

In 2019, through dozens of events, social media posts, public surveys, and polls, the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department solicited citizen input for its upcoming 12-year [Strategic Plan](#). [Appendix II](#) to that plan contains, among other things, all input and feedback collected.

The present document culled from that appendix all input and feedback related to pickleball.

### What do you want to see more of?

- Dedicated pickleball courts would be awesome.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts would be super cool!
- At least permanent lines for pickleball on tennis courts.
- Outdoor dedicated Pickleball courts!
- Dedicated Pickleball courts, with lights!
- Pickleball courts • Outdoor pickleball courts with lights...
- More dedicated pickleball courts with lights!!!
- A 12 year plan needs to include ways to encourage people to live a healthy lifestyle. Pickleball fits into this very well.
- Real pickleball courts, 4 minimum per location.
- How about more pickleball time for the adults who will be shut out when LifeLong Learning no longer supports extended hours?
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- We need more dedicated Pickleball courts.
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- an indoor and outdoor pickleball facility that has at least 8 courts for each.
- We definitely need dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. The popularity of this game is growing rapidly (especially in Seattle) and more people are joining the community daily.
- Dedicated outdoor and indoor pickleball courts PLEASE!!!
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- I LOVE pickleball. I would play nearly every day if courts were available and people playing.
- I would like to see more organization of schedules; for example, focus play for the different skill levels. I'd like to see permanent or semi permanent nets and lines that contrast enough with the court color to show up well.
- We would love to see more pickleball courts for indoor and outdoor play! It brings together all ages and cultures to improve their health by exercising and having fun!
- Can we have pickleball courts in every neighborhood? Thank you in advance

- More dedicated Pickleball courts please! More outdoor courts with lights so we can play later in the day.
- My family and I would like to see dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts and increased access to indoor Pickleball as well.
- A dedicated pickleball court.
- "Dedicated pickleball courts please!
- And more gym time in the winter for pickleball play - nights and Saturdays are preferable for the vast amount of us who aren't retired."
- pickleball. Please build sufficient dedicated courts to accommodate our numbers.
- I would like to have a dedicated pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts.
- I would like to see dedicated Pickleball centers of at least 6 courts each placed around the city (to reduce driving) and near schools.
- I would like to see indoor and outdoor pickleball courts that are designed with community building in mind.
- Definitely need many dedicated outdoor pickleball courts.
- Dedicated pickleball courts - with lights!
- Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- pickleball.
- More full time Pickleball courts!
- More PICKLEBALL: more courts both indoor and outdoor.
- Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts (8+) centralized in one location for this growing and social sport.
- More pickleball courts both indoor and outdoor please! 🙏
- indoor and outdoor PICKLEBALL.
- Definitely, Pickleball courts are needed in Seattle.
- More Pickleball courts for indoors and outdoor
- Dedicated PICKLEBALL courts please!
- Outdoor dedicated pickleball courts with lights please! In north Seattle would be a bonus!!!
- More dedicated pickleball courts with lights and nets, please oh please!
- Give us some dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts (8 + courts, one site) AND some indoor court time during the winter.
- Dedicated courts of 6 or more, in locations where there are people playing.
- Dedicated PICKLEBALL courts please
- Pickleball! It's easy to play for all ages and has a cheap point of entry
- Pickleball courts! Fastest growing sport in North America!
- Pickleball courts; sport is growing; all ages can play.
- Pickleball!!! We need a lot more courts dedicated to just pickleball!!!
- PICKLEBALL !!!!!
- Pickleball! More dedicated courts with semi permanent nets. There were 40+ people on 6 courts at Shoreview today.
- A location with at least 8 dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts and increased hours for Pickleball at community centers

- The city needs to provide more pickleball courts to allow the growing number of players to continue this home grown sport
- I would like to see more dedicated pickleball courts.
- I really enjoy Pickleball. I am 72 years old and found Pickleball just a few years ago. The sport is doable for me though I will never be good enough for tournament play. 19 Seattle Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan | 2020-2032 | Appendix II The Community Centers are the perfect venues for drop in play where people of...
- More dedicated indoor & outdoor pickleball courts
- Please reconsider classifying Pickleball as a non-public activity beginning in January 2020. The sport continues to attract more players and having indoor courts available at Highpoint and Delridge are needed to accommodate the higher usage. Thanks!
- Hello Seattle, I would love to see some more dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.
- We would love to see more pickleball courts for indoor and outdoor play!
- More dedicated Pickleball courts - indoor and outdoor. Please!!
- Dedicated/lighted pickleball courts!!
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts across the city.
- I would like to have a dedicated pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts.
- More pickle ball courts available
- More Pickleball courts!!! Both indoor and outdoor!!
- More Pickleball courts for indoors and outdoors, please.
- Pickleball
- A dedicated pickleball center that provides year round access to indoor and outdoor play. Seattle is building a strong and inclusive pickleball community and we'd appreciate facilities support from SPR!
- The counter staff at Loyal Heights and Ballard are very friendly and helpful. Don't enjoy the way Pickleball court time gets the short straw with SPR and their allotment of activity time at various centers. Latest case in point is the way that summer hours were bumped at Yesler Community Center.
- I love how the parks and recreation department is organizing classes to teach seniors how to play pickleball, and how it has recently added skills and drills classes. It's too bad that there is such a large demand for the intro classes that there are often more participants than can fit on the courts. The amazing volunteer instructor handles this very gracefully but it is not ideal for anyone. It would also be nice to have an extra hour of novice-only play time after each intro class session, so beginners can get more time playing with other beginners.
- Could the Parks and Recreation department figure out how many people are actually attending the indoor pickleball sessions currently provided by Lifelong Recreation? How do you evaluate the service you provide without attendance data? Any location that has more than 6 or 8 participants per pickleball court is overcrowded and needs to be expanded. Any location that has fewer than 4 participants per pickleball court needs to be advertised.
- Thank you for asking the public what activities and community usage we would like to see the SPR focus on in the future. My answer would be PICKLEBALL!! I would love to see more dedicated pickleball outdoor courts, ideally covered and lighted. Also, more indoor pickleball court time at the Community Centers. As a retiree, Pickleball has changed my life. I'm able to

stay active and fit with a sport that encourages multi-generational social interactions. Also, it's a sport that can be played as you age and it's easy to show up and quickly be invited in to play with others as a drop-in, no need to organize players ahead of time.

- Add more pickleball striping of public tennis courts, please!
- Covered, lighted, dedicated Pickleball courts by the dozen.
- Dedicated pickleball courts like this.

What amenities would you like to see more of at dog offleash areas in Seattle? Seating/covered areas or water fountains for dogs?

- Pickle ball courts and more dog parks that are long walks

What kinds of activities, amenities, features, programs, or events do YOU want to see at your parks, fields, play areas, community centers, pools, etc. in the next 10 - 12 years? Help us think big and share your ideas below!

- A pickleball complex with at least 12 courts and lighting so people that work 9-5 can play.
- More dedicated pickleball courts!
- A pickleball center with 8-12 outdoor and 6-8 covered courts that are located in the north Seattle area. Make this a central site to promote the game that supports social interaction and play amongst all age groups, 8 to 80+
- A location with at least 8 dedicated outdoor pickleball courts and increased hours at community centers for indoor pickleball!
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- It would be great to see a facility dedicated to the fastest growing sport in a equally fast growing city. Stay progressive Seattle Parks and Recreation, and please build us some Pickleball courts!
- Courts for pickleball! The rest of the country is doing it so I know it's possible!
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. It is a sport for all ages and is rapidly growing all across America. 75 people are regularly showing up at Green lake. Imagine what would happen in the winter with an indoor dedicated facility with permanently striped floors and hours over the weekend!
- Pickleball courts that are dedicated and both indoor and outdoor with lights for safety. Pickleball is great for all ages, and fitness abilities. It is all inclusive and promotes body movement and good health. It is a growing sport and every major city is taking note. King County needs to be able to meet the growing demand. Thank you.

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- Dedicated indoor and well-lit outdoor pickleball courts that can be open till evenings. Thanks for your consideration!
- Wow, that would be exciting if SPR actually did think big and listened to what the Pickleball community has been trying to tell them for many years. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country for many reasons that should spur SPR to pay att...
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  - I would like to see suitably-sized amenities that feature programs that gather large communities of intergenerational pickleball enthusiasts for activities that promote fun, fitness and friendship

such as pickleball drop-in play, pickleball tournaments, pickleball ladders, pickleball classes, etc...

## What kinds of parks and recreation opportunities do you want to see more of?

- Pickleball courts (indoor/outdoor) to keep up with the growing popularity of this fun and incredibly inclusive sport
- Indoor & outdoor pickleball courts, please!
- Dedicated Pickleball courts. According to the MO News Tribune, Pickleball “is not only lifetime, but it is inclusive of people of all stripes, all skill levels, is socially binding and addictively fun. This new term is “universal,” and its accompanying sport is pickleball.” SPR needs to wake up and provide more resources rather than take them away as they are planning in 2020.
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- Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts! Isn't magnuson going to be hosting some soon? I haven't seen any official info released, just word of mouth?!
- Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts and more hours for indoor pickleball at community centers.
- More indoor and outdoor pickleball, please

## FB: Strategic Plan video - All FB pages

- Dedicated indoor / outdoor pickleball courts! There are hundreds of us asking for this, and the numbers will only grow!
- Outdoor dedicated pickleball courts with lights please! At least 10 courts to accommodate this rapidly growing sport. In North Seattle would be a bonus!
- Looking for permanent Pickleball courts (8-12) to meet the growing demand for the game. Pickleball's ability to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together for a good time should not be stifled.
- Pickleball options, located in areas where people play. This is not a solitary sport. It's hyper social which is good for all of the community, young and old. It gets people out together, exercising, socializing, and enjoying the community that we live in. It's one of the only sports where young and old can participate together. How can you not see the health benefits for active and energetic citizens? The healthcare costs alone go down because people are physically active and the social aspect give people a chance to be around others and not isolated sitting on the computer, living an online life. People make a point to come together and that is 36 Seattle

Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan | 2020-2032 | Appendix II why we need to have places where dozens of people can play together. Also, put some lights on all the courts that are lined and people will be able to use them in the winter when it's dark early in the evening.

