

VILLAGE OF FOX POINT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026

A. Roll Call

A meeting and public hearing of the Fox Point Village Board was held by a combination of in-person and virtual attendance via telephonic and video conferencing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in Schwemer Hall, 7200 N. Santa Monica Boulevard. Village President Symchych called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked the Village Clerk to take roll call. Roll Call of the Village Board present included:

Village President Christine Symchych
Trustee Greg Ollman
Trustee Elizabeth Aelion
Trustee Mark Freedman
Trustee David Miller
Trustee Max Barry
Trustee Mike McDonagh

Also present were Village Attorney Eric Larson, Village Manager Steve Kreklow, Public Works Director Scott Brandmeier, Village Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Boehm, and Assistant Village Manager Kevin Ausman.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the North Shore Now and to all others as required by State open meetings laws and posted on the official bulletin board at 7200 N Santa Monica Boulevard, as well as the village website, as per 2015 Wisconsin Act 79 and as described in Village Ordinance Chapter 116-2, 116-2(C).

B. Persons Desiring to be Heard

At this time, individuals can address the Village Board on one or more topics for up to three-minutes with time extensions at the Village President's discretion. Citizen comment when agenda items are called will be heard at the discretion of the chair, subject to the overall three-minute limit. In connection with non-agenda items, no action will be taken except for possible referrals to individuals or committees. NOTE: No comments will be heard during this agenda item concerning a pending application for a zoning code amendment, as the appropriate time for such comments will be at the duly noticed public hearing, so that all interested persons can hear the comments and due process is preserved.

a. Sharon Madnek, 8671 North Seneca Road, supports opportunities for enjoyment and recreational gatherings in the community.

b. Carol and Thomas Eling, 7405 North Seneca Road, spoke about their house flooding and options to resolve the problem.

- c. Margaret Keehn, 8650 North Manor Court, spoke in favor of the pool.
 - d. Trey Harnden, 7060 North Yates Road, spoke in favor of the pool.
 - e. Olivia Zambrana Arias, 818 East Portage Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, noting that being outside makes people healthier and happier.
 - f. Jeanine Talsky, 7515 North Links Way, spoke in favor of the pool.
 - g. Beverly Riche, 8675 North Links Way, spoke in favor of the pool.
- Written comments were not read aloud, but are included with these minutes.

C. Committee Reports

a. Plan Commission

Trustee Miller reported that there were 3 items on the Plan Commission agenda. A Conditional Use Permit for Donuts Zone located at 8687 N Port Washington Road was recommended to the Village Board for approval. A request by St. Eugene's Congregation located at 7600 N Port Washington Road was recommended to the Village Board for approval. A motion was denied (3-2) to allow pickleball play at Longacre and Indian Creek because it was determined that not all the standards in the municipal code were met.

b. Centennial Committee (Pg. 6)

D. Public Hearing

- #### **a. Public Hearing on an F Institutional District Request by St. Eugene Congregation to allow a backup generator under Section 745-20 of the Village Code on the property located at 7600 N. Port Washington Road.**

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to open the public hearing at 7:24p.m. regarding the Conditional Use Permit for St. Eugene Congregation located at 7600 N Port Washington Road, to allow a backup generator.

Public Comment - None

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to close the public hearing at 7:26p.m. regarding the Conditional Use Permit for St. Eugene Congregation.

- b. Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Permit request for Donut Zone to operate a restaurant located at 8687 N Port Washington Road as required per Village Code Section 745-18

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to open the public hearing at 7:26p.m. for Donut Zone located at 8687 N Port Washington Road for a Conditional Use Permit.

Public Comment

Beth Gregg, 7414 North Boyd Way, spoke in favor of Donut Zone.

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to close the public hearing at 7:27p.m. for Donut Zone.

- c. Public Hearing on an F Institutional District & Outdoor Recreational Areas and Facilities Request by the Village of Fox Point Under Sections 745-20 and 745-10 for existing court areas at Indian Creek Park (generally located east of Indian Creek Parkway and south of Dean Road, on portions of Tax Keys 0600121000 and 0600122000, and Longacre Park (Tax Key 0969961000).

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to open the public hearing at 7:28p.m. for an F Institutional District & Outdoor Recreational Areas and Facilities Request by the Village of Fox Point Under Sections 745-20 and 745-10 for existing court areas at Indian Creek Park (generally located east of Indian Creek Parkway and south of Dean Road, on portions of Tax Keys 0600121000 and 0600122000, and Longacre Park (Tax Key 0969961000).

Public Comment

Steven Lubar, 7751 North Santa Monica Boulevard, spoke in opposition of the application at the public hearing due to the noise caused by pickleball play and the concern he has with the quiet enjoyment of his property.

Sharon Madnek, 8671 North Seneca Road, was neutral of the application at the public hearing. She supports opportunities for enjoyment and recreational gatherings in the community, but suggests further study is needed.

Amy Barth, 7815 North Boyd Way, spoke in opposition due to the noise caused by the courts, the decrease in home values, and the physical and mental health problems associated with the noise from pickleball play.

Jan Risnick, 7125 North Lombardy Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, stating that pickleball will be a joy and a gain to the community. She recommends that one-half of the court should be dedicated to pickleball and one-half dedicated to

tennis.

Alan Babbitz, 1482 East Lilac Lane, spoke in support of the proposed use, stating that he is an avid pickleball player and would like pickleball courts in the community.

Mike Hupfauf, 503 Dean Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, stating that pickleball has grown by 23% and is one of the fastest-growing activities. The Village should expand its recreational activities to meet the growing demand.

Judy Perola, 7125 North Lombardy Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, noting that she enjoys watching people utilize the park and supports the use of recreational facilities such as pickleball.

Bruce Winter, 120 West Indian Creek Court, spoke in support of the proposed use, stating that it is great to see people outside enjoying themselves. Pickleball will help support outdoor activity.

Richard Winter, 7110 North Yates Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, as he is an avid tennis and pickleball player. Pickleball supports an active and healthy lifestyle.

Mary Backus, 7221 North Lombardy Road, spoke in support of the proposed use and is a pickleball player. She explained that pickleball is for all ages and brings the community together.

Olivia Zombrana, 818 East Portage Road, spoke in support of the proposed use, noting that being outside makes people healthier and happier.

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to close the public hearing at 7:58p.m. regarding pickleball play at Longacre and Indian Creek.

E. Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion without discussion unless any Board member requests that the item be removed for individual discussion and possible action. Any item(s) so removed shall be considered individually prior to consideration of any New Business agenda items in the same order in which they were originally listed in the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Village Board meeting. (Pg. 7-13)

- b. Approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,005,612.89 for the period May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 per the report submitted by the Village Manager. (Pg. 14-29)
- c. Grant the renewals for two "Class A" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses; Walgreen Co, d/b/a, Walgreens #03125, PO Box 901, Deerfield, IL 60015, Amy Dean, premises to be licensed: 8615 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point, WI 53217; Wisconsin CVS Pharmacy, LLC, d/b/a, CVS Pharmacy #8770, One CVS Drive, M/C 1160, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Christine Fritch, Agent, premises to be licensed: 8661 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point, WI 53217, renewals for five "Class B" Beer and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses, Las Cazuelas Fox Point, d/b/a, Las Cazuelas Chilaquiles & Taco Bar, 8617 N Port Washington Rd, Sandy Hurtado, Agent, premises to be licensed: 8617 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point, WI 53217. The Town Club, d/b/a, The Town Club, 7950 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, WI 53217, Corrine L. Kuester, Agent, premises to be licensed: 7950 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, WI 53217. Ginza II Fox Point Inc, d/b/a, Ginza Sushi, 333 W Brown Deer Road, Suite O, Fox Point, WI 53217, Feidi Yang, Agent, premises to be licensed: 333 W Brown Deer Road, Suite O, Fox Point, WI 53217. Fazarri Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a, Calderone Club, 8001 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point, WI 53217, Carmelo Fazzari, Agent, premises to be licensed: 8001 N Port Washington Road, Fox Point, WI 53217. Maxfields, LLC d/b/a, Maxfields Pancake House, 333 W Brown deer Rd, Suite D, Fox Point, WI 53217, and renewal for one Class "B" fermented malt beverage license Wheel & Sprocket, Inc., d/b/a, Wheel & Sprocket, 6940 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, WI 53217, Amelia Lukic-Kegel, Agent, premises to be licensed: 6940 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, WI 53217, per the Village Deputy Clerk's memo dated June 9, 2026, subject to any conditions as noted. (Pg. 30-31)
- d. Grant the Cigarette and Tobacco Product Retail License to the establishment Walgreen Co, d/b/a, Walgreens #03125, located at 8615 North Port Washington Road per the Village Deputy Clerk's memo dated June 9, 2026, subject to any conditions as noted. (Pg. 32)
- e. Adopt Resolution 2026-08 Approving of and Authorizing Submittal of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to the Department of Natural Resources for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Activities.

The Village Board may discuss and approve Resolution 2026-08, a resolution to approve and authorize submittal of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to the Department of Natural Resources for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Activities. (Pg. 33-43)

- f. Accept Change Order No. 1 of Kapur & Associates for additional storm structure improvements
The Village Board will consider and may act on a proposal from the engineering firm Kapur & Associates in the amount of \$7,940 for additional design of storm sewer improvements at Fox Lane (west of Gray Log). (Pg. 44-47)
- g. Affirm agreement with Sunbelt Rentals for installation of temporary air conditioning units. (Pg. 48-49)

A motion by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Barry, and carried by a roll call vote (7-0) to approve the consent agenda.

F. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration and possible action on a request from the North Shore Environmental Health Consortium to Update Chapter 375, Food, Lodging and Recreational Safety and Licensing Code to align local code with current operational costs. (Pg. 50-54)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to adopt the Ordinance to update Chapter 375, Food, Lodging and Recreational Safety and Licensing Code to align local code with current operational costs.

- b. Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution to Adopt Food, Lodging and Recreational Safety and Licensing Fees for the Village of Fox Point (Pg. 55-59)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to adopt a Resolution to adopt Food, Lodging and Recreational Safety and Licensing Fees for the Village of Fox Point.

G. New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-07 of Commendation and Appreciation – Village Forester John Gall

The Village Board will consider and may act on the adoption of the Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation for John Gall, Village Forester. (Pg. 60)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Barry, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to Approve a Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation for Village Forester John Gall.

- b. Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit Application for Donut Zone, Located at 8687 N. Port Washington Road. (Pg. 61-63)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to Approve a Conditional Use Permit for Donut Zone located at 8687 N Port Washington Road.

- c. Consideration of an F Institutional District Request by St. Eugene Congregation to allow a backup generator under Section 745-20 of the Village Code on the property located at 7600 N. Port Washington Road. (Pg. 64-67)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to approve a backup generator under Section 745-20 of the Village Code on the property located at 7600 N. Port Washington Road per the ringings made by the Plan Commission that it meets our core standards.

With unanimous consent the Village Board moved up item i.

- d. Consideration, in proprietary capacity, of whether to proceed with a proposal to allow pickleball at Indian Creek Park (generally located east of Indian Creek and South of Dean Road, on portions of Tax Keys 0600121000 and 0600122000), and Longacre Park (Tax Key 09699610000). (Pg. 68-69)

Motion by Trustee Freedman, seconded by Trustee Aelion, and carried by roll call vote (6-1, Ollman opposed), to approve the submittal of the application to allow pickleball at Indian Creek Park and Longacre Park.

- e. Consideration of an F Institutional District & Outdoor Recreational Areas and Facilities Request by the Village of Fox Point Under Sections 745-20 and 745-10 for existing court areas at Indian Creek Park (generally located east of Indian Creek Parkway and south of Dean Road, on portions of Tax Keys 0600121000 and 0600122000, and Longacre Park (Tax Key 0969961000). (Pg. 70-82)

A motion by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion and carried by roll call vote (7-0) to direct staff to get cost estimates for striping the courts, nets, and a timeline and prepare a Conditional Use Permit to include the following: The Conditional Use approval is limited to the Petitioner for the property located at Longacre and Indian Creek for the following uses: construction and maintenance of pickleball courts, in accordance with plans, documents, and specifications presented to the Village of Fox Point on June 9, 2026, which must comply with the Village Recreational Facilities Ordinance.

The Conditional Use approval is subject to the hours of operation for pickleball activities being restricted to: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Longacre and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Indian Creek.

Pickleball play at Longacre and Indian Creek is prohibited on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Four pickleball courts are allowed at Longacre.

Two pickleball courts are allowed at Indian Creek.

Signage must be posted and the pickleball rules must be approved by the Village Board.

