

Pickleball Feedack (July 8 - September 1, 2021)

City	Feedback
Roseville	I would enjoy having the opportunity to play pickleball at the proposed courts. The site appears to be a good fit for the community.
Roseville	I'd say Pickleball has come of age.
Roseville	<p>With the pandemic, I have noticed an increase in tennis court use at multiple parks over the summer and last summer by groups of people (not affiliated with lessons (I would say these skew to be groups of men who play for 2-3 plus hours at a time). We have experienced this many many times at Pocahontas, autumn grove, fewer times at Bruce Russell and of course evergreen is busy most often with picklball.</p> <p>While it is exciting to see a renewal in court sports, we are frustrated that we can not use our neighborhood park (pocahontas) and others near by to teach our children how to play tennis or enjoy the courts due to increasing popularity of of when groups are using both courts for long periods of time. We suspect they are not community residents, but understand park use is for all.</p> <p>The Fairview courts are not a alternative for the reasons you mention in the page. Additionally, There are few trees to provide shade when watching the sport and no play ground for other children to play in if not playing. The sun is extremely hot on those courts in the summer. We have used evergreen in this manner for both lessons and for play when we need to share courts with others and take turns our selves and have the other kids play at the play ground.</p> <p>Additionally, without lights it greatly reduces the amount of time that can be played especially in the fall.</p> <p>I would like to further explore options with in our community for court options, including option of building a new court, adding lights, setting up an online reservation system for courts, etc. I do agree there is a need for both types of courts. I did not read of an option to leverage indoor space. Is this an option somewhere?</p> <p>Both pickle ball and Tennis provide a healthy and socially distanced option for healthy activity and socialization and serve our community is various ways, but am concerned that the school district option won't meet the needs of the community without at minimum lights.</p>
Circle Pines	<p>We have played pickleball at the Evergreen park for the past 3 years. We are not residents of Roseville, however live on the line of Shoreview. When we play at Evergreen as well as other times, we do a number of errands/stops at Roseville. We frequent HarMar Mall for Staples and Barnes and Noble. I frequent The Rosedale for Macys, DSW shoes, Carters, and Athleta. I shop at Total Wine, Byerlys, and Bed Bath and Beyond. Almost always get a Starbucks or Caribou before heading home after pickleball. We support the Roseville Community more than any other community close to us. Please consider this expenditure for six courts well worth your decision to do so. Thank you for your consideration and support.</p> <p>Kathy and Duke Millington</p>

Roseville	<p>As a tennis player, I'm not in favor of the conversion, especially not while no replacement tennis courts are available. At this point it is not clear if and when the tennis courts at the rec center would be available for tennis.</p> <p>The Fairview tennis courts are in walking distance from our house and allow our children to play without requiring a ride. The courts at the rec center would require a car ride.</p> <p>In my experience, tennis courts in Roseville are well used and looking for a court in the evenings and on weekends (ie, outside of work hours) often requires driving around looking and/or waiting.</p>
Roseville	I am on the board of the Shoreview Area Pickleball Assn. and I feel it is great that Roseville is finally going to put in permanent courts. This sport is attracting people of all ages. It is fun, socializing and healthy. Also growing in interest!!
Roseville	Love the proposal and am in full support of pickleball courts in Roseville. I look forward to playing sometime soon.
Roseville	Great idea, I'm highly supportive! We are a group of Roseville residents who play all year round. Thank you!
Shoreview	I started the Shoreview area pickleball Club in 2012 we had 40 members. Today we have about 400 members many of which are Roseville residents we appreciate you building new courts and taking some of the load off of the 12 courts that Shoreview has.
Roseville	I totally support this project. Roseville needs permanent Pickleball courts. It is a very fast growing activity and is a better activity for older adults than tennis. Please let me know if resident input will be possible at a Park and Recreation Commission meeting.
St. Paul	<p>This plan to convert temp, set-up/take-down pickleball courts at Evergreen Park is very well thought-out and provides an excellent solution to the increasing need for pickleball courts in the Metro area. Although I live in St. Paul, I often shop in the Roseville area and it will be convenient for me to do that before and/or after playing pickleball.</p> <p>Kudos to the planning you've done on this project - I fully support it, and will share this information with friends who live in the Roseville, Falcon Heights and St. Paul areas!</p>
St. Anthony	Excellent! As a pickleball enthusiast, I'm thrilled at this news. I play pickleball at Evergreen frequently, and we players often talk about the idea of Roseville doing what you are proposing here. Thank you so much!
Roseville	This is an excellent, and needed, project. In conjunction with redoing Fairview tennis courts there are advantages for both pickleball and tennis players. Partially because of lack of Roseville courts Shoreview currently provides opportunity for many Roseville residents at their courts. However, there just aren't enough courts in the overall system to provide adequate opportunities for everyone. This project will allow the City of Roseville to provide opportunity for more of its residents to participate in a rapidly growing game and further support the City's excellent reputation. Courts at Evergreen Park with portable pickleball nets on a tennis court do provide opportunity for residents to play, but the current setup provides a second rate experience with drawbacks.
Roseville	Yes, Roseville needs permanent Pickleball Courts - we are behind the times! It would be nice if they were more centrally located.
Roseville	Please add flexible courts for other sports, like racquetball and handball! All we need is a wall against which we can hit the ball. This is easily achieved at the back of a tennis court. St. Paul has done this!!!

