housekeeping manager. His experience includes construction, maintenance and operation of properties and staff management.

Aubert has held the Varena position since 2013. He was director of engineering and housekeeping manager at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek from 2004 until 2013 and area facilities director and chief engineer at the Vineyard Creek Hotel, Spa and Conference Center from 2002 until 2004. He was senior building HVAC technician at Agilent Technologies in Santa Rosa and for its predecessor, Hewlett Packard. Aubert worked for a year for Siemens Building Technologies, to which Agilent outsourced his department, before moving to the Vineyard Creek position.

He succeeds Mark Rogers, who left Feb. 18.

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## Oakmont Community Foundation

■ Jackie Ryan

It's no secret that Oakmont's many organizations run on volunteer power. But what is perhaps less known is the helping hand often extended by the Oakmont Community Foundation (OCF), an independent group that provides a way for residents to recognize and contribute to educational and other activities benefitting the Oakmont community.

Vickie Jackanich needed OCF's help to bring in a facilitator for a bi-weekly caregiver's support group under the umbrella of Volunteer Helpers. They have received funding for \$3,500 to maintain the program now in its second year. Jackanich was a 24/7 caregiver for five years and sought support connections outside Oakmont.

"It's a tough job," she said. "I knew there were others in Oakmont who could benefit from a support group and a way to find socialization. Being able to encourage and share made a difference in my life. The sessions also show us the importance of taking care of ourselves."

Sue Millar, OCF president, said residents have a way to share and support many of their favorite activities and programs by making tax-deductible contributions through the foundation. "One of our goals is to increase awareness of the need to donate, because Oakmont's unique volunteerism is

what keeps our due structure so low. We also hope residents will consider the foundation when they do estate planning."

The OCF was organized in 2007 and is an IRS 501(c)(3) not connected to the OVA. It primarily supports educational and charitable services, filling gaps to keep Oakmont's diverse offerings strong, Millar said. The website, <http://www.oakmontcommunityfoundation.com>, offers a grant application and donor forms, which are also available in the OVA Office. Donations can be earmarked for a specific activity or directed to the general fund or the endowment.

Foundation grants support education, music, art and fitness, to name a few. The recent Celebration of Art event received a grant, as well as the Oakmont's Emergency Planning Committee for equipment and instruction. The list of recipients includes the Sunday Symposium, Music at Oakmont, the Health Initiative, Documentary Film Masterworks, the Computer Center and the library.

OCF has plans to increase awareness of the organization's need for charitable contributions with a fundraiser. "We want people to think of us as a way to support their activities and keep our volunteer community vibrant," said Millar.

## OVA ELECTION (Continued from page 1)

represents the first time in 50 years that Oakmont residents have spoken as a group. She said once the committee has analyzed the some 1,600 responses, the board can balance the needs and wants of the community. She said Oakmont needs a road map reaching five to ten years into the future in order to preserve and enhance our facilities.

The importance of the survey results was echoed by other candidates. "We have to find out what the community wants. We have to prioritize. Get the biggest bang for our buck," said Felton. Strunka, a retired certified public accountant, said the board must plan for the future instead of reacting to it. She said the board has to wait for the survey results and see what the people want.

Batchelor, who practiced law in California for 32 years, expressed concern about the health of the Oakmont Golf Club and its impact on property values. He said failure of the golf club, while not probable, was possible. His concern was shared by Hermann, who questioned the long-term viability of OGC. He said the golf courses are vital to Oakmont, but questioned how or should the OVA be involved. Berman also said that the golf club needs attention.

Gyorgy, while not mentioning the golf club, noted that the primary purpose of OVA as outlined in its bylaws is to provide athletic and recreational facilities for its residents.

The first question from the audience was how the candidates would vote on a controversial proposal to build pickleball courts and other sports venues near the Berger Center, including possible impact on neighbors. Batchelor said that while he probably would vote for

the project, he didn't know. While the other candidates said they were keeping an open mind, Berman said she would like to see the pickleball and tennis clubs work together to provide adequate facilities for both activities.

Felton, saying it was a difficult question, noted that the development dubbed Central Park would include a basketball/volleyball court and picnic area in addition to pickleball.

Gyorgy, who is on an ad hoc pickleball committee and acknowledged that she would like to see pickleball, was asked if she would recuse herself from board deliberations on the issue. She said that while she would realize no financial gain from the project and saw no conflict, she would recuse herself if asked by the board.

When Berman was asked why she opposed OVA paying for water for the Community Garden while it paid for other facility expenses, she said that most residents can't or find it impractical to build pools or tennis courts in their backyards. She added, however, that she would be willing to consider some type of user fees for Oakmont facilities in the future.

Watch a video of Candidates' Night at [oakmontvids.com](http://oakmontvids.com). Check on "OVA Board Videos."

## Correction

The March 1 calendar in the ON, inadvertently showed the Rainbow Women Saturday, March 25 "Evening with Vickie Shaw" beginning at 2 p.m. It actually begins at 7 p.m.



## Volunteer Opportunity

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**  
If you enjoy writing and photography, the Oakmont News can use your skills.

Volunteer writers and photographers provide coverage of Oakmont events and issues, including board activities and popular profiles of Oakmont residents. Their work appears in the print edition and on the OVA website [www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com) throughout the month as news happens.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marty Thompson at [martythompson@hotmail.com](mailto:martythompson@hotmail.com).

## LOMAA League of Oakmont Maintained Area Associations

■ John Renwick

### REMINDER

Join us at the ECHO Wine Country Educational Seminar.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 21

**WHERE:** Double Tree, One Double Tree Drive, Robuert Park

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Next board meeting: Monday, April 6, Room B, 12 noon

## You're Important! First Phase of Oakmont Owner/ Resident Survey Completed

■ Jason Wilkenfeld, Long-Range Planning Committee Co-Chair

The Long-Range Planning Committee and its Research Subcommittee wish to thank all of the Oakmont residents and owners for their community spirit in answering the OVA Survey.

We received over 1,600 responses and analyzing the data will begin early in March. Before we do that, we must find and delete duplicates and convert the data from the website to a program that facilitates statistical analysis of the data. We will bring everyone the results as soon as possible.

The survey data will provide very important input in the creation of the first long-range plan for Oakmont, and will be based on what a significant fraction of residents and owners say is important to them. Special thanks go to Sue Dibble, Kathy Cirkse, and Lisa Berman, and the other committee volunteers who devoted many hours to ensuring such a large response.

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## Valley of the Moon Rotary



■ John Brody

### HARD AT PLAY

Fund-raising is hard work as evidenced by this year's Crab Fred, which was our most successful ever, so thank you again for your support. However, all of us at the Valley of the Moon Rotary can occasionally forget how important it is to play hard as well.

It's one thing to volunteer our time and financially support many great causes, but in the process of doing so we should not overlook another rewarding aspect of Rotary—fellowship. And nothing oils the wheels of fellowship like spending a few hours as a group sipping terrific wines, munching on some delectable bites and watching the sun turn the hills a golden brown.

We recently had the chance to do that very thing at Landmark Vineyards right here in Kenwood. We had a great gathering in the gardens on a perfect Friday afternoon and were among the first to taste Landmark's new Pinot Gris while grazing on some wonderful offerings from Earth's Bounty at Skyhawk. It was a free-range experience that reminds us of how lucky we are to live in paradise. You won't find us missing out on any opportunities to smell the roses and taste the grapes.



Jerry and John



## Garden Club

■ Peggy Deebesk

### GARDEN QUOTE

*How many millions Aprils came before I ever knew  
How white a cherry knough could be, a bed of squills, how blue.*

*And many a dancing April when life is done with me,  
Will lift the blue flame of the flower and the white flame of the tree.*

*Oh wait me with your beauty then, oh hurt me tree and flower,*

*Lost in the end death try to take  
Even this glistering hour.*

Sara Teasdale, *Blue Squills*, 1920

### APRIL 22 FIELD TRIP

**WHAT:** This year we will be visiting four Sonoma County nurseries and having lunch at the French Garden Restaurant in Sebastopol

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Depart the Berger Center parking lot on April 22 promptly at 9 a.m.; return to Berger Center by 4:30 p.m.

This trip is filled.

### MAY MEETING

Sandy Metzger, master gardener, will talk about "Habitat Gardening for Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Bugs." She'll discuss garden conditions favored by wildlife and how thoughtful planning for these creatures creates a healthy garden. In her colorful slide show she'll present many varieties of flowers and shrubs, all of which grow well in Sonoma County and most of which are drought tolerant.

**WHEN AND WHERE:**

Tuesday, May 19 at the Berger Center

**TIME:** Coffee, tea and socializing at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting from 10-11:15 a.m.

### APRIL 15 GARDEN ADVICE

- It's not too late to plant drought-tolerant plants such as oenothera, cutanaster, Fremontodendron, manzanita and rosemary. Dig planting holes the same depth as the rootball and at least twice as wide. It's usually better to plant these in un-amended soil. After planting, add a 2-3" layer of mulch around the plants, keeping it about an inch away from trunks and stems.

- As you groom the garden, add trimmings to the compost pile along with fruit and vegetable waste. To help the plant material break down faster, chop or shred it into smaller pieces, then toss it onto the pile, alternating 6" layers of brown material (dry leaves, straw and tree trimmings) with 6" layers of green



## Pickleball Expo Huge Success!

■ Ken Davis



Curiosity seekers, future pickleballers, skeptics and folks looking for free food came to the Berger Center to see for themselves what all the hullabaloo is about. They weren't disappointed as they left with newfound knowledge of the game, a few chuckles and full tummies (courtesy of Sequoia Senior Solutions). A Powerpoint presentation, which included national news stories from CBS and NBC, was shown, as well as a cross-section of pickleballers, of which 70% are over age 65.

A brief update was given on the proposed Central Park project. The audience was informed that plans have been submitted to the city, which has ordered sound testing and a public forum. After those hurdles have (hopefully) been crossed, the project will then go back to OVA for further study and construction bids.

Following the 30-minute presentation, there was a Q&A portion, with one resident asking about the proposed "quiet" balls. The audience was informed that although the balls are indeed quieter, they alter the game and were soundly rejected by players. The Pickleball Club continues to explore sound mitigating tools, such as quieter paddles and noise-reduction barriers.

Next came the fun part. The new Dick's Sporting Goods near Coddington donated 11 gift coupons. Rather than simply handing them out, folks who had never held a paddle before were told that if they could rally the ball (on the temporary court setup) five times, they would win a coupon. An enthusiastic group of arthritic rookies lined up for the challenge and the coupons were gone in no time. (A young woman in her early 20s showed up, but after an ID check she was arrested).



Pickleball rookies show off their newly-won coupons! A big thank-you to Dick's Sporting Goods and The Sequoia Senior Solutions!

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## Music on the Green Returns May 31

Oakmont's first Music on the Green since the 50th Anniversary celebration will be held May 31.

The free concert, a joint venture between the OVA and OGC, will be held on the dining range to the music of the Back Pages, a 60s rock band. The fun and food start at 3 p.m., with the concert at 4 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations contact the OVA at 539-1611 or 539-9215 x 228. Bring your own lawn chair and blankets and dine from the variety of food booths. Food and beverage tickets are \$5 each.

## New Residents' Reception May 5

■Marty Thompson

If you are new to Oakmont and haven't been to a new residents' reception, here is your opportunity. Everyone new to the community is invited to gather at the Berger Center on Tuesday, May 5 from 6-8 p.m. You will have an opportunity to learn from representatives of Oakmont groups and clubs how you can take part in their activities.

There will be a presentation by OVA Manager Cassie Turner, OVA Board members will be introduced and you will have an opportunity to ask questions about the community.

There will be door prizes and light refreshments. Advance registration is not required.

## Board Advances Pickleball Plan

■Al Hagerly

The Oakmont Village Association Board of Directors unanimously approved spending up to \$12,000 on studies needed to secure a permit for new pickleball courts at its regular meeting April 21.

The issue drew an overflow crowd to Berger Center to hear nearly an hour of public comments on both sides of the issue. While opponents cited the limited support for pickleball in a recent survey of Oakmont residents, supporters cited the OVA Articles of Incorporation, which state that OVA's primary purpose is to provide athletic, recreational and club facilities for its members.

Several opponents cited the 6% support for pickleball in the recent Long-Range Planning Committee survey of Oakmont residents as the prime

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## Ridgeline Vote Stalls Elnoka Development

■Jim Brewer

Santa Rosa council members have made themselves abundantly clear: they would love to see developer Oakmont Senior Living submit its plans for 478 units for seniors on the 66-acre property just west of Oakmont known as Elnoka. But, no, they are not willing to remove the Elnoka property from a disputed ridgeline map, even though the admittedly "ambiguous" designation is tangential, if not irrelevant, to whether the project ever gets built.

So in what boils down to a high stakes game of chicken, the 5-2 vote by the council on April 14 ended with the developers saying it would be a waste of time and resources to formally submit their proposal, and the council all but begging them to proceed. "I am guardedly optimistic that things will move forward once (the developer) lets everyone stew over it for a while," Wally Schilpp, the Oakmont Community Development Committee member who has been instrumental in convincing the developer to come up with a project Oakmont can support.



Oakmont residents leave a city Council meeting to board the bus home after showing support for the Elnoka project.

Schilpp and OCDC Chair Susan Millar led a delegation of some 40 Oakmont residents to the meeting in support of the project, most of them arriving in a bus caravan at 4 p.m. for a hearing scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. But the bus departed at 7 p.m. with the matter still far down on the agenda.

"After sitting for three hours, I decided that the scheduled issue would go on far too long to ask them to stay any longer," Millar said. "But Mayor John Sawyer and the council members knew we were there in force. We accomplished our goal."

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## Truck Crashes Into Pole



A tree service's truck wiped out a light pole along Meadowsridge Road near Badger Creek. Bystanders said the driver reported losing his brakes on the down-hill stretch. The truck crossed the street and hit the pole. There were no injuries in the Monday, April 12 mishap. (Photo by Keith Saucer)

## The Meadows Kennel No Longer Subject to Annual Oversight

■Jackie Reinhardt

Despite vocal objections from neighbors, the Meadows Kennel used by many Oakmont dog owners will no longer be subject to annual review by the Sonoma County Permit Resource Management Department.

All four commissioners on April 9 voted unanimously to accept the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) staff recommendation. The decision, which can be appealed, means the kennel will revert to standard conditions of compliance with the use permit issued a year ago for dog daycare, grooming and training.

Opposition focused on traffic issues, especially left hand turns from Richards Road onto Highway 12, lighting, and signage. No one complained about noise from dogs which are limited to 20, including the owner's.

"Transparency is important to me," said Heidi Niemann, the kennel owner, who told the commissioners she has tried to reach out to her neighbors to address their complaints, but they did not respond to her E-mails.

Ten residents of Oakmont spoke on behalf of the kennel. Typical were Roberta Vogel, a client since the Meadows Kennel opened almost five years ago, who called the facility "an extraordinary service" and John Wilkinson, who uses the day care every week and has boarded his dog there. "There are seven businesses with the same type of entrance on Highway 12," he noted in addressing traffic concerns.

Marna Hill, a neighbor on Sonoma Highway, called for another year of oversight, stating many of the conditions are unenforceable. While acknowledging noise is not a problem for her, she said, "I don't think the burden should be on our road to take care of

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Oakmont's dogs." Douglas Payne, another neighbor, cited 10 violations of left turns at peak hours and lighting that made it look like a used car lot.

Others said since they don't see dogs outside it is premature to assess whether the kennel has complied with the best management practices specified in the permit. Lana Pacheco, the kennel operations manager, countered they have gone above and beyond. She distributed pictures of dogs in the runs.

The commissioners and several others who spoke called on neighbors and Niemann to find a way to resolve their differences amiably. "It breaks my heart," Diane Holt said of the friction, adding that all of the clients want the kennel to succeed.

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reason to reject the project. Others cited noise factors. Linn McAleer said she sold her house on Laurel Leaf Pl, which she bought in 2013, because of the noise she anticipates coming from the sports facility featuring pickleball courts proposed for the area behind Berger Center now containing a putting green and shuffleboard.

Wally Schilpp, a former OVA director, in a statement read to the board, said that abandoning the pickleball project based on a 6% support from residents "borders on ludicrous." He said if the 6% was applied to OVA's entire membership, it would translate to 265 residents. "Our largest athletic club is tennis, with 175 members," he said. "Followed by lawn bowling with 100 and bocce with 50. If the 6% figure meant anything, we would have no athletic facilities of any kind."

Anita Easland, co-chair of the ad hoc Pickleball Committee, said the committee looked at all possible sites for pickleball courts in Oakmont and concluded that the current proposed site is the only one available. She said the canyon effect, which funnels the sound to nearby homes from both the east and west tennis courts, makes those sites impractical for pickleball. She said the proposed site is level and already has high ambient noise from the nearby pool.

She asked the board to approve spending just under \$10,000 to conduct acoustical and visual studies of the proposed site, which the City of Santa Rosa requires before considering a permit, and for signs advertising a public hearing on the permit request. The board added \$2,000 to the request for unanticipated expenses.

Responding to a request from Sonoma State University to lease space in Oakmont for the Osher Lifelong Learning classes, board president Frank Batchelor said in a letter to university officials that "the OVA cannot enter into a lease agreement as it is prohibited by the OVA's governing documents." It also cites insurance issues which would be raised by a lease. The letter proposes that the classes be "grandfathered in" and continue at the Oakmont campus.

The letter proposes that "SSU and the OVA renew the spirit of the memorandum of understanding of July 9, 2008, signed by Dr. Rubin Arminana, president of SSU and Dr. Robert F. Agrella, then president of Santa Rosa Junior College, recognizing SSU's Osher Lifelong Learning's successful extension to Oakmont Village two years earlier in 2006."

Batchelor said that OVA won't let the lecture series go away. He said that there are many lecturers willing to continue the series absent SSU involvement.

Cassie Turner, association manager, said she wanted to alert OVA residents to a scam, which has already claimed several Oakmont residents, in which two women are knocking on doors and asking for donations up to \$500 in order to go to school in Barcelona, Spain. They say they are operating under the Worldwide Care Package Organization. But the organization's website says it no longer exists, adding "Please do not send donations."

**Oakmont Music Lovers**

■Joan Lounsbury

**FOLK MUSIC 2.0:  
THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED  
PRESENTER: ERNIE ROSE**

Although Ernie Rose is better known in Oakmont for his documentary film screenings, he served for several years as the Dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of New Mexico before retiring. In that role he was responsible for programs in art history, painting, sculpture, lithography, photography, film, theater, dance, and music, as well as for the renowned University Art Museum.



Ernie Rose

Classical music has always been of great interest to Ernie, especially some of the early works from the thousand-year period before the time of Mozart. Here in Oakmont he has given presentations on both Baroque and Renaissance music performance, on some of the lesser known, but influential, composers of the British Isles between the two World Wars, and on international music, much of it rooted in traditional folk melodies from around the world.

When our generation thinks of American folk music, names like Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie, and Simon and Garfunkel spring to mind. But folk melodies also inspired a great many classical works by important composers in other parts of the world. And traditional music from other cultures, particularly dance music, has often attained popularity that rivals that which is heard in the U.S.