- A permanent pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts. Just having access to courts with nets and lines has helped me stay healthy, meet and engage with my community. I've played alongside people from 8-80+ years old. I know it's the social outlet for numerous folks and is accessible to a wide variety of physical situations.
- A dedicated pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts. More access to pickleball on outdoor courts (pickleball conversion lines and dedicated nets).
- A pickleball complex of 12 dedicated courts or more that offers day and evening play.
- Dedicated pickleball courts!
- Pickleball is growing everywhere and Seattle is no exception. Seattle needs at least two 16 court pickleball venues in the next ten years. Pickleball is inclusive and creates community. Seattle is far behind other cities which is ironic because it is the game's birthplace.
- A pickleball complex with at least 8 courts! Many other cities are doing this and it benefits a very large population.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts are needed big time. I just moved here from the Salt Lake area and they responded quickly to how popular the sport has become. Dozens of courts within minutes of each other. C'mon Seattle, you don't want to be outdone by a conservative/Republican/Mormon community do ya?
- Seattle has almost 500 tennis courts (private and public). We need far more than the 8, 12 or 16 Pickleball courts others have asked for. For a city the size of Seattle and the speed that Pickleball is growing, we need hundreds of Pickleball courts.
- SPR has stuck their head in the sand about Pickleball, trying to relegate new playing opportunities to unused, out of the way, dilapidated tennis courts when, for very little money, they could stripe many tennis courts for Pickleball allowing both sports to be played on multiple courts. Four Pickleball courts can be striped on one tennis court. THINK BIG SPR!
- An indoor/outdoor pickleball facility with +12 courts.
- I have answered this same question about 5 times in last 3 years...last was at the SP&R day at Gr[ee]n L[a]k[e] when SP&R reps were there..I talked to 3 men and said the same thing...I would like some feedback from them on what they are doing with our suggestions comments rather than another survey. I even put beans in the jar to say what I wanted to see more of..of course we had to have them make a P[ickle]B[all] jar in the first place and it filled up fast...I bet NO ONE at SP&R counted or even measured it ...it was just a feel good for the public idea...very stupid IMHO...unless of course I see results of that informal survey

## What matters most to YOU about parks and recreation?

- A dedicated pickleball center that provides year round access to indoor and outdoor play. Seattle is building a strong and inclusive pickleball community and we'd appreciate facilities support from SPR!
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- A dedicated outdoor facility for pickleball with lights in North Seattle please!
- Dedicated Pickleball courts. Waiting times are much too long much too often. 40 Seattle Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan | 2020-2032 | Appendix II
- More indoor drop in pickleball time and dedicated pickleball courts outside. People love this sport!
- Do what all the other cities in the US are doing by creating dedicated pickleball facilities (both indoor and outdoor). 16 lighted courts to start with. Also, paint 8 pickleball court lines at East Green Lake. This amazing sport has so many benefits both physically and socially.
- Pickleball courts - indoor playtime in the winter and dedicated outdoor courts with lights for year-round.
- We definitely will need many indoor pickleball facilities which have 12 or more courts; all outdoor tennis courts made multipurpose to include pickleball striping; youth pickleball; more outdoor swimming pools (maybe add an olympic-sized one at Jefferson Park; bicycle maintenance classes for ALL ages; purchase more green space for our growing city (peaceful woods...); and, more pickleball opportunities (repeat!) . Thank you!
- Pickleball !!! The only sport where young and old can play, socialize, and enjoy time spent with each other.
- Pickleball courts for the fastest growing sport in America

## NextDoor: What matters most to you about SPR?

- More places/times to play pickleball, indoors and out!
- I have recently retired, and discovered the ease and camaraderie of Pickleball. This is difficult for me this summer, because there are much fewer dedicated times for players to get together, I would like to see more dedicated pickleball courts, indoors and outdoors. I have met many people such as myself, and I wish to maintain an active lifestyle as I age.
- We agree - pickleball!!
- Seattle has approximately 150+ tennis courts, many of them in disrepair with worn surfaces, ragged nets, weeds growing up between cracks. With it's 2008-era budget, SPR cries "poor" and won't maintain the courts, and refuses to repurpose some of the more accessible ones for pickleball. Why is it in this time of heavy downtown construction, incredible population growth, SPR gets the short stick on the budget and must pass special levies just to get, oh, wait, more money going to tennis while other sports languish? Here we are in one of the longest financial booms in history, people flocking to the PNW because of the weather and opportunity for healthy living, yet SPR is not allowed to spend money on maintaining the courts we've all been paying for since the 60s? That's what I'd like to have SPR deal with and soon. And importantly, quit funneling all the money to tennis and the Amy Yee Tennis Center as interest in tennis wanes and pickleball explodes.

- Clean, well kept up, comfortable and safe places for families, all people, children of all ages, to gather, meet others of like interests and play or visit. Especially more indoor pickle ball courts!
- I would love more pickle ball courts both out door and in
- SPR says they want multipurpose courts and fields but continues to stiff pickleball. One of the least expensive things that the city could do to allow more pickleball is to paint pickleball lines (4 courts on each tennis court) - even without resurfacing the sadly worn tennis courts across the city
- I agree with many of the comments above. Having lived in other parts of the country, I think Seattle, as a large and beautiful city, should maintain and expand park properties to something that we call all be proud of and known for. We have so many beautiful spaces already, but, we are terribly underfunded for maintenance, improvements, and supervision. Keep going with what we have, but make it work better, cleaner, safer and more inclusive. For example, funding for more pickleball courts; maintenance of current tennis courts; and keep and improve our golf courses...
- Hopefully there will be an expansion of the number of outdoor Pickleball Courts in the future, particularly for the benefit of the city's seniors.
- I would like to see a complex of 20 or more dedicated, lighted and covered pickleball courts. They need to be dedicated so that they are not pitting tennis players against pickleball players. • They need to be lighted so they can be used during evenings. They need to be covered so they can be used when rain pours. We need 20 or more courts together for community building: <https://youtu.be/GMtEePVkZac?t=261>.
- Keep in mind that pickleball is growing at an amazing rate. Do you know how many players your are currently serving in the city and how many there will be 12 years from now?

## what free drop in activities would you like to see more of in seattle's community centers?

- More indoor pickleball times for working people, after 4pm. We have such a big pickleball community in Seattle and not enough place to play especially during the rainy and winter season. Increasing and adding more indoor playing times at the community centers all around Seattle will be great. Dedicated pickleball courts with chain link fences, painted lines and outdoor lights are still desperately needed. Seattle Parks and Rec should check out the Pickleball games being played at Greenlake tennis courts every Saturday and Sunday and see how much enjoyment it brings to all people, families and communities of all ages. Please check it out and hear all of us.
- More evening indoor pickleball for the working population. When Seattle winter turns dark and wet it would be great to have some indoor options for this diverse community of players. Thanks for considering!
- Pickleball during the morning hours is great for seniors and non-working adults, and leaves in the dark all the working adults and young people who only then get to play on the weekends. If the weather is good. Pickleball is an all-ages, diverse abilities and skills sport, and as long as there is only indoor pickleball in the mornings, you're shutting out a big part of the community.
- I would love more drop in pickleball times during the winter or rainy season. It's difficult to play when it's dark at 5PM and rainy but there aren't enough options for play for people that work

during regular business hours. Outside of that, still looking to get a dedicated pickleball facility in the longer term.

- More recreational-only pickleball. More intermediate-only pickleball. More advanced-only pickleball.
- More drop in time in the evenings for pickleball. When it's dark and rainy we don't have anywhere to play!
- More beginner-only pickleball right after the intro-to-pickleball classes.
- More indoor pickleball during the cold dark months after 5pm (for those of us who work full time). It helps us socialize, exercise, and have fun through the darkest months of the year.
- More Pickleball times both indoor and outdoor, with more dedicated Pickleball courts.
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- More pickleball times in the evening hours (especially in the winter) for those who work full time.
- Pickleball would be good.
- More pickleball!
- Pickleball!
- Definitely pickleball please!!

.. Floating Hammocks?!... what do you want to see at parks and rec centers over the next 10-12 years?

- Floating, lighted, covered, dedicated pickleball courts in groups of 12 or more. The floating part is optional
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How can seattle parks and rec contribute to making seattle a more livable, connected, and vibrant city for all residents?

- More outdoor dedicated pickleball courts and increased hours for indoor pickleball at community centers.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts

Want to see more out door events - what do you want to see more of?

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## What about YOU? What kinds of parks and recreation opportunities do you want to see more of?

- Dedicated pickleball courts! Preferably with lights and cover.
- Covered lighted dedicated pickleball courts
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- Dedicated pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts. Pickleball conversion lines on existing courts.

## Tell us what matters most to you about parks and recreation and let us know what you want to see more of!

- Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- Dedicated pickleball courts with lights please! The sport is growing way too quickly to not see the importance of building new courts. 58 Seattle Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan | 2020-2032 | Appendix II make it even easier to enjoy Seattle's parks. What about YOU? Tell us what matters most to you about parks and recreation and let us know what you want to see more of!
- More dedicated and, preferably, lighted pickleball courts, please oh please.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts please! There are so many unused dedicated tennis courts that could be converted into something that will be used constantly. And non-stop with lights and cover
- In a perfect world it would be covered (not indoor) pickleball courts with lights. That would allow people to play in all kinds of weather. However, we would be happy with more dedicated courts, period (preferably with lights) There is a HUGE need for more courts!
- More outdoor covered pickleball courts would be wonderful!
- Permanent dedicated pickleball courts would be great!
- More outdoor Pickleball courts, covered would be ideal, and with lighting for night play.
- A pickleball complex with a minimum of 12 dedicated courts covered plus lighting so people can play all year round and after work.
- More dedicated pickleball courts!
- We need a dedicated outdoor pickle ball facility with 12+ courts that's lighted and covered so we can play all year long
- Easier registration for classes. Agree with digital pool/lesson schedules. Also, save the golf courses and more pickle ball courts.
- An outdoor location with 8 or more dedicated pickleball courts. Also more time allocated for indoor pickleball at community centers.
- More covered, lighted clusters of 12+ dedicated pickleball courts.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts - preferably with lights and covered so they could be played all year long.
- Dedicated pickleball courts, with lights and covered so they are playable year round.
- Dedicated pickleball courts with lights and covered for year round playing. Green Lake area 👍 Average 40+ players.
- Guys here in kennewick got with the city and changed old tennis courts to new pickleball courts. Just takes time
- More lighted Pickleball courts!!

- Do what every other city in the country is doing, build a dedicated pickleball facility with 12+ lighted courts. If Seattle doesn't get it into gear, it's only going to get worse as more demand and no supply is going to make the city look foolish. This sport is growing by leaps and bounds-- the fastest growing sport in the US. Come out to East Green Lake on a Saturday or Sunday morning to see for yourself. We'll loan you paddles and teach you the game while we're at it.
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- Dedicated pickleball courts, with lights ideally covered so they are playable year round.
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- Pickleball, all year around.