Roseville	I strongly support this plan if the Fairview tennis courts will indeed be restored. We have often played at those courts over the years. They, along with the Evergreen courts, are the only Roseville-based options in that part of town. It is distracting to have both pickleball lines and tennis lines on the same court, as is the situation at Evergreen now. The growing popularity of pickleball and the location of the Evergreen courts warrants conversion of those courts. But we must not do the conversion unless the Fairview courts will be restored since that would not be fair to Roseville residents living in the area. The lack of lighting at Fairview is a concern, but that could be addressed at a later date.
Roseville	I think the proposal to convert the tennis courts at Evergreen Park to Pickleball in conjunction with restoration of the tennis courts at Fairview Community Center along with future addition of lighting for the tennis courts is a fair and positive development. Pickle ball is very popular and the noise buffer is a good option. (Personally I don't mind the sound of pickle ball paddles and balls but I don't live next to a set of courts) I want to request a rejuvenation of the tennis program in the city with hired professional instructors, league/scheduled play and reserved court time options. The money invested in the courts is not fully redeemed without an organized program or coordinator.
Roseville	I'm excited to hear that Roseville has concrete plans for creating dedicated pickleball courts! Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and is enjoyed by all age groups. Because of the "sound" (not "noise") that is generated by the game, Evergreen Park is an excellent location for permanent courts. I'm proud to be a resident of a city that maintains up-to-date venues for a wide variety of sports!
Roseville	I am in favor of permanent pickleball courts at Evergreen Park. Thank you for considering this.
Roseville	YES !! More Pickleball courts at Evergreen Park !!
St. Paul	permanent pb courts at evergreen would be used a lot as pb gets more and more popular
Minneapolis	Yes, I support the expansion of the currently 4 courts to 6 courts, in the same location and with the same north-south orientation that exists now. These courts are wonderful and I have enjoyed them for 2-3 years already.
Columbia Heights	Ever Green park is very well used by Pickleball players, sometimes up to 20 people are waiting to play. If tennis players are using half the space the wait gets very long. It is time for an upgrade. The city of Roseville is growing and it parks and recreation are very important to this growth. People of all ages can play pickleball together thus more interaction. If the tennis courts at the community are upgraded as well. It is a win win for all. Thanks,
Shoreview	Although I am a resident of Shoreview, our courts are used by many Roseville residents. There just are not a lot of permanent pickleball courts in The suburbs. I have played on the Roseville courts many times before COVID, and they were always crowded as are the 6 permanent courts in Shoreview. Shoreview is also considering more permanent courts too. It is time for Roseville to keep up with the growing demand for more courts. As the retired population continues to increase,so will the demand for PB courts