In his current presentation, Ernie shares with us some of his favorite discoveries that very few people have heard before. Some of them date well before the 8th century Gregorian Chants. Others are very contemporary in tone and lyrics. He concludes with a brief look at music of the Moslem faith which remains a central element in Middle Eastern prayer rituals.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** East Recreation Center  
**COST:** Free Admission

**Walkers**



■Barbara Powell

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND  
AND BAY MODEL**

**WHERE:** Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Spinnaker, and Bay Model

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 21

**TIME:** Leaving Berger at 8:45 a.m.; returning at 5:30 p.m.

**PRICE:** \$62 includes bus, driver tip, donation to Guide Dogs, and lunch

**DEADLINE:** May 7

**LIMIT:** 40 people

Our first destination will be the Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Raphael. The San Raphael campus trains highly qualified guide dogs to serve and empower individuals who are blind or have low vision. All of their services are provided free of charge and with no government funding. The tour will last 1 to 1.25 hours during which time there will be no chairs or benches available for resting.

We will then proceed to The Spinnaker in Sausalito for lunch. The Spinnaker has fabulous views of the Bay, San Francisco and Mt. Tam. Starter choices are clam chowder or salad. Entrée choices are fresh salmon salad sandwich on marbled rye; turkey, avocado, Havarti, and tomato with cranberry-pineapple dhotney on Ciabatta roll; or Portobello mushroom sandwich with roast peppers, sautéed onions, Havarti on Ciabatta roll.

After lunch we will have a guided tour of the Bay Model Visitor's Center, an education center administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers. They have a working 1.5-acre hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System capable of simulating the tides and currents. This tour will last approximately 1.5 hours.

This trip will be limited to the first 40 people to sign up. Checks must be received no later than May 7. Please make your check out to Oakmont Walkers, note starter and entrée choices on your check, and mail your check to Barbara Powell, 7466 Oak Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409. You may also drop your check into the Walkers' folder in the OVA Office, or in my garage mail slot. My E-mail address is oakmontwalkers@gmail.com, text or phone (714) 309-1987 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.).

Note: seating on the bus is determined by when your check is received. If you wish to sit with someone on the bus, please submit the necessary check(s) in the same envelope.

The Walkers Club puts on one event each month; nine bus trips each year to various places in the Bay area, an annual meeting in January, a picnic in August, and a Harvest Dinner in November. Each month's event will be announced in the *Oakmont News* on the 15th of the prior month. Walker dues are \$5 per calendar year. There is a one-time fee for a Walker name badge: \$6 for a pin type or \$8 for a magnet type. Our club's website is oakmontwalkers.com.

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## Architectural Guidelines Available for Review

■ Staff Report

Proposed changes to Oakmont's architectural guidelines are available for viewing in the Berger Center and on the OVA website ([www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com)).

Changes include the addition of artificial plants to be prohibited from front yard landscaping and defining vehicle storage as any inoperable vehicle parked in a driveway for four consecutive days.

The guidelines are up for review and comment until May 20. They are expected to go before the OVA Board for approval at its June meeting.

Comments can be E-mailed to the Architectural Administrator, Mary Patricia, at [Mary@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:Mary@oakmontvillage.com). Comments also may be dropped off in the office at 6575 Oakmont Drive, Room 9.

## Gorin Asks Oakmont To Support Measure A

■ Jackie Reinhardt

A one-quarter cent sales tax increase measure, headed for a special election on June 2, drew only a dozen people to the Berger Center April 26 to meet with Sonoma County Supervisor Susan Gorin and Jason Nutt, Santa Rosa Rosa Transportation and Public Works Director.

The meeting was called by Gorin to discuss efforts to upgrade roadways in Sonoma County and to rally

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## Coffee Cart Set to Debut at CAC in Late May

■ Jackie Reinhardt

Oakmont will soon have a place where people can gather and enjoy gourmet coffee and homemade pastries as part of a 90-day pilot project approved by the OVA Board of Directors.



Melissa Lepley-Schurtz (photo by Michael Reinhardt)

Melissa Lepley-Schurtz, an Oakmont resident with 30 years' experience as a pastry chef, plans to open The Good News Café in the patio of the Central Activities Center (CAC) when the permit process is completed in late May. Hours will be from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

If the coffee cart business is successful, she hopes to expand her hours and add sandwiches and salads as well as teas, such as orange hibiscus and lavender lime. "My coffee will cost a little more than McDonald's, but it will be 1,000 percent better," Lepley-Schurtz said. "Pastries I do are flavorful and not overly sweet," she added in an interview. Among the choices will be apricot pecan scones, apple oat bran muffins, and high protein bars as well as gluten free and vegan options. She will be using organic butter, flour and eggs.

Describing herself as a "micro entrepreneur," Lepley-Schurtz owned a catering and wedding cake business in Mendocino County and was the pastry chef at the Country Gardens Grill in Fort Bragg. She also worked for Mendocino Jams and Jellies for 10 years.

"There is no place in Oakmont for people to get together and just have coffee," she said. "There is so much underutilized space at the CAC. It will be a nice place to gather."

## Measuring the Sound of Pickleball



Michael Thill, Acoustics principal with Illingworth and Redkin Inc., began testing for a study on pickleball noise levels at the proposed sport court site behind the Central Pool. Here he sets up during an April 29 pickleball game at the East Rec courts to gather data. The study was expected to be completed within two weeks. Visual effects tests also were planned. Both were required by the city. (Photo by Jackie Ryan)

## New OVA Office Costs Detailed

■ Tim Brewer

Oakmont's Board of Directors appears ready to authorize spending as much as \$250,000 in remodeling and moving costs for the new OVA office in the Benson Building on Laurel Leaf Place.

At its workshop executive session May 8 the board gave conceptual approval to a contract with Santa Rosa Contractor Doston and Stanton

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## Music at Oakmont Volunteers Ready for Anniversary Season

■ Jackie Ryan



Performers Sharon Wei, Livia Soha and Michelle Djokic, a string trio, are seen here with Rosemary Waller and Judy Muller. (Photo by Jackie Ryan)

As Music at Oakmont ended its 2015 season, concert goers were already abuzz with the coming 25th anniversary year that kicks off in October with the New York Brass Arts Trio and also brings back local favorite Jeffrey Kahane in April.

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## Lawn Bowling Added to Senior Games, Oakmont to Host Event

■ Marty Thompson



Oakmont's Lawn Bowling Club is hosting a tournament in this month's Wine Country Games, as that event is added for the first time to the five-year-old senior sports program already popular with active people here.

Eighteen teams will take part in play June 12 and 13 at the bowling green near the Central Activities Center on White Oak Drive. Nine teams will be from Oakmont, the others from elsewhere around the county and beyond. Three teams from Fresno are among those registered.

"It's the perfect partnership between Oakmont and the Council on Aging," Leigh Galten, coordinator for the council, which sponsors the games, told a planning meeting here May 4.

Chairs will be set up for spectators, who will be welcome. "This will be a big event for Oakmont, not only for sport, but also for showing off Oakmont," said Kathleen Connelly, commissioner of the games for the host club.



Kathleen Connelly

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## Lifelong Learning Classes Likely to Continue in Fall

■ Al Haggerty

Other Lifelong Learning classes are likely to continue in Oakmont after Sonoma State University dropped its request to lease space in Oakmont for the classes.

Oakmont Village Association board member Bob Giddings told the board May 19 that SSU replaced its request for a lease with a two-page memorandum of understanding that would allow the classes to continue as they have for the last nine years. OVA had told SSU that OVA's articles of incorporation and CCRs do not allow it to sign the requested lease.

Giddings said OVA's attorney asked for two small changes in the memorandum and was hopeful that the university will not object. "Our fingers are crossed that we can put this together shortly," he told the Oakmont News.

### PICKLEBALL

In explaining their vote at the April 21 board meeting to approve spending up to \$12,000 on studies needed

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## Dutch Lichliter

■ Jackie Ryan

Dutch Lichliter, founder of Oakmont Video Productions, and credited with bringing 21st century technology to this community, died May 20 of an apparent heart attack.

When residents couldn't be there, Dutch was. The list was long: Sunday Symposiums, board meetings, concerts and even live streaming of forums. As chairman of the Communications Committee, he was instrumental in convincing the OVA to revamp its website to make better use of digital technology. He also created the Oakmont's chat website, the Buzz and recently started a launch of Cyber Seniors, a project connecting residents with teens who teach them computer and smart phone skills.

Dutch retired from his civil engineering firm 22 years ago and lived in Oakmont for the past eight years. A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. in the Berger Center.

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## Fawn Season is Here



These four fawns were part of a family scene in an Aspen Meadows yard along Badger Creek the week of May 18. (Photo by Keith Sauer)

## Study Says Pickleball Sound Barriers Needed

■ Jim Brewer

Without sound barriers, the pickleball courts planned for the Central Activity Area behind the Berger Center would create slightly more noise than city codes allow, according to an engineering study required by the city.

In a May 11 report addressed to the OVA board by Hingworth and Rodkin of Petaluma, the four courts "would generate noise levels exceeding the Santa Rosa City Code noise limits and ambient noise conditions." But the report also concludes that sound barriers along both sides of the courts ranging from five to eight feet high would reduce sound levels below the standards established by the Santa Rosa City Code.

The sound study is likely to fuel arguments for both proponents and opponents of the project. A visual impact report was expected soon.

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## Pickleball Town Hall

The proposed Central Park sports facility and its options, along with sound and visual engineering studies, will be aired at a town hall meeting sponsored by the Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in the Berger Center. Details on page 3.

## Berger Committee Sets Priorities at Workshop

■ Jackie Reinhardt

The Berger Improvement Ad-Hoc Committee grappled with options for modernizing Oakmont's much-used entertainment and special events venue at a May 18 workshop with ArchiLogic, the same design firm used for the Central Activities Center.

The seven-member committee and Cassie Turner, OVA manager, had previously identified 18 elements that needed attention, using input from a survey of 41 stakeholders, such as Oakmont clubs, citizens and Sonoma State University, sponsor of Lifelong Learning.

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## Central Park Town Hall Meeting Set for June 17

■ Noel Lyons and Anita Easland, Co-Chairs, OVA Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee

The "Central Park" proposal will be the topic of a Town Hall meeting to be conducted by the Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee on Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in the Berger Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring the community up to date on the plan to develop pickleball courts and other amenities, and give Oakmont residents an opportunity to express themselves.

The information to be presented will include the latest project drawings, the results of the Environmental Sound Assessment performed by Illingworth and Rodkin, and visualization studies developed by Digital Realm. Where there are options in the development plan, these will be presented with ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and give their opinions.

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Marla Oveson, Archilogix project manager, led the committee through the initial phase of a decision-making process first used by the U.S. Forest Service. Called "Choosing by Advantage," the process further defines priorities and then numerically ranks them by importance.

Among the priorities identified during the workshop as "better" were hard surface flooring, a more functional kitchen, adaptable meeting rooms, a stage that is more performance-oriented, more modern entry doors and a fully-functioning lobby, better acoustics and more specialized audiovisual equipment.

Enlarging capacity was a high priority for several committee members, including Heidi Klyn who noted a recent Boomers' Motown event sold out in four days, and OVA Board Member Harm Hermann who favored adding additional square footage. Also wanting to see the Berger Center enlarged was Lynn Cramer. However he observed, "If you remodel that building from start to finish most residents would say bingo."

Currently, the Berger Center is limited to 273 for dining and 586 for other events. Mitchell Conner, Archilogix's principal architect, said parking would need to be addressed with the city of Santa Rosa if the facility's size is increased or a new building is constructed.

September 2015 is the target for presenting hard data, options and estimated costs to the full board, according to Bob Giddings, committee chair. Also on the committee are Jim Sannar, Andie Altman and Terry Whitten.

### SOUND BARRIERS Continued from page 1

Last month the OVA Board approved \$12,000 for studies needed to secure a city permit to build the courts. The meeting drew a large crowd of opponents, many of them citing noise and view restrictions as key reasons for objecting to the proposed location.

The Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee has concluded that the Central Activities Center is the best location for the courts. The sound study backs up that contention. After measuring sound levels at both the East and West Rec. Centers during its study from April 29-May 1, engineers concluded that "it is apparent that the proposed site at the Oakmont Central Activity Center is the best available site from a noise control perspective."

City codes limit noise levels in single-family residential areas to 55 dBA, a calculation of decibel level that eliminates very high and very low frequencies. The study concluded that, without sound barriers, sound levels at the Central swimming pool would exceed that limit by "two to three dBA." Levels at the nearest residents would be exceeded by one dBA.

The report noted that the proposed plan includes an eight-foot sound barrier along the south boundary of the courts. But the report said an additional barrier would be necessary along the north side to shield swimmers. An alternative to that wall would be a five-foot plexiglass barrier attached to the existing pool fence. The report also said sound barriers could be eliminated if the number of courts were reduced down to two.

To view the entire report, go to the Oakmont Village website [www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

■ Elke Strunka

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has an opening for a volunteer. The role of the Finance Committee is as follows: review project expenditures for cash availability before going to the board; review monthly financial reports for accuracy; assist with preparation and review of annual operating budgets; assist with preparation of annual reserve study; carry out other financial assignments as directed by the board.

Experience in Accounting or Finance is preferred. Please submit a short bio with your experience and educational background to the OVA Office to the attention of Elke Strunka, Treasurer, or E-mail directly to [ova.bod.strunka@sonic.net](mailto:ova.bod.strunka@sonic.net).

■ Jason Wilkenfeld

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (LRPC)

The Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is soliciting applications from Oakmonters interested in joining the committee to fill two current vacancies. The duties include monthly meeting attendance, participating in the creation of a long range plan for Oakmont and any special studies that the OVA Board charters the LRPC to execute.

Interested parties should send a resume and an expression of how you can contribute to the work of the LRPC to Jason Wilkenfeld ([wilkenfeld@comcast.net](mailto:wilkenfeld@comcast.net)).

Interviews with interested candidates will be scheduled at a time of mutual convenience. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the material sent, interview, discussion and vote by the current LRPC members, and approval by the OVA Board.

## Oh Deer, Oh Dear!

■ Cathy Dougherty

We know we are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area that is home to many wildlife creatures. It may be tempting to try to engage wildlife into visiting your property by putting out food/water. This is illegal, extremely dangerous, invites other wildlife (including rats, mice, skunk), many of which carry parasites, which may transfer infections to you, your pets and neighbors.

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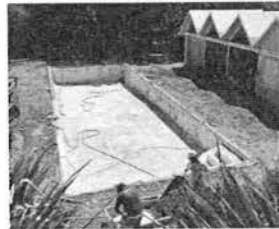
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## West Rec. Pool, Spa Readied for New Look



Workers removed the tile and plaster surfaces from the West Recreation Center spa, left, and pool last month prior to refitting the two.



When reopened this summer, the pool will have been converted into a saltwater pool and feature easier access for residents with mobility issues. (Photos by Marty Thompson)

## OVA to the Rescue: Water Returns to Community Garden

■Marty Thompson

A new water supply was turned on at the Oakmont Community Garden May 6, in time for spring planting by gardeners whose plots were ready to go.

"It's a great day for the garden and the gardeners," said Pat Olive, president of the gardeners. "It's everything we have been working for."

The Oakmont Village Association paid for a water meter and piping to bring water to the garden after the city ruled the previous water arrangement was against its rules and ordered the water shut off.

"I want to thank the OVA Board for standing up for the garden," Olive said. She singled out Andie Altman, board vice president, and OVA Manager Cassie Turner for their help and support. "It was worth waiting for," she said. "We are extremely grateful."

The 66 gardeners share 44 plots in the Stone Bridge road garden. As membership turns over, Olive said some larger plots are being subdivided to provide more gardening opportunities.

Dennis Hall, the head gardener, said four new people joined this spring, and four more are on the waiting list—two of whom were recruited at the OVA's May 5 Newcomers' Reception. Turnover is consistent, Hall said, with the average wait four to five months.

During the drought, the garden is following city water restrictions which allow hand-watering between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Plots in the garden are hand-watered from hoses placed around the area.

Irrigation pipes are above ground, and Olive said a long-range goal is to bury them to permit year-round irrigation of winter vegetables.

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to secure a city permit to build pickleball courts, the directors made it clear that the cost is about the only thing that could change their minds.

There was overall agreement that there is a need for pickleball courts and there is only one possible location—the one now proposed for the area behind the central pool. "I want to see the final price," said board president Frank Batchelor. Treasurer Elke Strunka, who was not present for the April 21 vote, said she wants to see if the project is financially feasible. Director John Felton said he believes the courts are inevitable assuming reasonable cost.

### BERGER DOORS

Batchelor thanked Facilities Maintenance Manager Rick Aubert for finding a solution to a security problem with the doors at Berger and saving OVA about \$24,000.

Aubert explained to the *Oakmont News* that the panic bars on the five Berger double doors no longer worked properly and that the doors could have been "fiddled" open at any time. The estimate for replacing the hardware was \$5,000 a door, or \$25,000. Instead, drop bars, which secure the doors when they're locked, were installed for a total of \$900.

### BOARD: FIRESIDE CHATS

To keep residents better informed, board members will begin holding fireside chats twice a month starting in July, on the second and fourth Fridays, from 3-4 p.m. at Berger. Two directors will participate each time. Directors Andie Altman and Felton will be on hand for the first sessions July 10 and 24. Participation by board members is voluntary.

The board approved formation of an ad-hoc committee to explore establishing a senior services center in Oakmont. Julia Jones said there is a need for such a facility to help Oakmont residents with physical, mental and emotional problems. Marianne Neufeld, chair of the Architectural Committee, outlined a proposed satellite dish rule limiting each residence to one satellite dish. The aim, she said, is to have inoperable dishes taken down. A variance is possible, she said, if a resident can show the need for two dishes. The proposed rule will be published in two editions of the *Oakmont News* before being adopted.

## SENIOR GAMES Continued from page 1

Play by three-person teams will start at 9 a.m. following an opening ceremony on Friday, June 12. The field will be narrowed to nine teams for play the second day.

Lawn bowlers wear white for tournaments. Sponsors provide t-shirts for contestants, and for Oakmont volunteers who are being recruited to handle registration and other details.

County-wide, the games will feature 20 sports at different venues. Oakmont residents typically compete in a variety, including swimming, bocce ball and cycling. Galten noted out-of-towners enter for the both for competition and an opportunity for a wine country vacation.

"The sponsoring agency's mission is to encourage people to become more active and healthier," Galten told the planning meeting.

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"We expect them to be hanging from the rafters for the Kahane concert," said Rosemary Waller, the group's volunteer artistic director. Kahane, a pianist, was music director of the Santa Rosa Symphony from 1995 to 2006. In fact, Waller said an anonymous donor has started a "bidding challenge" to sponsor the Kahane concert. The opening bid is \$1,500.

Founded by former resident Bob Hayden as the Concert Series at Oakmont, the group brings in world-class performers each month from October to April. Tickets are \$15, or \$105 for a season pass. Donors, special sponsors and the Oakmont Community Foundation also support the concerts.

Like most of Oakmont organizations, the group's longevity and vitality rests with its volunteer force. "It takes many hours to bring these concerts to Oakmont. For my mother, it's like a full-time job," said Deborah Waller, who stopped by for the last 2015 concert. "Everyone is so dedicated."

Judy Walker has been a six-year volunteer and is now associate director for the group. She and several others often open their homes to artists to defray hotel costs when needed. Others host receptions and dinners to introduce Oakmonters to performers who are described as a remarkable level of talent in the classical and chamber music arenas. Walker said they are actively looking for additional hosts for lodging and receptions for the 2015-16 celebration series.

From the performers' perspective, appreciative Oakmont audiences and the quality of the acoustics draw artists' praise. "This is a special space," said cellist Michelle Djokic, who joined violinist Livia Sohn and violist Sharon Wei for two hours of Mozart, Hagen and Beethoven. "We are so grateful this venue is so well supported."

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## The Pickleball Corner



■ Tom Kendrick



Pickleballers seem to defy father time. Terry Kuefler, 80, of Carlsbad has had two knee replacements and open heart surgery. "It's the greatest game for fun, exercise and camaraderie,"

Kuefler says.