The Petitioner shall not install or use outdoor lights on the pickleball courts.

The pickleball courts shall only be used from May 1 through September 30 of each year.

With the exception of emergencies (such as storm warnings), there will be no sound amplification system used on or near the pickleball courts.

- f. The Village Board will receive a report from the Director of Public Works on a proposal to evaluate storm water flooding and improvements throughout the Village and may authorize staff to proceed with solicitation of proposals to undertake the analysis. (Pg. 83-87)

Director of Public Works Scott Brandmeier gave a stormwater report.

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to direct staff to move forward to evaluate stormwater flooding and improvements throughout the Village and proceed with solicitation of proposals to undertake the analysis.

- g. Accept the proposal of Kapur & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$30,150 for the televising of approximately 5,000 linear feet of storm sewers and 50 structures and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk/Treasurer to sign the contract per the Director of Public Works' memorandum dated June 1, 2026. (Pg. 88-91)

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to approve the proposal of Kapur & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$30,150 for the televising of approximately 5,000 linear feet of storm sewers and 50 structures and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk/Treasurer to sign the contract per the Director of Public Works' memorandum dated June 1, 2026.

- h. Report on Updated Pool Cost Estimates and Potential Property Tax Impact of Pool, and Consideration and Possible Action Concerning Next Steps. (Pg. 92-98)

Village Manager Steve Krewlow gave a report regarding the cost of the pool. Kate Battle asked for a referendum regarding funding the pool.

Citizen Comments:

Larry Booth, 220 East Clovernook Lane, spoke against the pool.

David Petering, 7229 North Santa Monica Blvd, spoke in favor of the pool.
Ben Seigel, 548 East Fox Dale Court, spoke in favor of the pool and asked for resources to be used year round as well.
Amy Barth, 7815 North Boyd Way, spoke against the pool.
Mary Beth Mills, 1811 East Dean Road, spoke in favor of the pool.
Kendra Angarola, 7111 North Lombardy Road, spoke in favor of the pool.
Ashley O'Connor, 385 East Daphne Road, spoke in favor of the pool.

The Board had a discussion about the pool. They conducted a straw vote on:

1. Reconsider lower-cost pool options. All voted no.
2. Analyze potential pool operating costs and revenues and calculate the associated property tax impact. All voted yes.
3. Explore possible partnerships for operation of a pool and identify financial implications. All voted yes.
4. Develop a plan for Village facilities on Santa Monica Boulevard, including analysis of logistics and staging for Village Hall replacement or expansion and pool construction to identify potential cost savings. Barry, Ollman, Aelion, Freedman voted no. Miller, Symchych, McDonagh voted yes.
5. Identify alternative recreational uses for the available space and develop conceptual cost estimates. Symchych, McDonagh voted yes. Barry, Ollman, Miller, Aelion, Freedman voted no.
6. Review the impact of a pool project, along with several upcoming large capital projects, on Village debt levels and the debt service levy. Aelion voted maybe. Barry, Ollman, Miller, Freedman, McDonagh, Symchych voted yes.

The Board would like to know the cost savings of eliminating up the drive garbage pick up and what would it cost to enhance the community center portion of the pool plan.

- i. Review and Possible Approval of a Site Plan for Exterior modifications at Las Cazuelos Restaurant at 8617 Port Washington Road. (Pg. 99-105)

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Freedman, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to approve a site plan for exterior modifications without string lighting at Las Cazuelos Restaurant located at 8617 Port Washington Road.

H. Future Agenda Items

The Village Board will act on any Trustee requests to place additional matters on an upcoming agenda, without discussion.

None

I. Announcements

The following individuals will be given the opportunity to make announcements at the meeting in regard to (i) actions taken since the previous Village Board meeting on behalf of the Village, (ii) future Village activities and (iii) communications received from citizens. These matters will not be discussed or acted on, and Board members shall not comment on matters announced by others. Referrals may be made to committees and/or individuals.

a. Village President Symchych

President Symchych meet President Bill Clinton and he thanked her for her service.

b. Trustee Ollman

Nicolet High School varsity baseball team is going to the state championship game.

c. Trustee Aelion

d. Trustee Freedman

The NorthShore Library has retained an interim COO.

e. Trustee Miller

Thanked the Board for a good discussion during the meeting.

f. Trustee Barry

He is excited about the Centennial on Saturday. There will be a farmers market and free trees.

g. Trustee McDonagh

h. Village Manager Kreklow

The Fox Point Foundation was covered on What's Brewing Milwaukee Channel 4.

J. Adjournment

Motion by Village President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to adjourn the meeting at 11:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boehm
Village Clerk Treasurer

Jennifer Boehm

From: KD <krsa10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:06 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; dmiller@villageodfoxpoint.com; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support the Fox Point Pool

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Karen Dunst

Jennifer Boehm

From: Amy Fussman <ae0822@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support the pool

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I am writing to express that our family would 100% support a new pool in Fox Point. We moved here from Minnesota in 2014 and one of the main reasons we chose this neighborhood is because of the pool.

We were regulars before the pool was closed.

Our kids have grown up and are at the age that they could ride their bikes to the pool, which was always such a huge draw for this area.

Please let me know if there are any questions I can address for this group. Thank you very much for your support and for pushing for this great amenity for Fox Point.

Amy Fussman

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Boehm

From: Amy Hand <amykhand@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 8:56 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Support for FP pool

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for the Fox Point pool and would happily pay higher property taxes for this amenity. Aside from all the obvious benefits of a pool, given that FP doesn't have a walkable "Main Street" or business district, one thing that is really appealing to me about the pool is that it would become a place that many kids and families could walk to.

Best,
Amy Hand

Jennifer Boehm

From: Aaron Callender <acallender2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:54 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: We support the pool

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We have long wanted a new pool and Mr. Kreklow's chart makes it readily apparent that we both want and can afford the modest pool tax.

Thank you, Aaron and Janet Callender

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Aaron Callender

Jennifer Boehm

From: Dave Minerath <dave.minerath@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 11:12 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool reconstruction

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Good morning,

Seeing all these rather large numbers regarding the pool reconstruction compels me to ask if the pool project is aiming for a facility in excess of what the community really wants/needs/can afford.

After reading Mr. Kreklow's memo in the upcoming village meeting agenda, I continue to support the new pool; however, based on the low fundraising support so far, think the current plan doesn't align with the the desires of the majority of the village population.

