

Murray, Susie

From: Laurie Vree <laurievree@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickle ball

Dear Susan,

I am a new resident of Oakmont and I strongly support the building of pickleball courts for our residents' use. Thank you.

Laurie Vree
1004 Oak Mesa Drive
Santa Rosa, CA95409

Murray, Susie

From: Arnold S Herskovic <aherskovic@shn-engr.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:21 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickelball courts

Please be advised that I am strongly in favor of constructing new pickleball courts near the Central Activity Center in Oakmont. I am an active tennis player and would like to see a permanent location for the pickleball players. Thank you for your review and approval of this permit request.

Sincerely,

Arnie Herskovic
309 Mountain Vista Ct.
Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

Murray, Susie

From: bobrach2 <bobrach2@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickelball Courts

Dear Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly favor the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont.
Bob Hartsock

Murray, Susie

From: brorders <brorders@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickleball courts...

Dear Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly favor the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont.
Rachel Meserve

Murray, Susie

From: dorothy smith <dorothybsmith@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2015 9:39 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball in Oakmont, Santa Rosa.

To Susie Murray, City Planner for the City of Santa Rosa:

I live in Oakmont. A new Pickleball club is seeking to have Pickleball courts. I am in favor of building the courts in the area near the Central Pool. Studies have shown that this is the logical location.

Thank you, Dorothy Smith

Murray, Susie

From: Michael Martin <mrm.vlyofthemoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 7:19 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: Laura Holms
Subject: Pickelball in Oakmont

Pardon for intruding on your day. This is a note regarding my support of pickleball at Oakmont. A few weeks ago the Oakmont Board of Directors offered residents an opportunity to talk about issues that concerned them. Below is a summary paraphrase of my remarks at that meeting.

I made two comments about the proposed pickleball courts. First, 8 years ago I was diagnosed with a brain tumor. It has not been an easy 8 years. I have been fighting to get my life back ever since. Three years ago my wife and I moved to Oakmont. I began searching for some activity that I could do that would improve my stamina, strength and coordination. One year ago I heard about the pickleball club. I gave it a try. I can say positively that pickleball has greatly improved my health. My health would definitely take a turn for the worse should there no longer be courts in Oakmont. I noted that many of the earlier speakers indicated that they support picklball at Oakmont, but just not the potential cost.

The second comment relates to the stack of signatures from Oakmonters opposed to the new pickleball courts. I questioned the manner in which those signatures were obtained. One afternoon shortly after the campaign to gather signatures began, someone knocked on our door. My wife, Laura, answered. It was a gentleman soliciting signatures for the anti-pickleball petition. He explained to her that the Board was moving forward with the proposal. He explained that the proposal called for a large facility with bleachers, extensive parking, lighting, etc., for competition events. The cost would be over \$500 thousand dollars. Our property values would definitely decline and our dues increase. Given the dire case he presented, my wife signed the petition. She called me from the other room to hear what he had to say. He gave me the same story. I questioned the story about the large facility. He seemed surprised and said it was clearly described in the plans currently at the OVA office. I said I would check those plans before signing. He left to gather signatures elsewhere. I checked the plans. No such facility was a part of the plans. Learning this, my wife signed the petition in support of the courts, countering the first petition.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts

Michael R. Martin, Ph.D.,

6340 Meadowridge Drive

Santa Rosa, California 95409

Murray, Susie

From: davidmcdonnell08@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:37 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickle ball

I'm an Oakmont resident that supports the pickleball court construction. I'm neither a tennis nor pickleball player

Murray, Susie

From: Jean Gillen <oakmontmama@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 6:32 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

I presently do not play either tennis or pickleball however I think that oakmont is definately in need of the pickleball courts. Many of the senior communities I have visited have them and it is excellent source of exercise. let's get on with it!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: andyandsue baldwin <andyandsueb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Picklball issue

This is to inform you that I am in favor of this project. I am neither a picklball nor a tennis player so I seemingly have no interest in the project other than to support the idea that this is a "Active Adult Community" with lots of clubs and activities for seniors. Having one more is better, not worse.

Andrew B Baldwin
7615 Oak Leaf Dr
SR, 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Tony Agocs <tonyagocs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts, Oakmont

Dear Miss Murray,

As a resident of OAKMONT, I urge you to approve to create 4 Pickleball courts behind the pool at the Central Activity Center.

Although I am a tennis player now, in a few years I plan to switch to Pickleball, as do most of my tennis friends.

If this plan is not approved, the facilities at OAKMONT will become stale and mediocre, and by not offering the activities that younger newcomers want, home values will decrease.

Thank you for your attention

Anthony Agocs
327 Stone Creek circle
Santa Rosa CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: JNatt@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts in Oakmont

Ms. Murray:

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont .

Jean Nattkemper
6690 Oakmont Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Randall Fuller <randall.fuller@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: RE: Oakmont Pickleball Initiative

Hi Susie –

Thanks for the response. I sent an identical copy of this email to the Mayor and mentioned “you don’t go to a Mexican restaurant known for its hot and spicy food and complain the food is hot and spicy. Why move to Oakmont, known as an “Active” adult community and complain it is an active adult community.” Active adults make more noise than sedentary adults. There are communities that serve both demographics.

Randall

From: Murray, Susie [mailto:SMurray@srcity.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Randall Fuller
Subject: RE: Oakmont Pickleball Initiative

Thank you for your comments. I’ve added them to the file.

Susie Murray | City Planner

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Tel. (707) 543-4348 | Fax (707) 543-3269 | smurray@srcity.org



From: Randall Fuller [mailto:randall.fuller@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Initiative

Hi Susie –

I am an Oakmont resident and when my wife and I moved here almost 3-years ago, to home just off the 15th tee, we know that Oakmont was an “active adult community”. This is what attracted us.

We had no problem with the sound of tee shots or the need to invest in golf nets to protect family and friends when in the yard. This is what it means to live on a golf course and to live in an active retirement community and not a non-active retirement community.

I am also a tennis player who is also thrilled at the invention of pickleball as it extends the playing “career” of aging seniors and provides (much like tennis) significant health benefits as well as balance, cardio and maintaining muscle fitness and mass along with social interaction and social events.

However, as a tennis player in the tennis-active community of Oakmont, already losing one court to pickleball and the threat of losing more if this initiative does not go through, you can imagine my concern. I moved to Oakmont with 8-courts, now we are down to 7-courts with the threat of 6-courts or less if the City does not approve this initiative.

One of the concerns I understand is from neighbors or ping pong/pool users as to the sound of pickleball. I understand there are measures that are proposed to put in place to partially attenuate this concern, but I return to my original statement. We moved to an "active" adult community with a polo field, three pool/recreational center complexes, 8-tennis courts along with lawn bowling and other activities. It seems to me unfortunate the possibility of the "active" Oakmont residents (tennis players or pickleball players, or both) to be displaced by "inactive" Oakmont residents

I speak from personal experience as there are parts of my yard I do not go to when a foursome is teeing off. I wait until they have moved onto the fairway and have no complaints as this is what I signed-up for when moving to Oakmont. If this was a problem, there are plenty of other places to live if we wanted "peace and quiet" and not carts and golfers teeing off and driving by every few minutes (not to mention those on our property boundary looking for errant balls).

My parents (my father is 91 and my mother is 88) live in the River View senior housing development in Healdsburg. No golf, not tennis, no noise. The inactive Oakmont residents who live up against the grassy areas and the Central Recreation Center and are now protesting the next iteration of Oakmont's charter as an "Active Adult Community" are really running counter to not just the current pickleball/tennis community that will be impacted if this initiative does not move forward, but the extended constituency of the future, as pickleball is gaining new converts at a rapid rate and getting folks out of their homes (those not in shape for tennis) and providing them both physical and social activity.

I presume at some point the Lawn Bowling will go the way of the Moose Lodge as the aging demographic is replaced by the younger Oakmont move-in's (they may want to turn the area into Bocce Ball or some other activity more popular of their generation). Today, pickleball is the sport (along with tennis) that is gaining popularity and I personally know an Oakmont resident who wants to play tennis and once was a local doubles champion, but could no longer play due to declining health and back problems. He took up pickleball and when I saw him at the Oakmont Wells Fargo a few months back, he told me how the pickleball gave him a "new life" as he could no longer play tennis. He had great enthusiasm for this new sport that has extended his quality-of-life past his tennis playing days.

To me, the residents that are complaining about the construction of the pickleball courts at the main recreation center are no different than those of us who moved onto a golf course. It is part of the active lifestyle and the "energy" of golfers beyond our yard (especially during tournaments), is part of the "buzz" of living in Oakmont and not in a more sedentary (peace and quiet) community. I hate to say it, but I think the objectors just moved to the wrong place and a few residents should not be able to impact hundreds (and perhaps one day, thousands) of active Oakmont residents who want to extend their healthy quality of life in a community that was founded specifically for the active amenities that are offered.

Who knows what new sport will be discussed 15 years from now, but it is my hope that they will not meet the resistance the pickleball (and by proxy tennis) communities are having to deal with today. I also hope the folks who show and sell homes in Oakmont (especially near activities) provide a disclaimer that explains this is Oakmont and not "Shady Acres" and be prepared for an active and vibrant 55+ population who are not quite ready for their Barcalounger, not quite yet.

Thank you for reading this email and your consideration. If my tennis community is displaced, we will need to drive all the way to Galvin Park (about 25 minutes each way) to play at a place we moved to because there were 8-courts. I hope this initiative is approved and construction can start soon.

Randall Fuller
7528 Oak Leaf Drive
707-408-5018

Email Board Members

HI REENIE! TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR'S TUTORING PROGRAM AT DUNBAR SCHOOL. I DIDN'T WANT TO MISS MEETING MY STUDENTS, SOPHIA AND LUIS, ON THE FIRST DAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING THIS STATEMENT.

Oct 20, 2015

Hello,

My name is Elaine Booth. My address is 6522 Meadow Green Place. I've been a resident of Oakmont for two and a half years.

I started playing pickle ball a couple months after moving here. The game's really a lot of fun. It's fast, it's sociable, and the players are extraordinarily kind and helpful.

In addition to being fun, pickle ball meets all the requirements outlined in Oakmont's Articles of Incorporation. According to the Articles, "The primary purpose of incorporating is to provide athletic, recreational and club facilities." *Pickle ball hits the mark.*

In the light of this, the animosity stirred up against pickleball has been stunning. Petitioners appear at our doors. And at our neighbors' doors: Do we know our dues will be raised? Do we know pickleball courts will cost \$450,000? Do we know national tournaments will be played here?

Well, no, we don't know those things!

Let it be. Pickle ball is a fast-growing sport that will add VALUE to our community. The Central Activity Center is the LOGICAL place to add this new sport. Pickle ball courts are being built in SENIOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION.

Thank you for your attention.

Subject: Tuesday Meeting
From: Thomas Day <tlday48@gmail.com>
Date: 10/17/2015 9:52 AM
To: Bill Lucker <bill.lucker@att.net>

Could you or someone read my statement on Tuesday?

*my
address 6483 Pine Valley Dr*

My name is Thomas Day. I have lived in Oakmont since 2010. Because of back problems I have been unable to play golf. But I can play pickleball and play 3 times a week. I recently sold my first Oakmont house but decided to stay in Oakmont and purchased another house. The main reason I bought this second house was because of my enjoyment playing pickleball here. Oakmont advertises itself as an active community. Pickleball certainly fits in that description. I hope this Board continues to support the pickleball project and is not swayed by the uninformed negative backlash.

BOD Open Forum Comments, October 20, 2015.

My name is Stephen Hom and I live on Trail Ridge Place. It is unfortunate that the pickleball issue between the pro- and anti- pickleball advocates have created such a polarization of the Oakmont community and even among neighbors & friends in some instances. While I hear and understand the some of the comments that the anti-pickleball folks are promoting, I am pro-pickleball. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport among seniors and is here to stay. It is obvious that there is enough interest here to warrant adding this activity to Oakmont. Our Mission Statement states: **"The OVA exists to provide athletic, recreational, cultural, and club resources for the use by members of the Association and their guest."** We have yet to deny any activity that the members have wanted at Oakmont and yet it is distressing to see that how some members are so opposed to the sport.

I truly believe that Oakmont needs to get younger in age, in spirit, in mind, in body, and in the heart. We need to attract younger, active seniors with positive attitudes, constructive responsiveness, fresh ideas, progressive minds, and with the financial & intellectual resources carry this community into the future and beyond. Our goals, mission and vision should not be only about ourselves for the here and now, but into the future as well. We need to be progressive and be willing to invest in worthy projects and activities in order to enhance our community and property values so that we can work toward our vision and mission statement. I would like to see collaboration and teamwork among the community to achieve those goals and not the **"We against You"** attitude. The facilities and activities here will continue to exist into the future after we are all long gone. Staying Status Quo is not a good option.

Having said this, I hope that the Board sees the need to add pickleball as a permanent activity to Oakmont, whether it is a new project or the conversion of some to the existing tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted.

Murray, Susie

From: John Burchard <jjburchard@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:09 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

In early November the city of Santa Rosa will decide on the application for a permit to allow possible construction of new pickleball courts at Oakmont's Central Activity Center. My wife and I are Oakmont residents, and we strongly **favor** the construction of pickleball courts in our community. The current temporary use of tennis court 4 at the East Rec area is untenable as a long-range solution to the ever-increasing demand for pickleball playing space. I myself am an avid tennis player who knows many people who also play pickleball, or who have switched from tennis to pickleball because it's easier on the joints and lungs for those who feel acutely the attrition of advancing age. Also, it's great fun.

To satisfy the needs of its present AND future residents, Oakmont needs all of its [eight] tennis courts, as well as the construction of four or five new pickleball courts. I hope you will vote in favor of the permit for construction! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Burchard
6483 Meadowridge Ct.
jjburchard@att.net

Murray, Susie

From: David Koch <dmkoch327@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 10:21 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

October 18, 2015

Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

Dear Ms Murray,

I am one of many Oakmont residents who strongly support the OVA Board's plan of building the pickleball courts behind the pool area at the Central Activity Center (CAC). Having studied the various options and considered the potential impact of these, this proposal strikes me as the most sensible. Despite the cost of construction at the CAC, potential litigation associated with construction at the East Recreation Center combined with adverse impact on the neighborhood there make the former a more reasonable option. More importantly, planning that went into locating pickleball courts for the Pickleball Club at the CAC was carefully considered and took into account the impact on neighbors and OVA residents using CAC facilities alike as regards sound and general aesthetics. In all respects other than cost, the CAC site is far superior to any other proposed, by far.

Thanks in advance for consideration of this input as regards your deliberations, and ultimately decision-making.

