

Q7 Do you have any additional comments about using space in the Park for pickleball?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Supportive I don't live in Atherton, but have friends who play pickleball who do. They have been coming to surrounding communities to play. The popularity of pickleball has grown, and there is, currently, a shortage of courts. Please support Atherton pickleball players! Thank-you.	5/31/2023 8:51 AM
2	Supportive I walk in the Park often and I have noticed that the tennis courts are very underutilized. I also think the park has many areas that are underutilized and I would also support that option.	5/31/2023 8:43 AM
3	Supportive I think it is a great idea to allocate some space to other interest than tennis.	5/30/2023 8:57 PM
4	Supportive I am glad that you are keeping up with what is popular today !	5/30/2023 8:21 PM
5	Convert Handball Noisy Supportive Although I strongly disagree with the incorporation of pickle ball, I believe that converting the handball court is a solid option to help support pickle ball players. This space is unused, and could be converted without much resistance.	5/30/2023 7:31 PM
6	Supportive Fastest growing sport.	5/30/2023 6:00 PM
7	Noisy PICKLEBALL is VERY loud! Can you limit the paddle noise?	5/30/2023 5:42 PM
8	Supportive Pickleball is a very fun family activity. More public courts are needed.	5/30/2023 5:18 PM
9	It would be easier to form an opinion on the above options with some data on utilization of the existing facilities, and the economics of maintaining the clay court (I think someone funded it's initial installation).	5/30/2023 4:42 PM
10	Supportive New pickleball courts built with acoustical design as a priority to create a space which will not cause noise neighbors would hear, and at the least, not be any louder than other current park activities. But Pickleball is a must do, in my opinion.	5/30/2023 3:38 PM
11	Noisy I am not opposed to pickleball, but it is so noisy, and I think the noise would carry to local neighborhoods and would be very unpleasant.	5/30/2023 2:16 PM
12	Supportive I think that there will be many more residents that want to play pickle ball than tennis.	5/30/2023 1:43 PM
13	Supportive We share a fence with the park. Would purchase key to tennis courts if pickleball was there. Great community builder.	5/30/2023 1:29 PM
14	Supportive If it must be done, utilize one one the existing courts. Do not take up "underutilized" space.	5/30/2023 12:56 PM
15	Multi-Sport Needed Supportive Not sure how these questions were developed. To be clear I support permanent pickle ball at the park on more than one court and every day. It can be on a multi painted court with a movable net as necessary.	5/30/2023 12:42 PM
16	Supportive We need more than just one Pickle Ball court!	5/30/2023 12:25 PM
17	The noise issues associated with pickleball will be unfair to neighbors.	5/30/2023 11:07 AM
18	Noisy Pickleball is MUCH noisier than tennis as we use a wooden paddle and plastic balls. Tennis courts were converted at Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland and the noise increase to the neighbors is now a problem. If Pickleball ball is added to the part, then a serious look at noise should be done first.	5/30/2023 10:50 AM
19	Low income housing	5/30/2023 10:42 AM
20	Supportive In favor if it doesn't cost anything; not in favor if it does. Suspect that use would be pretty limited.	5/30/2023 10:42 AM

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21	Supportive Hope it happens. :)	5/30/2023 10:35 AM
22	Supportive Sounds like a great idea- let's try it :) I don't understand how to rank these possibilities one through five, but I support option 2	5/30/2023 10:32 AM
23	Supportive I think pickle ball would be a great addition and based on utilization statistics consider adding more.	5/30/2023 10:28 AM
24	Supportive Why is this taking so long to get a pickleball court at H-P Park??? This has been going on for over a year while other local towns (Menlo Park, Palo Alto) already have pickleball courts for their residents. Please, please approve something for the pickleball playing residents of Atherton.	5/30/2023 10:26 AM
25	Supportive I am seeing Pickleball played by every level and every age. It's wonderful to see grandparents playing grand children and it's also wonderful to see people like me who never use the courts and now do because of Pickleball, and i have met so many new people in our community. It's a sport for all ages and all athletic abilities. I go to Neylan park about three times a week and have a whole new group of Menlo Park friends because of it.	5/30/2023 9:57 AM
26	Supportive We are not currently tennis court key holders, but we have been in the past. We support Pickleball...we play Pickleball and we would take advantage of the opportunity at the park. However...we also realize the legititmate issues brought up surrounding Pickleball. We support Pickleball and we would participate, but it has to be done the right way with issues addressed and mitigated. From previous experience the most notable contention is the issue of noise impact on nearby residents.	5/30/2023 9:41 AM