I support a change to the pool plan that matches what we had before; a scaled-back, dedicated pool facility for use during pool season. I would also support setting a goal of groundbreaking for the new pool to commence on or before February 1, 2027 with a stretch goal of having the new facility ready for use by June 15, 2027. Select a design that needs the needs and financial ability of the village, award the contract, and go before support for the pool starts to fade.

Thanks,
Dave

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Dave Minerath
dave.minerath@mac.com
KD9YYI

Jennifer Boehm

From: Cheane Sartler <cheane@salonhoneycomb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:08 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support the pool

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I support the fox point pool

Jennifer Boehm

From: Kathleen Saggio <saggiokd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 12:14 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: pool

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I completely support the pool plans.
Kathleen Saggio

Jennifer Boehm

From: andrew curtis <andrew.curtis.mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:30 PM
To: Steve Kreklow; Christine Symchych
Subject: Pool support

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I support the fox point pool. Fox point should be treated like a community, not a product. We should be funding pools, parks, schools, and we should not be giving away the people of fox point's resources to greedy and unoriginal developers.

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Boehm

From: Lauren Marquardt <ljmarquardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:41 PM
To: Christine Symchych; David Miller; Elizabeth Aelion; Greg Ollman; Max Barry; Mark Freedman; Mike McDonagh; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox point pool

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I support the fox point pool. Hoping we can come up with a solution to bring a pool back to the community. Children need a place to learn to swim and it is a great summer gathering place for everyone. Maybe we should re-evaluate the size and scope if that will help decrease the budget but still allow for the pool.

Lauren Curtis
164 E Bradley Rd

Jennifer Boehm

From: Chris Callender <ortytwo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:46 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: pool

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Hello Steve

Just a quick note to say my husband and I support the pool.

We live at 319 E Macarthur Rd. and would love to see a pool in this neighborhood.

Jennifer Boehm

From: Nomi Monosov <nomi47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:59 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox point pool

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We support the Fox point pool.

Naomi + Nicholas Tenuta
(Fox point residents @ 7845 N Boyd Way)

Jennifer Boehm

From: Nicholas Tenuta <ntenuta@turicianolaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:03 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool

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Good afternoon,

My name is Nicholas Tenuta, I am of resident of Fox Point (7845 N Boyd Way). I write this email to express my support of the Fox Point Pool.

Best Regards,

Nicholas C. Tenuta, Esq.
Turiciano Law S.C.
4114 Chestnut Avenue
Delavan, WI 53115
Cell (262) 914-6370
ntenuta@turicianolaw.com

Jennifer Boehm

From: Jennifer Larson <ingramartworks1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 12:45 PM
To: Christine Symchych; David Miller; Elizabeth Aelion; Greg Ollman; Max Barry; Mark Freedman; Mike McDonagh; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Neighborhood priority

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Dear village board,

As a Fox Point resident, the pool is top of my family's list of priorities. Please continue working with the pool committee to find a more realistic way forward so that families in this neighborhood can enjoy an amenity that was taken away from us. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Larson

Jennifer Boehm

From: Caterina Westfahl <caterinawestfahl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 3:20 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support pool fox point

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Hi,
Please note our support to open the pool in Fox Point Ekaterina Vargas 591 e fox Dale rd Gene Arov 250 W Bergen Ct

Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Boehm

From: Cayla Callahan <cayla1285@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 3:24 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool

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I live at 7416 N Bell Rd and I am in support of the proposed tax grid to help finance the pool. The pool was such an integral part of my childhood and then teenage years/early twenties as I worked there. I can only hope my kids and other families in the area can experience the joy the pool brought so many people.

Thank you.
Cayla Schweitz Callahan

Jennifer Boehm

From: Katherine Conrad <katherine.ann.conrad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:27 AM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support the pool

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My family supports the pool - thank you!

Jennifer Boehm

From: Matthew Larson <MLarson@directs.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:37 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: I Support the Fox Point Pool!

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Dear Fox Point Village Board,

Before the board meeting on Tuesday, I just wanted to write to you to express my support for the building of a new pool/multi-use facility in the Village of Fox Point, and using public funds to do so!

My family moved here in 2020 and immediately found the pool to be a wonderful place to get together with neighbors and to meet new people. It was a gut punch when we learned that the old pool would be closing down.

In the subsequent six years, as I'm sure you've seen yourselves, the community has changed a great deal, with new, young families moving in all the time. I hope we can all come together, in the spirit of health and camaraderie, to rebuild a pillar of the community that gives us so much in so many ways!

Sincerely,
Matthew Larson
7420 N Santa Monica Blvd

Jennifer Boehm

From: Terry Worth <terry@worthrealty.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 12:24 PM
To: Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow; Christine Symchych
Cc: Kate Battle
Subject: This is how a Village pulls together the community and orchestrates a plan.
Attachments: Men falls vision 1.pdf; Men falls vision.pdf; men falls park campaign.jpg

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For the pool to truly come together the village needs to take the lead. A group of volunteers can assist but in a major project like this it needs the full support of the village as the lead or the community and or outside donors don't feel the village wants it. I have attached a page from the vision of the Village of Menomonee Falls which was a part of their 122-page Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan from 2016-2020. I have also attached the page for the layout of their Village Park along with a picture of campaign sign recognizing donors. You will see below how the Village spearheaded this project. Donors were highlighted on news stations, online, in papers also. It also outlines how their 5-year plan eligibility for a variety of grant and funding opportunities from the Wisconsin DNR and other State agencies. They have updated their plan for 2025-2030 with another 126-page report.

The 2018 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update envisioned transforming Village Park into a vibrant downtown destination. The plan aimed to accommodate community events, create a "Special Purpose Park" area, and provide direct benefits to the entire Menomonee Falls community. Core Pillars of the 2018 Vision The updated outdoor recreation plan outlined specific features to reimagine the downtown Village Park: Community Events: Created an open plaza and performance amphitheater for outdoor markets and shows. Appleton Avenue Expansion: Opened the park to Appleton Avenue by acquiring five parcels for a dedicated farmers market pavilion. Recreation: Added a destination play area, a splash pad, and a combination pickleball/tennis court facility. How the Plan Progressed Phase I (2020): Added the amphitheater, a restroom building, a covered gathering area, and event plaza spaces. Phase II (2022-): Transformed the east end of the park by constructing a massive 12,000+ square foot accessible play area and a splash pad. Management: The village established a management agreement with Menomonee Falls Downtown, Inc. to help program and operate the Special Purpose Park space. To see the full details of the plan and how it guides other parks, you can view the official Planning Documents on the village website.