Sincerely,

David M. Koch
377 Green Field Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: dragonladyjpc@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 6:16 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: neilscience@gmail.com
Subject: PICKLEBALL COURTS IN OAKMONT

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly favor the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont. This seems to be the only viable location for these courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. right now. We currently have a Pickleball Club in Oakmont and they need their own courts to play on. In addition, having this amenity in Oakmont will be a great selling feature for future residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan Conklin
409 Singing Woods Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 539-4099

Murray, Susie

From: Tom Kendrick <tomkendrick57@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2015 7:48 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball mailer
Attachments: PB mailer.pdf

Ms. Murray,

We spoke a couple of months ago - I suspect you are having fun with all our pickleball drama! I know the opposition has been vociferous and they are tenacious (although somewhat liberal with the truth). But rest assured, we (project supporters) are "stepping up our game." At your request, I've been holding on to our signed petitions in support of the proposed project - please let me know when you'd like them delivered to you.

I've attached a mailer that Oakmont Pickleball Club is sending out to our residents. We believe this information to be accurate and in many cases opposite to what opponents are telling people.

It does befuddle me why the city is interested in our "Oakmont Junior High" drama, but since you are, here is a little gossip for you.

You may have heard that an opponent was "assaulted." and that a police report was filed. The assault was a swatting away of a cell phone that was being held in a lady's face after she repeatedly told her to take it away. Guess what became of the police report? Nothing, except no doubt a few chuckles about geezers squabbling in Oakmont.

Some of the leaders of the opposition continue to berate, bash, badmouth and threaten Oakmont board of directors, who are elected volunteers, and spend countless hours working on behalf of all of us. The members of our board are intelligent, honest folks who, like others before them, are doing the very best they can. I believe most Oakmonters know this and appreciate their efforts.

Best regards,
Tom Kendrick
President, Oakmont Pickleball Club

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
PJ Savage, new player contact

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Murray, Susie

From: Jenny Froyd <froydjj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:22 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Dear Ms. Susie Murray

As an Oakmont resident I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont. Having moved to Oakmont in 2012 from The Villages in Florida where both tennis and pickleball were popular, I know it is essential for Oakmont to stay abreast and provide exercise opportunities for all the up and coming retirees.

Sincerely,

Jenny Froyd
402 Oak Point Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: james oswald <jimandsharon66@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball

Thanks for your input and information last week. I am YERY MUCH IN FAVOR of having the courts built at our CAC as applied for and scheduled for approval on your tentative date of nov. 12th. Jim Oswald

Murray, Susie

From: Terri Somers <Only1tls@att.net>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 7:39 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont is in favor of Pickleball courts

Dear Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa
smurray@srcity.org

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts near the Central pool area in Oakmont.

There is a very small, yet highly vocal, group of frustrated individuals that have made this project go from being a benefit to our Active Senior Community to "a fight to save their personal pocketbooks". Lies have been spread by talk, petition signing campaigns, social media and even at our board meetings. In some outrageous need to stand for the people who can't afford a \$5.00 annual increase in the OVA dues - which is a LIE - these few individuals have convinced, some would say preyed on elderly individuals that are ill-informed to join the cause against pickleball.

I request that your staff put this into perspective and see the need to grant a permit to build a facility that accommodates a growing number of retired baby-boomers that are living in our community whose joy is garnered by the playing of pickleball.

The OVA Board along with the Pickleball Club have proven -by factual sound studies- that the two tennis centers are not suitable AND are in violation of Santa Rosa noise level ordinances while pickleball is being played on them. The group of individuals living with the on-going proposal to keep pickleball play at the tennis facilities will very soon come calling at the door of your offices - with legal documents in hand - demanding that their rights be upheld. The residents living near the tennis facilities are driven by facts to support pickleball play at the Central pool area. They have patiently lived with this "temporary" situation. The fact that the tennis courts are NOT sport court facilities - has been a violation of use for over 18 months and the noise levels have also been in violation for over 18 months. How and at what cost will the City of Santa Rosa handle these factual violations of residents rights?

Let's move forward on the path to provide active senior citizens, that they have worked long and hard to afford the luxury of retirement in Oakmont Village, the opportunity to participate in a sport that provides them health benefits, socialization, and joy in a community setting that is "use"appropriate and doesn't cause violation to other residents rights.

Thank you for your time and efforts to choose the appropriate path of resolution to this request.

Terri Somers
(925) 876-8074

Murray, Susie

From: Pete Boyle <peterboyle5128@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

As Oakmont residents who support the construction of new pickleball courts in our community, we ask that this project be approved by the City of Santa Rosa. Over the past year, we have watched a small group of Oakmont residents devise every imaginable objection in opposition to this project. They have waged an effective campaign to scare and persuade elderly residents that their HOA dues will increase or other facilities will not be upgraded if money is spent on pickleball. Of course it is the responsibility of the Oakmont HOA Board to determine if the project is financially feasible and they would undoubtedly defer the expense if the opponents objections are valid. A great deal of money and effort has already gone into the planning of pickleball courts in Oakmont. Please approve the building of these courts.

Peter and Grace Boyle
318 Singing Brook Circle
Oakmont Village



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Murray, Susie

From: Sherry Kohut <sherrykohut@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball

I am a resident of Oakmont and I strongly favor building pickle ball courts behind the central pool in Oakmont, I enjoy both sports, I assure you we need all of our tennis courts, many times there is a long wait for an empty court.

Sherry Kohut

Murray, Susie

From: mariellen munson <mariellenmunson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:09 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

I am an Oakmont resident and I *strongly favor* the building of pickleball courts behind the central pool area of Oakmont.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mariellen Munson
88 Aspen Meadows Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
707 538-4142

Murray, Susie

From: Diane Linneball <dlinneball@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 9:02 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am sure you are getting tired of this subject, but I would like to add my SUPPORT in building the courts. The Oakmont Village Association Incorporation Papers state that "its specific and primary purpose is to provide athletic and recreational facilities for Oakmont residents".

We have a small but very vocal and determined group opposing the building of the courts. For several months they have been obtaining signatures on a petition to stop the courts from being built, but as of yesterday have only 190 signatures from our population of 4634 residents.

I'm so sorry that the small number of opponents of the courts have caused you so much trouble.

Kind regards,

Diane Linneball
331 Meadowridge Lane
Santa Rosa, CA. 95409
(707) 331-2746

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Judith Fleshman <judithfleshman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:52 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts in Oakmont

Ms. Susy Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont .

Thank you for your support.

Judith Fleshman
Oakmont Resident

Murray, Susie

From: Maria Mar <maria.mar@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 7:05 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Susan Murray,

I know you are evaluating the potential for pickleball courts at Oakmont. I would like you to know that I am very much in favor of courts near the central activity center. It is a very popular sport and will add much value to the community. I appreciate your deliberations on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Mar
8 Oakshadow Place
Santa Rosa, Ca
95409

Murray, Susie

From: Liz Lorant <lorant@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 6:09 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Village Pickleball Courts

I am not a tennis player, or a pickleball player.

But I do know that there are about 300 residents who are intersted in one or the other. Or both.

They should not be stopped by a few cranks who never want to change or improve ANYTHING, no matter WHAT it is.

It is the sole function of the Oakmont Village Association Board to stay current with the interests of all current residents, but including new and younger residents. They should not be forced to relinquish that responsibility.

Liz Lorant
319 Stone Creek Circle
SR CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: David Chalk <chalk@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:53 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts

Dear Ms. Susie Murray,

I am an Oakmont resident, and I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont.

Sincerely,

Joan D. Chalk

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Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Marty Thompson <martythompson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts in Oakmont

Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

I am an Oakmont resident and fully support pickleball courts. The only viable place for them is behind the Central Pool. In spite of the contentiousness and controversy, I believe they are a vital installation for the continued growth of Oakmont.

Janet Thompson

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: evalmac@sonic.net
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Murray, Susie; OVA.bod.batchelor@sonic.net

I am a member of the tennis club and pickle-ball club here in Oakmont. I have been a resident for over 19 years. I am a member of the tennis club all of those years.

If I mentioned to the tennis club what I think, I would create many enemies.
My idea is to use the tennis court next to the pickle-ball. That would make 4 courts for pickle-ball,

Retirement areas are converting tennis courts into pickle-ball. I know of many tennis players who can no longer play tennis. Injuries and age prevents them from continuing.

Other areas are considering using tennis courts for pickle-ball.

Eva McGinn
283 Belhaven Cr.
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Donna Boaz <donna-boaz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:39 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: My husband and I are residents of oakmont

and hope the pickle ball courts will be built behind the Central pool .
Donna Boaz
Dennis Boaz

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Paula Lewis <paulalewisc21@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 6:37 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Vote YES to build Pickleball courts at Central Rec Facility in Oakmont

Dear Ms Murray,

I live and work in Oakmont, and one of the things that buyers find so appealing about our community is the variety of sports activities we offer here. The addition of proper pickleball courts near our Central Recreation Center will be a wonderful addition to the senior sports we pride ourselves in offering.

Sometimes buyers choose not to buy a home in Oakmont because they feel our facilities are too dated. Please vote YES to having these courts added to our wonderfully active community.

Best regards,
Paula Lewis

Paula Lewis
707.332.0433 cell
Century 21 Valley of the Moon
6580 Oakmont Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
www.OakmontCalifornia.com
DRE#01716489

Murray, Susie

From: Fran Randol <fran.randol@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

To Ms. Susan Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

I am an Oakmont resident and have reviewed the plans for the construction of Pickleball courts behind the Central Activities Center at Oakmont. I have also listened to arguments on both sides of this issue.

I strongly support building the Pickleball courts and believe the current plans and location are the best option for the Oakmont community.

Frances J. Randol
33 Aspen Meadows Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: LOUOK <louok@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 7:46 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball

Dear Susan,

I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly FAVOR the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont.

Olivia A. Kinzler

Murray, Susie

From: Tina Lewis <tinalewis31@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 9:29 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oamont pickleball courts

Dear Ms. Murray:

Pickleball is becoming an important component in maintaining good health, especially as one ages. I am an Oakmont resident, and we're seeing the interest in pickleball growing almost exponentially. The players are in dire need of having courts built to accommodate the demand. After acoustic studies were conducted by independent companies to determine the best location for these courts, it was concluded that the place for them to be built should be behind the central pool area.

I strongly urge the support of the city to approve the application for these courts to be built.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Martina Lewis
6494 Meadowridge Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
707-539-5546
TinaLewis31@comcast.net

Murray, Susie

From: Judy Salmina <jsalmina@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 9:44 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickle ball

Pickle ball is only getting bigger everywhere and we need our own courts! We have been lucky enough to have one tennis court, which makes 2 PB courts but when there is 15 and sometimes over 20 people playing, not fun! New people are interested, but when they see the wait 4 play time get discouraged and leave..thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: schweenj@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:02 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball courts in Oakmont

Dear Ms. Susie Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

My name is Jonni Schween and I am an Oakmont resident and I strongly **FAVOR** the building of pickleball courts behind the Central pool area in Oakmont.

Thank you

Murray, Susie

From: Diana Kissil <Diana.Kissil@smithgroupjir.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:10 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickle Ball Courts
Attachments: ON aug 1 2015 pickelball plan.pdf

Dear Ms. Murray:

Attached is a copy of an article that appeared in the August 1 issue of the Oakmont News. My husband and I have owned a home in Oakmont for over 10 years. We support the construction of pickleball courts in Oakmont. We ask that you issue the permits needed to continue this project as proposed by the Oakmont Village Association Board of Directors. This project has been well thought out and discussed at great length for nearly two years now and we would like to see the board be able to go ahead with getting the quotes on construction, etc, necessary to finishing this project. The project is important to Oakmont in that it will keep the community up to date with the interests of its current and future residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Diana Kissil and John Cullison

Diana Kissil, AIA, LEED AP
Principal

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Susie Murray, Planner
Santa Rosa Planning Department
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
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Dear Susie,

As an Oakmont resident and a tennis player, I am eager for the Pickleball players to have their own permanent courts. As you can see from the enclosed article, the Oakmont Board supports this premise; therefore, I am requesting a permit be granted so the Oakmont Board can make their decision soon.

We moved here from The Villages in Central Florida where Pickleball Courts were included in every Village along with tennis courts and other sport opportunities. It is definitely a sport that is here to stay and would enhance the desirability of moving to Oakmont.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jenny and John Froyd
402 Oak Point Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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Dear Planning Dept,

It's been over a year our Oakmont Board has dealt and waited to receive a permit. They support this project and ~~truth be told have jumped through rings~~

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It is our community's property and our Board has a responsibility

to uphold the charter of this Active Adult Community.

Thank you,

Melissa Bowers

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Susan Murray

Santa Rosa Planning Department

RE: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Dear Susan,

As a resident of Oakmont I would appreciate it if the City could move forward and grant us our permit to build permanent Pickleball courts.

The Oakmont Board is ready to vote and hopefully move forward with this project. The longer it drags on the more money is spent and wasted. Our opponents are becoming ridiculous with their opposition. Please grant our permit so the Oakmont Board can make their decision as to what is needed in our active community.

Thank you,
Joan Seliga

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Santa Rosa Planning Department
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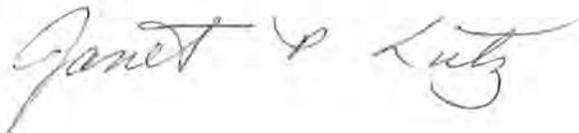
Re: Pickleball in Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray –

We wish to voice our support for the proposed courts in Oakmont. Our board has approved the project to this point. My husband and I are very excited about the project.

Please support us and encourage the Planning Department to issue the necessary permit asap so that things can move forward soon.

Thank you –



Janet and Lutz Funke
6268 Meadowstone Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

luckyjanet@comcast.net

August 4, 2015

Susan Hazlewood
9281 Oak Trail Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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Santa Rosa Planning Dept.
100 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Dear Ms. Murray,

Enclosed is a copy of an article about Pickleball from the Oakmont News. It clearly shows the support of our Board of Directors for the proposed Pickleball courts at Oakmont. I and my fellow Pickleball players, encourage the City to grant the permit for the courts, so the Oakmont Board of Directors can make their decision on the merits of the project.

Sincerely,



Susan Hazlewood

Murray, Susie

From: Neil Linneball <nlinneba@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts in Oakmont
Attachments: ON aug 1 2015 pickelball plan.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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Neil Linneball

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Respectfully,
John Doe

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Polo at Oakmont



Oakmont residents who went by the Wild Oak Saddle Club's polo field on Sunday, July 12, were spectators at the Henry F. Trione Memorial Polo Tournament, named for the man who established the field. (Photo by Keith Sauer)

More photos online at oakmontvillage.com/oakmont-news.

Golf Cart Thief Hits Oakmont Gardens

■Jim Golway

A golf cart parked at Oakmont Gardens was stolen the night of July 13. The next morning a dog walker at the polo field spotted the cart lying on its side and phoned Vaughn Young of Oakmont Automotive. "The caller thought I might know the owner because we service golf carts for residents and sell used ones," Young explained.