## Green Lake Parks and Rec - General Comments

- More Pickleball (4)
- Pickleball
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- Pickleball! (dedicated courts)
- Pickleball: more times indoor and outdoor; beginners – separate [courts]; More classes to teach intermittent; bring back fee to use more time and more courts; rating players so the right level plays at right time; Pickleball tournaments (\$25-30); Park Board rep on Pickleball
- Pickleball courts outdoor and indoor
- Designated Pickleball courts! If not pball courts, then pickleball lines on tennis courts. Pickleball draws a huge crowd every weekend at Green Lake. We need designated courts and more lined tennis courts.
- More Pickleball courts, please. It is so much fun and such good exercise for us seniors.
- Pay to play for Pickleball - \$2-3
- Designated Pickleball courts
- More Pickleball courts – nets
- More PB courts – dedicated with nets
- Re-purpose Bathhouse tennis courts – create indoor Pickleball facility
- More Pickleball opportunities for lower level (3 and lower), spread around the city
- Pickleball – affordable. Her mentor is 82 years old. More indoor and outdoor courts
- Lit Pickleball courts at Lower Woodland (line all courts there)
- Dedicated days for Pickleball
- More evening Pickleball. Way to have younger and working people involved. Indoor and outdoor
- Maple Leaf Pickleball– Fencing [not all sides are fences and it is low] makes it too hard.
- Center for Pickleball
- Pickleball – difficult to find time and courts indoor and outdoor. Need fencing around courts. Put a barrier between courts. Offer balls and racquets at courts.
- Senior adults play Pickleball and can play at their own pace, as hard as they want. It is very social.

- Dedicated Pickleball courts. Have clear lines to follow.
- Lincoln Park – nice to have the Pickleball courts in this park. Social aspect of PB.
- Get-togethers. Pickleball, learning
- Pickleball rangers with ticketing authority
- Lines on Pickleball locations
- Not taking away from Pickleball-fastest growing. Great to have inclusive, free opportunity. How can we use tennis courts with lighting and watch demand (ex: Rudgear Park in Walnut Creek, Ca)
- Pickleball young man sees it as all ages, all types. Growth of sport drop-in
- Use of existing facilities for Pickleball year round (thrown in with youth programs), for indoor play, however, need to pay for courts.
- Pickleball – paint on courts; drop in rates- \$2; convert Magnuson - \$2 fee
- Pickleball center – dedicated indoor with 24 courts (100 people) – tennis courts in size; private/public partnership
- Softball, Pickleball – we love it, make it permanent! Ravenna
- Pickleball – more courts; love Green Lake – different people are great;

## Green Lake Parks and Rec – Big ideas

- More pickleball courts please
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- Dedicated pickleball courts/big pickleball center for workshops, leagues and tournaments
- More pickleball times at community centers: daytime and evenings and weekends. Dedicated pickleball center with outdoor and indoor courts for tournaments and play. More dedicated outdoor courts. I love the intergenerational interaction. Pickleball is a wonderful way to stay in shape and make new friends. A wonderful social activity.
- More dedicated pickleball courts with lights! Indoor pickleball court time at more community centers more days of the week.
- Permanent pickleball courts
- Fencing around Maple Leaf pickleball court
- Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts with lights
- More indoor pickleball times
- More Pickleball

## Yesler Terrace Parks and Rec Fest – Big ideas

- More pickleball courts! Also please post court use rules on the bulletin boards at the parks and finally please get rid of the useless P.B. practice wall At Maple Leaf Park and put in a 3rd court

## Northgate Anniversary Mini-Parks and Rec Fest Tabling

- Pickleball – community and gathering

## Hiawatha Music Night

- Pickleball

## Emails received to [PKS\\_SPRStrategicPlan@seattle.gov](mailto:PKS_SPRStrategicPlan@seattle.gov)

I'm writing to express my concern about the Parks dept. proposal to reduce community center operations. It's time to return community center operational hours to pre 2008 scheduling. In the past 10 years, Seattle has grown by more than 120,000 new residents, and it is nonsensical to further cut hours in the face of such a growing need.

In addition, I understand that the Parks dept. is considering cutting back on pickle ball access. I'm a senior pickle ball player. At my age this is a safe and healthy activity that helps me and many other senior and elderly players maintain a vibrant older age. When we oldsters are healthy, we cost society less. Adequate access to pickle ball courts is a good social investment. In fact community centers for all is a good social investment since they help build and maintain healthy communities, including offering teenagers safe and healthy activities.

Cutting funding, hours, and access for our community centers is a "penny wise pound foolish" decision. Instead, please bring back full scheduling and staffing for the centers

Judith Yarrow

I strongly urge you and the Strategic Planning Committee to consider restoring Community center hours to pre budget cuts over 10 years ago. The economy has greatly improved and the number of program participants has drastically increased. The 50 and over age group is increasing at every center, pickleball being the number one reason.

The community centers not only provide a safe place for physical activities, it is a source of much needed social time for seniors. With the decrease in hours and changing of schedules, many seniors will be forced to stay home and become isolated. Thank you for your time and please restore hours and dollars to the community centers.

Valerie Wells Pickleball player at Rainier and VanAsselt

Dear Jesus and Community Center Committee Members,

Please do not change playing hours for seniors to afternoons for following reasons:

- 1) Traffic is terrible in the afternoons!
- 2) Seniors become tired in the afternoons.
- 3) Less gang activities during morning hours.
- 4) Scared to go out after 2 p.m.

We would be happy to pay a small charge every time we play.  
We, seniors, need the exercise!

Thank you!

Jane Tsuboi – age 82 years old  
(Play pickleball at Van Asselt Community Center)

As leaders of Seattle Parks & Rec I want to thank you for the opportunity for my wife and I to learn and play pickle ball. It is a great activity for people of all ages to get exercise and be social. However since I started a year ago it has become clear that additional times and locations are needed. Every CC that I visit has many people waiting to play, even when the rest of the building is unused. Thanks again and please expand pickle ball opportunities.

I am writing to support your consideration of dedicated courts for pickleball and increased play time both indoors and outdoors throughout the city. As an active member of Seattle Metro Pickleball Association, I play 2-3 times per week, primarily at the West Seattle facilities at Delridge, High Point, and Hiawatha Community Centers. Typically more people show up than can play at one time, and we could use additional hours and courts especially to give seniors the benefits of recreation, socialization, and lifelong learning that are important to our health and well-being as Seattle residents. I am concerned that with community centers terminating non-public programs at the beginning of 2020, there will be even fewer opportunities for this fun, fitness, and camaraderie to take place. Our sport is growing rapidly, and in order to attract the next generation of players, we need to have facilities and hours grow commensurate with pickleball's popularity.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input,  
Anne Adams

I would like to see more pickleball facilities. Even if you paint pickleball lines on existing tennis courts and provide loaner pickleball nets that would be great. Or you can take an existing tennis court and make it into 2 pickleball courts,

Thank you for your consideration,

Lee Haworth

Pickleball to me is very important as the players I have met at various community centers is something I look forward to. I have also enjoyed the summer months and the outdoor lined courts that Seattle Parks & Recreation has made available to all of us. Could the Lower Woodland Lighted courts also have some of the tennis courts lined also. The normal hours that we play in the Fall, Winter and Spring should not be changed as they have worked very well for all of us these past few years.

There are rumblings in the pickleball community about pending cuts in the Seattle Parks and Recreation budget for pickleball. This would be a shame as pickleball is the fastest growing sport amongst the general population, and especially amongst the senior population. I invite someone from the department to visit Delridge CC on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Hiawatha CC on Friday morning, to hear the laughter from play coming from the three courts that have been set up for pickleball. Normally we have people waiting to play.

If anything, I stress the need for more opportunities to play. On nice days in the summer, we play on the marked for pickleball outdoor tennis courts. These are not the best for playing, but it works. On only a few occasions have we ever seen tennis players show up. Dedicated pickleball courts would be ideal. Other cities I know have taken steps to do just that, and it has been a huge success.

So anyway, I know the budget is tight, but don't forget us pickleballers in your decisions.

Thanks

Allan Peach

Dear Superintendent Aquirre:

As a baby boomer pickleball has become a very important part of my life. It represents the largest part of my physical health and also has a significant social aspect. I hope during upcoming budget 105 Seattle Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan | 2020-2032 | Appendix II meetings pickleball is an activity that is expanded and not reduced. Thank you.

V/R

Bob Perez

I was so distraught to hear that we may lose valuable time for pickleball, the most inclusive, fastest growing sport in America. I am an introvert and have to push myself to get out and meet people. I have found a community of wonderful friends all over the city who welcomed me even when I could hardly play. I now look forward to playing somewhere 3-5 days/ week. It is a great way to get exercise, socialize, and have fun. We wait to play most times because of the demand. We need MORE time and MORE dedicated pickleball courts both indoors and outdoors. Please, please add more and not less.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Jolly

Pickleball is growing by leaps and bounds! Please continue and expand playing times at Community Centers. Thanks.

Dear Mr. Aguirre,

You just come to my attention that there may be a plan to effectively reduce the amount of open pickleball play at Seattle Parks and Recreation. I'm quite disturbed by this news because I, and hundreds of other people, take part in the Pickleball open play at the Seattle Parks and Recreation Community Centers daily. I play with people of all ages, of all colors and all abilities. As you may know pickleball is growing nationally by 4% a year.

I'm sure there are many conflicting needs that Seattle Parks and Recreation is trying to juggle. However, I was heartened when I went to the event in Green Lake this spring that the Pickleball jar was the highest filled jar reflecting the most support of all of the activities that people were asked to vote on.

The point is it's a great game and so far Seattle Parks and Recreation has been a great source of free or low-cost play for many of us. Reducing hours cutting staffing or other compromises to the open Pickleball play, in my opinion goes against everything that Seattle Parks and Recreation stands for. My hope is that things can be juggled and there will be no reduction, instead, rather an increase, in pickleball play opportunities for the citizens of Seattle.

Thank you very much feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Virginia

Gentlemen;

I received an email today that confuses me and leads me to believe that community center hours for pickleball will be severely cut effective January of 2020. I hear that in January of 2020 SPR plans to terminate or severely reduce all non-public programs, including pickleball, that take place at various community centers during public hours. What are the public hours and what are public/nonpublic programs? The public, non-public definitions and the classifications of pickleball, Zumba and yoga leave me with questions. At a time when we pickleball players are looking for more time and places to play this comes up as a dagger to our heart. Our numbers are growing quickly. Just last month we had to make SPR aware of pickleball to be counted as needing more support from SPR. The players and game of pickleball is attracting considerable attention across the country and more importantly here in Seattle. We are finding it very difficult to get court time as there are many more players and few courts to play.

For myself and many of those that I play with who are looking for exercise, socializing, comradery and fun, I seem to see SPR moving in the opposite direction in cutting or eliminating time. We like pickleball because many of the other sports cost too much or are too physically demanding. With pickleball I can always find people who are of the same playing levels. During the games we socialize and have fun while we exercise.

I am seventy three years old and I like to play in the late morning hours or early afternoon. I want to stay off the streets during rush hours and I want to leave evening or very early hours to those that still work. This seems like the best time to play and the best use of facilities.