	<p>We find it interesting to note that while the photo shows 6 pickleball courts it doesn't show which direction the courts would be placed. If these courts are placed north to south this would be great, if not then this would not be an appropriate answer as courts do not work going east to west.</p> <p>Roseville has turned a blind eye to the problem since a 2017 newspaper article came out quoting a Roseville Park and Rec employee about the popularity of pickleball. Repeated calls and email to Lonnie Brokke from numerous individuals in the community have been met without any movement in getting Roseville up to speed on pickleball. We researched pickleball courts in several communities in the TC area (copied below) and one thing that should be noted is that when "noise" was mentioned two park and rec people we spoke to said that it was far worse to see unused park facilities than to hear noise and tennis courts in Roseville routinely sit empty (Lonnie has been sent several of these photos). Many communities spoken to now stripe tennis courts as routine "maintenance" for pickleball.</p>
Roseville (multiple submissions A)	<p>Even with the construction of 6 pickleball courts, Roseville will continue to lag in the metropolitan area when it comes to pickleball. No pun intended but pickleball players in Roseville have really been "pickled" by the Roseville</p>
Roseville	<p>I think this is a great idea. I support it 100 percent. It is confusing for beginners to have the tennis and pickleball lines painted. I see people of a wider age range playing pickleball. Even me!</p> <p>Thanks for coming up with this plan!</p>
St. Paul	<p>We live in St. Paul, but play pickleball @ Evergreen, almost every day its available. Its a good group and seems to be @ the intermediate level, which we feel we belong. We like Evergreen because there is a restroom and port-a-potty to use - some courts in St. Paul do not have bathroom facilities available. It would be a positive step for seniors in Roseville to dedicate 6 courts to pickleball! Its the fastest growing sport we hear!</p>
Falcon Heights	<p>We are a big group and need more courts in Roseville! It would be great to expand Evergreen!</p>
Roseville	<p>I'm so happy to hear the Roseville is finally going to get permanent courts for this growing sport. I assume in looking at the picture the courts will be north/ south like they are now. Thank You.</p>
Shorview	<p>I love the idea of adding more courts and making nets permanent for pickleball and Evergreen. When will this happen?</p>
Roseville	<p>I am highly in favor of the proposed increase in pickelball courts at evergreen.</p>
Roseville	<p>Turn Evergreen courts into 6 Pickleball courts.</p>

Roseville	<p>I'm a pickleball player who lives in Roseville. I'm writing to show support for the proposed pickleball courts at Evergreen Park. When playing pickleball now there are often long wait times between games due to the limited number of courts in the area. I agree that restoring the Fairview Community Center courts should meet the needs of Southwest Roseville tennis players.</p> <p>In reviewing the details of the proposal it's stated that the 6 courts would fit in the current dimensions of the tennis courts. I would encourage city staff to review the court dimensions of other successful pickleball complexes to determine if additional space is needed to provide a high quality pickleball experience at Evergreen.</p> <p>With the growing interest in pickleball, it would be great if the City was able to provide permanent pickleball courts to meet the needs of residents and other players. Thanks to all the city staff and volunteers who have developed this proposal.</p>
Roseville (multiple submissions B)	<p>I think it's great that there is such interest and participation in pickleball, and I think it would be great if there could be permanent courts for it. However, \$100,000 is a very steep price to pay. Why does the project have to include re-surfacing the tennis courts at Fairview? There are 13 other tennis courts in the Roseville Park system, plus 8 courts at the high school, 2 at the middle school and others in surrounding communities. What percentage of our residents utilize the tennis courts?</p> <p>We just spent millions of dollars on the Cedarholm Golf Course, and I would question how many of our residents play golf.</p> <p>Parks and Rec offers an amazing number of recreational programs, and while some of them (like Discover Your Parks and Rec Connect) are free, most of them cost anywhere from \$30 to \$80 to \$150 or more. There is a scholarship program (supported in part through donations) that made scholarships available to 116 kids for about \$8000 in 2018.</p> <p>If we think we can find \$100,000 for pickleball and tennis, after spending millions on golf, I'd like to see an equal amount spent to make recreational programs – including golf – available to more low-income residents. Or find a way to cut the budget for the pickleball project in half to make an equal amount of money available to offset fees for those who cannot otherwise afford them.</p> <p>If we don't do that, we are making a clear choice about who we value in our community.</p>
Roseville	<p>Create permanent pickleball courts at Evergreen Park! I've been playing there for years and the waiting lines are long; I've started to drive elsewhere because it is so crowded. This is the ONLY place to play pball outdoors in Roseville. In our passion for the sport, many of us played at Evergreen almost every day this past winter. The Roseville Parks Board has been saying "We'll look into it" for years. The time to finally DO something is now.</p>
Vadnais Heights	<p>The tennis courts at Evergreen Park are used 7 days a week by pickleball players, except when the tennis lessons are on Tuesdays. Vadnais Heights has converted two tennis courts into 6 pickleball courts at Bridgewood Park. The existing space accommodated 6 courts without any problems. There are many days when there are 20 - 30+ players, which means long waiting times even if games are played only to 9 points. Thanks for your consideration.</p>