At the accident site Young observed circular tire marks in the turf indicating the thief may have been spinning "donuts" and rolled the cart. The vehicle sustained significant damage: the frame was bent, the cart's batteries lay on the ground.

Young towed the cart to his shop. A computer search of the vehicle's ID number indicated the cart belonged to a woman living at Oakmont Gardens. "When Vaughn called and told me he had my cart but it was wrecked, well, I was just heartsick," said Irene (she declined to give her last name). "That cart is my only means of transportation," she said. "I need it to get around Oakmont."

Irene said she always parked outside her front door and thought it safe to store the key in the cart's compartment. "I think someone saw Irene leave the key there and decided to take her cart for a joyride," said Young. "Or they got real lucky."

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Newborn Fawn On the Course

■Tom Kendrick

After a golfer notified a nearby resident about a possibly dead baby deer laying on a teebox, Marge Davis of Fawn Rescue was called. While waiting for Davis, golf course worker Mario Lucatero showed up and laughed. "It was born last night—Mama will be back soon. Happens every year."



Marge Davis, founder of Fawn Rescue, with the golf course fawn. (Photo by Tom Kendrick)

A short while later, Davis and her sidekick Matt Wolfe arrived and were kneeling beside the infant. "Look! Her ears are still curled—she's not more than a few hours old!" whispered Davis, who founded Fawn Rescue in 1989.

After it was determined that Lucatero was correct in his observation, the markers for play were moved to another location. A sign was also placed on the teebox in an attempt to keep curious golfers from approaching.

Wolfe said the fawn looked to be about five pounds, and that the mother would not approach if people were nearby. Later that afternoon the youngster was gone, no doubt learning to walk and hopping around in one of the sand bunkers.

The moral? Golfers and course workers care about our Oakmont wildlife. Also, when in doubt, call Fawn Rescue—Marge and Matt are just a phone call away. Reach them at 931-4550.

Berger Ad Hoc Committee Moves to Next Steps

■Jackie Reinhardt

Almost a year into its work, the Ad Hoc Berger Improvement Committee is close to directing its

Murray, Susie

From: Tom Kendrick <tomkendrick57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 9:49 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball heating up

Susie,

You might be interested in the current issue's front page OVA board meeting article concerning further expenditures and what I call an "Emergency" horseshoe club. It should be easy to navigate but if you like, I'll get a hard copy to you.

You may be aware that some pickleball opponents are also trying to start (another emergency) "putting club" on the putting green where the proposed project is planned and there is also talk of a croquet club!

Regards,

Tom Kendrick, president Oakmont Pickleball Club
888-6334

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Murray, Susie

From: Val Muroki <val.muroki@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:31 PM
To: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net; Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Central Park & Pickleball

As an Oakmont resident, I want to speak up on behalf of both a Central Park idea and the Pickleball Courts.

Oakmont has grown through the addition of residential neighborhoods; I'm living in one of the new areas -- The Orchard. But I don't feel that we have a real central anchor point to draw all residents together. The CAC and Berger Center are no longer large enough to accommodate all our residents and their various interests -- let alone provide a central area to mingle and enjoy leisure activities together.

As for pickleball, this is a great pastime for our older population. I can't imagine any reason to deny this activity in the central area.

Thank you,
Valerie Muroki
9347 Oak Trail Cir
Santa Rosa 95409

Valerie Muroki
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
707-529-2307

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Dear Ms. Murray,

I am a tennis player residing in the Oakmont Village for the past nine years.

I am now in my late 60's and although I do not play pickleball now, that prospect looms large as I potentially lose the mobility needed for active tennis. For that reason as well as the growing popularity of pickleball I support the construction of at least six permanent pickleball courts by the Oakmont Village Board of Directors. As you are aware, the Oakmont Pickleball Club is using a modified re-stripped tennis court supporting two temporary pickleball courts. We tennis players need that tennis court back for its intended purpose. The Oakmont Pickleball Club desires the same thing. The other court in that location is not easily playable when pickleball is being played. The two games are totally different in style and sociability.

Every alternate potential location within Oakmont has been reviewed by the OVA Board's ad hoc committee and has been determined to not be a viable location as a pickleball recreational venue offering due to size, easily accessible parking as well as other athletic facilities (pool, gym, showers, and locker rooms and restrooms). The area most suited for court construction is currently the underutilized flat, abandoned, un-watered, zoned for recreation putting green the Oakmont Golf Club has abandoned. That area can readily be converted to suit the Plan.

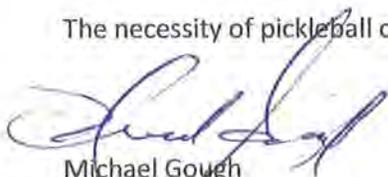
In response to a small number of OVA Member's concerns, and at great expense to every member of the Oakmont Village Association, City-mandated acoustical and visual impact studies have been performed. An unprecedented "parking lot survey" is currently underway. The current Plan before the City proposes both acoustical and visually compliant modifications to satisfy City zoning requirements for residences adjoining this proposed recreation area. Several years ago the OVA proposed restriping of the main parking lot on **OVA property** that would have added twenty-two additional parking spaces. For some reason the City had to approve that plan. It was rejected but not countered.

The OVA Board of Directors answers to Association members by way of a Democratic Electoral system of rotating elections. The legitimate internal functions of the OVA Board should **not to be assaulted or usurped** by the City of Santa Rosa or a few dissidents

In the instance before the City a group of Association Members has petitioned the City to supersede the will of the elected OVA Board in violation of the Oakmont Articles of Incorporation. Any and all recourse is lawfully an internal OVA matter and not subject to the purview of any other entity.

If the decision of the OVA Board of Directors is to build pickleball courts on **our** C recreation-zoned property then that decision must be recognized and accepted by the City of Santa Rosa.

The necessity of pickleball court construction exists **now**. This paralysis by analysis should end forthwith.



Michael Gough
7568 Oak Leaf Drive
Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

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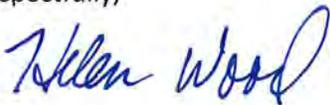
Attn: Ms. Susie Murray
Community Development

Re: MNP14-014

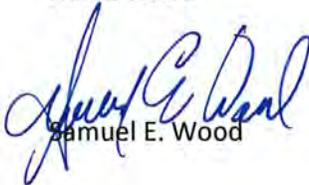
The undersigned residents of this letter are fully supporting the building of four (4) new
Pickleball Courts at the Central Activity Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

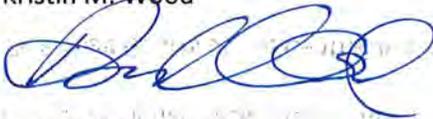


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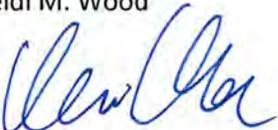


Samuel E. Wood

Kristin M. Wood



Heidi M. Wood



Murray, Susie

From: Joan Kielhofer <grandmoo44@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 9:03 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickle all

Pickleball courts at the main activity center in Oakmont makes the most sense!! Pickleball is a great fun activity...why not have it at the main center near the gym where all active people can hang out!

Joan Kielhofer
Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Dennis Mool <moolconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: In Support of the Oakmont Pickleball Central Facility

Dear Ms. Murray,

The purpose of the email is to request that the City of Santa Rosa support the proposed Oakmont Pickleball facility.

As a 70 year old Oakmont resident, who suffered a leg injury 30 years ago that ended my tennis playing, Pickleball is a wish come true.

Being able to participate in a fun racquet sport again is great.

In my mind, Pickleball is fast becoming a MUST for Active Adult Communities because its easy to learn, easy on your body and great fun.

The Pickleball facility proposed is in line with the facilities provided the other Oakmont group sports, i.e., swimming, lawn bowling, and tennis.

Respectfully,

Denny Mool
421 Trail Ridge Place
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Dwight Daley <dlwdaley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Court Construction Proposal

Dear Ms. Murray,

As an Oakmont resident, I'd like to advocate in favor of the current proposal to build four new pickleball courts at the Central Activities Center there.

Although I do not currently play pickleball, I participate in other sports activities and use several of the facilities we have here, and I believe that this proposal is the best way forward for a rapidly growing sport and for Oakmont residents in general, when property value is considered.

Currently the pickleball participants have to utilize temporary courts at the tennis club, which are to be returned. Much research has been done, and the proposed location of four new courts is the best possible plan. It will take the place of a rarely used practice golf green that is a waste of irrigation water, and will have a minimum sight line and noise impact on the surrounding area.

Pickleball is growing rapidly throughout the country in the Oakmont demographic, and I believe it is absolutely necessary for Oakmont to have a proper facility to retain the reputation it has as far as being a top level adult community.

Thanks for your attention.

Yours truly,

Dwight Daley

dlwdaley@gmail.com
165 Oak Shadow Dr
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
707-481-1161

From: evalmac@sonic.net
 Subject: [Fwd:]
 Date: Thu, July 2, 2015 4:20 pm
 To:

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 100 SANTA ROSA AVE., STE 5
 SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

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

Subject:
 From: evalmac@sonic.net
 Date: Thu, July 2, 2015 11:39 am
 To: SMurray@SRCity.org
OVA.bod.batchelor@sonic.net

Community Development:

I am starting my 20th year of living in Oakmont. Nothing has changed whenever we spend money. Whether it is for repairs, or additions, Oakmonters oppose. Our dues is the least amount of any retirement area.

I am in seven clubs and I see the rebellion. Adding two tennis courts was a problem with these groups, but after it was done, no one complained. This is the same hassle asking for pickleball courts. I want to see Oakmont keep up with the other retirement areas. It is an incentive for buyers when we have all these facilities. It increases the values of our property.

Spring Lake has a pickleball court. Why not Oakmont.

Eva McGinn
 283 Belhaven Cr.
 Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409 .

Murray, Susie

From: Stephen Hom <cululuhom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 9:24 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Re: I support Pickleball Courts

Dear Ms. Murray,

Can you please confirm receipt of my email that I sent you on June 23rd, below?

Thank you,
Stephen Hom
Oakmont Resident

On Jun 23, 2015, at 3:45 PM, Stephen Hom <cululuhom@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Murray,

I understand that you are receptive of receiving comments from Oakmont residents regarding the proposed Pickleball Courts Project to be located near the Central Activities Center. During the Open Forum at the OVA BOD meeting on May 19, 2015, I addressed the board with the following comments:

1. I ask the Board not to deny us "Active" seniors the opportunity to play Pickleball at Oakmont. The membership is currently around 130 and continues to grow. There is a real & genuine interest in the sport here. It is a new sport for most of us. I truly believe that Pickleball is good for the body, good for the mind, good for the heart, good for the spirit, good for the soul. It is a social sport that brings active seniors together. In such a short period of time, I have met many fine & wonderful people on the courts, some of which will be life long friends I'm sure.
2. Yes, PB is noisy, as it should be. What other sport can bring out the life, the excitement, the joy, the laughter, the fun, and the friendly competitiveness in us "Old Folks"? I love hearing people laughing, screaming with excitement, feeling alive, enjoying themselves, making new friends, and acting like people half their age. Or would I prefer to sit quietly by myself listening to the traffic on Hwy 12, the lawn mowers, the leaf blowers, the chain saws, the power saws, and all the construction noise starting at 8am every morning? I think I would prefer to act like a 35 year old on the Pickleball court as opposed to sitting quietly as an "Old" 70 year old man...
3. PB is not an all day sport. Most of the play will be in the mornings when the weather is cooler. I believe it should be played at a central location so I DO support the concept of a Central Park. It should be at an area of gathering and high activity, including the noise of fun, excitement, happiness, and life.

I ask the Board to consider my comments and to maintain Oakmont as an "Active" Adult Community for us here now and into the future after we are all long gone.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hom

Murray State

1000 University Ave
Murray, KY 40341
606.855.2200
murray.edu

Dear Mr. Hom,

Thank you for your letter of 10/10/11 regarding the

University of
Murray State
Murray, KY

On 10/10/11, at 1:45 PM, Murray State University wrote:

Dear Mr. Hom,

I understand that you are currently attending a course in
Murray State University. I would like to be included in the
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Murray, Susie

From: Steve Spanier <saspanier@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 2:29 PM
To: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net; Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Support

Dear Susie and Frank,

I'm writing to tell you of my support for the current plan for building pickleball courts in the area of the Central Activities Center in Oakmont.

Although I am an Oakmont resident and a current member of the pickleball club, I'm not a pickleball player. I've tried the sport and enjoyed it, but I don't currently play and don't foresee myself playing. My membership simply provides support to the club. Despite the fact that I don't play, I strongly support Oakmont adding a nice pickleball facility to our community. Here's why.

Oakmont is a special place. Everywhere I go within Oakmont, I hear its residents talking about how fortunate they feel to live here and how lucky we all are. Being in real estate, I can tell you that senior communities are no longer built on such prime land. Much of what Oakmont residents seem to like about Oakmont is its location. Here, in the Valley of the Moon, with abundant natural beauty around us and the services offered by the largest city in Sonoma County so easily accessible, we're truly the stewards of a rare environment.

All indigenous societies believe in the idea of stewardship. We don't own the land on which we live; rather, we are borrowing it from future generations. It is our job, they believe, to maintain it and by that they mean protect all that makes it special. But our special place only remains so if it is well-maintained and current.

By the way, we don't need to be fancy or exclusive to be special. That was never what Oakmont (or Sonoma County) was about. We'll leave "fancy" to Marin and Napa counties. But we do need to be well maintained and current to protect that which we are so fortunate to be able to use.

As you know, pickleball is a fast-growing sport in senior communities. The largest senior community in the country (the Villages in Florida) has over 100 pickleball courts. For a community the size of Oakmont to NOT have permanent pickleball courts is, well, anomalous at best. Over time, it will signal the slide down the slippery slope from special to ordinary.

In my previous high-technology career, I witnessed many companies fail to innovate. Always, as they failed to keep up with the current norm, they died. Imagine someone trying to sell a computer that doesn't have wi-fi capability or an operating system that doesn't support an Internet browser or email.

It is the job of community and city leadership to guide this stewardship into the future. As our facilities age or become outdated, we must update. As new facilities become necessary, we must add them. Anything else is failing to protect this special place which we are only borrowing from future residents.

I urge you to follow this tradition of stewardship and ensure that Oakmont remains special. I urge you to lobby for and ultimately approve the pickleball plan for the current location (I know that many locations were studied and this one was deemed best). If you need further help from me, please don't hesitate to ask.

With warm regards,

Steve Spanier
707-779-9718
6522 Meadowgreen Place
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Alameda County

County of Alameda
Department of Public Health
1000 Broadway, Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Spanier:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's...