Pickleball is a fast growing sport. Please don't cut availability for public places to play pickleball. We are having significant problems finding enough courts and time/places to play . The sport is attracting many new players as people find it easy to pick up and not too physically demanding. I would like to see many more places and even more courts just for pickleball. Please, more pickleball courts and more time for more people.

Steve Lorentzen

Families

Ages 8-95

All nationalities

Co-ed

Social and fun and welcoming

Cheap equipment

I live In Bellevue and would be happy to pay to play at Rainier and high point.

On Mercer island non -residents pay more than residents.

Same in Bellevue.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA

WE NEED MORE COURTS AND PLAY TIME, NOT LESS

Kathryn Hardesty

Devotee

Love the pickleball lines you've put out in some of the local parks (Delridge, for example). We love to drop by for some pick-up Pickleball. So much fun and people are always asking what we're playing because it's super fun and accessible for all ages! Thanks! Chelsea

I have been a Seattle resident for over 20 years. I have never used the community centers until I found a love for Pickleball. I play at the Highpoint and Southpark community centers 3 times a week. I have heard you are considering limiting the time allowed at the centers and could have a dramatic effect on

the times, if any available for Pickleball. This has become a vital activity for seniors in our Community. When I play, there are 25-30 people who are using the facility. I would suggest you look at alternatives, perhaps charging a nominal fee to play instead of restricting our ability to play. Also, there are tennis courts at Hiawatha that are barely used. Have you considered restriping some of those courts so more of us can play outside and take the pressure off of facility use? Please reconsider how you allocate time for senior activities.

Sincerely,

Carol Frillman

Please, please, please do NOT reduce our pickleball time!!! I am a senior citizen who always votes for parks and recreation and depends on the community centers for my exercise. We are an amiable group who needs this for sanity and physical wellbeing. Please be advised that many of us are willing to pay to play!!!

Thank you,

Kathy Stevenson

We understand the SPR plans, in 2020, to terminate non-public programs at community centers. It is our understanding this would include the very active and popular pickleball programs throughout most of the city whose tax paying citizens are participating in with great joy!

We are sure you are aware that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation. Players in the community have worked hard to develop a relationship with SPR to open facilities, both indoors and outdoors, for access to the sport. Why your department would try to exclude programs, or at the least, not listen to your constituents to provide the activities at times that are reasonable and convenient for them seems counter to good public service. Hours of operation should fit the needs of the community, not the other way around. You should be adding, not reducing, the opportunities and work to accommodate the needs of all its citizens.

We realize there are many demands on the budget for supporting activities. Pickleball is a sport that all ages can play. Funding should be dedicated to rather than drawn off to other social needs for a sport that promotes exercise, use of the city courts and gyms, and brings people together using these facilities and seeing that their tax dollars are well used. There needs to be a solution to this issue by working with the Pickleball community to come to a better resolution.

Thank you for consideration to this matter that is important to the community.

Regards,

Mary Kirchner

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Thank you,

Kathy Stevenson

Good evening, I just read through your strategic plan document and wanted to provide feedback. I have lately been spending a fair amount of time playing pickle ball at local tennis courts. Most of the time I am the only person out on the tennis courts as they are not being used for tennis. Pickle ball and tennis work very well together and can be leveraged to make use of the tennis courts that aren't always being used. I would love to see more co-tennis and pickle ball opportunities like you have at Green Lake. These are a great way to make sure that the facilities are approachable for many different sports.

Sincerely,

Karen Juhl

Over the last year myself and 14 friends have switched from playing tennis and squash to mostly or completely playing Pickleball. We would greatly appreciate more pickleball courts, both outdoors and indoors.

Thanks.

Michael Utt

Good Day,

My name is Vicki Streit and I play pickle ball at several community centers in West Seattle. I have also taken pickle ball skills and drills classes at Highpoint and South Park Community Centers. I play Mon, Wed and Fridays at Delridge or Highpoint Community Centers. Average attendance is 24 at each location. We set up and take down the nets, monitor the gym for cleanup, donate/contribute to children activities sponsored by the center. We welcome new players and watch out for current players. The oldest player is 92, the youngest players are in their late 50's or early 60's. Average age is between 70 to 80 years old. We have become friends doing other outside activities and helping each other out when needed. We are a community of active older adults.

It has been brought to my attention that Seattle Parks and Recreation wants to suspend pickle ball or move drop in playtimes to posted operating hours of each community center.

I am asking that this consideration to be removed from the table for the following reasons.

Shorter hours for more people wanting to play pickle ball resulting in frustration of not enough play time. Children activities have the priority over adult programs with weather related issues. The gym is open and available in the mornings, the time that children are in school and times that adults would like to play.

There is nowhere else to play except outdoor at the Delridge Community Center in my area. Playing outdoor depends on the weather. Not today it is raining. You bring your own net. The surface is very hard on ankles and most players over 70 will not play outdoor for a higher fall risk. To play indoors we would need to drive to Kent to a private business and pay their fees. It is a much younger crowd and the play is too aggressive, not the community family that we currently have. For some it would be a hardship to drive the 40 minutes each way, pay their fees, play younger more aggressive players without the family/friend connection. We play pickle ball to have fun and enjoy each others company.

I voted for the levy to restore community center funding which included longer operating times. It is my understanding that not all community centers have seen this funding. Why?

As an older adult the community centers should be there for us just as much as the children programs. Yoga, Zumba and pickle ball are just some of the activities that we participate in. We want to be more active and be healthy. I really like playing pickle ball.

I really like playing at the community centers in the morning. I really like the feelings of community with my friends and the staff we have become a family.

Please do not take that away from us.

Vicki Streit

I am a 71 year old woman, still in good enough condition to play Pickleball. I am always amazed to see how many folks at least 10 years older than me, out there enjoying themselves. I can always count on hearing lots of laughter and socializing. Can you think of any other place to find seniors enjoying life to its fullest?? Of course we all understand that there might be budget restraints. I have played in numerous other cities where their communities offer the same type of facilities, and ask that each senior player make a payment of some sort- be it \$20.00 per year, or \$2.00 per visit. As these pickle ball courts are always overflowing with us seniors, I would have to believe that all additional costs incurred would be more than amply made up- probably even making a profit. We implore you to use an alternative means in order to keep this fun and healthy sport available to seniors. It is great preventative medicine!

Thank you.

Nancy Nealon

I am a senior who loves to play pickleball. I play at community centers in West Seattle and the Rainier Valley. I have heard that some of these centers may be decreasing the times that we can play. There are a large number of seniors who love this game and I hope that you can help add playing times and venues (both indoor and out) for us to use. It's a very fast growing sport in our country.

Thank you.

Carl Leatherman

Dear Sirs,

In response to a rumor that the pickleball program, and others which may become restrictive under the Seattle Parks & Recreation agenda in the near future has prompted myself and others to defend those programs. The physical and social benefits derived from those senior exercise and the convenience at the community centers, especially when the kids are in school, is pretty obvious.

I've seen pickleball grow quite rapidly in the entire region since I started playing in 2004. I hope that you two administrators will ensure that the program will continue and thrive under the Seattle Parks & Recreation guideline budget.

Thank you

Dear Sirs:

I am very concerned about rumored plans to cut back on community centers time available for non-public activities, ESPECIALLY Pickleball.

As you are probably aware, pickleball is growing in popularity, and most time slots for it at community centers tend to become more and more crowded, as more people come to the game. The recreation and health benefits are essential to many Seattle citizens, not to mention great fun. Please do everything in your power to EXPAND pickleball opportunities in Seattle, more time slots in community centers, and more outdoor courts at more locations. This is important to a growing number of us, and we will greatly appreciate your efforts and support for pickleball in Seattle. Thank you.

Clifford Butler

Dear Mr. Aguirre,

Please do not allow the reduction of time for indoor pickleball at the community centers. I am 51 years old and I have just started playing pickleball. The number of players is only increasing. I play regularly at High Point community center and Rainier Community Center. Please keep this vital program going to keep us all healthy!

Thank you

Lisa Corbin

I invite you to visit some of Seattle City community centers where pickleball is played. You will see how busy the courts are and how much fun everyone is having. Cities in many states have dedicated pickleball courts

I play 2 – 3 times a week at High Point, Delridge, and other places. It is vital to my physical and social well-being. Please add more pickleball both indoor and outdoors rather than reducing it . It spans all age groups. It would be important for the city to consider funding dedicated Pickleball courts at locations where there are many pickleball players. We are playing for free right now but in the past I never heard anyone complain about paying a slight fee.

Thank you,

Cris Kantor

We have heard a rumor that City officials are considering reducing the amount of time available for senior citizens to play Pickleball at Seattle's community centers. I hope this is not true. Already, I wonder why the community centers are not open on the weekends. I suppose it has something to do with budgets but it seems like the community centers are an underused resource considering the real estate is there and the building is vacant so much of the time. Senior citizens need places we can meet for exercise and social interaction. There are no privately owned Pickleball facilities anywhere in the City, and only one small facility in Kent. We need these services and would be willing to pay a reasonable user fee just to be able to access them, both indoor and outdoor!

Sharon E. Best

I am 72 years young, what keeps me that way ? Pickleball, please make sure you consider our seniors when making a budget decision this year. We have limited recreation opportunities, especially in the winter months.

Thanks for your consideration,

Steve Hess

Hello Parks and Recreation Administrators!

First I want to thank you for the many hours I have spent playing Pickleball in your Community Centers! I am 68 and started playing at 65. There is a saying “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” but I am here to prove that wrong—solely because of your programs—THANK YOU. Who would have thought that I would spend 3 mornings a week getting great exercise with a whole new group of friends. I didn’t even know where my Community Center was until I started playing Pickleball (Google Maps-yahoo). In retrospect I feel that the program offered at the Rec Centers precisely represents what a Community Center should be doing, attracting local citizens to participate in healthy, life long activities. I have now located and played at all of the following centers: High Point, Delridge, Hiawatha, Rainier, and South Park. I have played with people of all different races, ethnicities, and gender. The program has truly allowed me to see our city with a more comprehensive eye. I would like to see the Community Centers become even more vibrant ( an adjective often used to describe growth in our city).

I would like to share part of an an article in the Seattle Times by the FYI journalist, Gene Baulk. He states the following:

From 2010 to 2018, the county’s fastest-growing age group was people 60 to 79 years old. It increased by more than 100,00 people, for a growth rate of nearly 41%. This age group grew more than twice as fast as the population of the county as a whole.

He goes on to say—

...most of the increase in the 60-79 age group is surely from already established county residents who aged past 60 at some point during the decade.

I thought that last part was very interesting because it is likely that these senior citizens have been paying taxes all of their lives. Supporting schools, parks and libraries to make our city an outstanding place to reside. I know there are many areas that need your attention but I believe that providing healthy activities for a group of citizens that have helped to create this amazing city should be a priority.

Thanks Again,

Kathleen Wessel

Pickleball!!! Keep it going. Great.