Milwaukee Tool donated \$200,000 for the amphitheater and inclusive play area in Village Park located in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. The donation was a leading contribution to the Discover Village Park Campaign led by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. In recognition of this generous gift, the company received naming rights for the performance stage, which is officially known as the Milwaukee Tool Amphitheater.

<https://www.cbs58.com/news/kohls-donates-100-000-to-help-build-new-splash-pad-at-village-park-in-menomonee-falls>

I looked at Fox point and found a comprehensive plan which outlines the parks or areas in the village. Small paragraph for each park, I see no vision or plan to either maintain or improve. The pool has a 1 page with comments from an online survey. Why would anyone take this project seriously!

I know we are a small village but that does not mean we can't be a great village where people wish to live, play and work. Yes, we were always considered the bedroom community in real estate however your demographics have changed. In the last 10 years the houses have been updated and younger people with kids have moved into the community. You need to change with the times the status quo is no longer valid. The taxes are high mostly because we are Milwaukee County so we need to make it a community people brag about and enjoy, we need to give them something worth it.

Terry Worth
Owner/Manager
414-963-1600 Office
414-687-6406 Cell
terry@worthrealty.com



Chapter 1: Introduction

Menomonee Falls' parks, trails and open spaces provide recreational opportunities, support biodiversity, maintain property values and contribute to the Village's overall character. As Menomonee Falls grows, the development of park and open space areas will continue to be a Village priority. The Village has consistently recognized the provision of adequate and accessible park, recreation and open space facilities as a core planning goal. This goal was recently affirmed in the adopted *2015 Comprehensive Plan Update*.

Purpose of the Plan

The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (hereafter "COR Plan") will serve as a guide to recreation management and development of Village parks, trails and other outdoor public spaces over the next five years. The COR Plan provides direction for outdoor recreation system improvements to ensure that the Village offers quality recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors. The updated COR Plan also provides the Village with a five-year period of eligibility for a variety of grant and funding opportunities from the Wisconsin DNR and other state agencies. This COR Plan is the fifth generation of park and open space plans and will be in effect for the 2016-2020 term. The COR Plan as designed:

- Evaluates existing parks, park facilities and recreational trail networks
- Identifies appropriate level of service standards for park lands and recreation facilities
- Identifies and recommends active and passive outdoor recreational opportunities to address the needs of all residents
- Identifies and recommends improvements to the Village's network of sidewalks and recreational trails

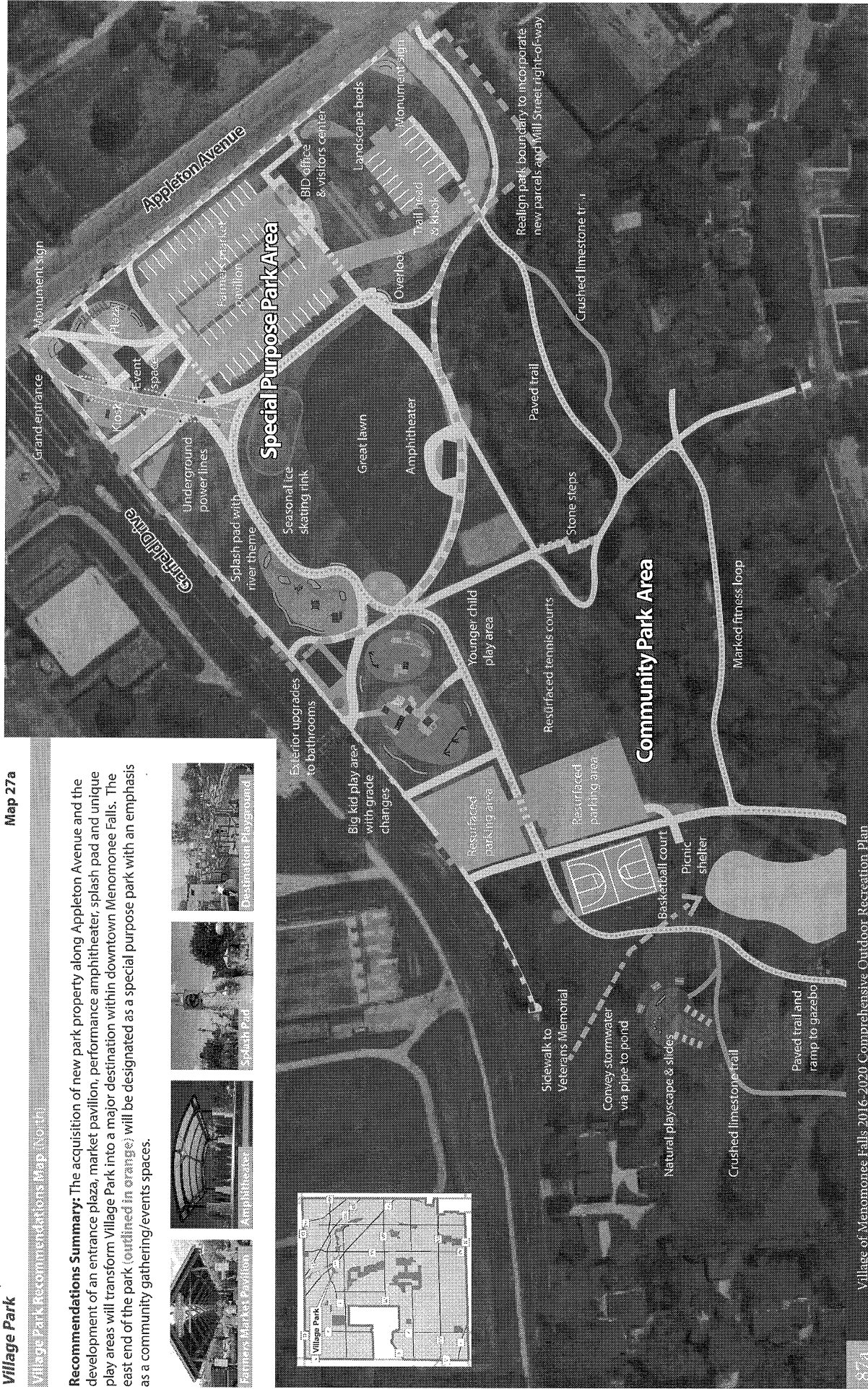
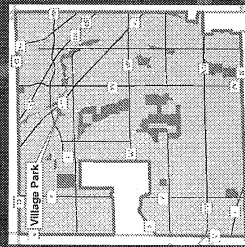


Village Park

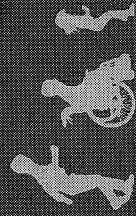
Map 27a

Village Park Recommendations Map (North)

Recommendations Summary: The acquisition of new park property along Appleton Avenue and the development of an entrance plaza, market pavilion, performance amphitheater, splash pad and unique play areas will transform Village Park into a major destination within downtown Menomonee Falls. The east end of the park (outlined in orange) will be designated as a special purpose park with an emphasis as a community gathering/events spaces.