As you know, the County of Alameda is currently reviewing the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's...

All changes to the County of Alameda's policies and procedures must be approved by the Board of Supervisors...

By the way, we don't need to discuss the details of the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's...

As you know, the County of Alameda is currently reviewing the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's...

In my opinion, the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's policies and procedures are...

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed changes to the County of Alameda's...

I hope you will find this information helpful and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions...

With best regards,

Murray, Susie

From: ronald leve <jagguy70e@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball at Oakmont

Hi Susie,

My name is Ron leve and I live in Oakmont .

All of the 140 or so of us who are loving pickleball here a at Oakmont may have different reasons for loving this game (which is the fastest growing senior game in the country), but let me tell you mine. About a year and one half ago I went through open heart surgery, a double bypass. I was forced to give up golf and tennis and I am an active person. My Doctor is familiar with pickle ball which is more heart friendly encouraged me to play.

It has been a wonderful thing for me to still be with active people who can handle this sport and are enjoying each others company. There are a lot of us including ex tennis and golf players who are joining up all the time for the same reason. If you happened to see the evening news on NBC TV month or so back you will have some idea of the appeal of this sport. You also may have noticed that our local senior games featured pickle ball.

I have been to a few City Council meetings where the same people stand up and complain about whatever is going on. We have those people as well. A few years ago we tried to add 1 hour to the pool at 3pm (the hottest time of the day) time for our grandkids, and a large number of people objected. I will not bother you with any more details but it happens time after time. These people are vocal but a MINORITY !!!!!

Help us stay active and current so we can attract the more active retirees that are entering their senior "golden years"....They are the people we want in our community and you want as Santa Rosa citizens...Thank you for your courtesy and support...Lets grow together.....Ron Leve 7614 Oak Leaf Drive.

Murray, Susie

From: Becky and Bruce Hulick <bbhulick@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net; Tom Kendrick; Bill Lucker; Melissa Bowers (Co-Secretary); Anita or Diane
Subject: OAKMONT PICKLE BALL COURTS

We have been a residents of Oakmont for over ten years & one the biggest benefits for my wife & I have been the many athletic activities available to the residents. Since we are all getting older, tennis has been losing interest, but we have become avid pickle ball players. Our club has grown to over 140 members and could soon be the largest athletic club in Oakmont.

As we have only the two temp courts, we have many players waiting to play, so it is important that we eventually have the 4 permanent courts built. The site chosen makes the most sense for access to parking, pool & locker rooms, etc. Oakmont has always encouraged sporting activities for health & social reasons, & that has been a huge selling point for many would be residents.

Please consider approval for the permanent pickle ball courts.

Thank you, Bruce & Becky Hulick

Murray, Susie

From: Bill Lucker <bill.lucker@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 6:43 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Support for Pickleball at Oakmont

I am writing to support the building of the Central Park Project in Oakmont, which includes four pickleball courts.

One of the main reasons that I moved to the "active living community" of Oakmont is to have access to recreational facilities. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport among senior communities in the United States.

We pickleballers here at Oakmont have been waiting patiently for more than 18 months for the approval process to be completed so that pickleball courts can be built for the 140+ members of the pickle ball club here.

To comply with Santa Rosa city requirements, both sound and visual studies have been completed for the project. The results of all these studies have clearly shown that moving forward with the Central Park Project at the Central Recreational Center is an appropriate thing to do. Opponents will continue to raise red herring concerns that will waste more money in studies and further delay construction with the hope that they can kill the project. Do not let that happen!

Please do all you can to expedite the project so that we can play pickleball, our chosen sport, in a pickleball facility in Oakmont. Those of us who live here only have a limited window of time for active physical activity. Delays rob us of time that we can never get back!

Please don't let the few complainers keep us from our opportunity to enjoying the sport we choose to play during our "Golden Years" at Oakmont.

Thank you.

Bill Lucker
7589 Oakmont Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 235-7332

1. Introduction
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The first part of the paper discusses the background and motivation for the study. It highlights the importance of understanding the underlying mechanisms of the phenomenon being investigated. The methodology section describes the experimental design and data collection procedures. The results section presents the findings of the study, including statistical analyses and graphical representations. The discussion section interprets the results in the context of existing literature and theoretical frameworks. Finally, the conclusion summarizes the main findings and suggests directions for future research.

The study was supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant #1234567. The authors would like to thank the anonymous reviewers for their constructive comments and suggestions. The data used in this study are available upon request.

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Susan Murray
City Planner, Community Development Department
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3
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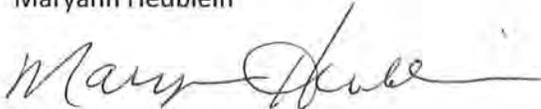
Dear Ms. Murray:

I live in Oakmont and wish to urge the city to approve the proposal to construct pickleball courts at the Central Activities Center.

I had played pickleball for several years in AZ where I lived previously. After moving to Oakmont I started playing at Wild Oak but due to staffing issues they could no longer host Oakmont residents. After much discussion, the Tennis Club agreed to allow the Pickleball Club to use their courts. But that was on a limited time basis and our time is up. Our club has grown to 140 or more folks and we desperately need our own courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maryann Heublein



8 Aspen Meadows Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Neil Linneball <neilscience@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:25 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Plans for Pickleball Courts

To: Susan Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

Re: Pickleball courts in Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I have lived in Oakmont for over nearly five years. I am strongly IN FAVOR of the construction of four new pickleball courts in the area behind Oakmont's Central Pool.

I have very carefully followed the arguments for and against construction of the new courts and I am IN FAVOR of building these courts. I and many of my friends who have moved to Oakmont did it largely because of the amenities offered by this community . Having these facilities raises the value of our homes and makes living here more enjoyable. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Neil Linneball

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Dick Hirsch <hirschrdh1939@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 9:23 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Cc: Richard Hirsch
Subject: In Support of Activity Center at the Central Rec center to include 4 new Pickleball courts

To Whom May concern,

I was first introduced to Pickleball about 6 months and became instantly addicted to the sport, the people who play the game, the competition and just how great it made me feel. I will be 77 on my next birthday and had been a competitive tennis, squash & Racquetball player unit about 20 years ago. I thought competing in an actively racquet game was over for me.

Then I heard about this new game with the weird name Pickleball and after a 15 minute introduction by some super friendly Pickleball players at Oakmont I was actually playing a real game. Pickleball has extended the competitive play aspects of great exercise for people well into their eighties and beyond.

It is the only game where you will ever see three generations of one family playing a competitive game on one court. Myself, my son, daughter and grandchildren under the age of 10 can all play the game on one court together.

My grandson is being exposed to Pickleball in grade school as a gym activity. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country claiming 500,000 players and almost 10,000 courts with more being added on a daily basis.

You can well imagine that with 140 active PB players with only two courts to support this many people it has turned into a situation where 8 people get to play for 10-15 minutes while 24 more people stand around waiting for the opportunity to play their 10-15 minutes then rotate out for the next group. So in reality if you go to the 2 hour daily open play sessions you might get up to 30 minutes play time with 90 minutes of down time waiting your turn.

We need our own dedicated minimum of 4 courts which is the plan submitted for the expanded Central Rec Centers. I truly hope that you the decision makers will grasp what a great opportunity you have to further the growth of this life enriching and life extending sport we love.

Thank you for taking time to read this email.

Best Regards,

Dick Hirsch

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Murray, Susie

From: Elaine Booth <elainesbooth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 12:19 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Yes to Pickleball at Oakmont

Dear Susie Murray,

Pickleball is a fun and fast-growing activity in senior communities all over the country and should be part of the activities offered at Oakmont. These activities are an asset to our community, positively affecting both our health and property values.

Various pickleball building sites have been considered, but clearly the most logical site for this active and social sport is at the *Central Activities Center*. With its gym, pool, locker rooms, bathrooms and parking, all the site needs are courts and bicycle racks!

As City Planner I hope you'll appreciate all the work that has gone into the plans for pickleball courts at Oakmont Village, and how quickly the sport has grown here.

Sincerely,
Elaine Booth
6522 Meadowgreen Pl
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: nancy_lande@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 5:50 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova bod bachelor
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Dear Ms. Murray

As a former tennis player, I can truly state that Pickle Ball has rejuvenated my interest in a sports activity. It's fast, competitive and exciting to play. After all, Oakmont has other sports activities for those who love the outdoors, such as swimming, tennis, lawn bowling, golf and bocce ball. It only seems right for an active adult community such as Oakmont to include pickle ball as one of those outdoor activities.

Please consider approving the OVA's application for new pickle ball courts at the proposed new site.

Thank you.
Nancy Lande
414 Twin Lakes Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Nancy Lande
Next Step Reps
707-978-2998 - home
650-722-2820 – cell
707-264-6999 – fax
nancy_lande@comcast.net

Murray, Susie

From: Reenie Lucker <reenie.lucker@att.net>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 7:12 PM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: In Support of Oakmont pickle ball courts

To Susie Murray
Community Development
Santa Rosa, CA

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am writing to express my strong support for permanent Pickle ball courts in the Oakmont Central Rec area.

I believe it is a good investment for our residents' health and recreation and also that it will attract others interested in a quality retirement community. As you know, people from all over the country move to Oakmont to remain active and socially engaged. Pickle Ball is a good sport to achieve these goals and continues to gain popularity across the nation. It will be an important asset to the Oakmont community for many years to come.

It is unfortunate that a change-resistant group, small though it may be, uses scare tactics to frighten and alarm others with incorrect statements. However the majority of people I talk to are in favor of this project.

I believe it is a good investment of our OVA funds and I hope the project will move forward as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Lucker
7589 Oakmont Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

480 Hillsdale Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
June 28, 2015

Community Development
Susie Murray, City Planner
100 Santa Rosa Ave., Rm. 3

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Dear Susie,

As an Oakmont resident and happy player of Pickle Ball, I wanted to add my voice to those in support of four courts being built SOON! The study for possible court locations has been very lengthy and thorough. The area by the Central Activity Center is the only viable location identified.

We have limped along with the two courts for much longer than anyone expected. This situation means that we often have to be on the sidelines waiting for a turn to play since our club membership has increased considerably in the past year and a half.

Pickle Ball is not only a fun sport but also very good exercise for those of us who hope to stay healthy by staying active.

Thanks for "listening!"

Sincerely,



Jacala Kinney

Murray, Susie

From: kathy erickson <dancewiththewind2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 7:30 PM
To: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net; Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmonts issue with pickleball courts!

To: Frank Batchelor, Ova board president
Susie Murray, Santa Rosa City Planner

THIS LETTER IS IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING PICKLEBALL COURTS IN THE PROPOSED AREA IN OAKMONT

I am writing regards to the issue of the pickleball courts here in Oakmont. I feel it has gone on much too long, and someone should take the bull by the horns and decide something, once and for all! We should all want Oakmont Active Retirement Village to be a vibrant community! That means that updates and renovations should be the norm! How is it that we have spent money on studies TWICE because of various residents in the community not wanting the pickleball courts next to the CENTRAL ACTIVITY CENTER???? How does this compute at all?? There is so much activity over in that area! The pool is very busy and the Berger center continuously has activities which both create noise levels at various times of the day and evening that I am sure outdo anything that pickleball could manage!

I am a swimmer and tennis player. Recently the East pool was down, so I found myself at the Central pool and realized that the area designated for the future of pickleball could be nothing but improved with the sports court, picnic area and pickleball courts--what is there now looks terrible! What a big improvement for this area--and would definitely be a positive draw to any new prospective residents looking into a home purchase in Oakmont!

I know several former tennis players from life outside of Oakmont that have moved onto pickleball, and even with the recent Wine Country Senior games--Pickleball is definitely a fast growing sport all across the country. It may not be huge here yet, but it is growing and having their own area will be a statement to the future buyers for properties here in Oakmont!

As far as the possibility of sharing pickleball and tennis--I believe that would be a LOSE/LOSE for both activities. During the time that we have shared court 4; basically court 3 became pretty much unuseable. It is a different sport, with very different etiquette---and , of course, the lines end up cheapening the tennis courts .

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR THE PICKLEBALL/SPORTS COURT /PICNIC AREA AND MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY

Thank you,

Kathy Erickson, homeowner
6481 Meadowridge Dr.
Oakmont, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Dennis Mool <moolconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 6:55 PM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Court Project Support

Email from Arlene Knudsen in support Oakmont Pickelball Court Project

Hi Denny

As you already know I wrote a letter to the PD about your project.

Santa Rosa, in less than two years, has already outgrown the 4 courts they have at Finley.

We are already looking for more court space.

I recently attended a Pickleball Ambassadors Retreat in Lake Tahoe.

23 States were represented. Latest figures showed 2.4 million people playing the sport. The biggest groups are in 55 plus age group communities.

If this email isn't what you want, I would be happy to write a letter to your construction committee.

Arlene Knudsen, Pickleball Ambassador for Sonoma County

Murray, Susie

From: Dennis Mool <moolconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 6:54 PM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

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From: Tricia Hoffman <nowhere@sonic.net>
Date: Sun, 28 Jun 2015 16:34:26 -0700
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont
To: smurray@srcity.org

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Thank you.

Tricia Hoffman

Murray, Susie

From: Tricia Hoffman <nowhere@sonic.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 4:34 PM
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Tricia Hoffman

Murray, Susie

From: andreaandterry@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 4:41 PM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Cc: Andreaandterry@comcast.net
Subject: I support pickleball in Oakmont!

I wholeheartedly support pickleball in Oakmont at the Central Activity Area. It is an inexpensive, popular game that provides fun and exercise to seniors. It is also far less noisy than the weed blowers and cars along Oakmont Drive where I live. Please approve this wonderful game! Thank you very much. Terry Loucks and Andrea Weinstein 6 Glengreen St Santa Rosa CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Marcia Lizza <marcialarew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 1:17 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball

Dear Susie,

I retired a year ago and decided to move to Oakmont. It is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Oakmont is a beautiful place and offers an active lifestyle that I never anticipated.

Discovering Pickleball is an unexpected joy! I have always been an avid tennis player but now find it too strenuous to play. Pickleball is a game that uniquely fills a niche between tennis and less strenuous games like Lawn Bowling or Bocce Ball.

As people age and cannot play tennis, Pickleball provides them with an activity they can play for a longer period of time in the years ahead. Another positive that Pickleball offers is that a person can learn to play quickly and can start enjoying the game right away.

As Stephen Hom, a fellow Pickleball player states, "I truly believe that Pickleball is good for the body, good for the mind, good for the heart, good for the spirit and good for the soul. It is a social sport that brings active seniors together." I am in complete agreement with Stephen.

After extensive studies providing information pertaining to the location of the proposed Pickleball courts which I will not include here, (please refer to the studies sent to you by the Pickleball Organization), the proposed location makes the most sense.