Kirk Foster, President of the Bend, Oregon Pickleball Club, says, "Our oldest member is 85."

As far as I know, our oldest player here at Oakmont is 80. He regularly beats up on younger players (the 65-year-old whippersnappers), and he rarely loses a game. We are considering banning him.

Oakmont Pickleball Club boasts some interesting folks. One of our members is a retired orthopedic surgeon. Another was a record company executive. We also have former schoolteachers, Silicon Valley execs, university professor, and a myriad of other interesting professions. Hmmm, sounds a bit like a cross-section of our entire Oakmont community!

### CENTRAL PARK UPDATE

The sound and visual impact studies are nearing completion, dates are being set for a community meeting,



Pickleballers' dream

opponents are petitioning residents, OVA Board members continue to cogitate, Tennis Club members want their court back, the Pickleball Club is still growing and National Guard troops are being assembled on Highway 12. Other than that, not much is happening.

**WHO:** All Oakmont residents welcome

**WHERE:** East Rec. Tennis Court #4

**WHEN:** Open Play, 10 a.m.-12 noon (when you can always get a game); 9-10 a.m. and 12-5 p.m., key required, games need to be arranged; 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (quiet balls only). Courts available seven days a week.

**WHY:** Come join the fun, exercise and meet nice

people

**ATTIRE:** Proper court attire requested. Please wear approved court shoes with non-marking soles. We have loaner paddles available.

**WEBSITE:** <https://oakmontpickleballshutterfly.com>

**NEW PLAYER ORIENTATION:** Mondays 9-10 a.m.

**NEW PLAYER CONTACT:** PJ Savage, 843-7266;

E-mail: [pjsavage24@att.net](mailto:pjsavage24@att.net)

## Passages



Evelyn M. Linane, 38-year Oakmont resident, passed away May 10.

Please contact OVA resident Bev Schilpp by phone, 338-4293 or E-mail [wallyschilpp1@peoplepc.com](mailto:wallyschilpp1@peoplepc.com), to publish the name and date of death of your loved one in the *Oakmont News*.

## Movies At Oakmont



■ Barbara Bowman

**WHERE:** Berger Center

**SCREENING DAY AND TIME:** Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**HOSTS:** Holly Blue, Barbara Bowman, Chris Decker, Ernie Erler, Al Haggerty, Carol Haggerty and Alexis Paradisoff-Melheff

**NOTE:** All films are shown with English subtitles when possible

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2 PM THE JUDGE

Big city lawyer Hank Palmer (Robert Downey, Jr.) returns to his childhood home to defend his father (Robert Duvall), the town's judge, who is suspected of murder. Hank sets out to discover the truth and, along the way, reconnects with his estranged family.

Vera Farminga and Billy Bob Thornton also star. Fine performances by Downey and Duvall, with Duvall garnering several award nominations, including an Oscar. (2014), R (for language), 141 minutes.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 7 PM OBSESSION

While vacationing in Italy, Michael (Cliff Robertson) spots a woman (Genevieve Bujold) bearing an eerie resemblance to his late wife who was killed 15 years ago. Blinded by grief, Michael pursues the look-alike, but winning her heart could turn out to be a dubious prize. A suspenseful psychological thriller with stylish cinematography and a beautiful romantic score. John Lithgow also stars. (1976), PG, 98 minutes.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2 PM BELLE

This beautifully-filmed drama is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, a biracial girl born in 1761 to a British admiral father and an African mother. Raised by her great-uncle (Tom Wilkinson), Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, but her status prevents her from the traditions of noble social standing afforded her cousin. Yet, she, and an idealistic vicar's son, will help shape her great-uncle's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England. (2014), PG, 105 minutes.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 7 PM BIG NIGHT

Despite its superb cuisine, Paradise, an Italian restaurant run by the immigrant brothers Primo (Tony Shaloub) and Secondo (Stanley Tucci), verges on bankruptcy. But the siblings risk it all to save their bistro when they get the chance to cook up a feast for bandleader Louis Prima. Winning international critical acclaim, *Big Night* is a great food movie—and so much more. With Isabella Rossellini and Minnie Driver. (1996), R (for language), 109 minutes.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21 NO FILMS SHOWN: FATHER'S DAY

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Sunday, June 7, 2 p.m.: *The Judge*, (2014), R, 141 minutes.  
 Sunday, June 7, 7 p.m.: *Obsession*, (1976), PG, 98 minutes.  
 Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m.: *Belle*, (2014), PG, 105 minutes.  
 Sunday, June 14, 7 p.m.: *Big Night*, (1996), R, 109 minutes.  
 Sunday, June 21: No films shown, Father's Day



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## McBride Picnic A Huge Draw



Close to 500 people turned out on a sunny afternoon for the annual McBride Realty Summer Kick-off Picnic and Barbecue June 15 on the real estate agent's corner parking lot at Oakmont and Stearns Bridge drives. It's the fifth year McBride has hosted the event, serving hamburgers, potato salad and dessert to all comers.

## Pickleball Town Hall Draws Large, Mostly Polite Crowd

A town hall meeting on Oakmont's proposed pickleball courts drew more than 250 residents to the Berger Center June 17 for a well organized three-hour discussion that covered little new ground, but may have helped clarify some of the controversial aspects of the plan.



The Berger Center was full for the June 17 town meeting. (Photo by Paul Ryan) (More photos online at [www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-news](http://www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-news))

Organizers presented photos from a just-completed visual impact study that was required by the city before any building permit can be issued to build four courts behind the Berger Center where a putting green is now located.

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## Lifelong Learning Classes Will Resume in Fall

■Al Haggerty

Other Lifelong Learning Classes, threatened by Sonoma State University's request for a lease, will resume in the fall thanks to the patience, persistence and steadfastness of the OVA Board.

Paul Heidenreich, co-chair of Lifelong Learning, told the board June 16 that the classes "are here to stay" because the board "fought the good fight."

Starting with what Heidenreich called "an onerous eight-page lease," he said the board successfully negotiated a two-page, easily understood memorandum of understanding. Much of the back-and-forth between OVA and the university was handled by Director Bob Giddings, Heidenreich said. "It took time, money, lawyers, insurance companies, patience... did I say patience, to get it done, but it actually happened."

Heidenreich said "hard feelings" aimed at Sonoma State over the issue are unwarranted. He said SSU defied the rules set by the California State University System, "worked with us and did what it thought was right. It's important that we don't shoot the messenger."

The program offers classes with no homework and no credit, but a variety of subjects taught by college professors.

The board, in an emergency meeting conducted by e-mail, unanimously approved spending an additional \$51,000 on the renovation of the West Recreation Center pool, which was previously budgeted at \$185,000. Rick Aubert, facilities and maintenance manager, said the bulk of the money is needed to re-pipe water lines and electric conduit which were improperly installed years ago and as a result were destroyed when the deck was removed. Problems with the drains in the ladies locker room showers and with dry rot on the cabana roof also had to be corrected.

After approving renewal of the \$57,000 contract with the city to operate the Oakmont bus, the board said it would review the contract well before it comes up next year. The city contributes an additional \$57,000 to run the bus. The board will explore other options, including the purchase of a bus by Oakmont. Other expenditures approved by the board were \$14,000 for new pool cleaning equipment and \$13,100 for new audio-visual equipment at the West Recreation Center.

Aubert said the pool equipment will replace equipment which was not commercial grade. Pat Barclay, who oversees A/V systems, said the A/V update at West Rec. will make all the systems at the three rec. centers identical so people operating the equipment can move more easily from one to another.

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## Lawn Bowlers Medal

■Staff Report

An Oakmont lawn bowling team won silver medals, finishing in second place in the Wine Country Senior Games tournament played on the Oakmont greens June 12-13. A team from Berkeley took first place, and a Leisure Town team won the bronze.

Members of the silver medal team were Tom Terrullo, Jim Macallister and Linda Rubio. Another Oakmont team, Mike Harris, Greg Goodwin and James Chang placed fourth.

It was the first time lawn bowling has been included in the five-year-old sports program, sponsored by the Council on Aging.



Competitors at the Oakmont bowling game. More photos online at [www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-news](http://www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-news). (Photos by Kathy Sauters)

## New Oakmont Website Closer to Launch Date

■Staff Report

OVA board members got a preview of Oakmont's new website that is expected to go live by the end of July. The board last May approved a re-design and update of [www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com) to improve navigation and ease of use for residents and visitors to the site.

Jackie Ryan, chair of the Communications Committee, demonstrated some of the new features, including a dynamic events calendar, emergency information for residents and a spot for daily posting of news and alerts. The biggest change in the updated version is dropdown menus for easier navigation.

She said the site will continue to have a reader version of the Oakmont News and postings of news stories

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## SRFD Briefing on Annadel Fire Danger

■Marty Thompson

How to deal with the possibility of a forest fire breaking out in Annadel State Park is the topic of a meeting here Thursday, July 9, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Fire Department. Residents of Oakmont and neighboring Wild Oak are invited to the meeting at 2 p.m. in the Burger Center.

Fire Department representatives will talk about safety measures, including making sure that wild grass near homes is mowed during the fire season, made worse this year by the drought.

Wild Oak residents have related concerns, as they must use Oakmont streets to exit their neighborhood in case of fire.

Residents are receiving letters about the meeting from the Fire Department.

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The study by Digital Realm, a Santa Rosa 3-d production firm, did not draw any conclusions. But photos of the site superimposed with court and sound barrier mock-ups suggested that while eye-level views would change, overall panoramic views would not be obstructed. The study photographs can be viewed on the OVA website, [www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com).

The meeting, moderated by OVA Board President Frank Benschke, was organized by the Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee appointed by the board in the fall of 2013. Other board members, who will make a decision on the proposed project since costs are determined, attended but did not participate because of state laws regulating public meetings. Despite the length of the proceeding and the public comments that followed, there were few noisy moments.

While long on rhetoric, meeting was probably short on significance. There already is wide agreement among board members that the Central Activity site is the best possible location for the courts and that barring prohibitive costs, the project should be given a green light. So far the board has approved about \$30,000 for preliminary design and other work necessary to secure a building permit for the courts.

"When all is said and done, the ad hoc committee believes that the Central Activities site is the best and most appropriate," said Noel Lyces, co-chair of the committee. Community concerns, primarily about noise, parking and view obstructions, can be mitigated there, he said, while it cannot at other possible sites like the tennis courts at the East and West Recreations Centers. (A Power Point presentation by Lyons and other members of the ad hoc committee can be viewed on the Oakmont News website, [www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmontnews](http://www.oakmontvillage.com/oakmontnews).)

Several speakers urged board members to go slow. "We have hidden expenses we cannot possibly anticipate with some of our older buildings," said Evelyn George, who was a member of the OVA Board when the ad hoc pickleball committee was appointed. She said once the board comes up with an estimated cost for the project, it should put it on the bottom of the (priority) list and wait a little longer.

Several speakers promised to carry the fight to the city's planning commission.

Resident Mike Baker said he believes much of the community anguish over the project is "not so much about pickleball, it's the fact that it seems this was preordained from the day it was brought up in 2013. Every vote (by the board) has been unanimous." Baker said that while board members say they listen to the public, "you haven't shown that you have. Your mind's made up. You're going to go ahead with it. I would hope that today that the board would go out of here with an open mind."

## Letters to the Editor

The column provides an avenue where residents can submit letters to express opinions, criticism or praise.

Dear Editor,

I am just writing this note to mourn the passing of three species that we have observed in our yard and enjoyed in great numbers for the past 15 years. Now, they are almost non-existent. Quail overrun our neighborhood each spring, and neighbors placed boards over the sewer drains during young raising season, so the baby quails would not fall into the sewer as they dutifully followed their clueless parents up the curb to sidewalk level.

Our lavender bushes were replete with honey bees, their gentle hum so reassuring. Now, we see only two honey bees covering all our bushes.

We used to have a number of bats, probably from the abandoned barn across Hwy. 12, fly over our yard around 7:30 p.m. on summer evenings. They would keep the neighborhood insect free and we were grateful for their presence. They would disappear at the end of summer. We don't know if they will appear this year, but hope to see them.

These ominous signs are truly alarming, right in our yard and neighborhood, the passing of our dear animal and insect friends.

Arieta King

To the Editor:

Did you know that single person households in Oakmont far outnumber two-person households? But where are all those singles? At most events here, couples far outnumber the singles. Maybe more singles would attend these events, such as Mardi Gras, Karaoke Nights, Cabaret, Oscar Night, and dinner dances, if tables for singles were provided and reserved.

These tables should be clearly designated for singles. I think singles would be less hesitant to venture out alone to these events. A single person could reserve knowing he/she would easily find a seat with other singles.

Let's get more singles out of the house, having fun and enjoying more of Oakmont's Events! What do you think of this idea? Please call me with your thoughts.

Patricia Stanfield, 382-9226

Dear Editor,

By my observation, the vast majority of users of gym equipment don't wipe down the equipment after each use, as the gym rules call for.

Wipe downs after use are standard rules at gyms, as a second line of defense (after personal hygiene) to prevent spreading infections such as colds, influenza and the like. It is also a "feel good" practice, knowing you're using freshly cleaned equipment.

I've been wiping down equipment both before my use, and then after (out of courtesy to the next user). If the rule is changed to wipe down

equipment before use, it will serve both believers and nonbelievers of this rule as being based on sound hygiene principles. And I believe most people would wipe down the equipment after their use if they've left sweat patches on the equipment.

I feel this rule change, along with discretionary post-use wipe downs is a good way to fix the problem.

Sincerely,  
Schubert E. Dostal Jr.

To all Jigsaw Aficionados!

It has come to my attention, after several months of checking, that many of you are removing the puzzles that have been donated by other donors and failed to return them to be recycled. If you retain or destroy them, you are stealing! Really, at our age, we should be above that.

Allison Church

Dear Editor,

The Oakmont Community Foundation was formed in 2007 as a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Through the Foundation, residents can make tax deductible donations to educational and beneficial programs enjoyed by Oakmonters. We have helped many organizations in Oakmont to achieve their goals: for example Music at Oakmont, Oakmont Health Initiative, audio-visual improvements at the East Rec., Lifetime Learning, the Art Association, Documentary Films, just to name a few.

The OCF is presenting an event on July 18, as a first-time effort to raise funds for our treasury. We see a lot of need for augmenting and continuing the wonderful array of activities that Oakmont offers. We also see a need for more donations from our residents, and so we are offering an easy way for you to have a good time for a good cause.

An evening of Latin music, with Carlos Herrera in concert, a wine tasting with wines from the Annadel Estate Winery with lots of yummy hors d'oeuvres—all of that for \$35, \$20 of which is a tax deduction for you. Tickets are for sale in the OVA Office. Be sure to write your name on the back of your tickets to be eligible for a fantastic door prize. Susan Millar, Chair, Oakmont Community Foundation

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters on community topics from residents or visitors. Letters must include a return address, and preferably include a daytime phone number. Letters are limited to one letter every 90 days. Letters may be edited for length or clarity or to remove content deemed libelous, defamatory or personal attack. Send letters to the Oakmont Village Association, 1075 Oakmont Drive, Suite 1, or by e-mail to [info@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:info@oakmontvillage.com).

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## Pickleball Plan to Get Pond Buffer

■ Jim Brewer and Marty Thompson

The OVA board of directors easily approved another \$6,500 for the proposed pickleball court project behind the Berger Center, but directors were less enthusiastic about a new horseshoe pitching club that sought funding to refurbish the existing pits at the same location.

After a lengthy, sometimes heated discussion, the board decided to give recognition to the new club, but only if it plays at the West Rec. Center on horseshoe pits that would need to be built there.

The added pickleball funding will pay for grading plans creating a 10-foot buffer between the proposed courts and an adjacent pond.

A city planner said the buffer would be a strong addition to help win approval for Oakmont's proposal. Noel Lyons, co-chair of the board's ad hoc pickleball committee, told the board's July 21 meeting, "We believed the design was a good plan," Lyons said.

The buffer was suggested by the planner who visited the site after receiving numerous letters about pickleball from Oakmont residents. Vigorous letter-writing efforts were mounted by proponents and opponents.

The board earlier this year had approved spending up to \$12,000 for preliminary plans, with the revision to add the pond buffer expected to bring the cost to \$18,447, Lyons said. He agreed to check with the city planning office, which has just undergone a management shakeup, to make sure the buffer plan is still needed.

President Frank Batchelor called it "one of the prices of democracy," adding, "I'm still in favor of the project." Not granting the additional money for the buffer plan "would be a travesty," Director John Felton said.

So far the board has approved more than \$50,000 on the pickleball proposal. Board members have said they would reserve judgment on whether to build the courts until learning how the as-yet-unknown cost fits with other Oakmont needs, including upgrading the Berger Center, renovations at the Central Pool and member interest in possibly expanding the Fitness Center and library.

### HORSHOES

A request by Ray Haverson to sanction the Dead Ringer Horseshoe Club as an Oakmont club became embroiled in the pickleball discussion. Waving requests from what he said were more than 140 residents who want to start playing on old horseshoe pits, which would be displaced by the pickleball courts, Haverson said he and the others hadn't known until recently the weed-choked pits existed.

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Several board members were not impressed. "You make it very difficult for me to remain objective because if you had 140 people who wanted to be playing horseshoes, they would be playing horseshoes," said Bob Giddings. "And you know that for close to a year we've been looking into this pickleball issue and you know where the horseshoe courts are that are not being used. It sounds disingenuous."

Haverson objected, saying, "All I want is a horseshoe club. That's all I want. There's no reason that this club should be turned down. There's no ground."

## Pickleball Approval Appealed By Opponent

■ Jim Brewer

A vote by the Santa Rosa Planning Commission approving the proposed site location for pickleball courts in Oakmont has been appealed to the City Council. The appeal, which could be heard as early as February, is not expected to immediately affect efforts to complete drawings and move to obtain bids for the multi-use court project.

Santa Rosa planning commissioners easily approved a conditional use permit for the courts behind the Berger Center on Dec. 10 after urging combative Oakmont residents to try to get along with each other.

The 5-0 vote focused strictly on land use issues. It allowed the Oakmont Village Association Board to move ahead at its Dec. 15 meeting with design and

construction bids before deciding whether or not to give it final approval and to apply for a building permit.

"If you look at everything going on in the world, if your main concern is pickleball, you have really got it pretty good," Commissioner Hans Dippel said following an hour-long public hearing where some 30 Oakmont residents alternately praised and condemned the project.



Pickleball site opponent Kerry Oswald addresses planning commissioners about noise issues that he said were not properly studied. The commission approved the plans; its action was appealed to the city council. (Photo by Jim Brewer)

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Observing Pickleball proceedings at the Planning Commission are left to right, OVA Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee Co chairs Noel Lyons and Anita Eastland, OVA Manager Cassie Turner, Andie Altman, Board Vice President, Director John Felton and Frank Batchelor, Board President. (Photo by Julie Kiiil)

# TED WINFIELD & ASSOCIATES

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 27, 2015  
**To:** Cassie Turner (Oakmont Association Manager)  
**From:** Ted P. Winfield, Ph.D.  
**RE:** Comments on Project Design.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide comments on the proposed design of the pickleball courts and related facilities (Project). The Project will be constructed adjacent to an existing decorative pond, which is a remnant of the original pond that was developed when the golf course and practice putting green were first constructed in the early 1960's.

The pond was partially filled prior to 2004 but the bridge was maintained along with the remaining portions of the pond to maintain the original visual aspects of this part of the golf course. The pond receives stormwater runoff during the rainy season, but is usually dry during the summer and fall months. The pond is not subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region.