Discover Village Park Campaign



Discover Village Park Campaign

In 2022, our community came together to donate over \$1 million to the Discover Village Park Campaign in support of the All Children's Play Area. The Village of Menomonee Falls gratefully acknowledges these contributions to Village Park and to the future of our children.

Legacy – \$100,000+

Froedert & Medical College of Wisconsin
Kohl's
Milwaukee Tool
Harvey and Cindy Neu

Visionary – \$50,000 – \$99,999

Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation
Jim and Cathy Hazzard
NJB Ventures
Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls
Dennis and Kathy Pollard

Champion – \$10,000 – \$49,999

Ackerel Family Charitable Fund
Alto-Shaam
Dick and Jayne Becker Family
The Chamber of Greater Menomonee Falls & Sussex
Larry and Marcia Hebring
JBJ Companies, Inc.
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Tim and Lisa Kelley
Jim and Julie Lenahan
Moore Construction Services
Eric, Angie and Ben Nelson
Tim and Terri Newman
Llew and Alice Tietz Family
James H. and Lynn E. Zindt

Leader – \$5,000 – \$9,999

Family of Jim and Glen Barbera
Larry and Jan Barbera
Bradley Corporation
Player's Pub
Chick-fil-A of Menomonee Falls
Flitzsimmons Family
Graco Family
Dan and Carrie Hart

Partner – \$1,000 – \$4,999

Fred Blanke and Ann Freudenthal
Community League of Menomonee Falls
Dennis and Jeannine Dederich Family
Don and Julie Elsenhauer Family
Jerry and Sharon Ellis
Fast Signs of Menomonee Falls
Focus Credit Union

DJ's Goalpost Sports Bar & Grill

Rick and Tricia Kohl
Dol and Linda Kreuser
Lemberg Electric Company
Joseph and Sharon Manone
McLaris, Helm, Bertling & Spiegel, S.C.
Todd, Molly, Mary Claire, and Moira Paulus
Mark and Lisa Reed
Dennis and Kathy Schwind

Jennifer Boehm

From: Meg Kissinger <megkissinger57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 2:44 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Cc: margaret Kissinger boynton
Subject: Writing in support of rebuilding the Fox Point pool

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Hello. I'm writing today in support of the pool. My husband, Larry Boynton, and I have lived in Fox Point for 39 years and cherished every day as an ideal place to raise our family. My grandfather, Charles Gutenkunst, was one of the original village trustees! My mother grew up on Club Circle and taught at the Fox Point School under the legendary Peter Stormonth.

Of all the amenities unique to Fox Point, the pool was always a highlight. Long after my children were grown, I loved taking laps in the early evening hours. It was very sad day when the pool was demolished.

I realize that there is a lot of competition for public dollars — particularly after the terrible floods of last August (we had three and a half feet of water in our basement!) and this April. Still, like the skating rink and the 4th of July ice cream, swimming at the pool creates the sense of community that makes Fox Point the desirable place to live that it has so long enjoyed.

I urge you to do all you can to support this effort.

Very truly yours,

Meg Kissinger

Cell: 414-559-0507

<http://megkissinger.com/>

Check out my Substack:

<https://megkissinger.substack.com/>

Jennifer Boehm

From: Laurie Segal <lbsart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:18 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Support for the Fox Point Pool

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We have lived and raised our children in this village for 40 years. We loved having the pool for our children and we totally support the expenditure to build a new one. In this time of loneliness, isolation, too much screen time and a divided country, what we need more than anything is community gathering spaces. And outdoor spaces for kids to play. Please figure out how to make this happen. For the good of the village and its future.

Thank you.

Laurie and Dean Segal
7037 N Lombardy Road

Jennifer Boehm

From: Kay Bokowy <kbokowy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:32 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: pool

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Please move forward on the fox point pool. The tax increase is a lot less than what I pay other municipalities for swim lessons for my kids. I would prefer the money stay in Fox Point. This is an important community investment.

Kay Bokowy
Fox Point Resident

Jennifer Boehm

From: Bryan Neperud <bmneperu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:33 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: I support the pool

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Hello,

I just want to voice my support for rebuilding the Fox Point pool, and I for one would be on board with paying a bit more in property tax to make it happen.

Sincerely,
Bryan Neperud
Fox Point resident since 2013

Jennifer Boehm

From: Michelle Talhami <talhamim888@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:40 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool Support Petition

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Dear Village Board,

I respectfully communicate my support of the Fox Point Pool and would like to see forward movement on this project with support by the Fox Point Village Board. I would love to see a new pool resolution with a more achievable private fundraising goal of \$1 million with clear timelines and defined scenarios. This will give donors confidence that the project is realistic.

In addition, I would like to see the exploration of partnerships with neighbouring communities including Shorewood, Whitefish Bay, Bayside, and Glendale to both share costs and the work of rebuilding the pool together.

Holding a November 2026 referendum provides residents the ability to publicly vote on funding the pool as a community asset and I would encourage this avenue.

My family felt we were taking a chance moving from Shorewood to Fox Point three years ago as we loved so many of the walkable community amenities in our prior neighborhood. One of the primary selling points for us was the ability to walk to the Fox Point Pool from our Fox Point residence to be part of this community. We have access to both outdoor and indoor pools through our health club, but this does not bring us in contact with the local Fox Point community, which leads us to continue to feel the lack of the Fox Point Pool is a substantial loss on the expectation we had for such a valuable community asset when we chose to move to Fox Point three years ago. In addition, this asset demonstrates to other families considering Fox Point that it is a community focused on growth and fostering community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Michelle Talhami

Jennifer Boehm

From: Christine Symchych
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:52 AM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fw: Fox Point Pool -- REMINDER Board discussing Pool TONIGHT

Another one that didn't cc the board.