Pickle is an addition and attraction which helps maintain Oakmont as a very desirable and "Active" Adult Community.

Please consider my comments when making your decision!

Many thanks!

Marcia Lizza
8945 Oakmont Dr.
Santa Rosa, Ca., 94509

Phone: (707) 282-9330

Murray, Susie

From: Mark Randol <mark.randol@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball in Oakmont

Susan Murray
City Planner, Community Development Department
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Ms. Murray:

We live in Oakmont and are writing to urge the city's support for a proposal to construct pickleball courts near our Central Activities Center.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States – particularly in senior communities like Oakmont. The game combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong which facilitates active aerobic exercise and fun especially as people age and must scale back from more intense sports.

Although we do not play pickleball, we believe our community needs to support the recreational activities of all of its members. The pickleball club in Oakmont has 140 members which is at least as many members as other sports and recreational clubs in Oakmont such as bocce ball and lawn bowling, for which the Oakmont Village Association (OVA) has funded modernized playing facilities.

After examining several alternatives, a committee of the OVA Board of Directors chose a site near the Central Activities Center which best meets the community's needs with little disruption to activities in the area and nearby residents. That site – which currently consists of a horseshoe pit and putting green – is scarcely used. A very loud minority of Oakmont residents have complained of noise if pickleball courts were built there. But the current proposal for this site includes noise and visual barriers that will minimize its impact on nearby activities. In addition, this site includes plenty of restroom facilities and parking.

We understand that the proposal being developed for pickleball will be presented to your office for city planning approval. My wife and I strongly urge you to support it.

Mark and Fran Randol

33 Aspen Meadows Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: jennifer van loben sels <jennifervanlobensels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2015 10:38 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Pickleball Courts in Oakmont ACTIVE Retirement Community

Dear Ms Murray,

I am writing to you to express my SUPPORT for four pickle ball courts in Oakmont. The committee presented a very comprehension plan explaining why the proposed location is the best solution for all. This location takes into account easy access to parking, bathrooms, locker rooms and sound control. I am one of over 140 members of the pickle ball club here in Oakmont. I moved here because it was advertised as an active retirement community with activities for all. I am not an athlete but Pickleball is the first team sport where I have become involved. This is the most friendly, thoughtful and positive group of people I have met here in my five years as a resident. The group has been playing on 2 temporary courts and these courts are to be returned back to the Tennis Club. The entire time our club has been playing on the two borrowed courts the officers of the club have been most diligent in their communication to the members to be thoughtful of our neighbors and the tennis club. Everything has been done to find the most feasible location and to address the concerns of our fellow residents. I want to be very clear that Oakmont is advertised as an active retirement community not one that is only for tennis, golf and swimming. Oakmont needs to address the interests not only of those who play golf and tennis. The Pickleball Ball Courts at the Central Activities Center would be an excellent addition to residents of Oakmont (present and future). It is a game that can be played well into your 80's. We Oakmont residents need to be physically and socially active. The more we are the more we contribute to society. I sincerely hope you will listen to active residents of Oakmont who contribute to the city of Santa Rosa. Thank you for your support.

Jennifer van Loben Sels
1035 Oak Mesa Drive

Murray, Susie

From: E. Stanley-Storyteller <estanley13@att.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

Susie Murray,

I am an Oakmont resident, I very much would like to have Pickleball be a part of our central activity center!! Giving us one more choice of activities to add to our active retirement!!

Good...Stories...Elaine

Murray, Susie

From: Janet Nogara <luckyjanet@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

To Santa Rosa Community Development Dept.

In spite of its silly name, pickleball is a meaningful part of life for many people, especially seniors. It is both physical and social. It is inexpensive and easy to learn. We travel quite a bit and find pickleball in the most unexpected places. An RV park in Red Bluff just added a court. The Del Webb community in Lincoln, CA has 6 courts and a lovely facility. We saw courts in Palm Desert that were being used by all ages. My husband gave me racquets for my birthday. We are tennis players in our 70's, and look forward to learning pickleball as our bodies are aging.

We are so fortunate here in Oakmont to have a wonderful area where the courts will fit nicely, will be convenient for the whole community and have little if any negative effect on the area. There is plenty of parking, restroom facilities in place.

Perfect!

Please approve these courts ASAP – we're not getting any younger.

Janet Nogara

Murray, Susie

From: Russell Elmer <russellelmer0@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:29 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickle ball

Dear Ms. Murray,

I regret further using your time and energy in what should have been a simple extension of Oakmont recreational facilities to accommodate a new and popular senior pastime.

I am a 72 yr old retired orthopedic surgeon who has discovered this simple sport that allows seniors to continue active competitive sports using small courts and wiffle balls . How this became a political issue is beyond me. I ask that the city allow us to resolve the creation of courts to be used for pickle ball here at Oakmont providing we meet all sound and zoning restrictions.

Our other home in Sun City Palm Desert enjoys eight new courts just built to allow it's members a place to play this new game.This is a common direction for most senior communities in California. I hope that Oakmont will see this addition as an improvement in it's recreational attractions.

Thank you for your consideration. Russell Elmer, M.D. 707 843 5852

Murray, Susie

From: dragonladyjpc@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:15 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: nlinneba@Hotmail.com
Subject: PICKLEBALL IN OAKMONT

Hello Susie:

I support the proposed plan to build Pickleball courts in Oakmont. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and the majority of other retirement communities already have Pickleball or are in the process of installing Pickleball courts. Oakmont is an "active" adult community. As such, it is important to have a variety of activities to appeal to a diverse population. Some find that tennis requires too much running but Pickleball is a viable alternative since the courts are much smaller.

Currently the Pickleball Club has access to two courts, however, these are only on loan and are to be returned to the Tennis Club. In addition, the location of the loaned courts would not work as a permanent location due to noise concerns. The proposed location for the Pickleball Courts is a great choice as it allows access to parking and bathrooms. In addition, the existing putting green and shuffleboard courts are very rarely used.

Don't believe that the tennis courts go unused. The only time they don't get used is in the afternoon when the weather is hot and our aging population opts not to take a chance on getting overheated. The Pickleball players wouldn't want to be out in the heat either so the idea of having them use the tennis courts in the afternoon would not work.

We have lived in Oakmont almost fourteen years now and one of the main things that brought us here and keeps us here is the wonderful variety of activities. Please don't let the "Debbie Downers" sway you from supporting this very worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan Conklin
409 Singing Woods Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 539-4099

Murray, Susie

From: Joan Seliga <jmseliga@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:47 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball

My wife and myself both play Pickleball and love it.

The location of the temporary courts is not suitable because the sound cannot be contained. The proposed location in the central recreation area is a perfect location. Other locations have been suggested but this is the only one that works. The courts will be around the pool and the gym and the golf course. Perfect location. Please help us make it a reality.

Thank you

Richard SELIGA

Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: Tom Kendrick <tomkendrick57@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:18 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: support for pickleball

June 25, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am not a pickleball player, but I do play golf, table-tennis, and bocce-ball. I also use the swimming pools and soak in the spa regularly. These amenities, and the social events are the reason we moved to Oakmont. I see no reason why the pickleball club should not have their own courts, separate from the tennis courts. I have personally surveyed the proposed location at the central rec area, and not only is it the logical choice, but according to the acoustical studies, it is the only location where the sound of pickleball can be mitigated. I urge the City of Santa Rosa planners to work with the OVA board of directors toward the completion of this exciting new amenity.

Respectfully,

Debbie Kendrick

388 Riven Rock Way

Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Nancy Copen <nancopen5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 8:43 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Support for the Pickleball courts at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I feel very strongly about the need for 4 pickleball courts at Oakmont per the plan submitted. Why? For many reasons. **But the most important is the joy and health I see happening for my husband.** This activity is the highlight of his day (among many other Oakmont activities). It also impacts over 140 other folks at this time, and is growing. (I recently met a man from a retirement community in Arizona that just put in 16 new pickleball courts!)

I know there are pros and cons to this matter and it has got a lot of press. I feel that this will have to happen eventually, so why not do it now when it will cost less than in the future (see me now or see me later!) and be able to sustain the health benefits of mind and body for my husband and many others.

Sincerely,

Nancy Copen
Oakmont
445 Crestridge Place
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Bill Lucker <bill.lucker@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@aonic.net
Subject: Support for Pickleball at Oakmont

I am writing to support the building of the Central Park Project in Oakmont, which includes four pickleball courts.

One of the main reasons that I moved to the "active living community" of Oakmont is to have access to recreational facilities. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport among senior communities in the United States.

We pickleballers here at Oakmont have been waiting patiently for more than 18 months for the approval process to be completed so that pickleball courts can be built for the 140+ members of the pickle ball club here.

To comply with Santa Rosa city requirements, both sound and visual studies have been completed for the project. The results of all these studies have clearly shown that moving forward with the Central Park Project at the Central Recreational Center is an appropriate thing to do. Opponents will continue to raise red herring concerns that will waste more money in studies and further delay construction with the hope that they can kill the project. Do not let that happen!

Please do all you can to expedite the project so that we can play pickleball, our chosen sport, in a pickleball facility in Oakmont. Those of us who live here only have a limited window of time for active physical activity. Delays rob us of time that we can never get back!

Please don't let the few complainers keep us from our opportunity to enjoying the sport we choose to play during our "Golden Years" at Oakmont.

Thank you.

Bill Lucker
7589 Oakmont Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 235-7332

Murray, Susie

From: ROSSWORBOYS@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickle Ball Courts

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am writing you to request that you consider approving Oakmont's request to build 4 new pickle ball courts at the Central Activities Center site. Oakmont adverties that it is an active adult community and as such offers such activities as tennis, swimming,lawn bowling,hiking and bocce ball. It only seems natural that piclke ball should be included in the activity list as it is the fastest growing sports activity in the country, especially for seniors. One only has to visit Santa Rosa's Finley Park to see the large number of players using all 5 courts with many others waiting to play. The Oakmont Pickle Ball Club has grown from 35 members as of last year to now 140 members and still growing. Oakmont community is rated as one of the 10 most outstanding adult communties in the country and should include ALL activities available to seniors. I therefore ask that you consider approving Oakmont's application for the buiding of the 4 new pickle ball courts at the CAC site.

Thank you.

Ross D. Worboys
414 Twin Lakes Circle

Murray, Susie

From: Bernice Fowler <bluevette1428@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickle ball courts

Dear Ms. Murray,

As a pickle ball player and Sonoma County Wine Country Senior Games participant, I would urge you to support additional courts dedicated to pickle ball at Oakmont. It is the fastest growing sport in the country and is extremely popular with the senior groups.

Oakmont, which exclusively houses seniors who wish to remain active in their later years, is a prime spot to encourage active participation. Pickle ball, along with tennis, golf, running/jogging, is a sport that everyone can join. It is gentle on the mature body, is good mental exercise, helps with hand/eye coordination and gets people moving (not to mention the fun of meeting new players!) You don't need expensive equipment, pay high green fees, or over exert yourself (like playing tennis). Anyone can play and quickly advance to higher levels of play.....your choice.

But, in order to play, you need courts (you can house 2 pickle ball courts on one tennis court if planned correctly). It would seem only fair that if a large number of active members expressing a need for a place to play, and there is a proposed location, and that money is available, courts should be constructed.

In this 4 year drought that we are experiencing, it would seem feasible to look to the golf range in some out-of-the-way spot where another court could be installed. This essentially would eliminate watering, fertilizing, grass grooming and maintenance on a daily basis. Once a court is installed, it's good for years.

It distresses me, that in this era of health conscious people, that there are some mean-spirited people who can't handle change and look to degrade new ideas and activities. The city is poised to take the lead with this new recreational sport. I trust that you will make the fair decision build these courts at Oakmont.

Sincerely,
Bernice Fowler
Petaluma Pickleball Ladder Organizer

Murray, Susie

From: bobrach2 <bobrach2@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts....

Dear Susie Murray,

My husband and I are residents of Oakmont Village Association and we support the development of dedicated pickleball courts in Oakmont. We are tennis players and enjoy the use of all the tennis courts. Pickleball requires different court striping which makes a court not conducive for tennis play. The committee researching this issue has done a very good job of evaluating all possible locations and found that there is only one viable location. Noise, view, parking and other concerns expressed by those opposed to this project and its location have been studied by independent third parties. The results of these studies show that these concerns can all be dealt with, and in our opinion will actually improve the appearance of the area of the proposed courts.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Rachel Meserve

Murray, Susie

From: David Coar <dcoar@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 12:03 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickleball courts

We live at 7014 Oakmont Drive,Santa Rosa and support the proposed location of the new pickleball courts Thank you
David and Cecile Coar

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Shirley Liberman <shirliber@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:31 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: MNP14-014 Oakmont PicklebAll

Hello:

I moved to Oakmont seven years ago and was attracted to living there by the flourishing tennis club. However, I am now older (81) and can no longer physically play as much tennis, whereas I can and do play Pickleball because it is easier on my body, is more sociable than tennis and is available here where I live. However, our Pickleball courts are only on loan from the tennis club and we have a growing membership of players and we need our own courts.

The Pickleball club has studied various locations and it appears that the only feasible location at which to build new courts is at the Central Activities area, by the current putting green. It is an area rarely used and provides additional amenities nearby, such as restrooms and parking.

I strongly support Oakmont building Pickleball courts and hope that you will do also.

Thank you.

Shirley Liberman
1034 Oak Mesa Drive
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: zlatica hasa <zlatica.oakmont@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:27 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Dedicated Pickleball Courts in Oakmont

Dear Ms Murray,

I decided to let you know a little more about myself and explain in detail why I support the construction of the pickleball courts in the shuffleboard area near the central facility.

Since moving to Oakmont 6 years ago I have witnessed creation of new clubs based on various interests of the incoming boomer generation. The first Oakmont Boomers Club's rock concert event featuring "Unauthorized Rolling Stones", was at first seen as unsuitable for our community, however a few years later the club's membership is by far the largest of any club in Oakmont and there are several rock concerts each year.

I am a board member and an active player of the Oakmont Tennis Club, member and a board director of the Oakmont Hiking Club, and a table tennis player.

I participate in OPEC/COPE emergency drills with my GMRS radio, and during the Oakmont OLLI academic year I assist in providing audio/visual support for the presenters. Even though I am not a pickleball player yet primarily due to other commitments, that may change in the future when tennis is going to be too risky for me to play.

In my opinion construction of dedicated pickleball courts in the seldom used shuffleball court area and return of temporary courts to tennis play will enhance the attractiveness of Oakmont to future buyers, increase property values and ultimately the property tax revenues to the city and the county.

Thank you in advance for taking into consideration this important project.

Best Regards,

Zlatica Hasa
Oakmont Resident since 2009

Murray, Susie

From: Nadya Mool <nadyamool@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Letter of Support for Building Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Hello city council member.

