

Dear Board of Community Services Members,

Kim Hatch and Kelly Magnuson recently asked Kathy Kerst and Linda Hoffman to put together a Santa Rosa Pickleball Subcommittee to look at court usage for the local pickleball community. Our committee members include Kathy, Linda, Pat Crabtree, Billy Andre, and Jo Anne Cohn. At our subcommittee meetings we have determined, at no surprise to anyone, that more courts are necessary to solve the tremendous demand for both open and organized play. During the last week of July, Kathy and Linda collected Finley pickleball and tennis court attendance data. The results below show that the unused tennis court space, if striped as a multi-use facility for tennis and pickleball, would help alleviate the daily stress on the pickleball courts.

***Week of July 25-31***

**Finley Pickleball Court Attendance**

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8:45	12	17	24	28	26	22	16
9:00	14	35	29	28	26	22	16
9:15	18	35	30	30	32	32	16
9:30	24	36	31	31	34	32	20
9:45	26	36	31	32	34	36	24
10:00	26	38	31	34	34	38	24
10:15	27	40	30	34	24	40	28
10:30	24	40	28	24	24	41	27
10:45	18	32	24	20	24	39	26
11:00	16	27	26	16	22	37	26
11:15	16	24	26	16	14	32	20
11:30	12	21	24	12	12	31	19
11:45	12	16	20	12	2	18	18
12:00	8	12	20	2	2	17	15

**Finley Tennis Court Attendance**

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8:45	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
9:00	2	4	0	0	1	0	3
9:15	8	4	0	0	1	0	6
9:30	8	4	0	0	0	0	6
9:45	10	2	0	0	0	0	6
10:00	10	2	0	0	0	0	8
10:15	10	0	0	0	0	0	8
10:30	10	0	0	0	0	0	9
10:45	10	0	0	0	0	0	9
11:00	8	2	0	0	0	0	8
11:15	8	2	0	0	0	0	8
11:30	8	2	0	0	2	0	8
11:45	8	2	0	0	2	0	8
12:00	8	2	0	0	2	0	8

Long term proposals for a future pickleball complex are being evaluated and will be proposed sometime in the future, but for now the Santa Rosa Pickleball Subcommittee would like to propose a short-term, low cost solution to pickleball court access for the morning hours at the upcoming Board of Community Services meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Rohnert Park has successfully implemented this strategy at its Sunrise Park courts where 48 pickleball players can all be playing at one time. Sunrise Park has six permanent pickleball courts with two adjacent tennis courts, cross-lined with subtle pickleball lines. On two tennis courts, six temporary pickleball courts can be set up with mobile pickleball nets, allowing expanded capacity when the need arises. We would like to propose this same setup for Finley's two adjacent west tennis courts.

Cost for paint and mobile pickleball nets will be under \$15K for six temporary courts (Adams Surfacing). Court usage of these two courts would run on a "tennis first" policy with indicated City signage. At the Finley courts, a tennis group of 8 to 12 typically uses the courts on Saturday and Sunday. We will be respectful of their weekly gathering and not impact their play in any way. As a subcommittee we feel that this would better utilize existing court availability and provide a short-term solution to a bursting pickleball community. Typically, as you can see by the above tables, there are no tennis players during the weekday mornings. With no short-term solution for more permanent courts in the area, we feel this is a practical way to meet the needs of hundreds of local, tax-paying pickleball players on under-utilized, existing recreational facilities. Both Howarth and Galvin parks have court space that might be made available for a similar endeavor; however, they are both in need of pad removal and repair in the realm of 300K+, which makes pursuit of this option a long-term project of 2-3 years or more. Below are some photos of Sunrise cross lining.



We appreciate being able to make an informative presentation at the upcoming Board of Community Services meeting on October 27, 2021 to propose our idea as a solution to current impacted court usage. Thank you for your consideration of our proposal!

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