Christine

From: Carrie O'Connor <maefield26@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Christine Symchych <csymchych@villageoffoxpoint.com>
Subject: Fw: Fox Point Pool -- REMINDER Board discussing Pool TONIGHT

Hi Christine,

I am late in reaching out, but we are so glad that you are continuing at the helm of the Village Board. Thank you for fighting the good fights and for your continued service.

As you recall, I spent three years on the pool task force, so I know the issues. We love Fox Point, and we loved the Fox Point Pool. This is the wrong solution. It doesn't make sense for so many reasons. Let me know if it would be helpful to email the others on the board. Best, Carrie

Carrie McGinley O'Connor
(414)861-2527

From: Kate Battle <savefoxpointpool@ykykkii.createsend7.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:37 AM
To: Carrie McGinley O'Connor <maefield26@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fox Point Pool -- REMINDER Board discussing Pool TONIGHT

The Friends of the Fox Point Pool News

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Jennifer Boehm

From: Tyler Carlson <tylercar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 11:59 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool

I wanted to let you know, as a Fox Point resident since 2013, I want to show my support for the new Fox Point pool. I'm in the prime years of my twin nine-year-old girls' interest in swimming, and it's sad that we no longer have access to an affordable pool membership and a place for them to bike to during the summer. Hopefully, we can get this project to break ground soon and get that pool back for my family and so many others in Fox Point to enjoy.

-Tyler Carlson
7432 N Crossway Rd, Fox Point, WI 53217

Jennifer Boehm

From: Vicki O'Neill <voneill302@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:00 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fwd: Pool future

Apologies, this should have read:

Village Manager Kreklow.

Welcome to Fox Point!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Vicki O'Neill** <voneill302@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2026 at 11:57 AM
Subject: Pool future
To: skreklow@villageoffoxpoint.com <skreklow@villageoffoxpoint.com>

Dear Trustee Kreklow,

As a long time resident of Fox Point, I strongly support a new pool in our Village. I hope that you can work out a viable path forward to bring this back to our community. It provides a place for our children to learn how to swim, a place for families to gather, employment opportunities for our youth, a healthy venue for families to meet, and year round facility opportunities to continue to grow community and the good that Fox Point offers residents. I am in favor of incorporating the cost into our taxes and helping the committed residents get this pool built and operating.

Tosa has done it right and we can too. It is not outside of the possible. Let's show our support tonight and going forward!

Vicki O'Neill
302 East Willow Road

Jennifer Boehm

From: Kyle Shuman <kshuman122@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:46 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Pool Referendum

To the village board and all involved parties, I would like to voice support for the upcoming proposal to fund construction of a community pool. The minor cost to each of us individually is far outweighed by the net gain achieved by providing a safe and accessible location for local residents and families to gather. I urge you to vote yes for the well-being of our community.

Thank you,

Kyle Shuman
707 Juniper Lane

Jennifer Boehm

From: Beth Gregg <bethgregg@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Steve Kreklow; Christine Symchych
Cc: Mark Freedman; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; David Miller
Subject: Fox Point Pool

Dear Village Manager Kreklow and Village President Symchych,

I am writing today to voice my full support for rebuilding the Fox Point Pool. When I moved here ten years ago, the first thing I did was to join with a membership. I spent most Fridays all summer long at the pool, as well as weekends and a few evenings. It was heavenly...especially on very hot days. I kind of enjoyed the retro (ok, original) pool house and the sense of community. I was so disappointed when the pool was permanently closed that I almost cried.

Having said all that, I have been paying attention to the twists and turns concerning the rebuilding of the pool. I attended several meetings, took the survey, and did some research on the prior discussions about what to do to replace it (back as far as 2007). Despite strong support from the residents, the Village Board did drag its heels in regard to the Pool. Many of the former Trustees and the former Manager were disinclined to commit to a new pool or even a location. Because of that, the decision to go forward dragged on until well after the pool closed for good. While I am very appreciative that the current Village Board is committed to the current plan to fundraise half the cost privately, I believe that the hesitancy on the part of the Village in the past has been a factor in getting residents to even pledge to support a new pool.

I am in support of the Village taking full responsibility for construction of the new facility. I was able to review the pertinent documents for tonight's meeting, especially the figures for borrowing the money to build the pool (although the left half of the chart is cutoff on the website copy) and it is clear that most households would not be hugely impacted if the Village was to borrow the entire amount to fund the construction. In addition, I am also not in favor of exploring "alternative recreational uses for the available space" as we've been down this road before and it fuels the feeling that the Board is just dragging its feet again. However, I am in favor of the Board and staff re-evaluating the facilities, including Village Hall with an eye to the future. Let me give you just one example: DPW. Most other North Shore communities have really cut back and/or outsourced many of the DPW functions. City of Glendale has a garbage vendor...who seemingly provides the carts as well. Don't get me wrong, I love that we have these amazing DPW services, but does it make sense for us to build a huge garage when in maybe just a few years from now, we'll be forced to cut back...like everyone else has?

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Beth Gregg

7414 N. Boyd Way

Jennifer Boehm

From: Jonathan Knopp <knoppjonathan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:27 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Cc: Willette Knopp
Subject: new pool

To the Fox Point Village Board,

I support the pool. There are various compelling reasons (previously outlined to the board) for building a new pool in Fox Point.

Jonathan Knopp
8203 N. Regent Rd.

Jennifer Boehm

From: E Hud <esobrien10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 11:20 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Initiatives

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Mr. Kreklow and Members of the Board,

We recognize that securing donors for a local pool project is particularly challenging at this time. Ongoing economic uncertainty, declining grassroots community giving, and rising operational and facility costs have created a difficult environment for fundraising. When household budgets are strained, discretionary giving naturally decreases, and local recreation projects must compete with more urgent national and human-service needs.

My family lives directly across from the pool and park property, and we feel its absence deeply. In fact, the presence of the community pool was a significant factor in our decision to purchase our home. To demonstrate our commitment to restoring this valued space, we have contributed our time, financial resources, and advocacy efforts.

Over the years, we have seen alternative proposals for this property, including the potential expansion of Village Hall and the development of a shopping center. However, we strongly urge the Board to preserve this land as a dedicated community gathering space—one that can be enjoyed by residents year-round.