Pickleball doesn’t need to be free.

We will pay.

Lisa

I also look forward to an opportunity to partner with Seattle Parks and Recreation in discussing ways that we can expand Pickleball access for our citizens.

Jimi

I was at southpark yesterday, spoke to rhe staff, they would encourage you to reinstate a daily use fee, maybe \$3 and \$2 for seniors to help offset some of the costs, we had 20 players there . Open the courts for 3 hours. 3 times a week .

Just a thought.

Thanks for communicating 111ith me.

Steve Hess

Hi,

Thanks for researching pickleball and doing everything possible to keep it open at the community centers. Seniors and others need it for their health. Many of the seniors would be willing to pay, as they did in the past, in order to have access to pickleball at the community centers and outdoors. Drop in sometime and play; it's great fun.

Regards,

Cris

Dear SPR,

Your claim, in the draft of the 12 year strategic plan, that SPR offers 93 Pickleball courts is outrageous. It is a misleading and essentially false statement especially when made to appear comparable to the 140 tennis courts in the city as it is in the report.

Of the 93 Pickleball courts SPR claims, fewer than five of them are dedicated only to Pickleball (and those are not really usable for competitive play because they are so poorly designed) whereas every tennis court is dedicated to tennis.

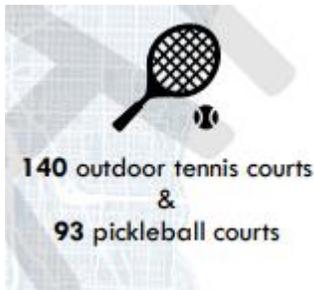
The remaining are mostly badminton courts on which Pickleball can be played only at very limited, specific times and now with a poorly planned fee to pay at some of them. I hope the 93 does not include SPR's lame Pickleball Pilot program where they painted low visibility lines on a few under utilized and

poorly maintained tennis courts and then abandoned any further growth in Pickleball facilities for the foreseeable future. I

f there actually were 93 dedicated Pickleball courts in Seattle I would be thrilled but at the rate SPR moves, the city wont get anywhere close to that number in my lifetime.

There are some lovely loftily goals in that strategic plan but sadly SPR has a long way to go to accomplish most of them. Wishing you the best of luck in moving this forward, Kathy Wehle, Seattle tax payer and Pickleball player who rarely plays because the very few courts are so overcrowded.

Dear Seattle Parks and Recreation Strategic Planners, The Seattle Metro Pickleball Association reviewed with great interest the November 6 draft version of the Seattle Parks and Recreation 2019 Strategic Plan. We were quite disturbed to see on page 6 of the plan, in the “What we offer” section, that you chose to state that you currently offer 140 outdoor tennis courts and 93 pickleball courts, without any further explanation. Here is the blurb in question:



While that statement might be factually correct as it pertains to tennis courts, it is completely misleading as it will make readers think that you currently offer roughly equivalent access to tennis and pickleball facilities, while in fact tennis playing opportunities greatly exceed pickleball playing opportunities as demonstrated in the following table.

	<b><i>Tennis</i></b>	<b><i>Pickleball</i></b>
<b>Outdoor</b>	<b>125</b> dedicated tennis courts	<b>0</b> dedicated pickleball courts
	<b>15</b> tennis courts shared with pickleball players.	<b>28</b> pickleball courts shared with tennis players, tennis teams, tennis instructors, tennis camps.
	Nets provided.	Nets rarely provided. Players need to bring and install their own pickleball net - an equity issue.
		Only 2 to 4 adjacent pickleball courts offered at any one venue, which is contrary to the social aspect of the sport.
<b>Indoor</b>	<b>20</b> dedicated tennis courts	<b>0</b> dedicated pickleball courts
		62 mostly <b>badminton</b> courts in multi-sport indoor gyms. (Badminton court lines only approximate pickleball court lines.)

	Over <b>2200</b> indoor tennis court hours per week available 7 days a week from early morning until late at night	About <b>320</b> indoor pickleball court hours a week available mostly Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm
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This comparison provides a more accurate accounting of the generosity of facilities provided on behalf of tennis versus the paucity of actual pickleball courts.

We respectfully ask that you update the next draft of the Strategic Plan to make it unambiguously clear to the readers that you currently offer 145 dedicated tennis courts and 0 dedicated pickleball courts.

Sincerely,

The Seattle Metro Pickleball Association Board of Directors  
[Board@seattlemetropickleball.com](mailto:Board@seattlemetropickleball.com)

**Are there any recreation activities that you or members of your household would like to see more of in Seattle?**

1. High school volleyball leagues Pickkeball ( outdoors)
2. Pickle ball
3. Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts
4. Sailing
5. Pickleball!!!! We need places that can handle large groups of people who want to play together.
6. Yes. Pickleball—development of both outdoor dedicated clusters of courts and an indoor year round Amy Yee type facility
7. More dedicated Pickleball courts throughout the City Parks and Rec areas
8. Pickleball!
9. Pickleball and cycling
10. Pickleball Martial arts Gymnastics
11. Pickleball
12. Pickleball. Expand times or give us more times to play. Its the only sport that works across ages, abilities, etc. For Seniors it is a great sport and activity. More more pickleball please.
13. Pickleball
14. Pickleball, dedicated pickleball courts, especially outdoors and also more indoor pickleball facilities in the evenings and on weekends to better accommodate working adults
15. More pickleball courts
16. Pickleball, swimming, biking, basketball
17. Pickle ball
18. Indoor pickleball courts, smoother paths for inline skating, bike paths that link up continuously.
19. Pickleball
20. Pickleball
21. Pickleball courts. There's way too many vacant, rarely used tennis courts. Wallingford Park as an example could fill 10 pickleball courts.
22. Pickleball, bicycling programs.
23. More pickleball only courts.
24. Pickleball
25. Pickleball
26. PICKLEBALL!!!
27. Pickleball
28. Pickleball
29. Indoor and dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Open all day for retired people
30. pickleball
31. Pickleball, walking trails.
32. Yes. Pickleball.
33. More dedicated pickelball courts
34. Pickleball!
35. pickleball
36. pickleball
37. Pickleball
38. Pickleball

- 39. Pickleball
- 40. Pickleball
- 41. Badminton
- 42. Bicycle Sunday-type events on other boulevards
- 43. baseball little league,swimming at the park Pools,Open Gym time for families of small children

**What would make your family more likely to visit a Seattle playground/play area?**

- 1. Pickleball
- 2. sports and other enrichment activities
- 3. Better play equipment in southeast Seattle.
- 4. Pickleball Courts
- 5. Pickleball courts. Not everyone has a child, older people use the parks quite a bit for this fast growing sport!
- 6. Climbing wall
- 7. Pickleball courts
- 8. Pickle ball courts
- 9. Play structures for different age groups.
- 10. Less crowded (i.e. more available)

**For what reason(s) are you or your family most likely to take part in a Seattle Parks and Recreation environmental education program? Select all that apply.**

Answer Choices	Responses	
To learn about the natural world	0.00%	0
To build community and meet new people	33.33%	2
To experience hands-on learning	0.00%	0
To have fun	33.33%	2
To explore outdoors	33.33%	2
To experience a better sense of connection with Seattle's green spaces	0.00%	0
To learn specific skills that I can use at home (for example, composting, gardening, etc.)	16.67%	1
Other (please specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pickleball</li> <li>2. Pickleball</li> <li>3. Pickle Ball</li> <li>4. For exercise</li> <li>5. Exccercise</li> </ul>	83.33%	5

Answered 6

**What free drop-in activities would you like to see more of at Seattle's community centers? Select all the apply or suggest something different.**

Answer Choices	Responses	
To learn about the natural world	0.00%	0
Toddler Gyms	50.00%	1
Fitness Rooms	50.00%	1
Sports (basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	50.00%	1
Table games like Bridge, Chess, or Mahjong	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0

Answered 2

**Q4. What could we do to improve our community centers? Select all the apply or suggest something different.**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Increase facility cleanliness/maintenance	50.00%	1
Add more rental space.	50.00%	1
Add more childcare and preschool options	0.00%	0
Add different types of programs/activities	50.00%	1
Better advertise programs and activities.	0.00%	0
Increase or change operating hours		0
Other (please specify) 1. Please make more pickleball courts available during non-work hours.	50.00%	1

Answered 2

**Q5. How can Seattle Parks and Recreation contribute to making Seattle a more livable, connected, and vibrant city for all its residents? Share your big idea!**

- You guys do a great job, but Seattle can be a difficult city when it comes to making friends. Having more opportunities for fun sporting events would go a long way towards helping people connect. I played my first ever game of pickleball today and I'm totally hooked, but the Queen Anne Community Center only has courts available on Wednesday during the middle of the day. How is that possible? People work! Pickleball isn't just for senior citizens. Get people connected. That's what Seattle needs more of.
- Add more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. There are more and more new players of all ages becoming interested in pickleball and courts are getting crowded and there are not enough options for evening play. This is a great sport for all different ages and making social connections. Adding a large venue with at least 12 courts would be great for tournaments, which are very popular among pickleball players.
- Create an 8-12 court pickleball site where people all ages can share and fun the year round. Part of it should be covered to encourage year round use, but pickleballers don't mind if there's a little chill in the air. This site doesn't need to be heated. It just needs a lid.

- Add more pickleball courts. Pickleball is a fast growing sport and there are new people starting to play all the time. Indoor/outdoor court spaces are lacking. Large complex with at least 8-12 courts would be great for tournaments which are very popular in pickleball.
  - Accomodate the growing sport of pickleball by increasing the availability of pickleball courts both inside and outside.
  - More pickleball time slots, please! It's the fastest growing, most popular recreational sport and for good reason. Pickleball draws players from diverse economic and racial backgrounds. It appeals to all ages (people aged 14–91 regularly participate!). It's great exercise for the body and the mind. Participation builds community and, for seniors who participate, it's a way of fighting isolation.
  - Create an Amy Yee Pickleball Center
  - More pickle ball and tennis courts
  - Pickleball
  - Youth and Senior activities such as Pickleball. This sport is huge right now and their are limited places to play it.
  - Dedicated pickleball courts would be great. Losing the courts every time children are out, for instance this summer, is not great. Why can't the kids play outside for the 2 hours pickleball would be happening? At the current growth rate, twelve years from now we will have five times as many players as we do now. To accommodate that growth, Seattle should have two pickleball complexes each with 24 or more dedicated covered outdoor pickleball courts, on each side of the ship canal. My two cents, thanks.
  - More indoor/outdoor pickleball courts. They serve many age groups from 7-90+ years old. Pickleball is becoming very popular and is growing very quickly. Courts are getting too busy. A large facility with at least 8-12 indoor/coveted courts would be great for tournaments
  - At least two dedicated pickleball facilities with a minimum of 8 covered courts each (16 would be preferable) and dividers between them to keep the balls in the right court.
  - Add pickle ball courts to existing tennis courts and create specific courts for pickle ball.
  - More pickleball facilities! Since we are the city of its invention, I would love to see great accommodations for residents and visitors, possibly regional or national tournaments (not in Kent!)
- Repair and paint for tennis AND pickleball the 2 courts in Madison Park and the 2 courts in Mt Baker, just up from Lake Washington Blvd
- More pickle all courts with nets
  - More pickleball. I have met 100s of people, some of which are now close friends that i otherwise would not have met
  - Make more courts available for pickleball.  
Stripe tennis courts for PB - make tennis courts multi-purpose as are all i door gyms and many basketball sized outdoor courts.  
The PNW is the originator of pickleball - why are we not taking advantage of that fact??  
This is a low-hanging fruit opportunity to make us a national destination for tournaments, clinics and more.  
Why don't we 'own' our history??
  - More outdoor pickleball courts with seasonal (removable/retractable) covers and lights. More pickleball, outside in any weather at any time of day!