27	Noisy Supportive #6 did not have a button to check for ranking, I'll answer here...I'll give it a 1 would support adding pickleball, and believe courts would be well used by our community. Converting currently underutilized space would be a great option. I would first like to know what the impact would be for the surrounding neighbors and noise from the pickleball courts.	5/30/2023 9:31 AM
28	Noisy pickleball is much noisier than tennis; we live on the fence and are already subjected to too much noise from the park and this would greatly add to it; tennis and baseball noise is fine but the party rentals with outdoor amplified music are killers	5/30/2023 9:20 AM
29	Supportive I play pickleball and it is a wonderful social sport that brings the community together - we need that in Atherton. I would highly recommend putting 4 pickle ball courts on one tennis court. This will allow for maximum use of space.	5/30/2023 9:11 AM
30	Supportive I think more people would pay for pickle ball court time. Can't wait what a great idea!!!	5/30/2023 9:09 AM
31	Supportive Build a court...anywhere!	5/30/2023 9:06 AM
32	Noisy I fear it will be too noisy and disruptive for the neighbors. I do support doing more to gather the community, perhaps different uses of the park. The park in general has way too much parking. All that space could easily be used for better things. A dog park for instance, would be a great way to meet your neighbors. It could require a key as the tennis courts do.	5/30/2023 9:06 AM
33	Supportive Thank you for doing this	5/30/2023 9:06 AM
34	Supportive Don't use any green space for a court.	5/25/2023 4:08 PM
35	Supportive I think it would be nice to have a pickle ball court...1or 2....but I don't care how that is done	5/21/2023 10:46 PM
36	Supportive Please do it now	5/21/2023 2:12 PM
37	Supportive If there is just one pickleball court I don't see a lot of community engagement, as from my experience a lot of people go as singles and look for other players. If there's only one pickle ball court, the chances of other players being there are small. whatever option you choose. Please make sure there are enough courts (at least 2!) Thank you!	5/20/2023 7:44 AM
38	Supportive I think there are just as many pickleball players as tennis players in Atherton. I think half the courts should be converted	5/17/2023 1:25 PM
39	Supportive I think adding pickle ball is a great idea	5/15/2023 5:20 PM
40	Supportive Instead of creating conflict between neighbors over the use of the existing courts, can we look at building new pickleball courts in a portion of the parking lot on the opposite side	5/14/2023 10:35 AM

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of the park (where the temporary village buildings had been situated)? From the temporary building experiment, we learned that a portion of that parking lot wasn't really needed. Building new dedicated pickleball courts in that location would add pickleball without removing tennis capacity, and would distribute use of remaining parking more efficiently. It would also place pickleball further away from a larger number of residences (close to 1 house instead of several). If there is demand for pickleball at Holbrook Palmer, we hope you can find a way to meet that demand without taking away another popular resource. Thank you.

41	Noise is the problem with tennis players and neighbors. We can see this problem from articles all over the US when pickle ball is allowed on a tennis facility. We are saying pickle ball is more important than a tennis center.	5/12/2023 4:37 PM
42	Supportive Ok with me if you can build a designated court and not convert a tennis court.	5/12/2023 3:50 PM
43	Supportive by all means, add a pickleball court, but don't cannibalize the tennis courts which are already fully used	5/11/2023 8:43 AM
44	I do not support using one of the courts for pickleball	5/10/2023 7:52 PM
45	Supportive i think it will get a lot of use, we should have 2 courts. good for health of residents, social connections, and much broader appeal than tennis.	5/10/2023 6:38 PM
46	The tennis courts are already full during busy hours and weekends.	5/10/2023 5:04 PM
47	Supportive I don't think any of the tennis courts should be converted to pickle ball. But instead create a dedicated space for pickle ball.	5/10/2023 3:13 PM
48	Noise is the problem with tennis players and neighbors. We can see this problem from articles all over the US when pickle ball is allowed on a tennis facility. We are saying pickle ball is more important than a tennis center.	5/10/2023 2:37 PM
49	I am adamantly against using the tennis courts for pickleball.	5/10/2023 8:02 AM
50	With player capital using 4 of the courts most of the days most of the times it is already difficult to find a time for the regular tennis players. As a non resident I already pay almost \$300 / year to be able to play. Last year the courts were redone, so we did not have a lot of access in the summer. I do not want a pickle ball court to restrict the access any further. I will unfortunately ask for my money back if this project goes through. There are other courts available close to my home, free of charge. I prefer to play at the park as I can reserve the court but will give this up if the access is restricted again. A pickle ball court would be fun but outside of the current setting as it is tight already. I would also like to point at that player capital is reserving a lot of space and sometimes the courts end up being free, or open. I would like to respectfully request that when these courts are not used they are freed on the calendar. Thank you!	5/10/2023 8:01 AM