New Brighton	Typical day at Evergreen has 25 plus player for the morning session. More individuals show up for play at 11:00. Use will only increase with permeant courts.
Roseville	I support the proposal as my son plays pickleball at Evergreen Park frequently. How can we as residents support this and get it approved?
Shorview	I love the idea of making it to 6 courts! Do you think maybe we can extend the light time a bit longer?
Roseville	I love this idea of making the 6 Pickleball in the same location as the 4 we use now. With the sound and all we could possibly play earlier than 8am which is the case up in Shoreview and when temps are hot this would be appreciated. Pickleball is a growing sport with all age groups so this would be a welcomed addition. I'm not sure more tennis courts are needed but we really need dedicated Pickleball courts. Also Roseville Parks and Rec could setup up Pickleball club with members getting dedicated hours like Shoreview does. This really helps to bring individuals to the courts as there are always people to play with to further build the sport. Think about adding netting between adjacent courts as this is tougher to add later.

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BTW I don't really care where the pickleball courts go.

However, one reason was the noise.

We had this week's Wednesday Park Chat at Evergreen Park close to where they were playing pickleball. We didn't even notice it.

Second, due to the noise, Evergreen Park is supposedly the only park not close to homes that will be negatively impacted by the noise.

I noticed the Autumn Grove courts are across from an empty field and a church.
Howard Johnson courts are near the road, across from lake. I don't know about the others.

It just brings into question who is being asked and who is being listened to when decisions are made.

When people buy homes next to parks, are they assuming they get all the beauty and no distractions?

Seems like that's the basis for the Shelter Policy and Special Event policy.

Protect those who can afford to buy homes next to parkland from inconvenience, even though we all pay for the parks.

I guess if I'd known that was the case I would have tried to live next to a Roseville park.

Instead I live on the opposite side of Hwy 36 from the high school where I can clearly hear the announcers of the football games.

I never expected that, but I accept it as part of living in a City.

Roseville (Multiple submissions B)

Kathy

Roseville	Most excellent idea. An ideal location. The current courts at Evergreen are used constantly and at times you have to wait for a court. Pickleball is a growing sport and new courts will be used. Also it will bring business to our restaurants and retail shops. I vote a big YES for 6 new courts!
Roseville (multiple submissions B)	<p>t's a lovely Friday morning in Roseville, sunny and 76 degrees. I was curious about the popularity of tennis in our community so I took 15 minutes and drove by some of the courts to see who was playing:</p> <p>Acorn – 2 courts - EMPTY Autumn Grove – 2 courts – EMPTY Central Park West – 2 courts – EMPTY Howard Johnson – 2 courts – EMPTY RAHS - 8 courts - EMPTY Pocahontas – 2 courts – 1 in use</p> <p>17 courts sitting empty on a beautiful Summer morning. We need to see the data to support the need to replace tennis courts if they are converted to pickleball. That is not a where I want my tax dollars spent.</p>
New Brighton	I'm very excited to hear about this new proposal! I've been playing pickleball at Evergreen Park for about 4 years and am excited about the possibility of having more courts!
Arden Hills	Please add permanent Picklball courts
Roseville	Phone call: this is a great idea and long overdue. Please do not provide exclusive access to a "club." Courts should be open to all.
Roseville	Great idea. Consider adding a AED at the site.
Roseville	Yes more pb courts please
Roseville	Think it's a great modification. I drive by those courts often and see how many picklers (is that a verb for pickle ball players) there are. Be nice to have a dedicated space for an emerging sport.
New Brighton	<p>I am grateful to hear about the proposal for 6 permanent pickleball courts at Evergreen park. I have been playing pickleball at these courts for 4 years and would love to have more courts there. Currently, this is the best lighted pickleball destination in the area and expanding the courts will allow that many more people to play later in the evening or during darker months, where other courts are not an option. And the permanent, higher quality of nets would be awesome as well. I would recommend keeping courts in the lockbox for the cooler months so that pickleball can still be played out of season, which I did quite a bit over the last year.</p> <p>I am guessing the proposal would involve a fence down the middle of the area, as is the case at Bobby Theisen. If possible, it would be great to have a softer surface - perhaps foam around the top bar along the length of the fence? Also, if there is enough funding, it would be great to fix a dip in the court surface that runs east to west near the south end of the court surface</p>
Roseville	I am very excited for new pickleball courts. So great for all ages and abilities there are few sports that all ages can play together as families. Bocce ball and Pickleball fit the bill and that is a perfect location. It was unfortunate and not well thought that rahs did not add pb courts along side the new tennis courts. These courts will be great!
Roseville	I'd fully support the conversion of the Evergreen courts to permanent pickle ball courts. Pickle ball popularity and continued growth supports the development of permanent courts like those proposed.