- more pickleball courts bc the sport is growing so fast people don't get enough play time
- Dedicated pickleball courts in all districts of the city, or at least painted courts with rollaway nets as at Greenlake.
- Keep in mind that physical activity is important for all ages and all levels of talent from senior pickleball to tots learning water safety
- Have more Pickleball courts and more hours for play. Have more instruction time so new players can take classes. New players should not show up to play unless they have had classes. Players should be ranked and play in their division.
- Seattle is already behind regarding the access to the Pickleball and we need to anticipate the future growth! Dedicated indoor and outdoor PB facilities please!
- More pickleball-dedicated facilities for year-round play
- Dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts! Interest in the sport is growing so fast and the north Seattle Pickleball community plays every Saturday and Sunday at Greenlake for hours each day. On holidays we have had as many as 70-80 people play throughout the day. The demand and interest is there.
- Pickleball - joint venture with Seattle schools to renovate Damaged tennis court at Eckstein MS into 4 community pickleball courts. Funding needed
- I'd like to see the community centers stay open for pickle ball for the summer rather than closing for the adults. We have to find outside places to play and it's a big effort to coordinate.
- Outdoor pickleball complexes of 6 courts spread out around the city. It is a social activity (therefore several courts at each site) and, with the difficulty of getting around in this city, they should be spread around in a neighborhood fashion. Near schools would be good because it is a sport playable by all ages.
- Increase community center operating hours and staff; expand Pickleball venues and play opportunities.
- Pickleball is growing fast and the gatherings and community sharing are huge.
- More indoor and outdoor pickleball courts! It really brings the community together since it's such an inclusive, approachable sport for all ages and backgrounds.
- Build a dedicated Pickleball complex (indoor and outdoor)..similar to Amy Yee. but Pickleball is much more compact. It is the fastest growing sport in America, played by all ages, easy to learn and very social (promotes community), you can fit 4 pickleball courts in the size of one tennis court. Come out and see it, you will be surprised.
- Build more pickleball courts (indoor/outdoor) in groups of at least 8. People of all ages are interested in this sport. It's easy to learn and wonderful for social connections and exercise.
- Pickleball!!! You get more people out playing and socializing and exercising. It build a fun community.
- Add more pickleball courts on under utilized tennis courts or simply build a massive pb complex
- Wonderful outdoor Pickleball courts dedicated with lights, restrooms, water fountains
- Build dedicated outdoor and indoor pickleball facilities with permanent pickleball lines and nets and at least 8 courts in the same location.
- We need dedicated indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts in south, central, north and west Seattle, with enough courts in each so that waiting time is minimized, at least 8-10 in each area, more would be better.

- Build a 24 court pickleball complex and host a national tournament.
- I have met so many people playing Pickleball. My community has grown and I have friends AND I'm getting great exercise. Wouldn't it be great to have dedicated Pickleball facility where people of all ages and abilities could gather and have fun. I'm imagining both an indoor and outdoor facility with 8-12 courts each. I know they would be full of laughing, recreating folks !
- Pickleball with dedicated courts and nets. No mutple lines!
- Pickleball courts for indoor and outdoor play.
- More pickleball courts around the city
- Pickleball complex with indoor courts
- Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. All one has to do is observe the tennis courts behind the boathouse at Greenlake on any weekend day to understand the need. Ratio of tennis players to pickleball players has to be 30:1.
- dedicated pickleball courts
- More dedicated pickelball courts
- A location in north Seattle with 8 to 12 dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts.
- Pickleball provides intergenerational fun, intergenerational friendship and intergenerational fitness. If the current trend continues, we are going to have four to five times as many Seattle pickleball players twelve years from now as we do now. Please plan for the growth. Make sure that you understand the social aspect of pickleball. Look at best practices such as Naples (FL) or Loma Linda (CA).

My big idea: twelve years from now have a pickleball complex with 12 to 24 pickleball courts each in each one of your 5 geographic regions. Meanwhile, start by [1:] adding pickleball lines to all outdoor tennis courts that have 3 or more adjacent courts and [2:] adding pickleball courts to the Amy Yee Tennis and Pickleball Center.

- We need dedicated pickleball courts
- Dedicated pickleball complexes (4 to 8 courts) spread across the city to encourage multigenerational play and fitness for all ages.
- Longer community center hours
- Promote intergenerational activities such as pickleball that promote fun, fitness and friendships for all.

**What types of events do you or members of your household usually attend?**

86 of 1282 answers mention pickleball

	#	RESPONSES
1	1	Pickleball
2	6	Pickleball, wading pools
3	10	Pickleball and yogz/streching for aging bodies
4	14	PICKLEBALL
5	17	Pickleball, hikes
6	22	Pickleball, hikes
7	23	Pickle Ball
8	27	Pickelball

9	28	Pickleball
10	30	Pickleball
11	31	Pickle ball
12	36	pickle ball
13	38	Play pickleball
14	39	love pickleball
15	40	Pickleball and Volleyball
16	41	Pickleball
17	43	Sports activities, namely Pickleball.
18	44	Pickle ball and tennis
19	45	Pickleball Activities
20	46	Pickleball
21	134	We (the two of us) play pickleball three times a week.
22	137	Pickleball
23	138	We play Pickle Ball on the available courts, which are currently very limited
24	150	pickleball
25	182	Pickleball
26	183	My husband and I play pickleball
27	245	pickleball
28	285	Pickleball
29	287	Pickleball play
30	322	Daytime pickleball
31	337`	Pickleball
32	437	free concerts, pickleball tournaments
33	796	Pickleball related events
34	920	Tennis and pickleball
35	927	Pickleball! Tournaments, recreational play both are great
36	943	Pickel ball
37	1020	Pickleball
38	1087	Pickleball play
39	1160	Pickleball
40	1161	Pickleball
41	1164	pickleball; tennis
42	1176	Pickleball
43	1178	Pickleball
44	1182	Pickleball games
45	1183	Pickleball tournaments
46	1186	Pickleball
47	1188	Pickleball
48	1190	Pickleball
49	1191	Pickleball
50	1192	pickleball
51	1195	Pickleball
52	1200	Pickleball Open Play
53	1202	Pickleball
54	1204	P Ball

55	1205	Pickleball
56	1206	Pickleball
57	1210	Pickleball
58	1215	Pickleball
59	1220	Pickleball
60	1224	Pickleball
61	1228	Pickleball play
62	1229	PICKLEBALL!
63	1230	Pickle ball
64	1233	Pickleball
65	1234	Pickleball
66	1235	Pickleball, tournament, tennis, sport events
67	1236	Pickleball
68	1237	Pickleball
69	1240	Concerts, festivals, and pickleball tournaments
70	1243	Pickleball
71	1244	Pickleball, walking with dog, walking trails/paths
72	1245	Pickleball
73	1250	Play pickleball
74	1252	Pickleball Courts
75	1253	Pickleball
76	1258	Pickleball
77	1260	watching plays and concerts, playing pickleball, watching little league, ue baseball, concerts
78	1261	Pickleball
79	1262	Pickleball, Rex basketball, swimming.
80	1266	Pickleball
81	1268	Drop in pickleball play, pickleball leagues, pickleball tournaments.
82	1270	Pickleball dropin and skills classes, tournaments
83	1272	Pickleball
84	1274	Pickleball
85	1279	PICKLEBALL, PICKLEBALL, and more PICKLEBALL! Indoor @ community centers and outdoor at Green Lake.
86	1282	Concerts, play pickleball, food events

**What would make your household more likely to attend an event at a Seattle park or facility?**

73 of 1262 answers mention pickleball

	#	RESPONSES
1	1	More pickleball courts
2	4	More indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts
3	5	More dedicated pickleball courts
4	14	MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS
5	17	Pickleball tournament
6	23	More pickle ball

7	28	Good pickelball facilities
8	32	Better and more pickle ball courts
9	38	Pickleball
10	42	Pickleball courts.
11	43	Interesting and well instructed classes in pickleball,yoga, art etc.
12	44	More indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
13	45	Pickleball events
14	48	if it were easier to schedule pickleball courts
15	132	Better hours for the pickleball courts
16	135	More and better pickleball courts
17	136	More availability of Pickle Ball courts
18	148	pickleball
19	179	My husband and I play pickleball 3 times a week now, but would play every day if it were available more often and in convenient locations.
20	231	Pickle ball courts
21	241	more pickleball courts and play opportunities
22	280	More Pickleball Courts!
23	282	Pickleball tournaments and demonstrations
24	331	Pickleball
25	431	dedicated pickleball courts, more pickleball drop in oppourtunities
26	787	More sporting events, particularly pickleball
27	911	Having nice pickleball courts in the city
28	927	Pickel ball courts
29	1072	Established Pickleball courts to play on
30	1144	Pickleball
31	1145	Pickleball courts
32	1154	pickleball courts, places to hike and picnic,
33	1158	Pickleball tournament
34	1159	lined pickleball courts
35	1161	Pickleball or biking
36	1165	Pickleball games
37	1166	More pickleball courts
38	1171	More pickleball
39	1172	Pickleball
40	1173	A park with multiple dedicated pickleball courts
41	1174	more pickleball courts
42	1175	The type of sports and/or sporting events -vball, pickleball, Cornhole tournament
43	1176	More morning hours and facilities for activities like pickleball.
44	1177	More Pickleball
45	1183	More pickleball hours
46	1185	Having pickleball facilities
47	1188	more pickleball-dedicated courts, lighted
48	1192	Free events like PICKLEBALL indoor and outdoor
49	1195	More dedicated times/courts Pickleball
50	1200	More pickle ball
51	1208	More Pickleball courts