51	Noisy Pickleball is a noisy sport. It would transform the experience of the park's SW corner for walkers, tennis players, and Felton Gables neighbors.	5/9/2023 9:16 PM
52	Noisy Pickleball is too noisy	5/9/2023 8:22 PM
53	Tennis courts should remain for tennis. Pickleball should find its own courts.	5/9/2023 5:45 PM
54	Supportive Player Capital should give up a court to Pickle Ball as a trial. They have too much use for lessons already sone for non Atherton residents.	5/9/2023 2:07 PM
55	Supportive Convert the clay court if a pickleball court is deemed necessary	5/9/2023 12:53 PM
56	Noisy It's loud and would be disruptive. Soundproofing must be addressed before thinking of adding or converting any existing tennis court. I vote NO	5/9/2023 12:27 PM
57	I am against using the park for pickle ball. The tennis courts in the park should only be used for tennis. No other part of the park should be used for pickle ball. There are many other places on the Peninsula where people can play pickle ball. Please do not ruin the serene beauty of Holbrook Palmer Park with putting in pickleball courts.	5/9/2023 11:43 AM
58	The tennis courts at HPP are already a scarce resource today, and its frequently hard to reserve a spot. Losing one court to Pickleball will only make the situation worse. I strongly oppose repurposing the space for Pickleball and propose using a space in a different part of the park for this.	5/9/2023 11:07 AM

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59	Convert Handball Noisy Pickleball is an extremely noisy and disruptive sport. If you build a pball court please use the handball option, there is no reason to uproot tennis. Note- tennis is not allowed to have lights due to public resident concern, why would you add this noise?	5/9/2023 10:40 AM
60	Noisy Too noisy and fisturbing for tennis when oickleball	5/9/2023 10:35 AM
61	Noisy I'm all for the sport. But the noise associate with it is horribly loud and annoying. I'd hate to be one of the neighbors to a pickle ball court. As a tennis player at HP park, I would find the noise to be very distracting. Also, as park user, I find the park to be very mellow and relaxing most of the time. Pickle ball would bring a constant barrage noise and making the park a less relaxing place. Just google "tennis vs pickleball noise"	5/9/2023 10:00 AM
62	Supportive Hello, There is plenty of space in the park to add pickleball courts without impacting the tennis courts. Please be mindful that the tennis courts are fully utilized outside of the working and school hours and that the conversion of a tennis court will really hurt the critical and regular training of the addicted and daily tennis players like our son and his tennis friends. Thank you for your consideration. Gilles van Ruymbeke	5/9/2023 9:51 AM
63	Supportive I don't want a tennis court to be converted. If a pickle ball court is added somewhere in the park I am totally fine with that.	5/9/2023 9:43 AM
64	I love playing on clay. As I get older I find clay to be much easier on my knees and back. We don't have a clay option anywhere else so I'd like to see the clay court preserved.	5/9/2023 9:41 AM
65	Supportive There is enough space in the park so we should have a separate pickleball area	5/9/2023 9:40 AM
66	Supportive I didn't understand how to rank above. I support converting a tennis court, or another area, for permanent pickle ball play, and would use it regularly	5/7/2023 4:43 PM
67	Do not convert an existing tennis court into Pickleball. Thanks.	5/7/2023 4:13 PM
68	Supportive It's a no brainer. People love it and it will be a level of engagement and community not yet seen in our parks.	5/7/2023 10:50 AM
69	Supportive Our family would use a pickle ball court at least once per week.	5/7/2023 10:03 AM
70	Supportive We previously lived near a park that converted under-utilized space to 3 pickleball courts. It took a little time for area residents to realize it was there (which is why I don't favor a short-term trial), but the courts are now very popular.	5/6/2023 5:04 PM
71	Supportive Please add TWO pickleball courts. It is a popular sport and can be played by all ages. Thank you.	5/4/2023 12:57 PM
72	Noisy The sound is very loud and discordant to the human ear. It would ruin the experience of tennis players, park walkers looking for a peaceful walk and the Felton Gables neighbors. There needs to be a minimum of 300-500 feet distance to buffer the sound and at least 200-250 feet of a sound blanket. For more information look at Pickleball sound mitigation hosted by sound expert Bob Unetich on Facebook. He is both a Pickleball player and a referee and well respected among players as well as neighbors.	5/3/2023 2:04 PM
73	Supportive This is the fastest growing sport in America for all ages. Converting a tennis court will draw from a diverse section of our town and encourage community	5/3/2023 8:51 AM
74	Supportive I currently play in Palo Alto, but would play in Atherton if there were courts.	5/2/2023 4:01 PM
75	Consideration needs to be given to noise for neighbors and who would be able to use the court.	5/2/2023 12:15 PM
76	I highly highly recommend a permanent space. You will be surprised at its popularity.	5/2/2023 9:58 AM