Although the pond currently received stormwater runoff from surrounding lands and was constructed as a decorative feature of the golf course, elements were incorporated into the Project design to minimize impacts of the Project on the pond. The footprint of the Project is at least 10 feet from the edge of the pond, which minimizes the possible inadvertent impacts to the pond during construction.

A bioswale has been incorporated into the design that will capture runoff from the pickleball courts and related features and treat the runoff water, which will tie into the existing storm drain system. Any excess water that happens to flow from the pickleball court toward the pond will flow across the vegetated 10-foot buffer area between the east end of the pickleball and the pond which will provide filtration of the runoff waters before reaching the pond.

It is unlikely that the use of the pickleball courts will have an adverse effect on any wildlife that may be using the pond area. The area is currently subject to presence of human activity on the golf course, the putting green and the nearby activity center.



# TED WINFIELD & ASSOCIATES

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 26, 2015

**To:** Cassie Turner (Oakmont Association Manager)

**From:** Ted P. Winfield, Ph.D.

**RE:** Special-status Species Assessment of the Oakmont Golf Course Pond

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The purpose of this memorandum is to assess the possible occurrence of special-status species of plants and wildlife in and around the pond at the northwest end of the golf course adjacent to the practice putting green that could be adversely affected by filling of the pond and converting it to a recreational facility. This assessment is based on a review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), which is a database of records on the occurrence of special-status species maintained by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a site visit conducted August 20, 2014.

### BACKGROUND

The project site is located at northwest end of the Oakmont Golf Course near the Central Recreation Complex buildings (Figure 1). The project will consist of construction of a recreational facility (Project) consisting of four pickleball courts surrounded by a chain link fence (Figure 2). The Project will be constructed adjacent to an existing decorative pond (Figure 3), which is a remnant of the original pond that was developed when the golf course and practice putting green were first constructed in the early 1960's.

The pond was partially filled prior to 2004 but the bridge was maintained along with the remaining portions of the pond to maintain the original visual aspects of this part of the golf course. The pond receives stormwater runoff during the rainy season, but is usually dry during the summer and fall months. The Project will not directly affect the pond.

During construction a silt fence will be erected around the Project construction area that will prevent the movement of sediment from the construction site into the pond.

The soils reported to occur at the site are classified as Pleasanton-Haire complex, 0 to 9 percent slopes. These soils are moderately well drained gravelly loams, and are not listed as hydric soils in California. There is a small creek located approximately 700 feet southeast of the pond (Charlotte Creek) that appears to carry runoff from the nearby hill slopes north of the golf course, on the north side of the surrounding development and Highway 12, but this feature is not shown on the U.S.G.S. topographic map of the site.

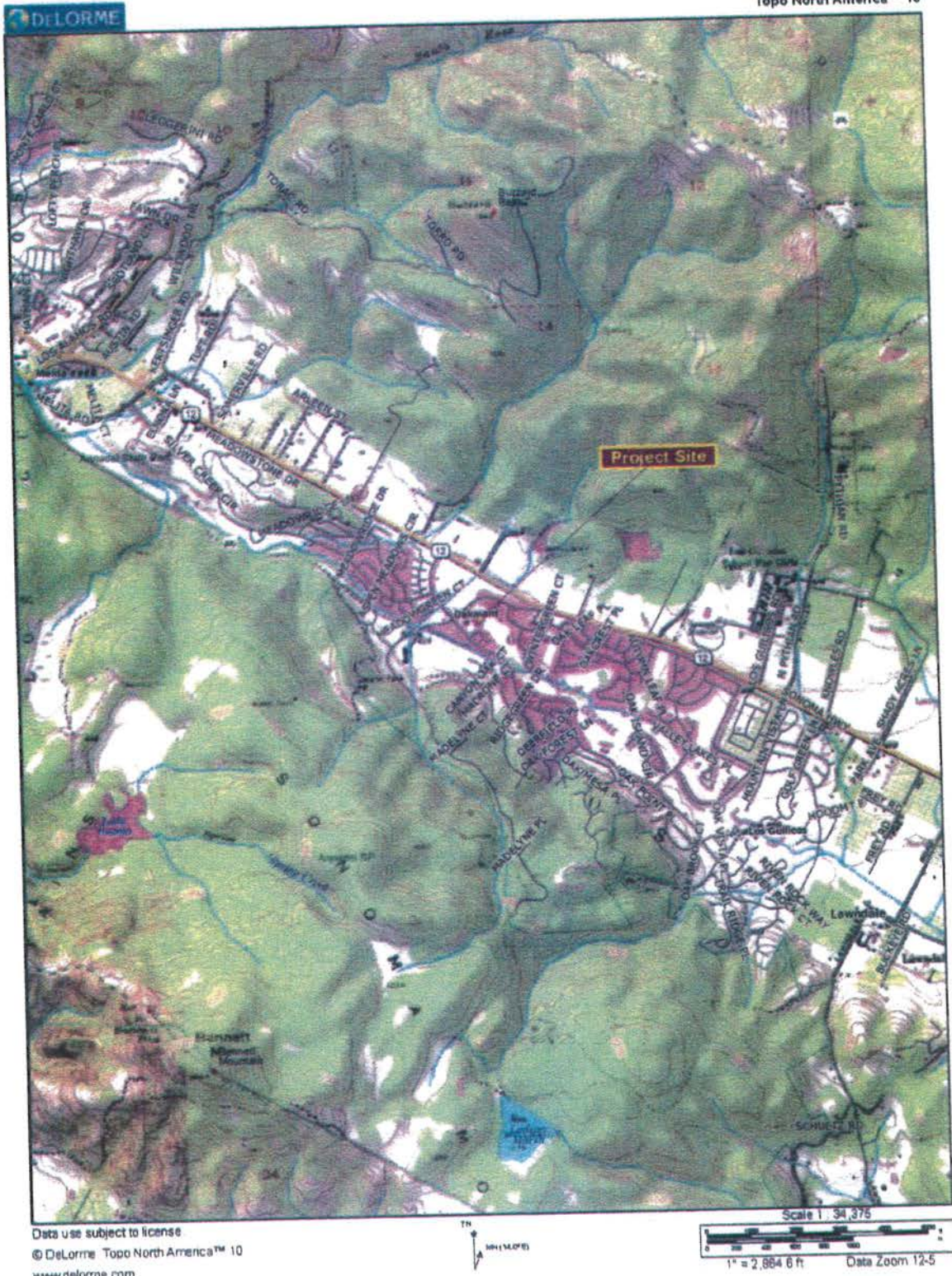


Figure 1. Site location map.

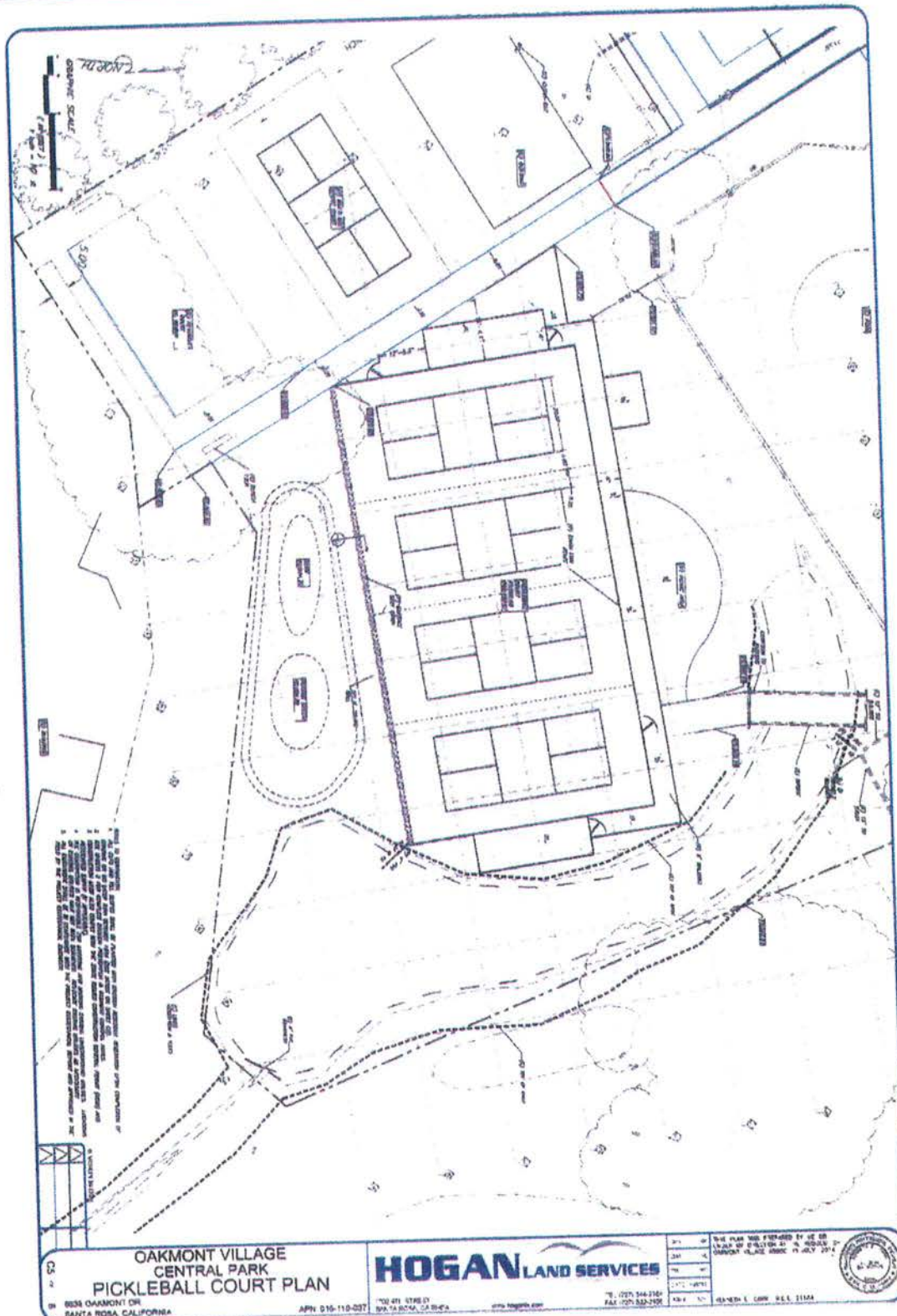


Figure 2. Site plan for pickleball courts.



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Figure 3. Aerial photograph of Project site.

## PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION

The project site consists of a practice putting green, maintained lawn surrounding the putting green, and a decorative pond that was initially constructed in the early 1960's (Figure 4). The pond supports an array of species commonly found in and on the margins of emergent freshwater marsh, including cattails (*Typha* sp.), bulrush (*Schoenoplectus acutus*), smartweed (*Persicaria ?lapathifolia*), rush (*Juncus* sp.), tall umbrella sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*), dallisgrass (*Paspalum dilatatum*), Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*), prickly oxtongue (*Helminthotheca echioides*), annual hairgrass (*Deschampsia danthonioides*), prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*).



Figure 4. Photograph of the emergent marsh/pond.

## DEFINITION OF SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES

Special-status plant species are defined to include all plant species that meet one or more of the following criteria<sup>1</sup>:

- Listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) or candidates for possible future listing as threatened or endangered under FESA (50 CFR §17.12).
- Listed or candidates for listing by the State of California as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish and Game Code §2050 *et seq.*).
- Listed as rare under the California Native Plant Protection Act (Fish and Game Code §1900 *et seq.*). A plant is **rare** when, although not presently threatened with extinction, the species, subspecies, or variety is found in such small numbers throughout its range that it may be endangered if its environment worsens (Fish and Game Code §1901).
- Meet the definition of rare or endangered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15380(b) and (d). Species that may meet the definition of rare or endangered include the following:
  - ♦ Species considered by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) to be "rare, threatened or endangered in California" (Lists 1A, 1B and 2);
  - ♦ Species that may warrant consideration on the basis of local significance or recent biological information;
  - ♦ Some species included on the CNDDDB *Special Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens List* (California Department of Fish and Game 2008).

Considered a **locally significant species**, that is, a species that is not rare from a statewide perspective but is rare or uncommon in a local context such as within a county or region (CEQA §15125 (c)) or is so designated in local or regional plans, policies, or ordinances (CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G). Examples include a species at the outer limits of its known range or a species occurring on an uncommon soil type.

Special-status species of invertebrates and wildlife include those species listed as *threatened* or *endangered*, proposed for listing as *threatened* or *endangered*, or candidates for listing as *threatened* or *endangered* under the FESA or CESA; or identified as *fully protected species* or *species of special concern* by the CDFW. Additional protections are extended to certain bird species through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which makes it unlawful to destroy active bird nests, eggs, and young. Section 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game [Wildlife] Code also makes it unlawful to take, possess or destroy birds in the Falconiformes (birds of prey, vultures, eagles, falcons) and Strigiformes (owls) families, which can include nest disturbance from construction and other activities.

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<sup>1</sup> California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Protocols for surveying and evaluating impacts to special status native plant populations and natural communities. November 24, 2009.

## POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE OF SPECIAL-STATUS PLANTS

The CNDDDB records<sup>2</sup> for the Kenwood, Santa Rosa and Glen Ellen USGS quadrangle maps were searched to obtain information on the occurrence of special-status plants in the region of the project. The results of the database search is presented in Table 1 along with the regulatory status of each species, its habitat affinity and the likelihood of occurrence at the project site based on the habitats present at the project site.

Table 1. List of special-status plant species reported to occur in the region and their regulatory status.

COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS FEDERAL/ STATE/ CNPS	HABITAT AFFINITY	POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE
Franciscan onion <i>Allium peninsulare</i> var. <i>franciscanum</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Cismontane woodland •Valley and foothill grassland /clay, volcanic, often serpentinite	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sonoma alopecurus <i>Alopecurus aequalis</i> var. <i>sonomensis</i>	E/-/1B.1	•Marshes and swamps •Riparian scrub	<b>Low likelihood.</b> Marginally suitable habitat present along edge of artificially created pond.
Napa false indigo <i>Amorpha californica</i> var. <i>napensis</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Broadleafed upland forest (openings) •Chaparral •Cismontane woodland	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
bent-flowered fiddleneck <i>Amsinckia lunaris</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Coastal bluff scrub •Cismontane woodland •Valley and foothill grassland •Chaparral	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sonoma canescent manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos canescens</i> ssp. <i>sonomensis</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Lower montane coniferous forest, sometimes serpentinite	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Rincon Ridge manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos stanfordiana</i> ssp. <i>decumbens</i>	-/-/1B.1	•Chaparral (rhyolitic) •Cismontane woodland	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Clara Hunt's milk-vetch <i>Astragalus claranus</i>	E/T/1B.1	•Chaparral (openings) •Cismontane woodland •Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite or volcanic, rocky, clay •Chaparral	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
big-scale balsamroot <i>Balsamorhiza macrolepis</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Cismontane woodland •Valley and foothill grassland/sometimes serpentinite •Valley and foothill grassland (mesic)	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sonoma sunshine <i>Blennosperma bakeri</i>	E/E/1B.1	•Vernal pools •Broadleafed upland forest •Chaparral	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
narrow-anthered California brodiaea <i>Brodiaea leptandra</i>	-/-/1B.2	•Cismontane woodland •Lower montane coniferous forest •Valley and foothill grassland/volcanics	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.

<sup>2</sup> CNDDDB, dated November 30, 2014.

COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS FEDERAL/ STATE/ CNPS	HABITAT AFFINITY	POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE
Rincon Ridge ceanothus <i>Ceanothus confusus</i>	-/-/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Closed-cone coniferous forest</li> <li>•Chaparral</li> <li>•Cismontane woodland/volcanic or serpentinite</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Calistoga ceanothus <i>Ceanothus divergens</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chaparral (serpentinite or volcanic, rocky)</li> <li>•Chaparral</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
holly-leaved ceanothus <i>Ceanothus purpureus</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cismontane woodland/volcanic, rocky</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sonoma ceanothus <i>Ceanothus sonomensis</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chaparral (sandy, serpentinite or volcanic)</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
dwarf downingia <i>Downingia pusilla</i>	-/-/2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland (mesic)</li> <li>•Vernal pools</li> <li>•Cismontane woodland</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
fragrant fritillary <i>Fritillaria liliacea</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Coastal prairie</li> <li>•Coastal scrub</li> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
seaside tarplant <i>Hemizonia congesta</i> ssp. <i>congesta</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland/sometimes roadsides</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Burke's goldfields <i>Lasthenia burkei</i>	E/E/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meadows and seeps (mesic)</li> <li>•Vernal pools</li> <li>•Chaparral</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Colusa layia <i>Layia septentrionalis</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cismontane woodland</li> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland/sandy, serpentinite</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
legenere <i>Legenere limosa</i>	-/-/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Vernal pools</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Jepson's leptosiphon <i>Leptosiphon jepsonii</i>	-/-/1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chaparral</li> <li>•Cismontane woodland/usually volcanic</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sebastopol meadowfoam <i>Limnanthes vincularis</i>	E/E/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meadows and seeps</li> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland</li> <li>•Vernal pools /vernally mesic</li> <li>•Cismontane woodland</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Baker's navarretia <i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>bakeri</i>	-/-/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lower montane coniferous forest</li> <li>•Meadows and seeps</li> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland</li> <li>•Vernal pools/mesic</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Sonoma beardtongue <i>Penstemon newberryi</i> ssp. <i>bakeri</i>	-/-/1B.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chaparral (rocky)</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
Kenwood Marsh checkerbloom <i>Sidalcea oregana</i> ssp. <i>valida</i>	E/E/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Meadows and seeps</li> <li>•Riparian forest/mesic</li> <li>•Coastal bluff scrub</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
showy rancheria clover <i>Trifolium amoenum</i>	E/-/1B.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland (sometimes serpentinite)</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.



COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS FEDERAL/ STATE/ CNPS	HABITAT AFFINITY	POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE
saline clover <i>Trifolium hydrophilum</i>	-/-1B.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Marshes and swamps</li> <li>•Valley and foothill grassland (mesic, alkaline)</li> <li>•Vernal pools</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat (alkaline soils) not present at project site.
coastal triquetrella <i>Triquetrella californica</i>	-/-2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Coastal bluff scrub</li> <li>•Coastal scrub/soil</li> <li>•Chaparral</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.
oval-leaved viburnum <i>Viburnum ellipticum</i>	-/-2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cismontane woodland</li> <li>•Lower montane coniferous forest</li> </ul>	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at project site.

\* Federal Status: E = Endangered; State Status: E = Endangered, R = Rare, T = Threatened  
 CNPS Designations: List 1A = Species presumed extinct in California. List 1B = Species rare and endangered in California and elsewhere. List 2 = Species rare and endangered in California but more common elsewhere. List 3 = Species for which additional data are needed.

Suitable habitat for most of the special-status species listed in Table 1 is not present at the project site. The site occurs within a golf course setting and the areas outside the pond are subject to regular maintenance to maintain the playing surface. The pond, which was constructed as part of the golf course in the early 1960's, is perennial in most years as evidenced by the species present in the pond.

One species of special-status plants, Sonoma alopecurus (*Alopecurus aequalis var. sonomensis*), has a low likelihood of occurring in the pond. Sonoma alopecurus is a federally endangered species that occurs in freshwater marsh and riparian habitats. It flowers between May and July. The Project will not have a direct impact on the pond and, therefore, will not have adversely affect marginally suitable habitat for this species.

#### POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE OF SPECIAL-STATUS INVERTEBRATES AND WILDLIFE

The CNDDDB records<sup>3</sup> for the Kenwood, Santa Rosa and Glen Ellen USGS quadrangle maps were searched to obtain information on the occurrence of special-status invertebrates and wildlife in the region of the project. The results of the database search is presented in Table 2 along with the regulatory status of each species, its habitat affinity and the likelihood of occurrence at the project site based on the habitats present at the project site.