52	1210	More pickle ball courts
53	1213	Pickleball
54	1214	Pickleball
55	1217	Pickleball
56	1218	Pickleball
57	1221	More pickleball courts with nets
58	1224	Pickleball tournaments
59	1225	Covered pickleball courts
60	1226	More Pickleball courts
61	1231	More dedicated pickleball courts
62	1233	Pickleball Events, Round Robins, Tournaments
63	1234	More pickleball courts
64	1238	Pickleball courts
65	1239	More pickleball courts
66	1242	Organized pickleball times/ tournament
67	1246	playing pickleball with other people
68	1248	Dedicated pickleball courts
69	1250	Safe parking, clean restrooms, pickleball
70	1252	If there was a pickleball complex with a dozen or more dedicated covered lighted pickleball courts.
71	1253	Pickleball
72	1258	DEDICATED INDOOR & OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS. We have a huge community already and it's the fastest growing sport in the country. Take a look at P&R depts all over the country providing pickleball courts to communities. We play ALL YEAR, ALL AGES, ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. Thanks!
73	1262	A dedicated pickleball facility

**Are there any recreation activities that you or members of your household would like to see more of in Seattle?**

125 of 1084 answers mention pickleball

	#	RESPONSES
1	1	Pickleball
2	3	Outdoor pickleball courts and indoor court times
3	4	PICKLEBALL!!!
4	5	Pickleball courts
5	9	Pickleball opportunities
6	13	PICKLEBALL COURTS
7	15	Pickleball tournament
8	19	Pickleball
9	20	Pickleball- expanded hours
10	21	pickle ball
11	22	Pickleball
12	24	Pickle ball
13	26	Pickelball

14	27	More access to pickleball for retirees
15	29	Pickle ball
16	30	Pickleball
17	33	Pickleball
18	34	pickle ball
19	36	Pickleball
20	37	more pickleball exclusive courts
21	39	Pickleball for seniors
22	40	pickle ball
23	41	Sports like pickleball trounaments and courts to play.
24	43	Pickleball Tournaments indoor and outdoor
25	44	Pickleball, indoor & outdoor
26	47	Pickleball
27	54	pickleball
28	116	Availability of pickleball courts, especially dedicated, indoor courts
29	117	Pickleball
30	118	Pickle Ball -- indoor and outdoor!! :=)
31	127	Pickle ball
32	128	Pickleball
33	139	Bocce, pickle ball, yard games, live music, good trucks, outdoor at activities
34	155	Pickleball
35	156	We need a lot more pickleball courts, both indoor and outdoor, and at more times and places, as more older adults and as more younger adults start playing this fastest growing sport in America.
36	185	More pickleball courts throughout city. Lines for pickleball on tennis courts so that they can be multiuse. Perhaps a pickleball center like they have in Kent. More outdoor courts.
37	209	Pickleball
38	240	More Pickleball
39	242	More outside pickleball courts for play.
40	245	Pickle ball
41	253	Continued operation of golf courses, hiking trails, pickle ball
42	266	Yes, Pickle Ball! An excellent multicultural, multigenerational form of exercise.
43	285	Pickleball
44	296	Pickle ball
45	299	Geared to seniors. Pickleball is becoming popular with younger folks, making it harder for seniors to participate
46	371	Pickleball
47	393	tennis courts or pickle ball courts
48	517	pickle ball and badmitten
49	588	pickle ball
50	598	Bocci ball courts, hiking trails, pickle ball
51	673	new hiking trails in the greenbelts, pull up bars/stretching areas at more parks, pickle ball, outdoor ping pong. volley ball.
52	675	Pickleball, hiking/walking

53	694	Better field conditions to enable the current set of activities to be conducted. Maybe more pickle ball opportunities, but that is much lower priority than making existing facilities more durable (e.g., better drainage, synthetic turf instead of grass).
54	727	Pickle ball
55	771	pop-up festivals; free clinics (tennis, pickle ball, yoga, art, etc.); neighborhood socials (not all for kids)
56	778	Pickleball courts
57	780	Pickleball
58	783	Swimming and pickle ball
59	791	Pickel ball
60	822	Pickleball (courts & classes/leagues), workout classes, movie nights
61	854	Indoor and outdoor pickleball, dedicated outdoor (and indoor) courts
62	905	Pickleball courts
63	963	Pickleball
64	964	Pickleball
65	967	More love to ultimate and pickleball!
66	968	Pickleball
67	972	Pickleball
68	974	Pickleball in the evening and weekends
69	975	Pickleball
70	979	Indoor/ outdoor pickleball courts
71	980	Pickleball
72	982	Pickleball
73	984	Pickleball
74	986	Dedicated pickleball courts with outdoor lights
75	987	More available pickleball courts and times to play
76	991	More Pickleball courts, indoor or covered courts!
77	992	Pickleball
78	993	Pickleball
79	994	Pickleball
80	995	Pickleball
81	996	Pickleball, volleyball
82	997	morning pickleball
83	998	Pickleball
84	1000	pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor)
85	1004	Pickleball
86	1006	Pickleball
87	1007	P Ball Courts
88	1008	Pickleball
89	1010	pickleball--a 3 generation sport and very inexpensive
90	1013	More dedicated Pickleball courts. Staff members not biased to favor tennis.
91	1018	PICKLEBALL. The fastest growing sport has already outgrown the provided times and space. Time THINK BIGGER with the growing community
92	1023	Pickleball courts
93	1024	Pickle ball
94	1028	Pickleball

95	1032	We would like to see more pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor which don't have to be shared with tennis players)
96	1033	pICKLEBALL
97	1034	Pickle ball
98	1035	Outdoor Pickleball
99	1036	Pickleball
100	1037	Pickleball
101	1038	Pickleball
102	1039	Pickleball, soccer, dance, knitting groups
103	1040	Pickleball!!!
104	1041	Pickleball
105	1044	Pickleball courts with nets
106	1047	Pickleball
107	1048	Pickleball outdoor covered year round and more pickleball court time indoors at community centers and designated indoor pickle ball facility..central location ample parking
108	1049	Pickleball
109	1054	Pickleball
110	1056	Pickleball Courts
111	1058	More Pickleball Courts
112	1060	Pickleball for indoors and outside true pickle ball courts
113	1061	Pickleball
114	1062	Pickleball
115	1063	Pickleball
116	1064	Pickleball
117	1065	Pickleball
118	1066	Pickleball day and evening, indoor and outdoor, weekdays and weekends.
119	1070	Pickleball
120	1072	Pickleball
121	1074	Pickleball - need more courts
122	1076	Pickleball
123	1077	Pickleball
124	1080	PICKLEBALL - we need dedicated courts!
125	1084	Pickleball - dedicated indoor and outdoor facilities

**Are there any additional drop-in activities you'd like to see? Suggest another!**

44 of 545 answers mention pickleball

	#	RESPONSES
1	10	More Pickleball!!!
2	12	More pickelball
3	14	Pickleball
4	16	more pickleball
5	17	Evening Pickleball

6	19	pickle ball
7	20	more pickle ball
8	21	Senior Gentle Pickleball
9	22	Pickleball
10	28	Pickleball
11	67	Pickleball
12	84	Pickleball
13	102	senior sports - table tennis or pickle ball for older folks please
14	142	Pickleball
15	183	pickleball drop ins specifically for beginners
16	267	Pickle Ball
17	289	more pickle ball
18	337	Pickle ball for all ages
19	356	More pickleball
20	378	Pickleball outdoors
21	474	More pickleball indoor/outdoor
22	482	More pickleball
23	485	Pickleball
24	487	More indoor pickleball play times
25	488	Outdoor Pickleball
26	490	Pickleball locations
27	491	more hours for indoor pickleball
28	493	More pickleball
29	497	pickleball all day long
30	500	More Pickleball events
31	503	Pickleball Pickleball Pickleball
32	507	Pickle ball
33	513	Pickleball
34	517	more pickleball
35	519	Pickleball
36	521	More pickleball times at Comm. Centers
37	526	daytime pickleball, and pickleball for youth times
38	529	Pickleball
39	530	Even more pickleball!
40	533	Indoor pickleball courts the community centers. Times during the early afternoon
41	538	Pickleball evenings and weekends
42	539	Pickleball
43	540	More pickleball
44	542	Pickleball for ALL of us who work, so weekday evenings and weekends. Too many CC's have pickleball during weekday hours only.

**What could we do to improve our community centers?**

40 of 261 answers mention pickleball

	#	RESPONSES
1	1	More pickleball courts
2	2	Add more pickle ball hours in the a.m., they currently have been changed and it was a thoughtless move
3	3	Add dedicated pickleball courts
4	9	Increase pickleball schedule
5	10	increase pickleball court times and more outdoor courts
6	12	Evening Pickleball
7	14	More pickleball lined courts and available times.
8	32	More dedicated/shared pickleball courts and hours.
9	48	Add more indoor and outdoor dropin
10	54	More pickleball
11	73	Increase number and days for pickleball play at more community centers. Play is now very crowded. We need more lined outdoor pickleball courts.
12	79	Develop neighborhood specific planning--QA needs a new community center with Pickle Ball courts.
13	80	Please add dedicated Pickleball courts for a sport that is sweeping the nation and can be played by people ages 10 to 99.
14	84	Pickleball
15	187	more PICKLEBALL
16	188	Add more pickleball hours, and create more locations for pickleball so that players of different 8/13/2019 8:14 PM SPR Strategic Plan Survey 185 / 233 skill levels can find participants at their own level of play.
17	198	More Pickleball courts
18	216	Add pickleball time and frequency
19	220	Pickleball
20	221	more pickleball courts/times
21	222	Add more adult Pickleball hours.
22	223	Add more indoor Pickleball playtimes
23	224	Covered outdoor Pickleball courts
24	225	more days and hours for pickleball
25	226	more pickleball
26	228	More pickleball
27	231	More pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor, and longer hours for the courts that are available, are desparately needed -- waiting times to play are ridiculous
28	234	More evening events for Pickleball
29	237	Offer more pickleball
30	240	More drop in Pickleball times or dedicated courts
31	241	Offer more pickleball play times
32	242	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL LOTS OF COURTS, LOTS OF HOURS
33	244	more pickleball
34	245	More pickleball courts
35	246	Pickleball
36	247	increase picklball hours and days and coordinate among area Comm. Cntrs. ie..NE Seattle, W seattle Central and South end Comm. cntrs so daily choices for all levels of recreational play.

37	252	add pickleball for youth, and more daytime
38	253	Add More Pickleball Courts
39	258	Have more pickleball during winter weekends and evening. Maintain consistent pickleball times. Treat pickleball players as first class citizens.
40	259	Offer pickleball on nights and weekends. Some CC's have staff who are consistently rude and unprofessional (not always to me, but I've witnessed it more times than I can count).