77	Supportive I support only a trial, not any of the other alternatives until we determine interest and practicality. The park is meant to be a space for quiet outdoor enjoyment. Tennis creates a little noise but Pickleball is exactly the opposite. The town needs to carefully monitor the effect of the additional noise on neighbors, tennis players and the public using the park. Very considerable noise comes not only from the sound of Pickleball, with its rapid hitting of the hard ball on a paddle , but also the noise of participants, from as many as 16 people if one tennis court is converted to 4 Pickleball courts. I have severe doubts that Pickleball is consistent with the enjoyment so many of us receive from the park (The only other noise comes from Little League games and those are only a few months a year and very limited in time.). The noise might well disturb those renting the park for wedding receptions and other functions and lead to fewer rentals.	5/2/2023 8:57 AM

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78	Noisy Pickle ball is a bad companion for tennis in the park. It's an activity that is inherently noisy, both from the sound of the ball striking paddle and hard court and from the tendency of players to talk loudly among themselves. Pickle ball is a recent sport part of whose appeal is overt competitiveness—trash talking has a place in it— that contrasts with a tennis tradition that encourages decorum even if not always realized. Keep pickle ball away from the courts. A former 25 year tennis keyholder	5/1/2023 8:30 PM
79	Supportive Love pickle ball, given the age of the town, making one or two pickle ball courts available makes a lot of sense.	5/1/2023 5:41 PM
80	Supportive This game is available at our golf vclub now, so any further expense for this would not benefit our family.	5/1/2023 1:02 PM
81	Supportive Plenty of places have put pickeball stripes on a normal tennis court but in a different color so the same court can be used for tennis or pickle ball. STRONG preference to convert the clay court as although I grew up playing on clay - that court is just not maintained to the level needed for good clay. Not your fault - it's just too hard!	4/30/2023 8:01 PM
82	How about a dog park??	4/30/2023 2:36 PM
83	Pickleball is popular now, but a fad, in my opinion. We used to play racketball and that is no longer popular. We had a tennis court key for years, but no longer play because of bad ankles, etc. Unless an individual wants to pay for a pickleball court, I feel that the Town has more pressing needs and use for the money . Thank you.	4/30/2023 11:55 AM
84	Noisy From what I've seen at other nearby parks, if there's a pickleball court, it will get used frequently. It is sufficiently noisy that I have some concerns for neighboring houses. But it will definitely get used and far more than the clay court.	4/30/2023 9:51 AM
85	It would be better to convert a tennis court than convert other land in the park.	4/29/2023 12:21 PM
86	Supportive Adding pickleball would significantly increase our use & enjoyment if the park. Perhaps a drop-in pickleball group would create a new & vibrant community among Atherton player-residents.	4/29/2023 10:39 AM
87	Supportive I'm not able to rank above for some reason. I fully support permanent pickleball courts.	4/28/2023 1:19 PM
88	Multi-Sport Needed Pickleball is a fad that will quickly vanish. However we would support a multi-sport court with basketball.	4/28/2023 12:38 PM
89	Noisy Pickleball is a noisy sport with plastic balls and hard paddle rackets. It'll drive the neighbors to complain and is not a friendly community addition	4/28/2023 10:34 AM
90	Supportive We need multiple pickle ball courts now!	4/28/2023 10:23 AM
91	Supportive Pickleball should have multiple courts available in the park on a permanent basis. Having courts that could be used for both pickleball and tennis would maximize the use of all of the courts at Holbrook Palmer	4/28/2023 10:15 AM
92	Supportive Pickle ball would be a GREAT addition. We would use the courts!	4/28/2023 10:13 AM
93	Supportive I think converting one or more of the existing tennis courts to pickle ball courts would be a great addition to the park	4/28/2023 9:58 AM
94	Supportive Just do it! Stop being a NIMBY town	4/28/2023 8:34 AM
95	Supportive I'm an avid pickelball player, and I've met so many new friends it would be a great asset to any community. That said, we need to be careful about the noise impact. I used to live in Felton Gables, and I think the noise would be an issue for that community. That's why I'm less a fan of using the existing tennis courts, as they are so close to the Felton Gables. I would encourage a location that is further from Neighbor's if you want to keep everyone happy.	4/27/2023 9:14 PM
96	We will have the same problem that all people have had w	4/27/2023 4:33 PM
97	Supportive Please add pickleball courts! We'll use them!	4/27/2023 3:07 PM
98	Supportive I think it would be a great addition to the park. Interest is growing nationally. Putting it in another area of the park would allow multiple courts if they became necessary	4/27/2023 2:50 PM

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without taking away from the tennis players. OTOH, I don't know how much the tennis courts are used.