First of all, thank you for being there and all the hard work you put forth.

I write in support of building pickle ball courts in Oakmont, which is a fine and contemporary idea for the betterment of Santa Rosa. Not only will it be attractive to new residents, those residents will shop and play in Santa Rosa and bring in revenue.

The proposed site is the best site to be found in Oakmont, as all other potential locations have been eliminated. This proposed site also has easy access to parking, drinking water, locker rooms and restrooms.

I personally am totally supportive of this sport..it has given me many hours of pain-free energetic exercise, stimulated my brain cells as I have to "think" before I punch, and even hours of fine laughter---good for the soul.

I do hope you will consider my opinion. I know you will make the best decision based on facts and facts alone.

I send you my best regards,
Nadya Mool
421 Trail Ridge Place
Santa Rosa, CA. 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Charles Wrightson <cwright49@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:26 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont - pickleball courts

To: Susan Murray
City Planner
City of Santa Rosa

Re: Construction of new pickleball courts in Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I have lived in Oakmont for over 7 years. I am strongly in favor of the construction of four new pickleball courts in the area behind Oakmont's Central Pool.

I am not a pickleball player, but I know many Oakmont residents who have started to play this sport in the past two years. All of them are highly enthusiastic about the health benefits of playing pickleball, in addition to the social interaction and camaraderie among club members.

Oakmont's Pickleball Club has grown from 25 players two years ago to more than 140 members today, which demonstrates the substantial degree of interest in this activity among Oakmont's residents.

In summary, I think the community of Oakmont will benefit significantly from the construction of new pickleball courts.

Sincerely,

Charles William Wrightson
45 Autumn Leaf Drive (Oakmont)
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

6-24-15

Dear Ms Miller

After thirty years practicing law in San Francisco I moved to Palmist in 1997. My primary notice was the outdoor facilities.

There are more than 4000 residents here. I doubt a large majority would agree on anything; especially the expenditure of money. Thus I can understand why some people object to our building pickleball courts.

I don't use our swimming pool, bocce courts, fitness room, tennis courts and some other facilities. I do support their existence. They are a benefit to our community.

I feel pickleball would also benefit our community; and if our elected board sees fit we should be allowed to construct courts.

It is our property if we have complied with all the requirements, please grant our permit.

Thank,

Jay Dumont

171 Oak Meadow Dr

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100 SANTA ROSA AVE., STE 5
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

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June 24, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a seventh year resident of Oakmont and an active member of many sports clubs.

Please note that I give 100% support to the construction of Pickle Ball courts in the Central Facilities area.

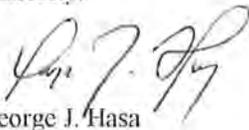
As an slowly aging tennis player I see myself one day switching to Pickle Ball when tennis becomes too demanding on my old bones. I see former tennis players in Oakmont getting off their couches and trying Pickle Ball.

The spot selected makes the most sense among the limited land available. An additional plus is availability of restrooms, pool, showers etc. in the area.

I believe that having Pickle Ball in Oakmont will make it more attractive to future buyers looking for truly "Active Adult Community". The home owners would benefit from increased property values and the city and county will increase property tax revenues available for community development.

I urge you to support the project.

Sincerely,


George J. Hasa

Murray, Susie

From: Mary Ann Koson <makoson@slifer.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:52 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: Mary Ann Koson; Neil Linneball
Subject: In support of the NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS in Oakmont

As a member of both the Tennis and Pickleball clubs in Oakmont I am officially notifying you of my SUPPORT of the proposed NEW PICKLEBALL courts in the Central Activities Center at Oakmont for the following reasons:

- The Pickleball club has only 2 temporary courts, which are to be returned to the tennis club.
- The Pickleball club has 140 members, and continues it's rapid growth. They need at least 4 courts.
- All potential locations in Oakmont have been studied – the proposed location makes the most sense.
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Sent from my iPhone

Mary Ann Koson
Slifer Smith & Frampton Real Estate
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Murray, Susie

From: Mark Guillory <markguillory99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 6:35 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball

As an Oakmont resident I want to express my strong support for the proposed four new pickle ball courts. It is the logical step to provide additional courts for this growing nationally popular sport for the Oakmont Active Retirement Community.

Thanks for your consideration. Mark M. Guillory COL USAF Retired

Murray, Susie

From: Bev Leve <hikingbev@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts in Oakmont--YES!

Dear City Planner

Sorry to clutter your mail box but it seems important to note that there are non pickleball players that think this new "Central Park" concept is a good and positive move for our Community.

Oakmont and its senior population is a good force in Santa Rosa; we get out the vote, we pay taxes willingly, we work hard to save water, and activities that help keep us in good health have to be a good thing.

Please please realize that I sincerely believe I speak for the majority who remain positive and forward thinking.

Thank you.
Sincerely

Bev Angel-Leve
7614 Oak Leaf Drive
95409

Murray, Susie

From: Phil Arnold <aphil2002@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 8:43 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Pickleball

Ms. Murray ---

I would like to add my voice to the hue and cry over pickleball in Oakmont. Actually, I hiked past the temporary courts last month just to see what all the noise was about, got curious, tried it and have been out every Mon., Wed., Fri. since. Pickleball is a really happy sports activity that I view as a valuable addition for our community. I have read of one large retirement concern in Florida that has 155 courts and still has occasional wait times to play. I can see why, having begun to play and enjoying it so much. As this sport continues to grow worldwide, I expect the demand for it in Oakmont to increase as well.

The already completed studies and planning that have taken place, present, in my opinion, a highly reasonable and attractive project, giving a big bang for the buck, with comparatively little required maintenance, or downside.

Thank you for your attention and come out and try pickleball if you haven't already.

Phil Arnold
8839 Oak Trail Ct.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Vince Taylor <vtaylor@mcn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Please approve Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

Dear Ms Murray,

Please approve the Oakmont plans for a new sports complex that includes pickleball courts. As often happens at Oakmont, a small minority of residents are vociferously opposing spending any money on something that does not benefit them. The Board of Directors has considered all factors and believes the courts in the proposed location are in the best long-run interest of Oakmont Village and its residents. Please do not be swayed by the emotional outcry of the opponents.

Here are some of the reasons the project should be approved:

- The Pickleball club has only 2 temporary courts, which are on a tennis court that can not be used for tennis now. This reduces the courts available for tennis on the east end of Oakmont to 3 courts, a 25% reduction. The courts were fully utilized in the morning on most days prior to this reduction. Construction of the pickleball court will allow the tennis court to again be used for tennis.
- The Pickleball club has 140 members, and continues it's rapid growth. They need at least 4 courts.
- All potential locations in Oakmont have been studied – the proposed location makes the most sense.
- The existing putting green is almost never used and is a waste of irrigation water, as well as requiring herbicides and pesticides.
- The proposed location gives easy access to parking, the pool, Jacuzzi, locker rooms and bathrooms.

Please approve Oakmont's plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vince Taylor
Oakmont Resident

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How can we understand it all in one day?
Chuang Tzu

Murray, Susie

From: wsalmina <wsalmina@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: PICKLEBALL at Oakmont

SUSAN:

> Please register our TOTAL SUPPORT for the planned pickleball court project as currently proposed by the ad hoc committee and board of the Oakmont Village Association.

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> The Oakmont pickle ball club has grown to a current membership of
> 140 members...making it one of the largest active social-clubs in Oakmont.

> The existing 2 temporary courts borrowed from tennis cannot
> accomplish current needs and future pickleball growth at Oakmont.

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> The current proposal makes makes the most sense:

- > -Location utilizes current virtually unused space
- > -Eliminates additional costs for parking and bathrooms
- > -Provides ample mitigation of noise and visual concerns
- > -Provides a continuing legacy of building an ACTIVE
Oakmont community.

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> We request approval of the plan for construction of Oakmont pickle ball courts.

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> Judith and William Salmina
> 7406 Oakmont Dr.
> Santa Rosa CA 95409

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Murray, Susie

From: Maureen Pennal <pmpennal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Oakmont

Greetings,

I am a homeowner in Oakmont and I have been a member of the Oakmont Tennis Club for 5 years.

I am highly in favor of the proposal to build Pickle ball courts near the Central Activity Center. They can replace a rarely used Putting green that requires water and pesticides. It is the perfect location for a great sport which I plan to take up after I stop playing tennis one day. Pickle ball courts are becoming very popular all over California and they are growing in number quickly. Please support the proposal for this location in Oakmont to increase value for our very active community.

Respectfully,
Maureen Pennal

Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: louok@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 10:46 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: OAKMONT Pickleball

Dear Susan,

Pickleball is coming to Oakmont...it's just a matter of when! In order to keep up with the times and compete with other 55+ communities, we need to settle this issue quickly and amicably. My hope is that the quiet, sensible and well-informed will prevail.

As a tennis player, I welcome Pickleball. It wasn't that long ago when many at Oakmont did not want to expand with more courts the most popular sport of its time - tennis! But now we have a growing...and thriving membership.

When tennis is no longer my game, I hope Pickleball will be available here at Oakmont with its own courts.

Sincerely,
Olivia Kinzler

Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: Barbara McLain <barmclain@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball

Dear Ms. Murray,



Please consider these facts:

- The Pickleball club has only 2 temporary courts, which are to be returned to the tennis club.
- The Pickleball club has 140 members, and continues it's rapid growth. They need at least 4 courts.
- All potential locations in Oakmont have been studied – the proposed location makes the most sense.
- The existing putting green is almost never used and is a waste of irrigation water, as well as requiring herbicides and pesticides.
- The proposed location gives easy access to parking, the pool, Jacuzzi, locker rooms and bathrooms.

Pickle ball is an up and coming sport. Perfect for those who can not play tennis. It would be a shame to let all the Oakmonters down because of a very loud but small and well organized group. Please consider how fast this sport is growing across the country and at Oakmont.

Regards,

Barbara Bobkiewicz
6344 Stone Bridge Road
Santa Rosa CA. 95409

Frank Batchelor, OVA board president's email is ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net

Letters go to Oakmont Village Association, 6575 Oakmont Dr. Suite 7, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Thank you for your help,

Neil

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Murray, Susie

From: Irene Lucia <irenelucia1930@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickle ball

As a tennis player, I strongly feel that pickle ball doesn't belong on the 2 tennis courts they're using but needs its own courts. Please see below for reasons:

- The Pickleball club has only 2 temporary courts, which are to be returned to the tennis club.
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- The existing putting green is almost never used and is a waste of irrigation water, as well as requiring herbicides and pesticides.
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Irene Lucia
6505 Stonecroft Terrace
Santa Rosa

Murray, Susie

From: Bob Mee <bobmee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: MNP14-014

Good morning Ms. Murray,

I am expressing my vote for the approval of the Oakmont Pickleball Courts.

I am 72 have played sports my whole life. Pickleball is the perfect sport for our age group.

Best regards, Bob Mee
325 Oak Leaf Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Bob Mee
BobMee@yahoo.com

Murray, Susie

From: Jane Gyorgy <jane@deepvac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor; Andie Altman
Cc: Anita Easland; Noel Lyons; Bill Lucker; Tom Kendrick
Subject: Greatly looking forward to Pickleball Courts in Oakmont

Dear Ms Murray:

I am told you have received requests to deny our design review permit by some here in Oakmont.

I was not aware that the city gets itself involved in "whether or not" our community "should or should not" install a facility within our community other than to make sure the application and design are acceptable as per city building requirements. Should we, rather, is a matter for our Board of Directors once we have a design review permit and can solicit bids and even then, only if they deem it financially feasible either now or sometime in the future.

Nevertheless, I wanted you to know I am all for the addition of pickleball courts here at Oakmont.

- The four courts take up room equivalent to one tennis court.
- They will be placed in an area already zoned for recreational use with bathroom access, and parking.
- There will be noise mitigation measures taken to
 - assure the nearest houses will not be affected by the sound of the balls on the paddles and the sounds of people having a good time.
 - maintain the "serenity" of the pool
- There will be landscaping with drought resistant plants and trees not only adding to the sound mitigation, but also beautifying the area where there is now an unused putting green that either has to be constantly watered and maintained or left to go to seed (weed) and become an eyesore and a fire hazard.
- Play times are dependent on season, weather, and time of day (sun). Play generally takes place between the hours of
 - 8 or 9 in the morning until 11 or 12
 - and 3 or 4 in the afternoon until about 5 or 6
- Last, but not least, are the health and well being benefits of the sport itself. There is a reason, actually many reasons, it has become the fastest growing sport in the country, particularly in retirement communities such as ours: one need not be an athlete to enjoy playing the game.
 - One can begin playing after one lesson well enough to have fun.
 - Being the court is so small, it is easier to return balls hit to you which keeps the game going which adds to the fun.
 - Games generally take less than 20 minutes, so if you are out of shape, you get to rest and let someone else play and rotate back in before your muscles go cold.
 - Those with bad backs, shoulders, knees, hips, or other physical ailments can still engage in pickleball due to the lessened toll on the body and its parts.
 - People who don't typically engage in other "sports" have taken up pickleball because it is easy and fun.

- Our Pickleball Club Membership numbers just here at Oakmont has already grown from 35 to 140 since established merely two years ago.

If there is any game worth adding to a retirement community, it is this game!

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Jane Gyorgy
7359 Oakmont Dr
415-850-4722
jane@deepvac.com

Murray, Susie

From: Pennijean Savage <pjsavage24@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball

June 24, 2015

Susie Murray, City Planner
Community development
100 Santa Rosa Ave, Room 3
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Ms Murray:

My name is Pennijean Savage (Pj) and it is my signature (along with one other) on the form that asked to be an official Pickleball group in Oakmont over three years ago. At that time we were a small group of about 10 who were playing as guests on the Wild Oak courts located adjacent to Oakmont. Once we were asked to pay to play at Wild Oak we turned our attention to places within Oakmont where we could continue playing and offering this fun game to Oakmont members.

I am currently the "contact" person for pickleball, and it is my pleasure to introduce this game to new people every Monday morning. All types of Oakmonters come to see what this game is all about. Youngsters (55ers) and Oldsters have given it a try. Many join us (140 to date), others do not for various reasons, but they all have had the opportunity to try it because Pickleball is being played in Oakmont on the loaned tennis court. As summer approached I received several calls and e-mails from people who were either renting for the summer or visiting in Oakmont and wanted to know if they could join our play or if their visitors could be introduced to the game. People want to play pickleball in Oakmont. It is time for us to have our own courts.

As new courts were proposed there was opposition to the Central Activity center. OPC (Oakmont pickleball Club) has revised and revised the plans to accommodate the concerns/complaints received. We have kept the community informed and involved in our plans with everything going through the OVA Board of Directors and the City of Santa Rosa. At our recent Town Meeting our most recent plan drawings were defaced by the opposition.