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	#	RESPONSES
1	12	More pickleball courts, more hours
2	13	More and better pickelball courts
3	20	Increase pickle ball courts and times. It works for all ages, all cultures, and creates community and fitness
4	21	Expand indoor pickle ball, especially in the evening, for those of us who work during the day and can get there in the daytime.
5	22	by and large, our parks and facilities are great. But I am an avid pickleballer and I think our facilities could be better. Fastest growing sport in US
6	23	Dedicated pickleball courts - a sport that can be played by most everyone
7	24	Keep the senior pickle ball program going as strong as ever.
8	26	Provide programs specifically designed for age groups and skill levels, i.e. Senior pickleball for beginners and/or lower skill levels.
9	27	Make available more dedicated pickleball lined courts and times.
10	29	Add more area dedicated to a pickleball center, at least 8-16 courts for pickleball play, classes and tournaments.
11	92	Don't restrict the sports that are popular, like pickleball!
12	94	Pickleball was invented on Bainbridge island. It's the fastest growing sport in the nation played by all ages. Seattle should be the Pickleball Capital of the World, with world class venues.
13	95	You do a great job already. However, it would be nice to have a CC in the Wallingford area, and dedicated outdoor Pickle Ball courts (aside from Green Lake's), and include more indoor Pickle Ball court hours at existing CCs. Thank you!
14	103	Promote intergenerational sports such as pickleball.
15	131	My big idea is to build a separate pickleball facility, perhaps a combo of indoor and outdoor courts, that would be available 24 hours per day for pickleball, and that would be large enough to host major tournaments (that would help offset the cost of the facility). This is needed because of the huge increase in pickleball players, particularly the younger aged ones who are converting from tennis that they played in high school or college to pickleball.

16	154	Really interested in more outdoor pickleball courts spread throughout city. All tennis courts should have lines for multiple use. Pickleball center like Amy Yee has for tennis.
17	176	develop dedicated clusters of pickleball courts throughout the city and a year round indoor/outdoor pickleball facility which can accommodate several tournaments as well as league and daily drop in play.
18	209	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in U.S. Seattle is woefully behind in adequately providing opportunities for play for the thousands of players, both young and old, in Seattle. Build outdoor courts - we will play. Tennis courts now are often not used. Pickleball has supplanted tennis as the most popular paddle / racquet sport, and the discrepancy in popularity is growing every year. Seattle needs to plan now for the future and convert some tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts, while also lining more courts for pickleball.
19	237	I would like to see Pickleball receive the attention it deserves. As a former Seattle Schools physical education specialist, I can assure you that Pickleball can be played and enjoyed by anyone age ten and above. I would like to see community centers promote the sport as an after school activity with tournaments and leagues forming throughout the city. Please recognize and support the growing popularity of Pickleball.
20	245	Lighted outdoor pickleball courts
21	263	Pickleball courts with lights and covering to enable play all year round. Lessons, clubs, multigenerational groups. Pickleball can bring a community together! It's the fastest growing sport in the country and originated in the Northwest -- let's embrace it and bring people of all ages, races, ethnicities, etc together! There's nothing like it.
22	335	off leash dog park on the sound. Lowman beach park!!!! Put pickle ball there too!!!!
23	561	More Pickleball/Table Tennis areas, and more trails for hiking/walking, more upkeep on existing trails.
24	648	The entire pickleball community has been looking for a complex with 12 courts that are covered so that we could play when the weather isn't so friendly. We have been facing unmaintained courts and a very limited volume of courts (without using costly concrete tape for lines and using portable nets brought by players) there are more than 50 players every Saturday and Sunday lined up to play but with only two dedicated courts it's a challenge to not have long waits for a game. Other cities across the country have begun building pickleball complexes and are exploding with popularity. <a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2338334796215126&amp;id=612055942176362&amp;sfnsn=mo">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2338334796215126&amp;id=612055942176362&amp;sfnsn=mo</a> This is just one of many that are happening everywhere but here. The demand and player base are continually growing including all genders, races, and ages. We need a place to play and I truly hope to see this happen in the near future while there's still space in the city.
25	801	Pickleball is a more inclusive activity than tennis. It's a very connecting type sport, it's easier for different levels to play together, it's much faster to learn and Also one of the fastest growing sports and seems to have a wider band of ages that play together.
26	807	Hiking paths, public beaches and more pickleball courts
27	808	I'm finding that the groups that used to be brought together through tennis now have switched to Pickleball. Older tennis courts are underused and the too few PB courts are too crowded. Changing times. Changing courts.
28	812	Bike walking trails. Outdoor pickleball courts with coverings.
29	814	Pickleball community in Seattle is huge and getting bigger by the day. We need to have a dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts with outdoor lights and chain link fence.

		Smaller towns around the nation have supported their Pickleball community and built them dedicated Pickleball courts. Seattle is a very big city, not to mention that the sport of Pickleball was invented here, and we do not have our own dedicated Pickleball courts. All around the nation, their respective city council, city parks, have listened to their community' need and gave them their dedicated Pickleball courts. We need it here in Seattle. We do not have the facilities to accommodate the growing popularity of this sport. This sport is for the whole family, all ages and for everyone.
30	817	Large outdoor covered Pickleball courts with plenty of free parking. Fastest growing sport in the world
31	818	Covered and permanently installed or lined pickleball courts, very social all inclusive game. We often invite people watching to play and they then become regulars and bring more friends!
32	819	Seattle needs at least one location with multiple (8 to 12) dedicated pickleball courts. Covered would be nice.
33	821	Being more noticeable for being the birthplace of Pickleball! Having more places to play. It's such a great sport for all ages and athletic abilities and brings families n friends together on so many levels. And a fairly affordable sport to play. It's gaining more popularity than tennis and should have the same or even more court availability. Beautiful pball courts also esthetically make parks also look really nice!
34	822	Providing more indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities with 12+ dedicated courts provides all members of the community of all different ages and walks of life the ability to connect socially and get exercise at the same time. It's been an absolute life-changer for me, my wife, son and friends.
35	824	Seattle needs at least one, and preferably several, major dedicated pickleball venues, both indoor and outdoor, so that folks can play both during the day and evening, and so the city can host leagues, classes, and tournaments, including major tournaments that will bring hundreds, if not thousands of people to the city. Pickleball is played by folks of all ages from kids to men and women in their 90s and is a tremendous activity that fulfills the mission of SPR. Pickleball participation is exploding across the country, and in Seattle, but it is being inhibited here by the lack of facilities and short hours for the available courts.
36	826	There has been such an increase in.pickleball that faculties have become crowded. Would love to see additional times added, especially on weekends, as many people work.
37	827	lots of dedicated, lighted pickleball courts outdoors and dedicated ones indoors. Fastest growing sport in the USA. 3 generations. very inexpensive to play.
38	830	Support the demand of the increased growth of pickleball. More opportunities to play pickleball, dedicated courts
39	834	Dedicated Pickleball facility with lights and at least 12-16 courts. Some covered included. It could easily become one of the most attractive venues to host tournaments and gather visitors from all over the world. Not to mention the year round daily play it would offer to the growing community of Pickleball
40	837	Offer more indoor and outdoor pickleball options, weekdays during the morning and afternoon all year long. I play often and at different locations in the greater Seattle area and its a growing sport. Also when you do offer more locations and times, be sure to offer recreation level and intermediate/advanced level sessions so people will play with others they feel most comfortable with.

41	842	Please look into building a dedicated Pickleball facility with indoor and outdoor courts. The sport builds community and can be played by a wide range of physical abilities.
42	845	Build an indoor and outdoor pickleball facility which is open to all ages which offers open play for different levels, can host national tournaments, viewing area, teaching lessons, offering times for mixed/all ages as well as special age groups (separate kids, families, adults, seniors). Pickleball is a sport which is exponentially growing all over the world and easy to learn. A great activity for people of all ethnicities and cultures to get together, meet new people, have fun AND exercise. Single (and/or shy) people don't have to make arrangements but can just show up, put their paddle in line and will automatically be included in a game. I can't think of an easier way to put yourself out there, get to know people if you are new in the area (or visiting), make friends while exercising and having fun at the same time! PLEASE consider helping to facilitate and grow this amazing sport!
43	846	TONS OF PICKLEBALL, LOTS OF HOURS, AVAILABLE INDOOR AND OUT FOR ALL AGES.
44	849	More pickleball courts and more off leash areas
45	850	- We need to keep all indoors courts in community centers, add outdoors and indoor courts on outdoor surface (similar to Sandpoint tennis center). Would be great if facility is size of Sandpoint center to accommodate tournaments and multi level play. * Play time would be great at any time of the day, sessions that are at least 3 hours long, in the morning, afternoon, evening or all day long to accommodate all busy schedules * weekend play and during school vacations schedule should not be changed * It great game for any age group, seniors love it and it should be available to seniors or should available to children, young adults, and adults too * How many pickleball courts should be available in each outdoor location - at least 4 courts, preferably 8-12. Ideally pickleball complex similar to AmyYee tennis center or Sandpoint * In 12 years from now, we'll have four times as many pickleball players as we currently have Seattle many more courts should be build/converted to accommodate the growth
46	851	Pickleball
47	853	By now you know that Pickleball is THE fastest growing sport for all ages in US and the world..it will be a sport in a future Olympics. Seattle needs to cultivate and support this by building covered. lit out door courts to play year round and host international tournaments. Reinstate charging for indoor drop in (extra fees for out of city limits people and use this \$ to match with city \$\$ to build the courts.
48	857	Some dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. It be great if they were covered. Fastest growing sport do we need more courts.
49	861	An indoor pickleball venue like the Amy Yee tennis center.
50	862	GET MORE PICKLEBALL... include times for youth to play at specific courts
51	863	More Pickleball Courts
52	867	Seattle and surrounding cities don't realize how big Pickleball has become. The existing facilities are very poor and very few. I just moved here from Salt Lake City and they've responded with putting in many new dedicated courts to accommodate the sport's growth. I'd love to see Seattle step up and do the same. New indoor and outdoor facilities would be great to see show up all around King County.
53	868	Pickleball courts w nets etc
54	869	By creating 12+ dedicated pickleball courts that have lights. With such a fast growing game and 8/9/2019 5:04 PM SPR Strategic Plan Survey 233 / 233 severely crowded

		courts (I.e. Greenlake), Seattle is behind the times when it comes to pickleball. More courts= more play. Most communist center pickleball times are during the day and do not benefit those of us who work.
55	871	Pickleball access.
56	874	Encourage outdoor activities that can include all ages. Pickleball is a very social game and everyone can play together. It is good for our health and good for the community.
57	876	Indoor/outdoor dedicated pickleball facility with lights for year round play please!
58	878	Dedicated pickleball courts so we don't have to go to shoreline or centralia for big tournaments
59	879	seattle needs a location with at least 10 covered outdoor dedicated pickleball courts
60	883	Dedicated PICKLEBALL courts that are accessible to all residents of the city. Sorry to be redundant, but hundreds of us are passionate about this sport because it is SO inclusive, fun, active, easy to learn, and addicting in all the good ways!
61	888	Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities. More outdoor preschool programs