99	I would rather see an area where people can let their dogs off leash. The town should also survey the people who live adjoining the park, pickle ball makes more noise than tennis - like living next to a ping pong table.	4/27/2023 12:59 PM
100	Great idea!!!	4/27/2023 8:42 AM
101	Supportive I definitely think a permanent pickleball court will be a bit. So much so that I think the town should be ready to build more. I know so many people who play pickleball and want to play more often. It's hard to find a oickball court.	4/27/2023 8:04 AM
102	Give us a survey in which it is clear what our answers are. I have no idea how I voted	4/26/2023 10:11 PM
103	Supportive It would be great to have Pickleball there!!!!	4/26/2023 8:52 PM
104	Convert Handball Clay courts for pickle ball would not be good; if you did this, you would have to convert to regular surface. Converting under utilized spaces like handball would be good, but NOT underutilized open space.	4/26/2023 6:58 PM
105	Noisy Pickleball is popular and a good social sport. We love playing. We have pickleball lines on our own tennis court so wouldn't be as likely to play at the park as we would otherwise. It's a noisy sport, though - do ask adjoining neighbors about that.	4/26/2023 6:45 PM
106	One court won't work. If there is an interest 2-4 courts will be a minimum. This is not like tennis, many more people can play, but won't if the court is always busy. Seen this problem in several locations. They put in one court and the naysayers say., see there is no interest. But eventually pickle keeps being brought up and additional courts are added and then they get very busy.	4/26/2023 6:13 PM
107	Where is the park ?	4/26/2023 3:01 PM
108	Supportive If pickle ball were offered at the Park, we would visit much more often. Nealon pickle ball courts are always busy, tennis courts empty. It's a no brainer to convert tennis court(s) into pickle ball.	4/26/2023 2:28 PM
109	Supportive Great idea—very fun, family friendly, any age, easy to learn	4/26/2023 2:18 PM
110	Supportive There should be at least 3 pickleball courts at H-P.	4/25/2023 10:43 PM
111	Supportive I believe that adding pickle ball at the park will provide a popular recreational activity for many town residents	4/25/2023 3:19 PM
112	The cost for Any pickle ball solution should be paid for by pickle ball players	4/25/2023 2:29 PM
113	Supportive I was unable to rank from this format in item 6. My favorite option is to convert one of the existing tennis courts into pickleball courts as this is the number 1 sport in America and we love it!	4/24/2023 12:32 PM
114	Supportive Pickleball can be a very community-building activity, involving people of all ages. I think it would be a good thing. We are not residents of Atherton but live fairly near the Park.	4/23/2023 9:10 PM
115	Supportive My wife and I LOVE pickleball and are enthusiastic supporters of permanent dedicated courts. Menlo Park's Burgess Park is a good example of how wildly popular pickleball is. It is an incredibly social sport and open to all ages and abilities. I look forward to meeting more of our neighbors on the courts!	4/13/2023 9:34 PM
116	Supportive I do not think it has to come down to a choice between eliminating a much needed tennis court just to put in a pickleball court. Both should be accommodated in different areas of the park.	4/13/2023 1:11 PM
117	Supportive As much pickleball as possible please!	4/13/2023 12:18 PM
118	The Town needs to establish rules for length of play, turnover of courts, etc.	4/13/2023 11:37 AM
119	Supportive The town of Atherton should add a permanent pickleball court. We have the space and the interest. And the tennis courts are under-utilized. It makes sense to keep up with the times.	4/13/2023 6:54 AM
120	Supportive Bring it on. P&R has held this up long enough	4/12/2023 5:44 PM

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121	Noisy Pickleball is fun and I go to Nealon Park. I enjoy walking at Holbrook Palmer Park for its serene atmosphere. Pickleball is fun, loud, and lots of people which I think will detract from the park.	4/11/2023 11:01 PM
122	Supportive Leave the tennis courts as is. Pickle ball is a new sport and its not going away. Build some new courts just for pickle ball. Ideally away from houses.	4/11/2023 5:49 PM
123	Supportive If it does move forward, it absolutely should involve a conversion of one of the tennis courts, and not "converting an underutilized space". I'm a long time resident, and have seen numerous proposals for taking up open space in the park. Let's keep open the space we have!	4/11/2023 11:04 AM
124	Supportive Can't wait! It should be for Atherton residents use ONLY!	4/11/2023 10:51 AM