<sup>3</sup> CNDDDB, dated November 30, 2014.

COMMON NAME SCIENTIFIC NAME	FESA/CESA/ CDFW STATUS**	HABITAT AFFINITY	POTENTIAL OCCURRENCE
northern spotted owl <i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	T-/SC	Dense, old-growth, multi-layered mixed conifer, redwood, and Douglas fir habitats.	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at the project site or surrounding area. Nearest reported northern spotted owl activity center (SON0014) is approximately 2.1 miles south southeast of the project site.
Bank swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i>	-/T/-	Colonial nesting species that nests primarily in riparian and other lowland habitats west of the desert; requires vertical banks/cliffs with fine-textured/sandy soils near stream, rivers, lakes, and the ocean to dig nesting holes.	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable habitat not present at the project site or surrounding area.
<b>MAMMALS</b>			
pallid bat <i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	-/SC	Grasslands, shrublands, woodlands, and forests; common in open, dry habitats with rocky areas for roosting; prefers rocky outcrops, cliffs, and crevices with access to open habitats for foraging	<b>Unlikely.</b> Suitable roosting habitat not present at project site, although the nearby oak trees could provide roosting habitat.

\*\* Status: Federal (FESA) - E = Endangered, T = Threatened, C = Candidate for listing;  
 State (CESA) - E = Endangered; CDFW Status - FP = Fully Protected

Suitable habitat for all but the western pond turtle (*Emys marmorata*) is lacking at the Project site. The pond contains water as the result of stormwater runoff during the rainy season but is usually dry during the summer and fall months. Further, the golf course surrounding the pond does not provide suitable upland habitat for the western pond turtle due to the lack of appropriate ground cover, continual maintenance of the ground surface, and presence of human activity.

The Project will not have a direct impact on the pond thus avoiding any direct impact on the western pond turtle should they occur in the pond. Although it is unlikely that western pond turtles occur in the pond the installation of the silt fencing around the Project site during construction would prevent possible movement of turtles onto the Project site during construction. Following construction, the presence of the chain link fence would prevent most wildlife from accessing the pickleball courts.

The pond could provide suitable habitat for the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), a federally threatened species, but its presence is deemed unlikely since the pond was constructed as part of the golf course in the early 1960's, and the surrounding area was already developed when the golf course was constructed. Further, the surrounding upland areas do not provide suitable upland habitat used by the frog during periods when its primary aquatic habitat dries up. The nearest sighting of the California red-legged frog is approximately 2.2 miles north of the project site.

The pallid bat could possible roost in the trees surrounding the pond but these trees are to remain and not be directly affected by the project.

# **Site Selection and Noise Mitigation**

## **Information for**

### **Oakmont Pickleball Complex**

**6633 Oakmont Drive**

**File number MNP 14-014**

**Prepared by Oakmont Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee**

**Anita Easland, co-chair**

**Submitted: July 28, 2015**

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Addendum: Illingworth & Rodkin, Inc.

“Central Park Pickleball Courts Project, Santa Rosa, CA-  
Environmental Noise Assessment” May 11, 2015 (Addendum pages 1- 16)

## Site Selection and Noise Mitigation

Public comments ask about the process for choosing the location of the Central Recreation area as the site for pickleball courts with concerns regarding noise. Also, there are questions about converting tennis courts to pickleball courts.

**Ad Hoc Committee findings:** On 8/8/13 the OVA Board of Directors voted to form an Ad Hoc committee with the goal of making recommendations for a site and a plan for permanent pickleball courts with the goal of construction by May of 2015. The committee has been meeting since 11/25/13. All land deeds of property owned by the OVA were examined for appropriateness. The underutilized putting green (see attached photo, page 3) in the Central Recreation Area near the central pool was considered the best available site because of proximity to restrooms, other recreational facilities and parking. Also, because the land is level which is the best for noise mitigation measures.

**Acoustic Study findings:** On May 12, 2015 Michael S. Thill, Principle Consultant for Illingworth & Rodkin, Inc. (I&R) conducted an Acoustic Study for the Oakmont Village Association which resulted in three principle findings:

**Converting Tennis Courts:** "Alternative Pickleball Sites" pages 8 & 9. The consultant visited the tennis court facilities at East and West recreation centers. He found the ambient noise levels were lower at each of these sites than at the Central Activity area. "The site visits also revealed that adjacent residential receptors typically overlooked the areas proposed for pickleball making noise barriers infeasible. (See attached photos, pages 4 & 5) Based on I&R's review of these alternative locations for the pickleball courts, it is apparent that the proposed site at the Oakmont Central Activity Area is the best available site from a noise control perspective."

**Conclusion:** "The incorporation of noise barriers ranging from 5 to 8 feet in height to protect residential and swimming pool receptors would reduce noise levels below the standards established by the Santa Rosa City Code."

**Mitigation:** On page 9, the report describes the 8' high noise barrier of Acoustifence/Acoustiblok along the south boundary of the proposed courts to reduce the noise levels at the nearest commercial and residential land uses, "is calculated to provide approximately 10 dBA noise reduction." "Operational noise levels assuming the attenuation provided by the 8' noise barrier would comply with the Santa Rosa code noise limit of 55 dBA Leq and would be similar to existing ambient noise levels." Pool users could be shielded by 1/4-in. plexiglass

noise barrier attached to the existing metal railing surrounding the pool area. "A 5-foot noise barrier constructed along the south pool boundary would provide approximately 5 dBA noise reduction at the nearest pool receptor. Operational noise levels assuming the attenuation provided by the 5-foot high noise barrier would also comply with the Santa Rosa City Code noise limit of 55 dBA Leq..."

Our plan incorporates the use of recommended Acoustifence/Acoustiblok along the south boundary of the courts with a return past the southern most benches. Acoustifence/Acoustiblok will be attached to 8' high chainlink fencing (see plan diagram, page 6). Acoustifence comes in 3' x 30' and 6' x 30', to get the 8' height there will be a one foot overlap when hung on the fence. There will also be a dirt berm along parts of this fencing. Our plan also incorporates 5' high by 1/4" plexiglass on the pool fence on the south side facing the courts. There will also be a dirt berm between the pool and the courts.

Please find attached a sample of green Acoustifence and Acoustifence Specifications (see pages 7-9).



**Underutilized putting green facing pool**



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**Underutilized putting green facing commercial and residence**

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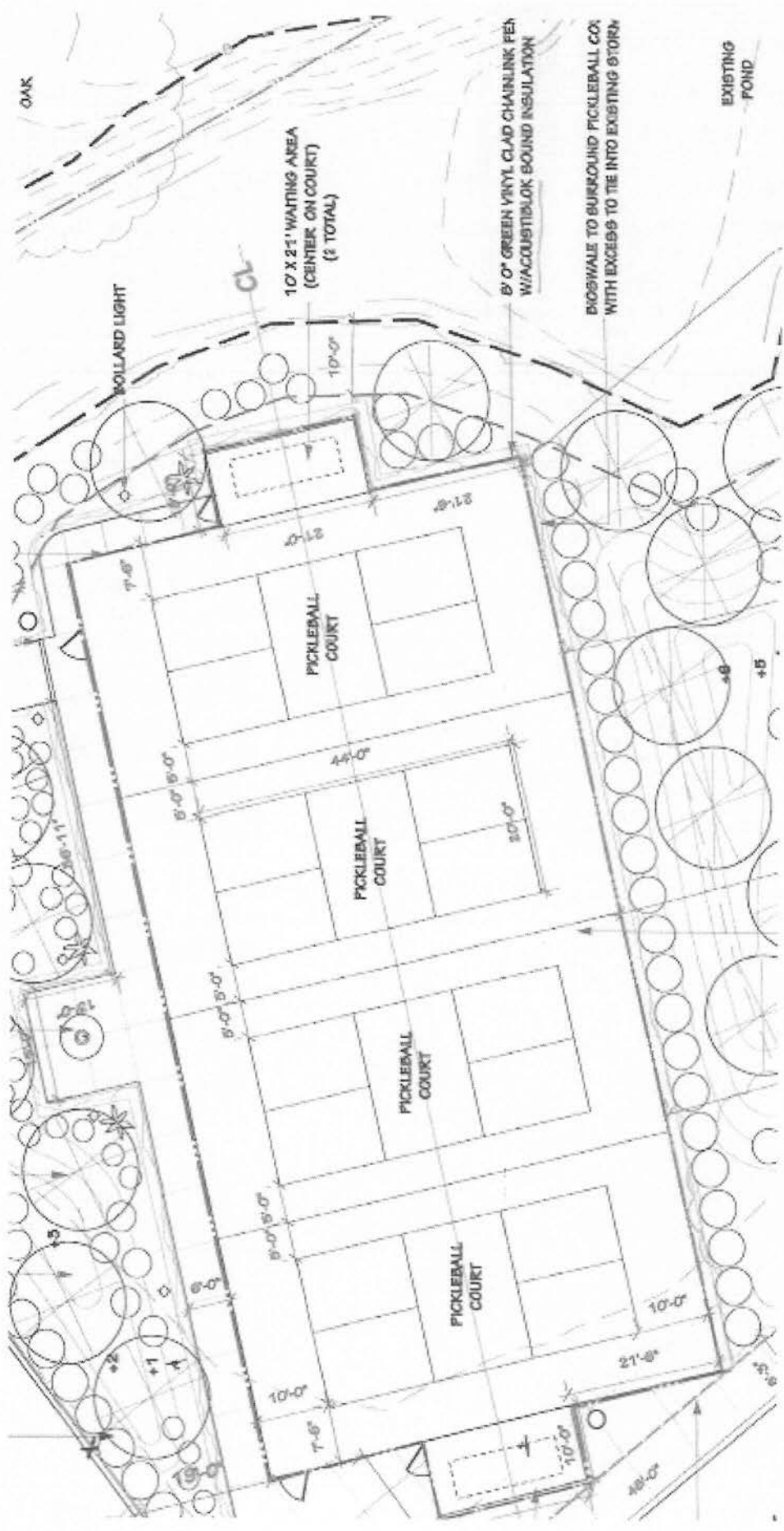
Houses above East Recreation tennis courts





Houses above West Recreation tennis courts

Pool



OAK

COLLARD LIGHT

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10' X 21' WAITING AREA  
(CENTER ON COURT)  
(5 TOTAL)

8' 0" GREEN VINYL CLAD CHAINLINK FENCE  
W/Acoustiblok BOUND INSULATION

EDGEWALE TO SURROUND PICKLEBALL CO.  
WITH EXCESS TO TIE INTO EXISTING STORM

EXISTING  
POND

↓  
DRAINAGE

**Acoustifence® Information**

- The material itself is lab tested STC value of 28 which represents over an 80% reduction in sound to the human ear. (Your results will be less as sound reflects off all surrounding materials or structures, i.e., buildings, etc.)
- Works extraordinarily well at blocking sound.
- Far less sound reflected than solid walls.
- Installed or removed in less than one hour.
- UV tolerant and does not support mold.
- Virtually indestructible, very resilient material.
- 100% recyclable
- Comprised of 100% recycled materials.
- Will accept most paint finishes.
- Includes qty. 70, 11 in. heavy duty 120 lb. (black) nylon wire ties
- To store, Acoustifence easily rolls up like a carpet.
- Surface scratches easily minimized with a quick wipe of WD-40.



**Material Specifications – Part # "Acoustifence 6x30 Industrial"**

Acoustical Rating	STC 28 / OITC 22
Size	6 ft. (1.83m) x 30 ft. (9.14m) x 0.125 in. (3mm) 180 ft² (16.72m²)
Weight	185 lbs. (84Kg)
Fastening	Black brass grommets every 6 in. (152mm) along top edge with four grommets spaced along the bottom edge. Commonly installed horizontally.
Color	Black
(This is an industrial product and minor surface blemishes are a possibility.)	



**Acoustifence® Installation**

Number of people: 2  
 Time required: 20/30 min.  
 Items: Utility Knife, Pliers, 70 lb. wire ties (included with purchase)

1. Cut and remove the plastic wrap around the roll.
2. Lean the roll against the fence as vertical as possible with the grommet edge to the top. Line up the top of the roll to the top of the fence or at the desired height.
3. Begin unrolling the Acoustifence material along the fence. Have one person slowly unroll the material while the second person inserts the ties in each grommet as the material is unrolled. Insure that the material is kept taught as you install the wire ties to prevent it from sagging.
4. Remove the tape and roll core.
5. Pull each cable tie (included in fence purchase) so that the Acoustifence is properly lined up at the desired height. DO NOT make the cable tie tight! It must be loose enough to allow the eyelet to pivot freely. Try to distribute weight equally.
6. Do not trim off end of cable tie until you are sure weight is distributed equally.
7. Any scuffing or blemishes sometimes resulting from shipping may be addressed by using WD-40 and a rag.
8. Very cold temperature will reduce flexibility when installing.

Date: 05/25/2008

Specimen: Acoustifence Sound Barrier Material

Specimen Area: 6.0 Sq. Ft.

Filler Area: 134.0 Sq. Ft.

Operator: Benjamin W. Green

	Bkgrd	Absorp	Source	Receive	Filler	Specimen
Temp F	73.9	74.0	73.1	73.9	73.1	73.7
H. H. %	65.7	65.7	63.3	65.7	61.4	65.1

Freq (Hz)	Bkgrd SPL (dB)	Absorp (Sabines / Sq. Ft.)	Source SPL (dB)	Receive SPL (dB)	Filler TL (dB)	Specimen TL (dB)	95% Conf Limit	No. of Deficiencies	Trans Coef Diff
80	43.0	52.5	84.2	63.7	36.3	11	2.54	0	11.7
100	39.2	58.1	87.7	62.9	40.3	15	3.77	0	12.0
125	47.4	55.9	91.5	63.7	47.5	18	2.02	0	15.9
160	43.4	50.4	94.2	68.8	46.2	16	1.06	0	16.5
200	43.0	54.9	97.9	73.5	49.6	15	0.80	3	21.3
250	35.8	53.0	99.3	72.2	51.0	18	1.12	3	19.8
315	33.7	57.2	95.7	67.5	54.0	18	0.53	6	22.1
400	33.3	56.0	95.0	64.6	58.4	21	0.78	6	24.3
500	31.6	56.3	98.8	65.4	60.5	24	0.30	4	23.4
630	25.1	57.7	101.5	66.9	65.2	25	0.53	4	26.9
800	25.2	58.9	101.3	63.8	67.4	27	0.54	3	26.4
1000	23.2	62.6	101.0	61.9	72.2	29	0.49	2	29.8
1250	23.8	60.4	105.1	63.7	78.0	31	0.28	1	33.8
1600	20.1	70.2	111.4	68.6	81.8	32	0.22	0	36.3
2000	15.0	75.3	107.4	63.2	79.9	33	0.22	0	33.2
2500	7.5	85.9	105.9	59.3	74.8	35	0.23	0	26.3
3150	8.4	102.0	106.6	58.0	77.8	36	0.33	0	28.0
4000	7.7	124.9	105.6	55.0	81.1	37	0.33	0	30.2
5000	8.1	162.8	104.1	51.0	81.0	38	0.36	0	28.7

STC Rating = 29 (Sound Transmission Class)  
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SUBJECT: **Central Park Pickleball Courts Project, Santa Rosa, CA --  
Environmental Noise Assessment**

Dear Mr. Lyons:

This report summarizes Illingworth & Rodkin, Inc.'s (I&R) evaluation of potential noise impacts that may result from the operation of four pickleball courts proposed at the Oakmont Central Activity Area in Santa Rosa, California. Included in the report are the fundamentals of environmental noise, a summary of noise-related guidelines applicable to the project's noise assessment, and a description of existing noise levels at noise-sensitive land uses that border the site. The report then summarizes the calculations of future noise levels at existing noise-sensitive receptors in the project vicinity and describes measures to control operational noise levels to acceptable levels.

### **Fundamentals of Environmental Noise**

Noise may be defined as unwanted sound. Noise is usually objectionable because it is disturbing or annoying. The objectionable nature of sound could be caused by its *pitch* or its *loudness*. *Pitch* is the height or depth of a tone or sound, depending on the relative rapidity (frequency) of the vibrations by which it is produced. Higher pitched signals sound louder to humans than sounds with a lower pitch. *Loudness* is intensity of sound waves combined with the reception characteristics of the ear. Intensity may be compared with the height of an ocean wave in that it is a measure of the amplitude of the sound wave.

In addition to the concepts of pitch and loudness, there are several noise measurement scales which are used to describe noise in a particular location. A *decibel (dB)* is a unit of measurement which indicates the relative amplitude of a sound. The zero on the decibel scale is based on the lowest sound level that the healthy, unimpaired human ear can detect. Sound levels in decibels

are calculated on a logarithmic basis. An increase of 10 decibels represents a ten-fold increase in acoustic energy, while 20 decibels is 100 times more intense, 30 decibels is 1,000 times more intense, etc. There is a relationship between the subjective noisiness or loudness of a sound and its intensity. Each 10 decibel increase in sound level is perceived as approximately a doubling of loudness over a fairly wide range of intensities. Technical terms are defined in Table 1.

There are several methods of characterizing sound. The most common in California is the *A-weighted sound level (dBA)*. This scale gives greater weight to the frequencies of sound to which the human ear is most sensitive. Representative outdoor and indoor noise levels in units of dBA are shown in Table 2. Because sound levels can vary markedly over a short period of time, a method for describing either the average character of the sound or the statistical behavior of the variations must be utilized. Most commonly, environmental sounds are described in terms of an average level that has the same acoustical energy as the summation of all the time-varying events. This *energy-equivalent sound/noise descriptor* is called  $L_{eq}$ . The most common averaging period is hourly, but  $L_{eq}$  can describe any series of noise events of arbitrary duration.

The scientific instrument used to measure noise is the sound level meter. Sound level meters can accurately measure environmental noise levels to within about plus or minus 1 dBA. Various computer models are used to predict environmental noise levels from sources, such as roadways and airports. The accuracy of the predicted models depends upon the distance the receptor is from the noise source. Close to the noise source, the models are accurate to within about plus or minus 1 to 2 dBA.

Since the sensitivity to noise increases during the evening and at night -- because excessive noise interferes with the ability to sleep -- 24-hour descriptors have been developed that incorporate artificial noise penalties added to quiet-time noise events. The *Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL)* is a measure of the cumulative noise exposure in a community, with a 5 dB penalty added to evening (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) and a 10 dB addition to nocturnal (10:00 pm - 7:00 am) noise levels. The *Day/Night Average Sound Level (DNL or  $L_{dn}$ )* is essentially the same as CNEL, with the exception that the evening time period is dropped and all occurrences during this three-hour period are grouped into the daytime period.