Vadnais Heights	We love playing at the Evergreen location. It is an area that doesn't disturb home owners by the noise of Pickleball. The playing community at Evergreen cared for the courts during the winter, so play could continue through the winter season. A very responsible group.
Forest Lake	I vote yes to the new pickleball courts
Roseville	I think providing permanent pickleball courts in this area is an excellent idea. My wife and I both frequently play pickleball and have complained to each other about the lack of permanent courts in this area. Further, pickleball is better able to bring together more residents of all ages than tennis can! Please set up permanent courts here! Thank you!
Roseville	Yes! Please make them into permanent pickleball courts! I play pickleball 3 times a week and live next to evergreen. I shoveled snow with plastic shovel last winter and we loved using the amenities. Thank you for considering, they will get used!!! Brad
Roseville	I look forward to Roseville building more pickleball courts.
Roseville (multiple submissions B)	See attachment. Too long for form
Shorview	In favor of pickleball! Played there every month of the year. Great spot.
Hugo	I am heavily in favor of new pickle ball courts in Evergreen Park please seriously consider thank you very much
Roseville	I own one of three nearest homes to the proposed pickleball courts and am IN FAVOR of converting them to permanent pickleball courts. The sound is attenuated by two baseball fields and their accompanying structures. The proposal is an excellent fit for the community. I hope that the six courts are layed out in a North-South orientation. Looking at the position of the lights in your proposal and the current size of the court, it's possible to conclude you intend to lay the courts out incorrectly to fit six courts in the current space. I'd rather see fewer correctly oriented courts than a lot of incorrectly oriented courts. It is rare to find courts in an east-west configuration. When you do, you'll find they are under utilized because the sun angle makes an unfair advantage for west side in the morning and the east side in the afternoon. A vital part strategy in pickleball is the Lob, a high-arching shot that forces an opponent back to the base line. With the blinding sun in their eyes, the opponent has little chance of countering even inaccurate lobs and is one of the reasons east-west oriented courts are unpleasant to play
Roseville	Please add more beyond just evergreen!
Roseville(multiple submissions A)	After reviewing the spreadsheet of the tennis court usage, we do not feel that renovating the Fairview school tennis courts is necessary. Seeing how often the tennis courts are used, it would seem that the money spent on more unused courts could be better spent elsewhere. There are two tennis courts just one mile from Evergreen in Falcon Heights that are rarely used. Saying they are not in Roseville is no excuse because the tennis courts and pickleball courts attract people from outside the community.

Roseville	Our home rests on the corner of Cty B and Fairview, though not adjacent to park, but kitty corner to it. We already hear the sounds of Pickleball, typically Saturday mornings, but also, more recently, later in the evenings on any day. While this sound is not "unpleasant" the continuous play and volume of play will only increase with this proposal. We would like set hours for play such as 9am -6pm. Along with these play hours, also a schedule for the lighting to correspond with the play until 6pm. This allows for plenty of play hours and some quiet time as the evenings begin.
St. Paul	enjoy playing every day @ Evergreen Park. Please configure the new courts north & south for less "sun in the eyes" for morning & evening times. Keep them facing the way they are now, in other words. Appreciate this change. We will definitely use the courts!

While I appreciate the time and thought that went into crafting the idea, I do not support the proposal.

We live within walking distance and enjoy playing tennis with our kids and friends at the courts. Pre-pandemic, it was hit or miss for us to get an open court. Unavailability was mostly due to tennis players since pickleball times were blocked off and clear. During the pandemic, pickleball has clearly exploded in popularity. It's been wonderful to see so many people out getting active & building relationships. I can understand a desire to build pickleball courts at Fairview if there's sustained community desire for this.

A few thoughts:

The idea of eliminating an often-used amenity that has a flexible current structure just to allow two more pickleball courts, and without a guaranteed replacement at Fairview, is concerning. If there was a clearly established plan for both projects, I could potentially support the plan. At a minimum, I would advocate holding off on any reconstruction of the current convertible courts until a Fairview courts project has also been completed, so there is no interruption in play for any players- tennis or pickleball. Without that, the conversion would eliminate access for both activities for the duration of the conversion project.