125	Supportive Please have dedicated pickleball courts, there is no shortage of dedicated tennis courts but with pickleball thats not the case. Most public tennis courts are used for private coaching, where as pickleball courts have bigger turnout and used for recreational play by Seniors and youngsters which align with the social/community objectives. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and Bay area has the worst pickleball facilities in the entire country. (No dedicated public indoor courts) Besides being easier to learn than tennis, pickleball is also slower paced and there's less ground to cover; you could almost fit four pickleball courts onto one tennis court, and most picklers play doubles. Some research suggests that it may be safer than tennis for people with heart issues, too. In one of the few studies that's been done on pickleball, researchers found that compared to walking at a self-selected pace for half an hour, people who played doubles pickleball for half an hour had 14 percent higher heart rates and burned 36 percent more calories. Another study from Western Colorado University found that picklers averaged a heart rate of 109 beats per minute and burned 354 calories per hour, which qualifies it as a moderate-intensity workout alongside hiking, yoga and water aerobics. The players also saw significant improvements in their cholesterol levels, blood pressure and maximal oxygen uptake, a measure of cardiovascular fitness, after playing for an hour every other day for six weeks. "Because the paddle's so small, pickleball is great for hand-eye coordination as well as neuromuscular coordination," said Heather Milton, a clinical exercise physiologist at the Sports Performance Center at NYU Langone Health. "You're moving in different planes, not just forward like you do when you're walking or cycling, which is good for your agility. And because there's rotation involved, you're working your core along with your upper and lower extremities." Less than a quarter of U.S. adults get enough physical activity, and that percentage decreases with age. One of the main barriers to exercising is a lack of social interaction, a big source of motivation. But while 50 percent of people quit exercising six months after starting, research shows that picklers keep coming back to the court again and again, primarily because the game is so social. Pickleball can also improve your well-being: According to another study of picklers age 50 and older, those who were more serious about the sport tended to be more satisfied with their lives. The same researchers found an inverse relationship between "serious leisure" — in this case, playing pickleball competitively — and levels of depression.	4/11/2023 12:25 AM
126	Supportive Please install more than one court part of pickle ball is how inclusive it is and easy to play for people of all ages.	4/10/2023 8:36 PM
127	Supportive I play Pickle at Neelon. The busiest times are 9:30am-1pm every day.(I understand that's NOT the busy time at the HPP courts on weekdays. Seems you could line 1 tennis court for pickle until 1pm on weekdays.) Weekends at Neelon are busy all day long. There are ALWAYS more people playing Pickle then tennis at Neelon.	4/10/2023 5:27 PM
128	Multi-Sport Needed I don't have interest in pickleball, but am interested in the idea of there being a multi-sport court, specifically to have the opportunity to play basketball	4/10/2023 5:03 PM
129	Supportive Pickleball is so popular and easy to pick up I think this would be a big attraction!	4/10/2023 4:58 PM
130	Supportive It's low cost and easy to add Pickleball to one or more existing tennis courts. Let's at least give it a try.	4/10/2023 3:12 PM
131	Fastest growing sport in the USA. Built it and they will come.	4/10/2023 2:00 PM
132	Supportive We're very supportive of bringing pickleball to the Hollbrook Palmer courts. It can be done at low cost, and there's lots of interest in it.	4/10/2023 12:31 PM
133	Noisy Pickleball is too noisy. Not fair to the neighbors!	4/10/2023 10:27 AM

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134	Supportive thanks for considering adding pickleball courts, they will get good use if Nealon Park pickleball courts in Menlo Park are any indication.	4/10/2023 8:19 AM
135	Convert Handball I only support converting handball court to pickleball. As it is, the tennis courts, especially during peak hours and summer, are very busy with lessons which doesn't leave a lot of options for people to reserve.	4/9/2023 9:10 PM
136	Noisy The experience from other pickleball locations has shown that pickleball is too noisy for the current tennis court location - please take into consideration residents of Felton Gables. Also, the tennis courts are already highly utilized by tennis players.	4/9/2023 7:18 PM