**TABLE 1 Definition of Acoustical Terms Used in this Report**

Term	Definition
Decibel, dB	A unit describing, the amplitude of sound, equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure. The reference pressure for air is 20 micro Pascals.
Sound Pressure Level	Sound pressure is the sound force per unit area, usually expressed in micro Pascals (or 20 micro Newtons per square meter), where 1 Pascal is the pressure resulting from a force of 1 Newton exerted over an area of 1 square meter. The sound pressure level is expressed in decibels as 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio between the pressures exerted by the sound to a reference sound pressure (e.g., 20 micro Pascals). Sound pressure level is the quantity that is directly measured by a sound level meter.
Frequency, Hz	The number of complete pressure fluctuations per second above and below atmospheric pressure. Normal human hearing is between 20 Hz and 20,000 Hz. Infrasonic sound are below 20 Hz and Ultrasonic sounds are above 20,000 Hz.
A-Weighted Sound Level, dBA	The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting filter network. The A-weighting filter de-emphasizes the very low and very high frequency components of the sound in a manner similar to the frequency response of the human ear and correlates well with subjective reactions to noise.
Equivalent Noise Level, $L_{eq}$	The average A-weighted noise level during the measurement period.
$L_{max}$ , $L_{min}$	The maximum and minimum A-weighted noise level during the measurement period.
$L_{01}$ , $L_{10}$ , $L_{50}$ , $L_{90}$	The A-weighted noise levels that are exceeded 1%, 10%, 50%, and 90% of the time during the measurement period.
Day/Night Noise Level, DNL or $L_{dn}$	The average A-weighted noise level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of 10 decibels to levels measured in the night between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
Community Noise Equivalent Level, CNEL	The average A-weighted noise level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of 5 decibels in the evening from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm and after addition of 10 decibels to sound levels measured in the night between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
Ambient Noise Level	The composite of noise from all sources near and far. The normal or existing level of environmental noise at a given location.
Intrusive	That noise which intrudes over and above the existing ambient noise at a given location. The relative intrusiveness of a sound depends upon its amplitude, duration, frequency, and time of occurrence and tonal or informational content as well as the prevailing ambient noise level.

Source: Handbook of Acoustical Measurements and Noise Control, Harris, 1998.



**TABLE 2 Typical Noise Levels in the Environment**

Common Outdoor Activities	Noise Level (dBA)	Common Indoor Activities
Jet fly-over at 1,000 feet	110 dBA	Rock band concert
Locomotive horn at 100 feet	100 dBA	
Gas lawn mower at 3 feet	90 dBA	Loud stereo
Diesel truck at 50 feet at 50 mph		Food blender
Noisy urban area, daytime	80 dBA	Garbage disposal
Gas lawn mower, 30 feet	70 dBA	Vacuum cleaner
Commercial area		Normal speech face to face
Heavy traffic at 300 feet	60 dBA	
Quiet urban daytime	50 dBA	Large business office
Quiet urban nighttime	40 dBA	Dishwasher in next room
Quiet suburban nighttime	30 dBA	Theater, large conference room
Quiet rural nighttime	20 dBA	Library
Threshold of hearing	10 dBA	Bedroom at night, concert hall
		Broadcast/recording studio

Source: Technical Noise Supplement (TeNS), Caltrans, September 2013.

## **Regulatory Background**

### *City of Santa Rosa General Plan*

The City of Santa Rosa establishes policies in the Noise and Safety Element of the General Plan in order to achieve the goal of maintaining an acceptable community noise level. The following policies are applicable to the proposed project:

- NS-B-3      Prevent new stationary and transportation noise sources from creating a nuisance in existing developed areas. Use a comprehensive program of noise prevention through planning and mitigation, and consider noise impacts as a crucial factor in project approval.
- NS-B-4      Require new projects in the following categories to submit an acoustical study, prepared by a qualified acoustical consultant:
- All new projects proposed for areas with existing noise above 60 dBA DNL. Mitigation shall be sufficient to reduce noise levels below 45 dBA DNL in habitable rooms and 60 dBA DNL in private and shared recreational facilities. Additions to existing housing units are exempt.
  - All new projects that could generate noise whose impacts on other existing uses would be greater than those normally acceptable (as specified in the Land Use Compatibility Standards).
- NS-B-5      Pursue measures to reduce noise impacts primarily through site planning. Engineering solutions for noise mitigation, such as sound walls, are the least desirable alternative.
- NS-B-6      Do not permit existing uses to generate new noises exceeding normally acceptable levels unless:
- Those noises are mitigated to acceptable levels; or
  - The activities are specifically exempted
- NS-B-14     Discourage new projects that have potential to create ambient noise levels more than 5 dBA DNL above existing background, within 250 feet of sensitive receptors.

### *Santa Rosa City Code*

The City of Santa Rosa has adopted a quantitative noise ordinance in Chapter 17-16 of the Santa Rosa City Code. The ambient base noise levels for residential, office, commercial, and industrial areas are established in Section 17-16.030. The applicable ambient noise level criteria are shown in Table 3.

**TABLE 3 Santa Rosa City Code Ambient Base Noise Levels**

Land Use Zone	Daytime Level (7am to 7pm)	Evening Level (7pm to 10pm)	Nighttime Level (10pm to 7am)
Single-Family Residential (R1 and R2)	55 dBA	50 dBA	45 dBA
Multi-Family Residential	55 dBA	55 dBA	50 dBA
Office and Commercial	60 dBA	60 dBA	55 dBA
Intensive Commercial	65 dBA	65 dBA	55 dBA
Industrial	70 dBA	70 dBA	70 dBA

Source: Santa Rosa City Code 17-16.030

The Noise Ordinance defines ambient noise as follows:

“Ambient noise is the all-encompassing noise associated with a given environment usually a composite of sounds from many sources near and far. For the purpose of this chapter, ambient noise level is the level obtained when the noise level is averaged over a period of 15 minutes without inclusion of noise from isolated identifiable sources at the location and time of day near that at which a comparison is to be made.”

The  $L_{eq}$  is the average noise level. Therefore, the noise descriptor,  $L_{eq}$ , is used in the noise assessment for the purposes of determining noise levels with respect to these limits.

### **Existing Noise Environment**

The project site is located within the Oakmont Central Activity Center, south of the swimming pool and east of the shuffleboard and petanque courts. Figure 1 shows the landscape plan overlain on an aerial photo of the site and vicinity. The four pickleball courts proposed by the project would occupy a portion of the Oakmont Central Activity Center that is currently used as a putting green. The westernmost, lone pickleball court is no longer proposed as part of the project and is denoted with a red “X”. The closest noise sensitive uses to the project site are the swimming pool, located approximately 80 feet from the center of the four pickleball courts, and Laurel Leaf Place residences located 105 feet from the center of the pickleball courts. The center of the four pickleball courts would represent the acoustic center of proposed pickleball noise sources assuming that all four courts were played on simultaneously.

#### *Ambient Noise Survey*

An ambient noise monitoring survey was conducted by I&R to quantify the existing noise environment within the Oakmont Central Activity Center and adjoining commercial and residential areas between Wednesday, April 29, 2015 and Friday, May 1, 2015. The noise monitoring survey also included measurements of the noise generated by existing pickleball activities occurring at the Oakmont East Recreation Center.

Long-term noise measurement LT-1 was made within the Oakmont Central Activity Center near the existing swimming pool to document the trend in ambient noise levels over a 24-hour period.

The noise levels documented at this location were representative of ambient noise conditions throughout the Oakmont Central Activity Center and at nearby commercial and residential land uses. Hourly average noise levels between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (proposed pickleball play hours) ranged from about 45 to 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$ . The arithmetic average noise level during proposed pickleball play hours was 51 dBA  $L_{eq}$  at LT-1. Maximum instantaneous noise levels during proposed pickleball play hours ranged from about 49 to 78 dBA  $L_{max}$  at LT-1, and the arithmetic average maximum instantaneous noise level was 62 dBA  $L_{max}$ . The calculated day-night average noise level on April 30, 2015 was 53 dBA DNL. Figures 2, 3, and 4 graphically summarize the ambient noise data collected at LT-1. Table 4 summarizes the noise data collected in 15-minute intervals between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; the hours of the day proposed for pickleball play.

A short-term noise measurement was made at site ST-1 on the afternoon of May 1, 2015 to complete the ambient noise monitoring survey. ST-1 was located just east of the petanque courts and adjacent to nearby commercial and residential land uses. The average noise level measured between 1:20 p.m. and 1:40 p.m. was 49 dBA  $L_{eq}$ . Maximum instantaneous noise levels resulting from traffic along Oakmont Drive ranged from 58 to 62 dBA  $L_{max}$ . The short-term data collected at site ST-1 confirmed that the noise environment throughout the Oakmont Central Activity Center and adjoining commercial and residential areas is equivalent to the noise environment documented at LT-1.

**TABLE 4 Summary of Ambient Noise Levels at LT-1, dBA**

Date/Time of Measurement	Range of Maximum Instantaneous Noise Levels ( $L_{max}$ )	Range of Average Equivalent Noise Levels ( $L_{eq}$ )	Range of Minimum Instantaneous Noise Levels ( $L_{min}$ )
April 29, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	58-69	47-54	41-48
April 30, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	49-78	45-55	41-46
May 1, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.	52-72	46-54	43-47

*Pickleball Noise Survey*

A series of short-term noise measurements were made on April 29, 2015 to quantify source noise levels attributable to existing pickleball matches at the Oakmont East Recreation Center. These data were collected to represent the noise levels expected from similar activities at the proposed project site. During the short-term noise measurements, both pickleball courts were in use and eight players total were on the pickleball courts. Six spectators were also present throughout the noise measurements. The measurement location was approximately 120 feet from the center of the two pickleball courts, the acoustic center of the pickleball noise sources, on a walking path overlooking the existing tennis/pickleball courts. This measurement site was the best available site at the Oakmont East Recreation Center to measure reference pickleball noise levels. The reference data

collected at this site was then adjusted<sup>1</sup> to reflect project site characteristics. Figure 5 shows a view of the pickleball activities from the noise monitoring position. Table 5 summarizes the noise data collected in 15-minute intervals between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. during pickleball play.

**TABLE 5 Noise Levels at 120 feet from the Center of the Pickleball Courts**

Measurement Condition	Maximum Instantaneous Noise Level (L <sub>max</sub> )	Average Equivalent Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> )	Minimum Instantaneous Noise Level (L <sub>min</sub> )
8 players, 6 spectators, Dura Fast 40 Pickleball (yellow)	65	51	41
8 players, 6 spectators, Dura Fast 40 Pickleball (yellow)	67	52	41
8 players, 6 spectators, "Quiet" Pickleball (green)	70	52	42
8 players, 6 spectators, "Quiet" Pickleball (green)	67	52	41

Based on observations made during the noise measurements, pickleball sounds primarily consist of players' and spectators' voices and laughter, clapping and cheering, the squeaking of players' tennis shoes, and the sound produced by the pickleball racquet when a player strikes the pickleball. At a distance of 120 feet from the center of the pickleball courts, voices, laughter, clapping, and cheering typically produced noise levels ranging from 42 to 59 dBA. The sound of a pickleball racquet striking a Dura Fast 40 Pickleball (yellow) typically ranged from 52 to 63 dBA. Similar noise levels were noted when the players switched to the "quiet" pickleball (green). No additional noise reduction benefit was noted due the use of the "quiet" pickleballs.

*Alternative Pickleball Sites*

Two alternative pickleball sites were also visited during the noise monitoring survey. The first alternative site for the project is at the Oakmont East Recreation Center where pickleball is currently played. The second alternative site for the project is at the Oakmont West Recreation Center. The site visits revealed that at each of the alternative sites, ambient noise levels were generally lower than the ambient noise environment at the Oakmont Central Activity Area because of less activity in the area and the additional distance from these locations to major sources of ambient noise such as vehicle traffic. The site visits also revealed that adjacent residential receptors typically overlooked the areas proposed for pickleball making noise barriers infeasible. Based on I&R's review of these alternative locations for the pickleball courts, it is

<sup>1</sup> Sound from a localized source (approximating a point source) radiates uniformly outward as it travels away from the source in a spherical pattern. The sound level attenuates or drops off at a rate of 6 dBA for each doubling of the distance from the noise source. This decrease, resulting from the geometric spreading of the energy over an ever-increasing area, is referred to as the inverse square law. The same calculation methodology was applied to noise levels measured at 120 feet to predict noise levels at distances of 80 feet and 105 feet from the noise source.

apparent that the proposed site at the Oakmont Central Activity Area is the best available site from a noise control perspective.

### **Noise Assessment**

Pickleball is proposed at the project site between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and up to four courts would be used for pickleball at any given time. Under worst-case conditions, the noise produced by pickleball activities on four courts would be approximately 3 dBA higher than the noise produced by pickleball activities on two courts (measured conditions) because of the doubling of equivalent noise sources. Based on the above, proposed pickleball activities would generate average noise levels ranging from 54 to 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$  at a distance of 120 feet from the center of the four courts.

The center of the four pickleball courts would be located approximately 80 feet from the swimming pool area. The nearest Laurel Leaf Place residence would be approximately 105 feet from the center of the four pickleball courts. Predicted noise levels from pickleball, adjusted for distance from the acoustic center of the noise source, would range from 57 to 58 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and 68 to 73 dBA  $L_{max}$  at a distance of 80 feet (swimming pool area) and from 55 to 56 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and 66 to 71 dBA  $L_{max}$  at a distance of 105 feet (nearest residence).

The Santa Rosa City Code limits noise levels at single-family residential land uses to 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$ . The City Code does not specify a noise limit for swimming pools; therefore, this analysis applies the residential noise standard at the boundary of the pool area. Predicted noise levels at the swimming pool would exceed the City Code limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$  by 2 to 3 dBA and ambient noise conditions by 6 to 7 dBA. The Santa Rosa City Code does not limit maximum instantaneous noise levels; however, predicted maximum instantaneous noise levels from pickleball would exceed typical ambient  $L_{max}$  noise levels by 7 to 14 dBA. The unmitigated pickleball noise level, assuming continuous play between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., would be 54 dBA DNL at the boundary of the swimming pool.

Pickleball noise levels at the nearest Laurel Leaf Place residence would exceed the City Code noise limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$  by 1 dBA and ambient noise conditions by 4 to 5 dBA. Predicted maximum instantaneous noise levels from pickleball would exceed typical ambient  $L_{max}$  noise levels by 5 to 12 dBA. The unmitigated DNL noise level from pickleball between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. is calculated to reach 52 dBA DNL.

### **Mitigation**

The project proposes an 8-foot high noise barrier (Acoustifence by Acoustiblok) along the south boundary of the four pickleball courts to reduce noise levels at the nearest commercial and residential land uses. An 8-foot high noise barrier, constructed at the south boundary of the four pickleball courts is calculated to provide approximately 10 dBA noise reduction at the nearest residential land use (the receptor's ear height is assumed to be 5-feet above ground to represent a person standing in their backyard) resulting in mitigated noise levels of 45 to 46 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and 56 to 61 dBA  $L_{max}$ . Operational noise levels assuming the attenuation provided by the 8-foot high noise barrier would comply with the Santa Rosa City Code noise limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and would

be similar to existing ambient noise levels. The 8-foot high noise barrier should return past southernmost benches in order to reduce the potential for sounds to flank the end of the noise barrier.

Taller noise barriers constructed along the south boundary of the four pickleball courts would provide about 1 dBA of additional noise reduction per 2-feet of additional noise barrier. For example, a 10-foot noise barrier would be expected to provide 11 dBA of noise reduction, a 12-foot noise barrier would be expected to provide 12 dBA of noise reduction, and a 14-foot noise barrier would be expected provide 13 dBA of noise reduction in this source-barrier-receptor geometry. The noise reduction provided by other barrier types, such as earth berms and fences, or a berm/fence combination, can be investigated once the approximate berm location and height is defined.

A similar noise barrier would be required to shield users of the swimming pool. Because pool users are normally either in the pool with their heads just above the waterline or sitting/laying in a lounge chair near the pool, the pool receptor's ear height is assumed to be 4-feet above the pool deck. An 8-foot noise barrier located at the north boundary of the four pickleball courts would provide approximately 11 dBA noise reduction at the nearest receptor at the pool. Mitigated noise levels assuming an 8-foot high noise barrier would be 46 to 47 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and 57 to 62 dBA  $L_{max}$ . Operational noise levels assuming the attenuation provided by the 8-foot high noise barrier would comply with the Santa Rosa City Code noise limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and would be similar to existing ambient noise levels measured near the pool. The 8-foot high noise barrier should return past the northernmost benches in order to reduce the potential for sounds to flank the end of the noise barrier.

As noted previously, taller noise barriers constructed along the north boundary of the four pickleball courts would provide about 1 dBA of additional noise reduction per 2-feet of additional noise barrier. A 10-foot noise barrier would be expected to provide 12 dBA of noise reduction, a 12-foot noise barrier would be expected to provide 13 dBA of noise reduction, and a 14-foot noise barrier would be expected provide 14 dBA of noise reduction in this source-barrier-receptor geometry.

Alternatively, pool users could be shielded by a lower height Acoustifence or 1/4-in. plexiglass noise barrier attached to the existing metal railing surrounding the pool area. A 5-foot noise barrier constructed along the south pool boundary would provide approximately 5 dBA noise reduction at the nearest pool receptor<sup>2</sup>. Mitigated noise levels under this scenario would be 52 to 53 dBA  $L_{eq}$  and 63 to 68 dBA  $L_{max}$ . Operational noise levels assuming the attenuation provided by the 5-foot high noise barrier would also comply with the Santa Rosa City Code noise limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq}$ , but maximum instantaneous noise levels from pickleball would exceed existing typical maximum instantaneous noise levels by 2 to 7 dBA.

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<sup>2</sup> When comparing the two barrier options for the swimming pool, a noise level 6 dBA higher (or lower) would be a readily noticeable change in noise level. For reference, a 3 dBA change in noise levels is just detectable, a 5 dBA change is readily perceptible, and a 10 dBA change is perceived as twice as loud if the noise is 10 dBA higher (or half as loud if the noise is 10 dBA lower).

In all cases, the mitigated DNL noise level from pickleball between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. would not exceed 60 dBA DNL or exceed existing DNL noise levels (53 dBA DNL) by more than 5 dBA DNL.

Proposed barrier locations are shown on Figure 6.

### **Conclusion**

The operation of the four proposed pickleball courts would generate noise levels exceeding the Santa Rosa City Code noise limits and ambient noise conditions at the nearest sensitive receptors. The incorporation of noise barriers ranging from 5 to 8-feet in height to protect residential and swimming pool receptors would reduce noise levels below the standards established by the Santa Rosa City Code.



This concludes our noise analysis for the Central Park Pickleball Courts project. If you have any questions, or if we can be of additional service, please do not hesitate to call.