The opposition complains about: cost, priority, view, environmental concerns, noise, parking and tournaments (visitors?). **All** of these issues have been addressed by OPC. Sound /site studies have been completed and our plans have been revised to accommodate -- and still the opposition complains. It is my understanding that money and priority issues should be a concern for the OVA Board.

The Central Activity area will enhance Oakmont. The current unused area is run down, dangerous with uneven shuffleboard courts and a grown-over horse shoe area. The Central Activity area with pickleball courts will make this area a useful and convenient area for Oakmont.

Every week I introduce this game to more people. It is a pleasure to see the joy on their faces as they learn they can play this game with the funny name. Some go on to be very involved, improving their game and competing with their neighbors. Others are happy to learn at a slower pace and we have dedicated time for them to have coached games and test their skills in non-competitive games. **People want to play pickleball in Oakmont and having our own courts will improve the activity choices for our senior community.**

Thanks you for your time and considerations .
Pj Savage
20 Glengreen

Murray, Susie

From: George Hasa <hasageo@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:35 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickle ball project

Dear Ms Murray,

I am a seventh year resident of Oakmont relocated from Moraga, CA. I was attracted to Oakmont by all the activities available to its residents. I am a member of tennis, table tennis, lawn bowling, hiking and bocce clubs. I am 70 and see myself one day switching from tennis to pickle ball as I get older and slow down. (Not happening just yet).

I support building of the Pickle Ball courts in vicinity of central recreational area that includes the pool, gym, lockers, showers and restrooms. This land is the most practical to be used as the area includes never used putting green and shuffle boards.

I believe that addition of dedicated Pickle Ball courts and return of temporary courts to tennis play will enhance the attractiveness of Oakmont to future buyers, increase property values and ultimately the property tax revenues to the city and the county.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,
George Hasa
374 Miramonte Pl. Santa Rosa

Murray, Susie

From: Marty Thompson <martythompson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Proposal

Susan Murray
City Planner
Community Development Department
City of Santa Rosa

Dear Ms. Murray,

I write in support of a proposal to construct pickleball courts near the Central Activities Center in Oakmont.

A committee appointed by Oakmont's governing body has studied possible locations and chose the proposed site as best fitting the community's needs while disrupting a minimum of other activities and nearby residents.

The committee obtained audio and visual studies which showed the No. 2 site, at the East Recreation Center, was less desirable because of noise, and that noise and visual barriers at the Central site would bring its effect below city maximums for noise and shield it from nearby people and activities.

Players could utilize existing bathrooms and parking. The nearest parking is under-utilized, as virtually no one plays horseshoes or uses a putting green, both of which would be displaced by the pickleball courts.

Pickleball is of growing popularity in senior living communities like Oakmont, and elsewhere. (There are courts in a Santa Rosa park, but it's across town from Oakmont.)

A pickleball club here has grown to 140 members, a number near to or greater than memberships of groups playing bocce ball and lawn bowling, for which Oakmont provides recently-modernized playing facilities.

Pickleball is temporarily being played on two courts "borrowed" from tennis, but they are scheduled to be returned for tennis use. (Court size, lining and nets are different for the two sports.)

The proposal being developed for pickleball and presented to city planners deserves approval if it meets city requirements. Once approved, it can be given a priority by Oakmont's governing body as it considers budget requirements.

Thank you,

Marty Thompson
36 Aspen Meadows Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: dennis boaz <denboaz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: yes on pickleball@Oakmont

Dear City Planner Murray,

I am a resident of Oakmont and a Pickleball proponent. the place chosen near Burger Ctr. is the best place for those who play the fastest growing sport in US. the opposition is vocal but purely self-interested. Oakmont has two golf courses, 8 tennis courts and its only logical that our older demographic have a place to play pickleball.

sincerely,

dennis l. boaz

Murray, Susie

From: Judith Fleshman <judithfleshman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:52 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickle ball courts

Dear Ms. Murray,

As a resident of Oakmont and an active participant of recreational facilities at Oakmont, I recommend building pickle ball courts for Oakmont. The Pickle Ball group is active and growing and needs their own facility. The tennis group is also active and growing and needs all their courts.

Reasons:

- The Pickleball club has only 2 temporary courts, which are to be returned to the tennis club.
- The Pickleball club has 140 members, and continues it's rapid growth. They need at least 4 courts.
- All potential locations in Oakmont have been studied – the proposed location makes the most sense.
- The existing putting green is almost never used and is a waste of irrigation water, as well as requiring herbicides and pesticides.
- The proposed location gives easy access to parking, the pool, Jacuzzi, locker rooms and bathrooms.

Thank you in advance for approving the pickle ball courts as planned in Oakmont.

Judith Fleshman
Resident of Oakmont

Murray, Susie

From: judybutler9021@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:11 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: I support Pickleball in Oakmont!

TO: Susie Murray, City Planner:

I support establishing Pickleball in Oakmont, even though I am not a pickleball player. It seems to me that this group has been unfairly singled out for a hate campaign by the protestors. The Anti-Pickleball protestors hate the proposed pickle ball location, proposed by the OVA, near the Central Pool and talk about the "gorgeous" views that will be blocked from the swimming pool area. "Nextdoor Oakmont", a neighborhood electronic chat room is filled with nasty, mean-spirited letters from the Anti-Pickleball protestors.

What the Anti-Pickleball protestors don't tell you:

- 1) The Central Pool is not the Gorgeous Pool. That award goes to the East and West Pools. The Central Pool is the plain-jane pool that gets all the grandkids, including their happy noise and splashes, every day in the summer. Sure, there are rules that say "no running, splashing, shouting etc.etc." but that's hard to maintain with happy grandkiddies 100% of the time. And, I've noticed that there aren't a lot of swimming pool users or loungers there anyway, except for the grandparents and the grandkids. More adults use the East or West Pools anyway, because they are far more beautiful, peaceful sites for lounging and swimming.
- 2) The anti-pickleball protestors complain about a potential loss of a difficult-to-see view through an aesthetically-challenged iron grating fence (that's already there). The Central pool users face the pool, with their backs to the "views"! The other two pools (East and West) are being repaired right now, but will be opening again soon, no doubt long before construction begins on the new pickle ball courts. The views and ambience of the East and West pools are amazing, beautiful and unique.
- 3) No one complains about parking in the streets around the golf club and restaurant/banquet center and Berger Center on some afternoons and evenings. No one complains about the farmers' market cars, music, and noise on Saturday mornings. No one complains about the shouts of the West Rec Center tennis court players echoing throughout the canyon-type location at the West Rec Center. No one complains about loud music from the Berger Center that occasionally drifts over Oakmont. No one complains about the huge expensive kiln (rarely if ever used) with its own private room adjacent to the Art Room in the Activity Center. No one complains about the huge, new, over-the-top expensive projection screen at the East Rec Center. Why not? Because all of these add value to living in Oakmont. And, our Oakmont home prices are climbing faster than Santa Rosa home prices. We are so fortunate to live in Oakmont at this time. Pickleball courts are just one more of the many amenities.

Regards, Judy Butler, Happy Oakmont Resident since Feb. 12, 2007, 9021 Oak Trail Circle

Murray, Susie

From: Tom Kendrick <tomkendrick57@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Murray, Susie; ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont pickleball letter of support

June 24, 2015

City of Santa Rosa Planning Department,

I am one of approximately 140 members of the Oakmont Pickleball Club (OPC). I am also the president, and have the honor of working and playing with a fine group of people from all walks of life.

Pickleball is gaining in popularity all across the country, particularly in senior communities, as the game is less demanding than it's cousin, tennis.

Our club is relatively new (less than 2 years), but we are experiencing rapid growth and adding new members every month. The pickleball ad-hoc committee, formed in 2013, was charged with finding a suitable location for our courts. After nearly two years of research, planning, and most recently, acoustical studies, it has been concluded that the proposed location is the best area. It is a recreation area, there are restrooms nearby, and has adequate parking, (although many of us walk or bike to the courts).

OPC has, in its short life, become one of the largest clubs in Oakmont. As an athletic club, our numbers rival that of the tennis club and I believe we will soon be the largest athletic club in Oakmont. Our ages are from 62 – 81 years old. We love the health benefits, as well as the social interaction that the sport provides. And, of course, it's fun.

The Oakmont Village Association board of directors, a group of residents who are elected to govern Oakmont, has consistently voted (unanimously), to move this project forward. I urge you to work closely with leaders of Oakmont and the appointed committee, to help create the finest pickleball courts in Sonoma County. Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Tom Kendrick

388 Riven Rock Way

Oakmont

(707) 888-6334

Murray, Susie

From: Barbara Friday <info@barbarafriday.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: pickleball at Oakmont

Dear Susie,

I know you are receiving many objections from the citizens of Oakmont to the proposed Pickleball courts. I think it's important for those of us who enjoy the game to speak up as well. I have been playing on and off for almost 2 years now – we started out at Wild Oak. It's a quick, fun game to learn and provides not only exercise, but a nice social outlet as well.

My partner, Paul Frangos, and I strongly support the construction of the new courts at the Central Activities Center. It is the logical place to put them since there is plenty of parking, bathrooms, and other activities nearby. We definitely need all four courts, as this sport is growing by leaps and bounds amongst the "over 55" population. In my business I have occasion to travel to other adult communities and have been asking about their Pickleball facilities. In all but one case tennis courts have been converted to Pickleball, or new courts were provided, so this is certainly not unique to Oakmont. What is unique, however, is the opposition that has been encountered. I know that change can be difficult, especially as we age. I think that what is really happening here is a generational shift in the population of Oakmont. We are replacing our parents, remodeling the homes, establishing more opportunities for healthy living like Zumba, an improved fitness center, yoga classes, and yes, Pickleball!

I hope others will join me in contacting you with a positive response. We think the addition of Pickleball courts will add to the attractiveness of Oakmont as an ACTIVE adult community and ultimately increase all of our property values.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hopp

Paul Frangos

440 Trail Ridge Place

Murray, Susie

From: Carolyn McKenna <mckenna2@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:06 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball in Oakmont

Hi; As a long time resident of Oakmont (15+ years) I am a strong supporter of the plans for a pickleball center adjacent to the Berger Center in Oakmont. The location planned is virtually a "Dead zone" now and it would be great to bring the area to life....

Thanks

Leo McKenna
317 Twin Lakes Drive,
Santa Rosa, Ca., 95409
(707)535-7714

Murray, Susie

From: brorders <brorders@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 10:16 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

Susie Murray,

My wife and I are residents of Oakmont Village Association and we support the development of dedicated pickleball courts in Oakmont. We are not pickleball players at this time but we expect that we will be in the future. The committee researching this issue has done a very good job of evaluating all possible locations and found that there is only one viable location. Noise, view, parking and other concerns expressed by those opposed to this project and its location have been studied by independent third parties. The results of these studies show that these concerns can all be dealt with, and in our opinion will actually improve the appearance of the area of the proposed courts.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Bob Hartsock

Murray, Susie

From: Joan Seliga <jmseliga@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 7:40 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball Courts

To the City Planners,

As an Oakmont resident for seventeen years I feel it is very important that I voice my opinion regarding the proposed Pickleball Courts in Oakmont.

I am 73 years old now and in my 30's,40's and 50's I was an avid tennis player. I stopped playing tennis about eight years ago and I thought I really missed it until I discovered pickleball. I play on our temporary courts three times a week and I absolutely love it. It's great exercise, fun, quick and very social. A game only takes about 15 minutes and during the entire game there is lots of talking and laughing. People REALLY have fun playing pickleball.

The proposed courts need to be located in the Central Recreation-area. A lot of research went into finding the perfect location and I think the Central Recreation area is the right location. The Central Pool is used by a lot of grandparents with their grandchildren and Pickleball is a game that all ages can play together in that convenient location.

The very vocal, minority of people opposed to Pickleball most likely don't participate in any sport in Oakmont. Many of these same people are afraid Oakmont can't afford to spend the money and that also seems to fuel their opposition. Pickleball is here to stay so please allow The Oakmont Board make the final decision on what is best for the Oakmont community.

Thank you,
Joan Seliga
1021 Oak Mesa Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Sent from my iPad

Murray, Susie

From: Thomas Day <tlday48@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 7:59 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

I am writing this message to you in favor of pickleball at Oakmont. I would not usually think of bothering you but I understand a letter writing campaign is being waged by those who oppose pickleball. Pickleball is growing in popularity particularly at over 55 communities. A lot of people are really enjoying it and the friendships they develop by participating. Oakmont advertises itself as an active community. This is an activity which hurts no one and provides fun for many. The proposed courts are to be in an area rarely used - a putting green that should not even be watered under these drought conditions.. A lot of thought and study has gone into where to place these four courts. Please don't let a few hinder the recreation of many. I just sold my house in Oakmont and bought a smaller one. I was going to buy outside of Oakmont until I joined the Pickleball club. If pickleball disappears at Oakmont so will I.

Thomas Day
6483 Pine Valley Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Murray, Susie

From: Harry Gossard <hgossard@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:17 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball in Oakmont

Dear Susie Murray,

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Please consider supporting the new pickleball courts in Oakmont.

Thank You,
Jill Gossard

Murray, Susie

From: Jay Diment <jdim@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:23 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: Jay Diment
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball courts

Dear Ms. Murray

After thirty years practicing law in San Francisco, I moved to Oakmont in 1997. My primary notice to buy was the outdoor facilities.

There are more than 4000 residents here. I doubt a large majority would agree on anything, especially the expenditures of money. Thus, I can understand why some people object to our building pickleball courts. I don't use our swimming pools, bocce courts, fitness room, lawn bowling green, and some other facilities. I do support their existence. They are a benefit to our community.

I feel pickleball would also benefit the community; and if our elected Board sees fit, we should be allowed to construct courts.

It is our property if we have complied with all the requirements, please grant our permit.

Thanks,
Jay Diment
171 Oak Shadow Drive

Murray, Susie

From: Louise Leck <louiseleck@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:16 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont Village Pickleball Courts

To: Susie Murray, City Planner
From: Louise Leck, Resident, Fairfield Drive, Santa Rosa, CA
Re: Oakmont Village Pickleball Courts

Dear Ms, Murray,

I would like to take this opportunity to state my opinion in favor of building **Pickleball courts** in at the **Oakmont Central Activities Center** in Oakmont Village.

My reasons for supporting this project are these:

- The health and social benefits of playing Pickleball.
- The central location of the planned project
- The existence of courts near to my home and not needing to drive across town to public courts
- The place where the more than 140 Pickleball Club members can call their own (without borrowing space from tennis courts).
- The value that prospective buyers will see in the Pickleball courts when considering a real estate purchase.

Some retirement communities across the country have built large complexes for playing and viewing Pickleball competitions as the sport has become popular. This proposal, as I understand it, does not ask for that – only courts for those of us who want to play Pickleball in their neighborhood community.