137	Supportive As the population at large is aging, a sport such as pickleball rather than tennis will help reduce physical restrictions that may come with aging and preserve one's tolerance and hence enjoyment of outdoor sports. Thanks for the consideration.	4/9/2023 5:07 PM
138	Noisy The noise level from Holbrook Palmer tennis games is audible at a number of homes along Felton Drive in Felton Gables. The much louder noise of pickleball paddle-whacking and the social chatter that goes with the game would be truly intrusive to those people affected at home AND to the many more who use the park frequently, including my family. Many of us in the neighborhood regularly use the park for walks, picnics, playtime, a dose of quiet nature, and more.	4/9/2023 4:01 PM
139	Supportive If you build it they will come! Additional tax revenue will be added by players buying lunch or dinner at local restaurants. We have seen this in the little town of San Juan Bautista.	4/9/2023 2:07 PM
140	Supportive I would like to see 2 pickleball courts not 1 at HP.	4/9/2023 8:54 AM
141	Too Busy Already It's currently often impossible to find a tennis court because Player Capital is allowed to book most of the courts days before key holders are allowed to book courts, so there in practice are often only 1 or 2 public courts. Converting them into pickleball courts would make it impossible for anyone to play tennis except those paying Player Capital.	4/9/2023 5:25 AM
142	Supportive Each of these options is a good idea. I am glad the city is considering adding this feature to the park.	4/9/2023 12:48 AM
143	Supportive Convert one tennis court to 4 pickle ball courts	4/8/2023 11:49 PM
144	Use Other Space I do not support converting any tennis courts to multi-use or pickleball. The only option above I support is to repurpose an underutilized space. The options cannot be ranked as they are all unacceptable. Thank you.	4/8/2023 9:09 PM
145	Too Busy Already I hate when I can't find a court because they are always giving lessons on like 4 courts	4/8/2023 8:37 PM
146	Supportive Pickleball is a tremendous activity for seniors but also is all inclusive for everyone!	4/8/2023 7:01 PM
147	Supportive We need pickle ball in atherton!	4/8/2023 6:10 PM
148	Supportive Pickle seems to coexist with tennis in both RWC and Portola Valley. It would be great if I could play at my own local park\thanks	4/8/2023 5:15 PM
149	Thank you for considering.	4/8/2023 5:10 PM
150	Supportive Finally! It's a great sport for residents of Atherton!	4/8/2023 4:45 PM
151	Noisy Pickleball is very noisy for both park users and neighbors. There are not enough open tennis courts as is especially w all of the courts used for lessons. If they must have a pickle ball court then pave the clay court as it is seldom used. Also, there a plenty of pickle ball courts in neighboring cities like MP, RWC and Palo.	4/8/2023 4:11 PM
152	Supportive I think the city should build at least two pickleball courts. One will be insufficient and it will be more expensive to build them serially.	4/8/2023 2:08 PM
153	Too Busy Already It is hard to get a tennis court at the times I want it, so I hope that the availability of tennis courts is not reduced.	4/8/2023 11:28 AM
154	Supportive Pickleball has become extremely popular across the US. One court will not be enough. You will need to put in at least 6 courts to start.	4/8/2023 10:43 AM

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155	Supportive Seems like the town should at least do a temporary pickle ball option to gauge interest. More people we know are playing pickle ball than tennis.	4/8/2023 9:48 AM
156	Noisy We are very concerned about the noise of pickle ball since we our Felton Gables home borders the park.	4/8/2023 8:16 AM
157	I have attended and commented in person on the process of getting pickleball at HP. This survey is a good start but i am suspicious of the council who have no clue how to manage adding pickleball while being transparent about the tennis contract as it stands.	4/8/2023 7:51 AM
158	Too Busy Already It will be too crowded and much more noisy.	4/7/2023 10:06 PM
159	Supportive Many other towns have figured out how to have both tennis and pickleball so hopefully Atherton can figure it out as well.	4/7/2023 8:23 PM
160	Too Busy Already I do not support converting a tennis court to pickle ball court. Tennis courts are always booked as it is.	4/7/2023 8:06 PM
161	Eject the school, which is not a park purpose. Add a dog park.	4/7/2023 6:56 PM
162	Thank You	4/7/2023 6:56 PM
163	Too Busy Already I am strongly against using any of the tennis courts for pickleball. The courts are already quite full between Player Capital lessons and recreational use.	4/7/2023 5:55 PM
164	Noisy Pickleball is so noisy. If there is enough demand can it be built away from the neighbors and near the pedestrian entrance by the railroad crossing?	4/7/2023 5:04 PM