Please share more evidence of the noise problems in several communities caused by pickleball courts. For those of us who have chosen to live next to parks, we accept the sound of hundreds of baseball fans cheering, bats cracking at balls, kids joyfully playing pretend on playsets, and racquets making great shots every day. While pickleball certainly has its own distinct sound, as does any sport, the argument is not compelling given all the other sounds we accept (and even embrace) as park neighbors.

Like the current relationship between pickleball & tennis, I grew up in Colorado as a skier and witnessed the popularity boom of snowboarding, as well as the hype about the end of skiing and snowboarding crowding out the "old school" skiers. Similarly, I anticipate that the current pickleball boom will continue for a while and settle in to co-exist with tennis long-term. Making a significant investment in a permanent change just because of a recent increase in specific context-driven use (i.e. pandemic pickleball) is not prudent. Convertible courts allow for both activities, don't add significant unnecessary expenses, and don't interrupt play for all those who use the courts for a reconstruction project of already high-quality courts.

One final concern is that many of the players who use the courts for tennis are younger and likely not going to advocate as loudly, even though their access and use should be held as equally valid.

My hope is that, if there is sustained interest in pickleball over the coming years, we can take all this creative energy and the potential financing planned for the project and build something great on the Fairview Community Center site.

Thanks & best regards,

Roseville

Falcon Heights	<p>Hello, I recently moved to the area from Hopkins, MN where there were plenty of pickleball courts. I fully support adding pickleball courts in Roseville! It is such a fun game enjoyed by people of all ages. I witnessed first hand how well used and how much enjoyment the courts in Hopkins got when they were added. Please consider adding courts here in Roseville.</p>
Roseville	<p>I am opposed to destroying the tennis courts at Evergreen Park to make pickleball courts. Pickleball can be played on tennis courts, but not vice versa. Also, the courts at Evergreen Park are lit in the evenings. It is unlikely that the tennis courts by the Fairview Community Center would be lit at night (if courts are rehabilitated) due to the houses nearby.</p> <p>I would propose looking at the enormous parking lot associated with the back of Fairview Community Center as a place to build new pickle ball courts.</p>
Roseville	<p>I think it is great to have a place for pickleball players. It is an upcoming and very popular sport; a lot of senior citizen enjoy playing it. It is sad the tennis players have to give up court space or be moved to a space that is unkept and not highly conducive for high level tennis playing. I am new to the area and to the twin cities. I have chosen this particular home, on Shryer Avenue West, because of the lack of traffic, the quietness of the neighborhood as well as many other meaningful amenities. My concern with the proposed movement of the tennis courts will cause more traffic down our street. As I have learned, there are not many roads to the proposed location of the these tennis courts and that it tends to be a short cut to Cleveland ave from Fairview. Shryer is and will be the easiest access from Fairview and, as you may already know, all traffic like the easiest route. I pray, therefore, that you would consider either posting slower speed limit signs (25 MPH or less), make it only accessible from a main street, and/or connect it to the new community center. Please take this into consideration upon final judgement. And thank you for the opportunity to present my concerns.</p>
Roseville	<p>Hello my name is xxxxx i am a 13 year old swimmer going into 8th grade. My dad was a tennis player when he was my age and loves the sport. Both of us are mad about the new pickle ball courts that could be put in. this is why i think pickle ball courts should be put elsewhere, the tennis courts that are already at evergreen park are in perfect condition and were originally built for tennis players. \$100,000 is a lot of money. i understand that there is a increasing demand for pickle ball courts so i think they should be built where the run down fairview community center courts are. that would mean brand new courts for the pickle ball players. i don't see any reason why you would destroy perfectly good tennis courts just to build pickle ball courts when there is a perfect place for them to be put in not even 5 minutes away driving.</p>