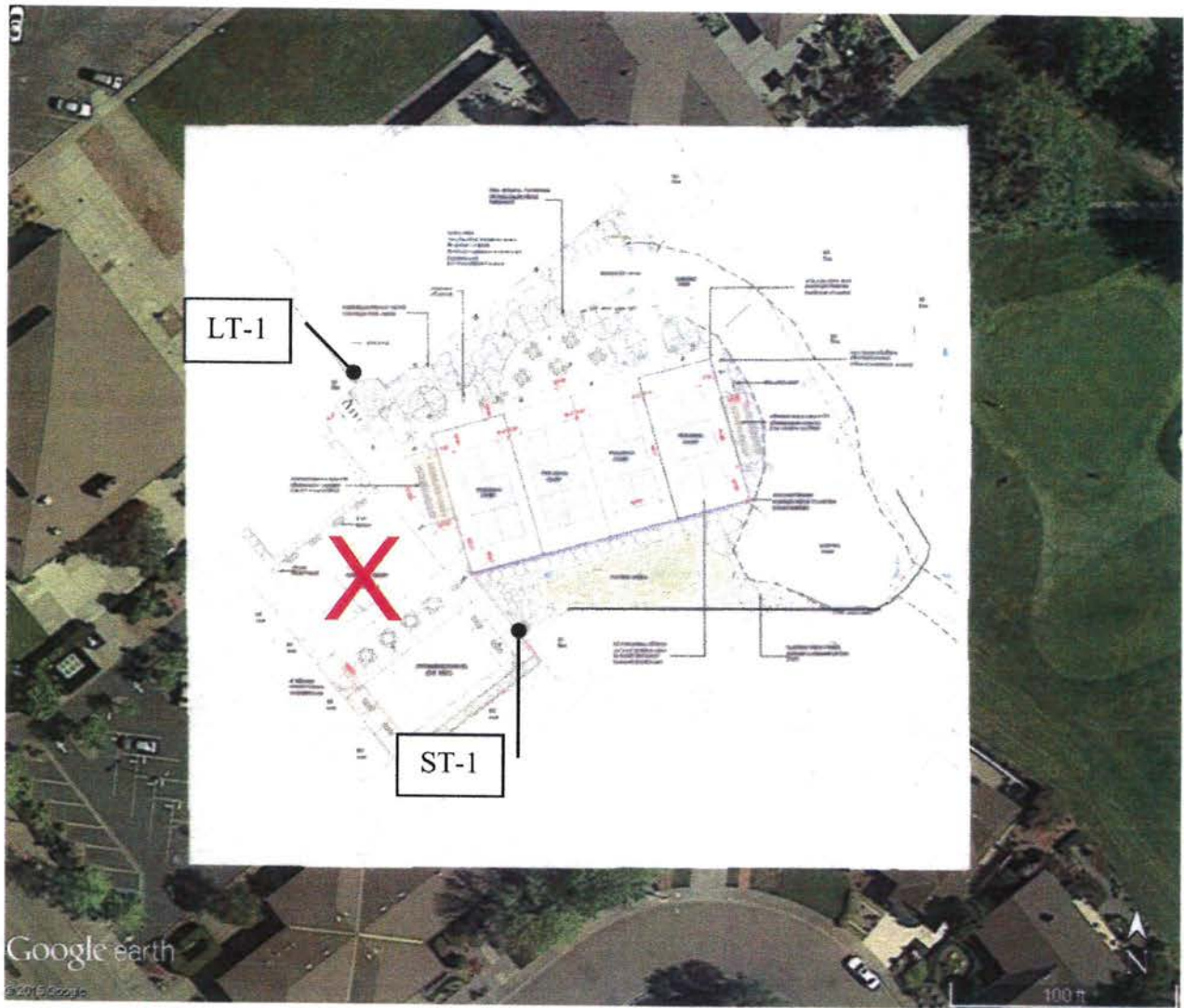
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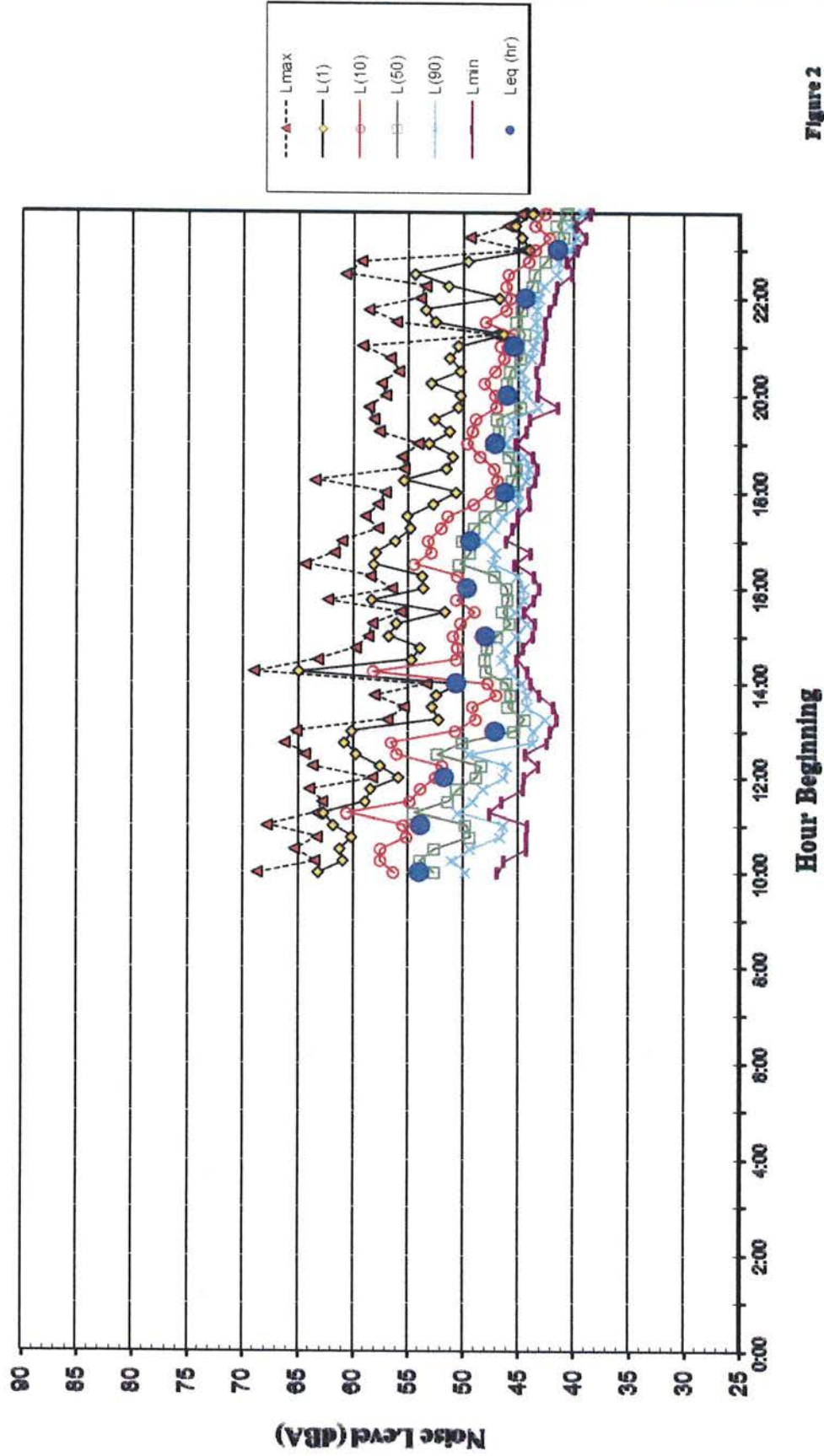
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**FIGURE 1 Landscape Plan and Vicinity**

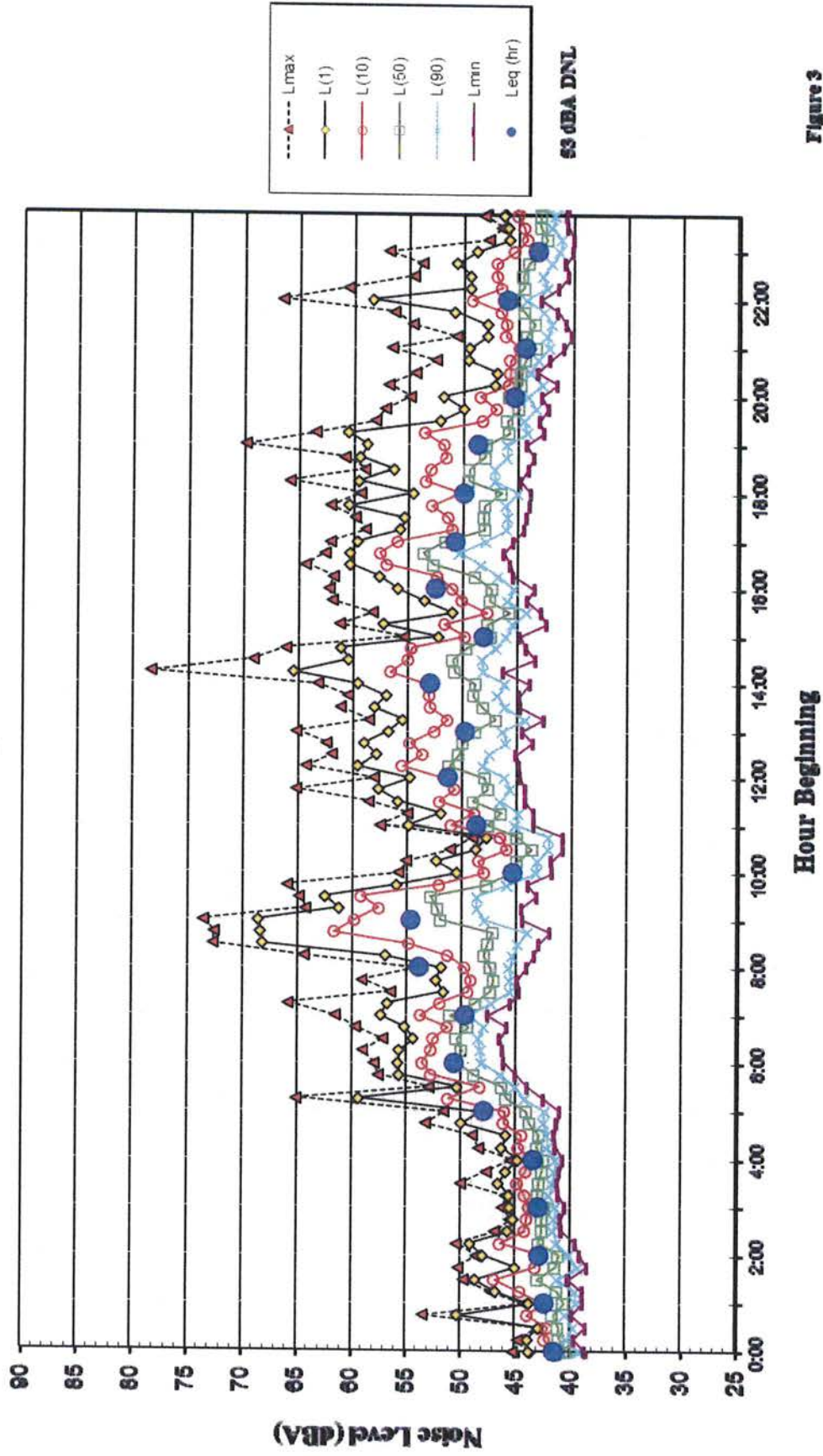


**Noise Levels at Noise Measurement Site LT-1  
Central Activity Center  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015**



**Figure 2**

**Noise Levels at Noise Measurement Site LI-1  
Central Activity Center  
Thursday, April 30, 2015**



**Figure 3**

### Noise Levels at Noise Measurement Site LT-1 Central Activity Center Friday, May 1, 2015

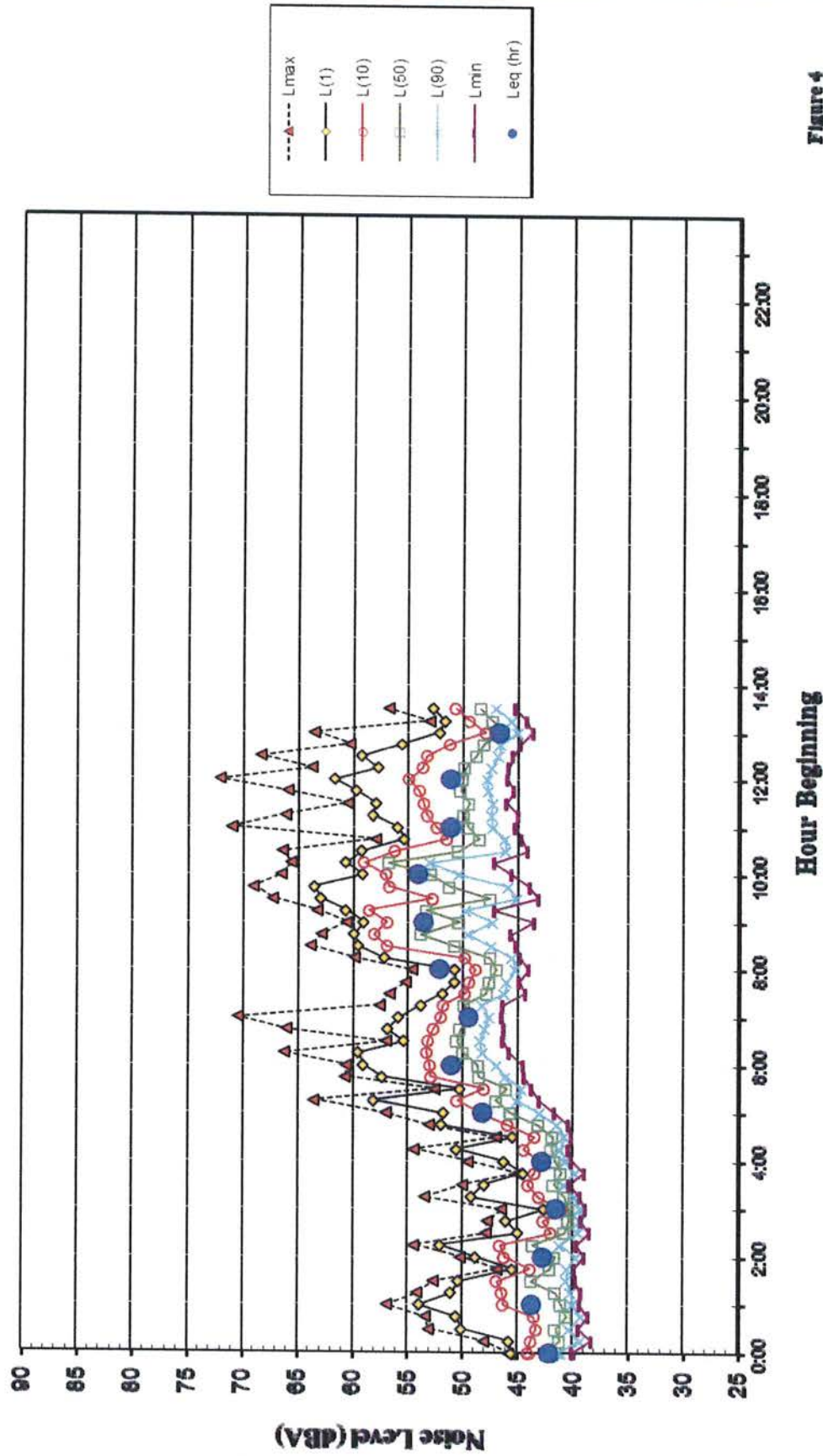
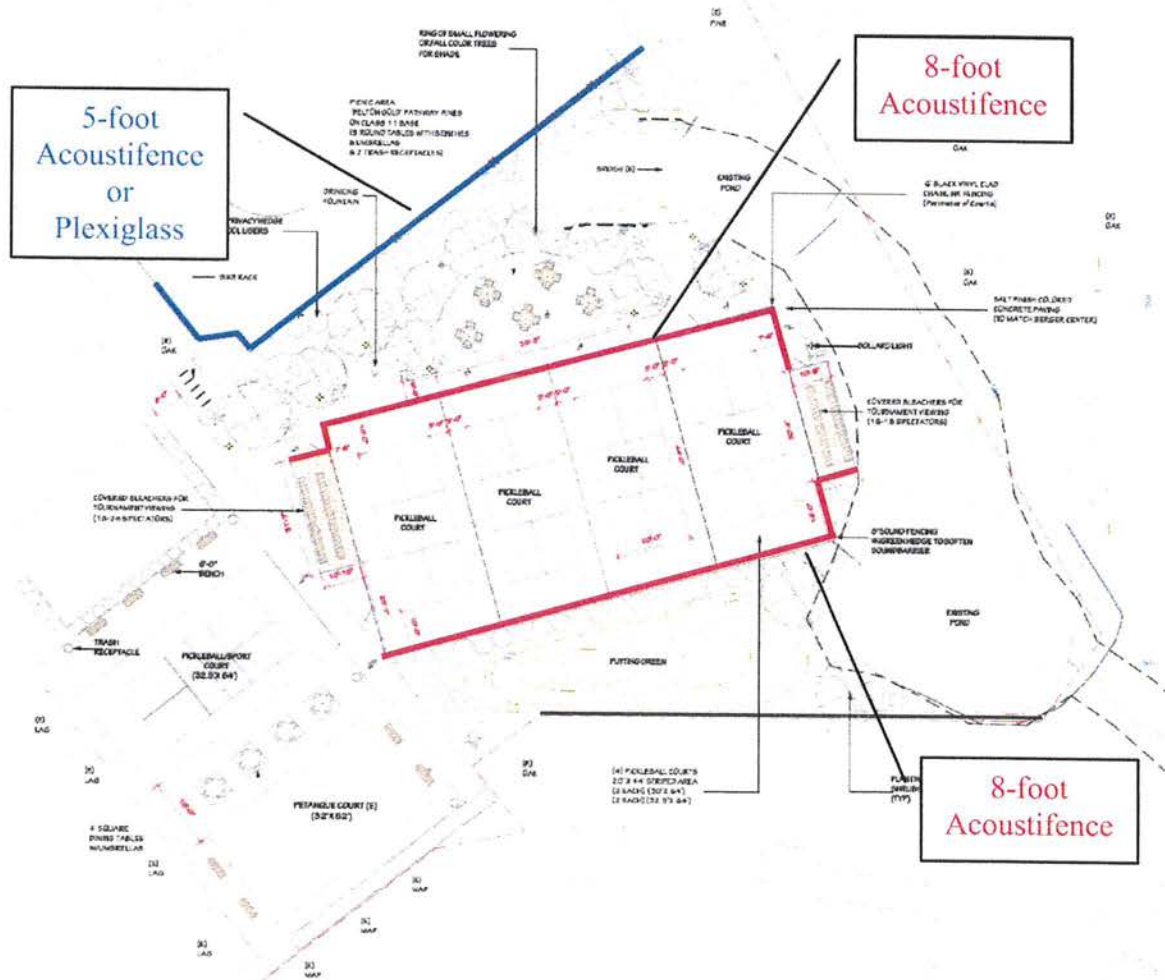


Figure 4

**FIGURE 5** Photo of Existing Pickleball Activities at East Recreation Center



**FIGURE 6 Landscape Plan and Proposed Noise Barriers**



**Visualization Analysis for  
Oakmont Pickleball Complex**

**6633 Oakmont Drive**

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**Prepared: July 31, 2015**

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## Visual Impact and Mitigation

The four courts will be enclosed by 8'0" green vinyl clad chainlink fencing. On three sides, green tennis court windscreen will be hung on the inside of the fence. On the fourth side (southeast, closest to adjacent properties) Acoustifence acoustic material will be hung on the inside of the fence. See Page 2. (Specifically, the acoustic fencing will wrap around the southwest and southeast corners approximately 10 feet, to minimize sound coming around the acoustifence.)

The Acoustifence material will be green, per the attached picture. On the outside of the southeast fence, the appearance will be further softened by fence fabric with an "ivy" printed design, as shown on Page 3.

The visual impact of the enclosure will be further enhanced by the use of earth berms and landscaping.

Visual renderings were created by the firm Digital Realm. Photos of the existing views were taken from the pool deck and the two closest residences on Laurel Leaf Drive. A 3D simulation of the proposed project, including landscaping between 5 and 7 years old, was then created, based on the plan design. Finally, the simulation was inserted into the photos using visualization software. These renderings show that with the landscaping, windscreen and fence fabric the courts will be attractive and will not interfere with view of the mountains in the background.