165	Noisy I am a tennis player and play at other clubs as well. While I like and occasionally play Pickleball, the downside of it is that it is an extremely loud game (racquet against ball) but also tends to lend itself to lots of yelling and banter which can be distracting to tennis players. I would only fully support a separate space in the park. I have heard many a tennis player complain in clubs where they are in proximity to one another.	4/7/2023 4:50 PM
166	Use Other Space I'm thinking about getting a tennis key this year. I'm both a tennis player and a pickleball player, so that I don't want to have any tennis court converted to a permanent pickleball court.	4/7/2023 4:38 PM
167	Noisy Circus club has a bad experience. It's a very noisy sport. The balls are hard and echo. They had to place the courts as far away as possible with upset members do to the loud hitting noises The neighbors should be aware of the noise.	4/7/2023 4:37 PM
168	Supportive Yes! Pickleball would be a great addition. The more opportunities for residents to be active the better. Most of the courts are not being utilized.	4/7/2023 4:32 PM
169	Supportive So much fun!	4/7/2023 4:09 PM
170	Supportive Pickleball is so much fun and great for community building! Please allow us residents to enjoy pickleball!	4/7/2023 4:06 PM
171	Noisy Pickleball noise (70db at 100ft). Will annoy and disturb the tennis players. The noise in many articles is called "disturbing and annoying". Noise will be higher since players will be closer than 100 ft. Pickleball is a popular good sport, but it should never be played near tennis courts or a home. Tennis is being managed very well at HPP. It should not be changed where it is always a problem.	4/7/2023 3:58 PM
172	Supportive It is an excellent idea	4/7/2023 3:54 PM
173	The town should run a trial first to gauge resident pickleball interest. That will inform the decision of whether and how many permanent pickleball courts to have. Moreover, the town can evaluate whether noise will be an issue during the trial and how to mitigate the sound if permanent courts are chosen.	4/7/2023 3:47 PM
174	Too Busy Already We play tennis almost everyday at HPP and do support pickleball for other but only if it has zero impact on the tennis activities. Tennis courts are already very busy at peak hours and reallocating tennis courts will only make things worse. Pickleball should have a new area of HPP dedicated to it, taking into account the noise nuisance for the neighborhood and also requires proper planning for the extra parking & traffic which will impact the other visitors of the park. Finally the clay court may not be used as much as the other courts but it is very important for the tennis player at the competition level because these type of courts are	4/7/2023 3:44 PM

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mostly used in other parts of the world such as Europe and they are really hard to find. Or in other words we are extremely lucky and grateful to have a clay court at HPP, so please do not give it up !

175	Use Other Space There are a lot of underutilized areas in the park. Best is to add permanently 2 courts of pickle ball so to make the park more enticing to all residents. If in the long run there are more interests of pickle ball & underutilization of tennis courts, then we can consider converting 1 tennis court into 2 pickle ball courts.	4/7/2023 3:38 PM
176	Too Busy Already Aside from the clay court, which as you note, is under- utilized, I would not suggest converting one of the regular tennis courts either temporarily or permanently, as there are times, when it is already difficult to book a tennis court due to Player Capital use for lessons.	4/7/2023 3:26 PM
177	(I play both pickball and tennis) You will need to think about the social nature of pickleball, which is different from tennis. With tennis, you coordinate and schedule your partner/foursome and play. Pickleball, you show up and put your paddle on a rack and play with random people. Will the court be open all the time? Will everyone who plays need a key? Will you have to schedule it with the court scheduler app? Permanent is a better option so you don't have mobile nets and multiple lines. Also, BIG NO to the multisport court. Put basketball elsewhere - not on the tennis courts.	4/7/2023 3:19 PM
178	Too Busy Already I oppose the repurposing of tennis courts for pickleball. As it is I find it difficult to schedule tennis courts because of Player Capital , now adding Pickleball will only make it harder. Why not add a PB court in a different part of the park, without disturbing the tennis courts.	4/7/2023 3:13 PM
179	Supportive Please add permanent pickleball courts. It is so much fun and growing wildly in popularity.	4/7/2023 3:09 PM