	<p>First, what guarantees do we have that the school district will update the courts at Fairview Community Center. The district does not appear to be flush with cash for *optional* investments right now. They just built new courts at their High School. I am unconvinced that the courts at Fairview will be rebuilt - I'm skeptical that the district has the interest or the money to do so. Are you really going to take the only place in SW Roseville where we can play tennis away without firm guarantees that they'll be replaced. "good conversations" with the district is a weak argument. Can I see a real commitment from the district (beyond words) and a timeline for resurfacing these courts.</p> <p>Second, \$100,000 seems like a tremendous amount of money. I don't know the exact time, but the courts at EverGreen park were recently repaved. They were in pretty funky shape for a number of years. I know that resurfacing courts is not free. I feel like there is more value for tennis players to realize from that investment.</p> <p>Third, from my address you'll see that I live close to these courts. They were high use tennis courts - did I monitor their use, no, but when driving or walking by, they were often in use. Use has crashed as tennis players have been pushed to make room for pickle-ball players. I was particularly struck by how often tennis players used the lights. Which brings me to my fourth point,</p> <p>Fourth, there are no lights at the current Fairview courts. Would you replace those lights. From your website, sounds like not.</p> <p>Fifth, I live in SW Roseville and have for 20 years. I served as a community member to the parks master plan years ago. It was old during that planning process and its old now when the parks and rec in Roseville says, yeah, we know that we have not invested in parks on your side of town, but you are welcome to drive over here and use these parks. This is a prime example of reducing parks and rec services in SW Roseville while saying - hey, good parks are just a car ride away - i just have to find my way across Snelling - or kids have bike and take their lives in their own hands to cross Snelling to receive services that others in Roseville take for granted. I want to highlight here that the option to have courts with lights in SW Roseville is specifically a safety issue for our children. Our oldest played a bit of tennis at RAMS. He used to bike (or walk) to the lighted courts at Evergreen to meet a friend to practice. Under the scenario you propose a child like my oldest will not have the option to play at lighted courts near his house. His family will have to drive him - or he'll have to put his life at risk to cross Snelling. (I do hope that you understand just how much Snelling Avenue is a necessary evil in our lives here in SW Roseville - at least for me - when you say, he just come over here and use these parks, it smacks of a real mis-understanding of the challenge that Snelling poses to young children and even to adults. Its not an easy or welcome street to cross at anytime).</p> <p>I'll end this here. I think that more thought, more engagement with the residents of SW Roseville is necessary to make the best choice here. It feels like this is something that is being done to me as a resident, not with me. I wish it felt like you were doing something with me.</p>
Roseville	
Roseville	I like the proposal of converting Evergreen to 6 pickleball courts and rehabbing/repairing Fairview for tennis

Lauderdale	I am in favor of the proposal to install permanent pickleball courts at Evergreen Park. The park already has a large group of players, with most mornings having all four courts in use with people waiting. Noise is not a problem, because there are no adjacent houses. Evergreen is also easy to get to by bicycle, and it's on Metro Transit route 87.
Minneapolis	This would be absolutely fantastic and so appreciated! As someone who frequents this facility, it is busy and has a very enthusiastic community of players. One suggestion I have is to visit the St. Louis Park courts and see how they have put fencing in between each court so that balls are contained within each court and people aren't running over to other courts to get their balls which creates a hazard. Thanks so much!
Minneapolis	I think it is an excellent idea that Roseville is considering building pickleball courts. The tennis courts which have been adjusted to work as pickleball courts have been very, very popular. I am always amazed that pickleball courts around the Twin Cities are thriving while the tennis courts are very quiet. Thanks very much Renata

Matthew Johnson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Matthew Johnson
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Permanent Pickleball Feedback
Attachments: Tennis Court Usage July 2021.xlsx

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Thanks Matt.

I figured you received these updates. I also put the data in a spreadsheet which makes it easier to see the results.

I have attached it here.

Kathy

From: Matthew Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Online Form Submittal: Permanent Pickleball Feedback
Thank you for your feedback, Kathy. We'll include it in our summary as this moves forward.
Matt



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Permanent Pickleball Feedback

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City	Roseville

State	US
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Provide Feedback Below

I do appreciate that our City has a rich array of park resources available for people to use for free. I think it's great to be responsive to changing needs of our community. If there's good utilization, it seems like it might be a good idea to make pickleball more accessible for people due to its increasing popularity. It's also a sport that engages greater numbers of people in the same space as tennis. I questioned if everyone is still playing tennis and pickleball is a completely new sport that requires more space. To answer that question I thought it would be helpful to know how many people are playing tennis here.

When I found on the City website that the City has 15 tennis courts, and RAHS has 8 brand new courts, I wondered if the City needs to re-surface the courts at Fairview because the other courts are too far away to make them reasonably accessible. I used googlemaps to see how far the other courts are from Evergreen Park. There are 8 city courts and 8 RAHS courts less than 2 miles from Evergreen, and 4 less than 3 miles away. The furthest courts are only 4 miles away. Most are within 5-6 minute drive time, so accessibility does not seem to be an issue.