### Attachments:

- VI-1 View from Pool Deck -- Existing
- VI-2 View from Pool Deck – Visualization
- VI-3 View from 309 Laurel Leaf – Existing
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- VI-5 View from 313 Laurel Leaf – Existing
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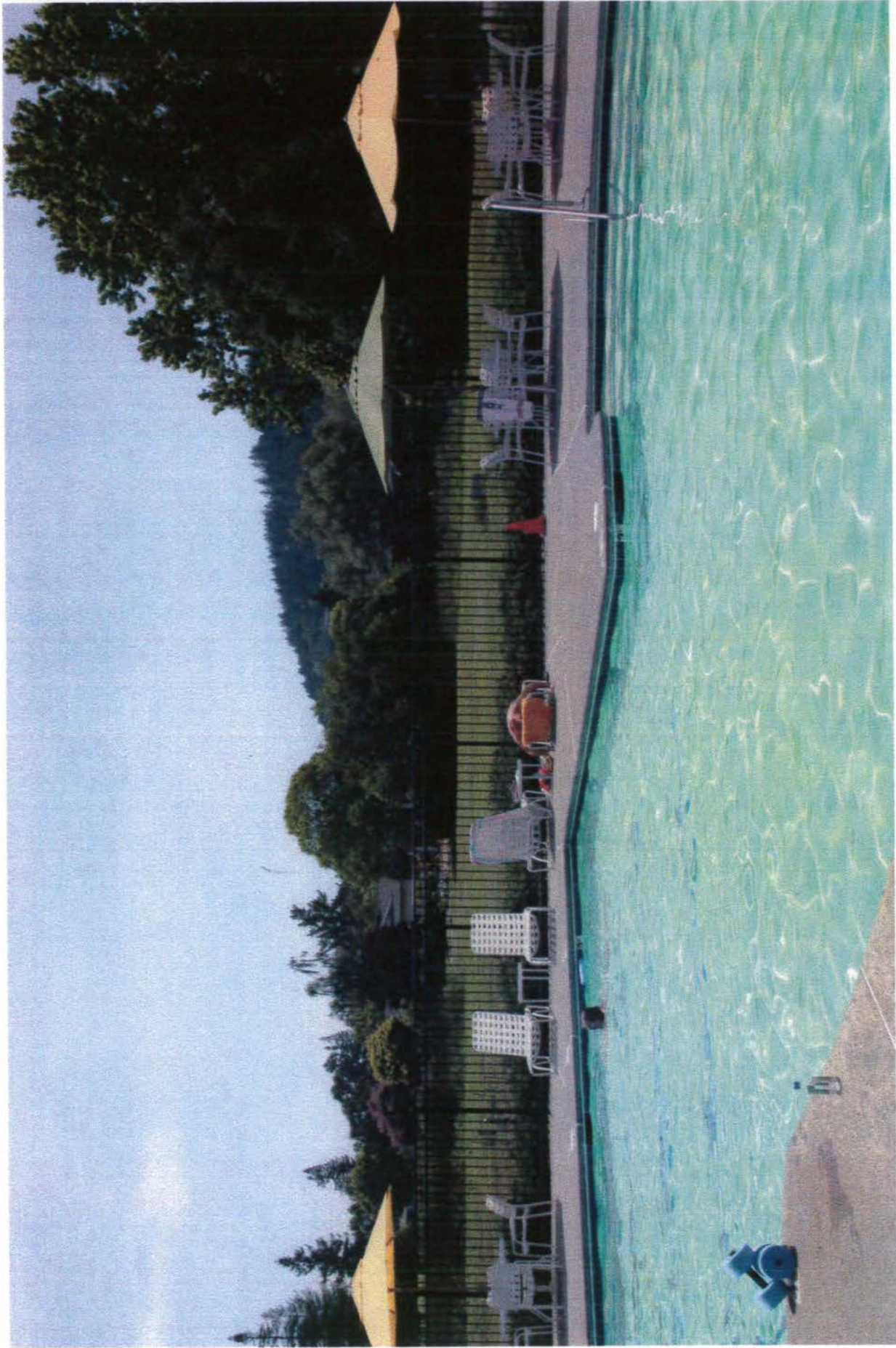


AcoustiFence Sound Mitigation Material, shown in Black & Green

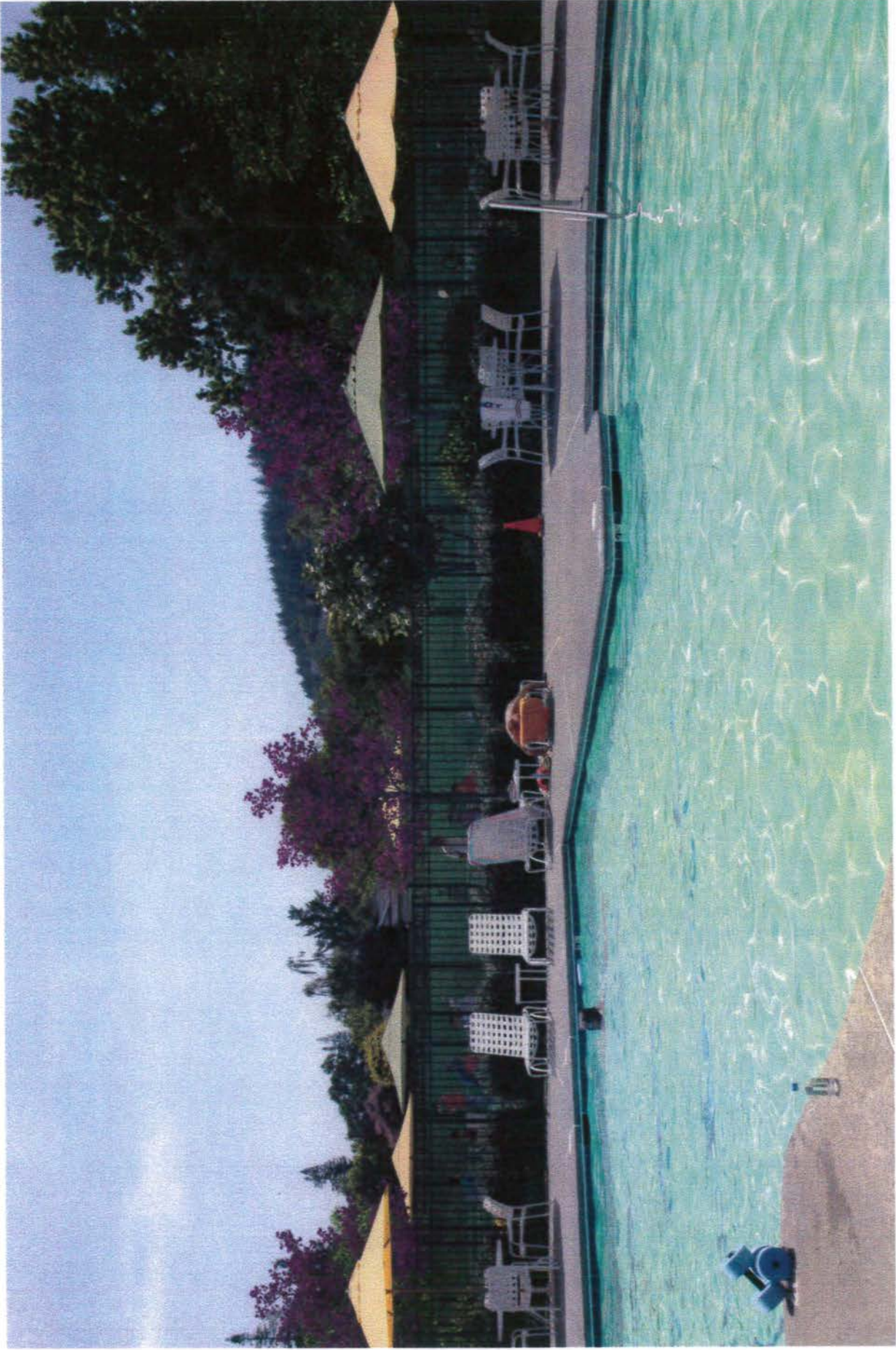
Green Acoustifence will be used on the inside (court side) of the South East Fence



Fence Fabric in "Ivy" Pattern, to be used on Laurel Leaf Side of South East Fence



VI-1: Pool View - existing



VI-2: Pool View – Visualization



VI-3: View from 309 Laurel Leaf – Existing



VI-4: View from 309 Laurel Leaf – Visualization



VI-5: View from 313 Laurel Leaf – Existing



VI-6: View from 313 Laurel Leaf – Visualization



**Parking Analysis for  
Oakmont Pickleball Complex**

**6633 Oakmont Drive**

**File number MNP 14-014**

**Prepared by Oakmont Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee**

**Noel Lyons & Anita Easland, co-chairs**

**Prepared: July 31, 2015**

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## Parking study for Proposed Pickleball Courts

Public comments about the proposed project have raised concerns about parking. A study conducted by Oakmont volunteers during the first week of July reveals that there is more than sufficient parking for the expected usage.

**Expected Usage:** Four pickleball courts accommodate 16 players. Spectators are not normally anticipated, but during the most popular times there can be additional players waiting to play. A realistic maximum attendance would be 24 people -- 16 playing and eight waiting. Since we always have some players who arrive by golf cart, bicycle, or on foot, we should anticipate needing parking for 20 cars. The primary times for play are weekdays between 9:00 am and noon; with negligible play in the afternoons.

**Counting:** During the first week of July, volunteers counted the number of cars using the Berger/CAC parking lot at the times that are most popular for pickleball play. Car counts were conducted in the parking lot three times each day (at 9:30, 11, and 1:30) for six days. In addition, spot checks were performed during Sunday morning services (July 26, 10:45 am) and line dancing in the Berger (July 27, 6:30 pm).

**Results:** There were always at least 40 empty standard parking spaces available, in addition to one ADA space. At 12 of the 18 counts, there were 80 or more empty standard parking places, and 3 or more ADA spaces.

**Larger Events:** Occasional large attendance events (music concerts and life-long learning classes) were not represented in this study. These events are not scheduled during the summer months, so none occurred during this study. However, these events occur in the afternoon when pickleball courts are lightly used. Thus the proposed courts will not burden the parking lots during those times.

The attached spreadsheet shows the number of available standard and handicap parking spaces during the three daily counts, as well as whether or not events were going on in the Berger, CAC, or Central Pool areas. Photographs of the lot were taken by the volunteer counters and these are also included in the project packet.





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**Hours of Play and Events**  
**Information for**  
**Oakmont Pickleball Complex**  
**6633 Oakmont Drive**  
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**Prepared by Oakmont Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee**

**Anita Easland, co-chair**

**Submitted: July 28, 2015**

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## Hours of Play and Events

Public comments have raised concerns about pickleball hours and average number of players during those hours. Also, there are concerns about “tournaments” and numbers of guests. And, there has been the concern raised about what restrooms will be used by players and guests.

**Hours of play:** 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. is somewhat consistent with the play hours for Oakmont tennis except they can play until dusk. None of the Oakmont Tennis courts have lights. The only lights in our plan are path lights. Play times will vary between winter usage due to shorter hours of daylight and summer hours due to midday heat.

**Expected usage:** Four pickleball courts accommodate 16 players. Spectators are not normally anticipated, but during the most popular times there can be additional players waiting to play. A realistic maximum attendance would be 24 people—16 playing and eight waiting.

**Interclub visits and Round Robin play:** 14 players from our club and 14 player visitors would be a high number based on the information from Ken Kerst, (see page 2) who manages play at Finley park. He states in the attached e-mail, “we generally have 3 or 4 “Interclub visits” wherein 8-12 individuals from another club (Sacramento, Martinez, Walnut Creek) come to participate in a round robin. Usually they do car pool.” The only “tournaments” Finley does host are the Wine Country Senior Games and they are able to make temporary use of adjacent tennis courts to accommodate the increased number of players since their 4 pickleball courts would not be adequate. Oakmont will not have adjacent tennis courts and will not be hosting “tournaments”. President of the Oakmont Tennis Club, Neil Linneball, describes matches they have with visiting clubs as “typically 6 players from another team competing with 6 players from our team. These players always car pool...” (see page 3).

**Restroom usage:** Access is available in the Central pool bathrooms and the Central Activities Center patio restrooms. Also, there are restrooms available in the Berger Center. Only the Central pool bathrooms require an electronic access card.

**From:** "Ken Kerst" <kakerst@gmail.com>  
**To:** "Anita or Diane" <dianita@mcn.org>  
**Cc:** "Frank Batchelor" <ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net>; <cassie@oakmontvillage.com>; "tom Kendrick" <tomkendrick57@gmail.com>; "Noel Lyons" <Noel.Lyons@comcast.net>; <arleneknu@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 9:34 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Gathering info for our Public Hearing

Hello everyone,

I wish you luck in your quest. Now to your questions. Apart from the Wine Country Games in May/June every year we generally have 3 or 4 "Interclub visits," wherein 8-12 individuals from another club (Sacramento, Martinez, Walnut Creek) come and participate in a round robin. Usually they do car pool. We also have ladder matches amongst ourselves 2-3 times a week involving groups of 4. Last fall we did have a second tournament for the Senior Games, but that was a one-off and won't happen again.

I hope that answers your questions. On a different note, we are seeing a boomlet in new people wanting to play pickleball at Finley recently. As pickleball becomes more mainstream, I'm certain Oakmont will also feel pressure to provide the membership with the facilities that contribute to their health and wellbeing. Again, keep fighting the good fight and let us know if you need anything.

Ken Kerst

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anita or Diane [mailto:dianita@mcn.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 20, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** ken kerst  
**Cc:** Frank Batchelor; [cassie@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:cassie@oakmontvillage.com); tom Kendrick; Noel Lyons  
**Subject:** Gathering info for our Public Hearing

Hi Ken,

The City Planner for our project, Susie Murray, wants us to gather info for our presentation packet. Pickleball is new in Santa Rosa and they don't have anything in their codes for outdoor Pickleball. There are some of our Oakmont opponents who are concerned that we are going to have "Tournaments" and bring too many people to Oakmont and use too much parking, etc, etc. Susie asked what does the word "Tournament" mean to us? She suggested we communicate with you. I know you host the Senior Games, but how often do you have other clubs come and compete? Do you call them "fun matches" or social matches or Tournaments? Do you have ladder matches or Round Robin matches among members of your group? If you have out of town players (No. Calif.) like Sacto or Del Webb or East Bay how many players usually come?

7/9/2015

From: Neil Linneball@hormail.com  
Subject: Re: BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING TENNIS "TOURNAMENTS"  
Date: July 15, 2015 at 4:18 PM  
To: Anita Eastland dianita@mcn.org

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Anita,

I spoke with Terri Somers who has all the info on number of matches using Oakmont courts(ie, home matches) etc since March 2014. I think her write-up is difficult to read and could easily be misinterpreted by those who like to do that sort of thing. Even then there is no way that anyone's interpretation can show that the impact is anything but insignificant. I will forward her email to you for your perusal. Instead, here is what I would say:

To whom it may concern:

My name is Neil Linneball and I am the president of the Oakmont Tennis Club. With respect to usage of the Oakmont tennis courts for USTA home(Oakmont) matches we have averaged about two matches a month over the last fifteen months since USTA started at Oakmont. These matches involve typically six players from the other team competing with six from our team. . These players almost always carpool and typically arrive in two cars. The number of supporters or fans is typically zero, but at most is 2 to 3 people(typically one car).

The matches utilize two courts for about 2 hours. Also, we have never held a National competition here and it is highly unlikely that we ever will considering the fierce competition nationally.

Thus it should be apparent that the impact or load on the Oakmont courts is very low(and at least half of the players are Oakmonters). Similarly the impact on parking at the courts is insignificant.

We have further data and statistics to back up these statements if needed. Thank you.

Neil Linneball

# PARKING STUDY EVENT CALENDAR

## July, 2015

This calendar does not reflect all events scheduled. Changes made on or after the 15th may not be reflected.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Community Church BC 12:00 PM Table Tennis UW 2:00 PM Movies at Oakmont BC 7:00 PM Movies at Oakmont BC	<b>6</b> 8:45 AM Yoga Holistic LW 9:00 AM ZUMBA Gold Int LW 9:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:30 AM Visual Arts UW 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 10:00 AM Yoga Women's (1) LW 10:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 10:00 AM Writing Class Creative D 10:30 AM Table Tennis UW 11:15 AM Line Dancing LW 12:00 PM Canasta CR 12:00 PM LOMAA Board B 2:00 PM American Mah Jongg E 2:00 PM Playreaders B 2:00 PM Push Your Potential LW 3:00 PM Circle Español Site 6 3:15 PM Ballet Revisited LW 6:15 PM Line Dancing BC 7:00 PM Mon Night Contract Bridge CR	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Pilates UW 8:30 AM ZUMBA Gold Int LW 9:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 10:00 AM Card Making AR 10:00 AM Landscaping Imp Comm; G 10:00 AM Tap Class Adv LW 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 10:00 AM Writing Class Creative D 10:30 AM Table Tennis UW 11:00 AM Drop-In Tennis WT 11:15 AM Tap Class Int LW 1:00 PM Chess Drop-In CR 1:00 PM Bridge CR 1:30 PM Needles & Hooks AR 1:30 PM Baker's Dozen Book Club D 1:30 PM Oakmont Ladies UW 2:00 PM Patrimonio Italiano EC 3:00 PM OVA Board Workshop E 3:30 PM Sepulchral Group B 4:00 PM Medis Friends G 4:15 PM Balance & Stretch LW 5:30 PM Cardio Fitness LW 6:45 PM Bridge Duplicate CR	<b>8</b> <i>SHAED - ATHON 9-12</i> 9:00 AM Yoga Holistic LW 9:00 AM Free Fitness Class BC 9:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 9:45 AM Palatque 10:00 AM Tai Chi Chuen UW 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 10:00 AM Card Making AR 10:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 10:30 AM Yoga Men & Women's LW 10:30 AM OVA Caregiver Support B 10:30 AM Blood Pressure D 12:00 PM Canasta CR 12:00 PM Table Tennis UW 12:00 PM Bridge CR 1:00 PM Quilting Big AB 1:00 PM Volunteer (Oh) BC 2:00 PM Oakmont Ladies UW 2:00 PM Sepulchral Group B 3:00 PM OVA Board Workshop E 3:00 PM Line Dancing BC 3:00 PM Pickball E 4:30 PM All the Toys Fitness LW 6:15 PM Dance Club Class BC 7:00 PM Oakle Folkies UW 7:00 PM OVA Wine Tasting Class CR	<b>9</b> 7:15 AM Kwanis E 9:00 AM Tai Chi for Beginners UW 9:00 AM Pinnocchio Daytime CR 9:00 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:00 AM Ballet Revisited LW 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 9:45 AM Painter's Open Studio AR 9:30 AM Bocce 10:00 AM Domino Club CR 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 10:00 AM Spanish Class Int B 10:15 AM Spanish Class Int B 10:30 AM Men's Bible Study Site 6 11:30 AM A Course in Miracles UW 12:30 PM Chess CR 1:00 PM Zumba Gold Introductory LW 2:30 PM ZUMBA Gold Int LW 3:00 PM Table Tennis UW 4:30 PM Cardio Fitness LW 6:30 PM Rainbow Women E 6:30 PM Pinnocchio CR	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Art Association Board G 8:30 AM Oqong LW 8:30 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:00 AM Yoga Holistic UW 9:00 AM Free Fitness Class BC 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 9:30 AM Loom Bowling 9:45 AM Painter's Open Studio AR 10:00 AM Yoga Women's LW 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 11:30 AM Tap Practice Big LW 12:30 PM Bridge Duplicate CR 1:00 PM Current Events E 1:00 PM Hi-Caf D 2:00 PM Push Your Potential LW 3:00 PM OVA Board Finside Chats BC 3:00 PM Table Tennis UW 4:00 PM Tap Practice Int LW	<b>11</b> 7:30 AM Pilates UW 8:30 AM Water Fitness Central Pool 9:30 AM Bocce 9:30 AM Lawn Bowling 9:45 AM Palatque 10:00 AM Pickle Open Play E Tennis Ct #4 10:30 AM Medis Friends G 5:00 PM Pinnocchio E
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