I soon will make Oakmont my permanent home and I would like to play Pickleball on a regular basis. It is my hope that the City of Santa Rosa will approve the project and allow construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Leck

Murray, Susie

From: Stephen Hom <sdhom@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:43 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Pickleball Project at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I would like to lend my strong support for the Pickleball Court Project at the Central Activity Center. At 59 years old, I am probably one of the younger seniors at Oakmont. I moved to Oakmont because it is promoting itself as an "Active" Adult Community (as stated at the entry way to Oakmont) with a Mission Statement that states the following: "The OVA exists to provide athletic, recreational, cultural, and club resources for the use by the members of the Association and their guest".

For Oakmont to grow, flourish, increase in value, the community needs to get younger and not older. Unfortunately, Oakmont is an aging community. We need to attract younger, active seniors, such as myself to provide the energy, positive responsiveness, financial resources, with new, fresh ideas to carry this community into the future and beyond. My husband and I bought an older, dated, run-down home here and have invested thousands of dollars in remodeling and upgrading the property, which will enhance its value along with the properties of our neighbors. Along the same lines, I believe that the Central Park Project is an investment that will enhance the value of this community. This project is consistent with Oakmont's Mission Statement and Vision to be the most desired senior community in northern California. I believe that this project is strongly needed to move us forward toward our vision and not stay status quo.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diane Hom
419 Trail Ridge Pl.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
email: sdhom@sbcglobal.net

Murray, Susie

From: Susan Hazlewood <sth327@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 4:15 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball
Attachments: central pool 1.jpg; central pool 2.jpg

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am a resident of Oakmont and a member of the Oakmont Pickleball Club.

I was introduced to Pickleball prior to moving to Oakmont; I was delighted that there was Pickleball being played here at Oakmont, and have been playing here for about a year now. Pickleball has become my primary exercise routine, as it is fun, aerobic, social and even mentally stimulating. My husband plays as well and he is a great example of how people can learn in a short period of time and enjoy this game; even if they have never played a racquet or paddle game before.

We play 3 to 4 times per week, along with many others; our club has outgrown our 2 courts by leaps and bounds. With only 2 courts available we often have them full, with many players waiting to play. We have to play abbreviated games in order to accommodate everyone to play. I am the Membership Chairperson for the Pickleball Club and have seen a 28% increase in membership since the beginning of the year. We now have over 140 members on our roster. I get new member signups almost weekly.

The thought of not having Pickleball here at Oakmont would be devastating to my husband and I along with a large group of avid players. We need more courts, and permanent courts here in Oakmont. Santa Rosa city could not accommodate our numbers even if Findley courts were close by. And it would be quite a burden to have to travel to Findley on a daily basis. That drive is 30 or more minutes each way.

If we don't get our new courts approved, we will be left without any courts as it has been determined that the tennis court we are currently using would not be available for Pickleball in the long term. That will leave many of us without an active sport to play at Oakmont, as the only other active sport available is tennis. And tennis is not a sport for most of us Pickleball players, as we have "aged" out of that sport. For those who still can run around aggressively, but, have never played the game, they would find the learning curve very steep and for some not doable. It takes more athletic skill to play tennis than to play Pickleball.

I know there is lots of opposition from other Oakmont residents regarding the building of Pickleball courts on the proposed site behind our central pool. I know they don't want our association to spend the money and suspect that many of the other complaints are an attempt get the city from approving the project. I want to address their complaints of the visual and sound. I have attached 2 photos, at the pool, depicting the view they seem to care so much about.

One of the photos is a view of horseshoe pits and putting green; neither are maintained due to water shortage and underutilized play. This situation will only get worse due to water shortage. It is my understanding the proposed plan would have this area beautified with new landscaping.

The other photo shows how all the lounge chairs face the pool, not the view of putting green. Please note, all heads are lower than the 5' high pool fence. Acoustic report states that 1/4" clear Plexiglas on the fence would lower the sound of Pickleball to meet SR City noise code.

As far as the noise goes, I use this pool during the warmer months and there are days it is so noisy, full of children and young adults. I doubt you would notice much Pickleball activity. This pool is not heated between Thanksgiving and Easter, (5 months of the year) when our other two pools are operational. Since we do have two other pools, people who seek peace and quiet can utilize another pool, as I do when the Central pool gets to crowded and noisy for me.

I think the Central activity area is the perfect place for and active sport like Pickleball.

Sincerely,

Susan Hazlewood
9281 Oak Trail Circle





Murray, Susie

From: Peter Copen <pcopen38@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@aonic.net
Subject: A Personal Testimonial Supporting Pickleball at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

The purpose of this email is lend my strong support for the 4 pickleball courts at the Central Activities Center of Oakmont.

There are many valid and reasonable reasons for support of this effort that I am confident you are already aware of. Therefore, I would like to submit for your consideration my personal testimonial.

Pickleball has changed my life! And I do not say that easily. Why? Because I can not longer play tennis nor golf because of the effect on my back and knees. Yet pickleball does not cause me any physical problems. It allows me to get the exercise I need to stay healthy (I play 4-6 times/week), and provides the joy and fun of the commeraderie of a great group of like-minded people. Knowing what I do now about pickleball, I would not recommend joining a 55+ active community unless they offered this sport.

*Additionally: One of the primary reasons for moving to Oakmont last year was that I had "hit the wall" after retirement and was having symptoms of depression for not being active enough. Pickleball has been the **single most important activity that has changed my attitude towards life**, given it more meaning and purpose and simply, more fun and enjoyment.*

I can not express how devastated I would be if I were unable to play this sport here. Therefore, I urge you to do what is necessary to insure that pickleball remains as an option here in Oakmont.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Copen
445 Crestridge Place
858-775-6595

Murray, Susie

From: Eric Lutz <elutz7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Support FOR OVA Pickleball Court Project

My name is Eric Lutz. My wife and I live at 170 Valley Lakes Dr, Santa Rosa, CA in the Oakmont development. We are both retired from work, but want to stay physically and mentally active.

My dad played Pickleball in Federal Way, WA for over 20 years. He reluctantly stopped when he was in his 80s. It was his passion, and he had never played any sports before retirement.

I played racquetball for 21 years, and handball for 11 years before that, but I haven't played racquetball for 14 years. It was too hard on my body. I have played golf as well, for 24 years. However, until I tried Pickleball nothing gave me the aerobic and competitive excitement that I had in racquetball.

But Pickleball is different from racquetball. In racquetball it was hit the ball hard and run hard. In Pickleball you have to think much more and carefully place your shots. It's also usually played in a doubles format instead of singles, so you must communicate more since you have a partner. I feel both of these aspects help me as a senior citizen to maintain, and even improve, my mental and physical fitness.

When my wife and I play Pickleball in Oakmont, there are frequently 17 players vying for play time on the 2 temporary courts in Oakmont. We can drive the 22 miles round-trip to Finley Center to play, and I have on Mondays. But note that the Finley site on Mondays frequently has more than 20 players, and only 4 courts.

Oakmont's central tenet is to promote recreational activities for its members. Pickleball is widely identified as the fastest growing sport among senior citizens, while tennis and golf are declining. Oakmont should be providing Pickleball facilities needed by their members.

The Oakmont Pickleball Club is working with the OVA to establish 4 Pickleball courts in the Oakmont community that are in most suitable location. We consistently have more players present and willing to play than 4 courts would support. It seems logical that sufficient OVA funds should be allocated to a sport that already has more than enough participants to justify the project.

The site the OVA Ad Hoc Committee has selected was carefully chosen after a year of research. The Committee has diligently tried to address every contingency. There are OVA members that oppose this project, but there are typically members in any association that oppose some project that is not what they want. Just because there is opposition does not mean this is not a worthy project.

Please review this project on its merits, not by how loudly it is opposed.

Thank you,
Eric Lutz

Murray, Susie

From: Martin & Brenda Johns <mnbjohns@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

Attention: Susan Murray, City planner, Santa Rosa. Copy: Frank Batchelor, OVA board president.

Just a short note to say that

1. We moved to Oakmont about two months ago from across the country, and we didn't move because of Pickleball. But since being here we have taken up the game in place of our old sport of Volleyball, and have to say that it is well suited to our age and abilities, has a short learning curve, and would hopefully be suitable for many years to come, if we are lucky enough to enjoy good health.
2. As well as being enjoyable it appears to encourage good reflexes, coordination, balance, cardio vascular health and agility but is not as intensive as tennis in terms of distance running on the necessarily hard surface.
3. It seems to be a sport that is spreading and increasing in popularity, especially among older age groups, and is the kind of thing we would certainly expect Oakmont to embrace. In fact we would be concerned as residents if they did not pursue Pickleball, whether or not we played, especially considering the around 140 headcount of the club that has sprung up here.
4. We were concerned at some of the negative views expressed at the recent Oakmont Townhall meeting, but they generally seemed to be of the kind that wished to support a diverse array of other priorities or resource allocations according to the particular persuasion of the individual speaker, rather than an aversion to Pickleball. Others were based on a misapprehension of the current plan.
5. We feel that for Oakmont the decision to implement proper facilities for Pickleball is one of how rather than of if. We were impressed by the thoroughness of the investigation of the ad hoc committee in choosing the optimal solution considering all options.

We hope that for the benefit of the participants, but also to keep the Oakmont community at the forefront of 55+ communities - a benefit to all who live here, that the plans for courts will be approved following due consideration.

Thank you, Martin and Brenda Johns - 386 Miramonte Place.

Murray, Susie

From: Gail Lutz <elutz7@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bod.batchelor@sonic.net
Subject: In Support of the Oakmont Pickleball courts project

My husband & I have lived at 170 Valley Lakes Dr in Oakmont for 11 years. I am recently retired and started playing pickleball this year. I really see improvement in my health and mental awareness since playing this sport. When playing I am able to get a heart healthy aerobic workout, and a brain workout by having to think about where I need to hit the ball, plus keeping score. Pickleball helps me get involved with my neighbors and new friends in an active and fun game that involves more people all the time.

The Oakmont pickleball club has been playing pickleball on a temporary tennis court that the tennis club has been nice enough to let us borrow from them, but they would like their court back. The area that has been selected to build our new pickleball courts will replace an existing extra grass putting green. I believe this area would be put to better use as pickleball courts. This will save irrigation and maintenance costs otherwise needed to keep up a putting green.

The proposed pickleball courts will be located within the Central Activities Center, which makes this site a perfect place for such a fast-growing sport. The project to add four pickleball courts is also in keeping with the "Active Adult" community that Oakmont has always been, plus helps us keep up with the increasing number of players in Oakmont who are taking up pickleball. This is why I support the proposed project to build four pickleball courts at the Central Activities Center in Oakmont.

Thank You,
Gail Lutz

Murray, Susie

From: Lewis Gross <lewgross@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Cc: ova.bodbatchelor@sonic.net
Subject: Oakmont Pickleball

Susan

I moved to Oakmont 18 months ago. A year ago I discovered pickleball, and I love it. Since I can't play tennis, it affords me the opportunity to get meaningful outdoors exercise. In addition, since my wife and I are new to the area, pickleball has enabled us to meet and make new friends. We try to play 3-4 days a weeks between 9-12 AM, before the day heats up. Generally with only 2 courts there are more players than can be accommodated at one time, so we have to queue up and wait for a court to open. From my perspective as an active senior citizen pickleball is an ideal for sport for seniors who cannot play a more energetic game of tennis. It keeps you physically active, does not require a huge investment in equipment, has a short learning curve, and can consume as much or as little time as you want.

Needless to say, I do support the construction of new pickleball courts to accommodate the growing pickleball population.

Thank You
Lewis Gross,
Oakmont resident and pickleball player.

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Murray, Susie

From: Harry Gossard <hgossard@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:17 PM
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Murray, Susie

From: Judy Salmina <jsalmina@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Re: Pickleball

Please don't let the nasty, vindictive, incorrect comments influence u...oakmont has, 4 the most part, wonderful, happy, fun etc people!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 19, 2015, at 5:05 PM, Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org> wrote:

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> Thank you for your comments. I've printed and added them to the public file. The file will be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator prior to a decision being rendered.

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> Susie Murray | City Planner

> Community Development | 100 Santa Rosa Avenue | Santa Rosa, CA 95404

> Tel. (707) 543-4348 | Fax (707) 543-3269 | smurray@srcity.org

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Judy Salmina [mailto:jsalmina@hotmail.com]

> Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 4:14 PM

> To: Murray, Susie

> Subject: Pickleball

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Murray, Susie

From: Diane Naylor <didinay49@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickleball at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I would like to offer my voice in support of new Pickleball courts here in Oakmont. I am a 6 year resident here and have been playing this wonderful sport now for 2 years, and as a lifelong tennis player who cannot continue that more rigorous sport, PB has been a godsend!

I am also a (mostly) retired Physical Therapist and so can speak professionally about the benefits of this sport: it provides not only strength and endurance training but also balance, coordination and memory enhancement....and all without the wear and tear of tennis. The sport is a no brainer for senior communities!

Oakmont should not be converting our existing tennis courts, as some people have proposed, due to their location here in essentially amphitheater areas that magnify the sound. (This was reported in the recent PB town hall held here). Our central pool area is the best location since this area is already designated a recreational area with very under utilized land available.

Mostly all new planned active adult communities are now including PB courts and is now considered a requisite amenity. We now have 140 members of our Pickleball club and we need an appropriate place to play; we pay our member dues and shouldn't have to drive 25 minutes to Finley Park anymore than Oakmont swimmers should have to!

So thank you for listening and I fervently hope that your planning department will decide to allow this to proceed.

Respectfully,
Diane Naylor
8838 Hood Mountain Circle
Santa Rosa

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Murray, Susie

From: Judy Salmina <jsalmina@hotmail.com>
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Sent from my iPhone

Murray, Susie

From: Tina L Hoogs <tinahoogs@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Pickle ball courts at Oakmont

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am writing you today to voice my concern and disagreement with Pickleball courts being built at Oakmont. This expensive and controversial project should be at the bottom of the list of potential projects here. We are not ADA compliant and many of our aged facilities need attention before we focus on something new for a small group of people. I know, they say the future of Oakmont is pickle ball. Remember racquet ball? Quite the rage in the 1980's as every health club felt the need to have one; don't see them much anymore.

If the 100 or so members feel the need to have their own dedicated facility, I suggest they buy a piece of land and build it themselves. I would much rather have updated pool facilities, (the east rec pool pump is out so the pool has been closed for days.), a new Berger Center with air conditioning and sidewalks and facilities that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tina Hoogs
8151 Oakmont Drive

Murray, Susie

From: schweenj@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Oakmont pickleball courts

I am 100% in favor of the pickle ball courts and their proposed location in Oakmont. I attended the presentation today and was very pleased by the scope of the project.

Thank you,

Jonni Schween