- Bruce Russell - 1.8 mi, 5 min
- Howard Johnson - 2.3 mi, 6 min
- Pocahontas - 1.7 mi, 5 min
- Rosebrook - 1.6 mi, 5 min
- RAHS - 1.9 mi, 5 min
- Autumn Grove - 2.6 mi, 6 min
- Victoria West - 2.6 mi, 6 min
- Sandcastle - 3.7 mi, 7 min
- Acorn - 4.1 mi, 8 min

Then I was interested to see if the courts are busy, so that availability of the courts is an issue. Between Friday 7/16 and Monday, 7/19, I drove to all of the courts 7-8 times at various times of the day to see if weekends are busier than weekdays or if time of day made a difference. No surprise, Evergreen was the park that was busiest, mostly pickleball, and when pickleball was being played the courts were full of people.

That was not the case for any of the other courts. For any of

the other parks I only saw people on the courts 1 to 2 times of my 8 drive-bys. I never saw anyone at Bruce Russell or RAHS. By my count, at any time, there were at least 18 courts available. (My tally is below, note: I never drove by Sandcastle, so it is not in my counts.

The existing courts are a great resource – most of them are lit! Perhaps it's a communication issue and people don't know the other courts are available. I had to look at 32 webpages to find out where the courts were. Let's work on increasing utilization of the existing tennis courts before we consider spending any money on new tennis courts, and let's watch trends to see if pickleball continues to grow before we invest more in tennis.

Perhaps one way to increase use of existing tennis courts is to offer free tennis lessons. Unlike golf, tennis is a pretty inexpensive sport which requires only a racquet and balls. Perhaps we could use the money for new tennis courts to provide equipment to low income families. I can even imagine that if we asked, there are lots of people in our community who have equipment they would be willing to donate.

We have more than enough tennis courts in our community. Rather than spending money to create more courts, let's use the money to get the most out of the existing courts.

Friday, 7/16, 9-9:30 AM

Acorn -----0
Autumn Grove-----0
Bruce Russell-----?
Victoria West-----0
Evergreen-----?
Howard Johnson-----0
Pocahontas-----1 court, 2 people
Rosebrook-----0
Sandcastle-----?
RAHS-----0

Friday, 7/16, 8-8:30 PM

Acorn -----0
Autumn Grove-----0
Bruce Russell-----0
Victoria West-----0
Evergreen-----Full (Pickleball)
Howard Johnson-----0
Pocahontas-----0
Rosebrook-----0
Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

Saturday 7/17, 8:30-9:15 AM

Acorn -----0

Autumn Grove-----1 court, 2 people

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----0

Evergreen-----2 courts, ?? people (Pickleball)

Howard Johnson-----1 court, 4 people

Pocahontas-----0

Rosebrook-----1 court, 2 people

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

Saturday, 7/17, 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Acorn -----0

Autumn Grove-----0

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----1 court, 4 people

Evergreen-----0

Howard Johnson-----0

Pocahontas-----0

Rosebrook-----0

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

Sunday, 7/18, 10:30 – 11 AM

Acorn -----1 court, 1 person

Autumn Grove-----0

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----0

Evergreen-----Group waiting

Howard Johnson-----0

Pocahontas-----1 court, 1 person

Rosebrook-----1 court, 2 people

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----2 outside the courts?

Sunday, 7/18, 4:10 – 4:45 PM

Acorn -----0

Autumn Grove-----0

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----1 court, 2 people – with soccer ball

Evergreen-----1 court, 2 people

Howard Johnson-----1 court, 2 people

Pocahontas-----0

Rosebrook-----0

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

Monday, 7/19, 7:20 – 8:00 AM

Acorn -----0

Autumn Grove-----1 car with a tennis ball falling from trunk?

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----0

Evergreen-----1 court, 4 people, Pickleball

Howard Johnson-----0

Pocahontas-----0

Rosebrook-----0

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

Monday, 7/19 - 3:40 to 4:10 PM

Acorn -----0

Autumn Grove-----4 people on sides. Just starting or finishing?

Bruce Russell-----0

Victoria West-----0

Evergreen-----0

Howard Johnson-----0

Pocahontas-----0

Rosebrook-----0

Sandcastle-----?

RAHS-----0

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