We want to be clear that our financial contributions are made with the expectation that they support this vision. Redirecting those funds toward other types of development would not align with our intent and would represent a loss of purpose for our donation. Please be patient with the community's wishes as we believe, with more economic certainty, the money will come- the desire has not left.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued efforts on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,
Erin Hudson

Jennifer Boehm

From: Grace LoCoco <lococograce@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 12:13 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Fox Point Pool

Dear Village Board Members and Village Manager Kreklow,

I am writing regarding the proposal to move forward with the construction of a community pool.

While I understand and appreciate the desire to enhance amenities and foster community engagement, I must express my strong opposition to this project due to its financial impact on residents.

As outlined in recent communications, the projected cost of the pool is between approximately \$6.7 million and \$7.8 million, with the potential to exceed that range due to inflation and market conditions. Even at the lower estimates, financing a project of this magnitude would result in a long-term property tax increase for residents. For many households, including those already facing rising living costs, this additional annual burden is significant.

A pool, while a nice community amenity, is not an essential service. Given the current economic environment and existing property tax levels in our community, I believe the Village's priority should be to carefully manage and reduce costs wherever possible—not take on new long-term financial obligations.

I respectfully urge the Board to consider prioritizing fiscal responsibility and affordability for all residents.

Our community's strength lies not only in its amenities but in the financial stability and well-being of its residents. I ask that you weigh the long-term tax implications carefully and reject this proposal.

Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and your thoughtful consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Grace LoCoco

Proud Fox Point Resident for more than 25 years

7909 N. Fairchild Road

Fox Point, WI 53217

Jennifer Boehm

From: Maureen Daly <modaly888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:35 PM
To: Steve Kreklow; Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Greg Ollman; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh
Cc: Maureen Daly
Subject: Not in favor of taxpayer support of the pool

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To: Village Manager Steve Kreklow and Board of Trustees,

I do not support taxpayers fully funding the expense of a new pool in Fox Point. While I understand the appeal of an outdoor pool in the summer months, this is a very expensive amenity that would be used by a very small number of residents (as history did show), and would include people outside of the village who did not have to pay for it. \$8 million for a couple hundred swimmers is just ill advised.

There are so many other needs in the village that should be addressed other than this. I know the Friends of the Pool look at the survey of residents in 2019 as indicating support for the pool, but only 20 or 25% responded. (And there was not a price tag of \$8 million associated with it if memory serves.)

Their challenge in fundraising may indicate that there just is not support by the majority of residents. I also do not support the idea of a referendum on the November ballot for a pool that is used only 3 months of the year. And costs \$8 million. I don't think that is what referendums are for.

Thank you.

Maureen Daly
7100 N. Lake Drive

Jennifer Boehm

From: lbooth220 <lbooth220@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 9:11 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman
Cc: Steve Kreklow
Subject: RE: ELEVEN UNDENIABLE FACTS

I need to correct a typo in my email to you about the pool. Item #3 should have read "...3% of their commitment", not 2%. Thank you.

Larry Booth

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Larry Booth <lbooth220@aol.com>
Date: 6/6/26 1:49 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Christine Symchych <csymchych@villageoffoxpoint.com>, Mark Freedman <mfreedman@villageoffoxpoint.com>, David Miller <dmiller@villageoffoxpoint.com>, mbarry@villageoffoxpoint.com, Elizabeth Aelion <eaelion@villageoffoxpoint.com>, mmcdonagh@villageoffoxpoint.com, Greg Ollman <gollman@villageoffoxpoint.com>
Cc: skreklow@villageoffoxpoint.com
Subject: ELEVEN UNDENIABLE FACTS

1. A 2022 study by the Village management found that of Fox Point's 2,600 households, the highest number of households to use the pool in any one year was just 233. That means **only 9% of Village households / taxpayers use the pool.**
2. Coincidentally, **only 9% of Village households contributed to the pool fundraising effort.** In other words, **91% of Village residents have never used the former pool and refuse to support building a new pool.**
3. After two years of extensive fundraising, **the *Friends of the Pool* have raised a mere 2% of their commitment.**
4. Any attempt to change the 50/50 pool funding agreement **would only further penalize the 91% of residents who don't use the pool.**
5. The 2022 study showed that **the former pool cost more than \$200,000 a year to operate.** At the same time, membership income was steadily declining each year resulting in a **net cost to operate the pool of more than \$100,000 a year.**
6. No other North Shore community has a pool or is planning to built a pool. The reason is obvious; **pools today are too costly for small municipalities to build and maintain.**

7. **Even Milwaukee County is closing three of its pools this year** because of high costs and the difficulty of finding trained, seasonal employees to staff the pools.

8. *Parkitecture's* assumption that the cost of building a pool has not risen since the last cost estimate in March 2024 is not supported by the data. **Construction industry data (and common sense) suggests the cost of the pool has risen at least 9% in the past 2 years. And costs will likely continue to escalate in the future.**

9. **A survey or referendum requested by pool supporters is a waste of time and resources and merely delays the inevitable.** Ninety-one percent of Village residents have already spoken loud and clear about their lack of support for a pool.

10. **The number of Fox Point residents wanting to use a pool is only going to keep decreasing in the future.** This is simple demographic and economic reality. There is a diminishing number of young families with children in America and fewer yet in Fox Point because of the high cost of housing and taxes.

11. Spending significant taxpayer funds on a facility that will only be used a few weeks each year by a small group of residents would be **a fiscally irresponsible action by this Board of Trustees and a betrayal of the Village taxpayer's trust.**

For 8 tedious years the Village has debated the pool issue, formed special committees, made numerous studies, and created a failed fundraising effort. It is time to admit the obvious. This Village Board must finally muster the courage to stand up to those very few vocal residents who insist on having **a pool that 91% of your constituents don't use and don't want.** If someone wants a pool, there is nothing stopping them from building their own or joining a private club. Please, do your job and end this fiasco.

Larry Booth

Jennifer Boehm

From: Marianne Kloehn <kloehn@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 4:12 PM
To: Christine Symchych
Cc: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Pool

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We strongly oppose the construction of a new pool. We are paying enough in taxes already. It is clear that the community does not support this as the funding has run dry.

Changing the parameters regarding the pool now is a disservice to us all. The last year the pool was open, there were less than 100 families as members. The amount raised over the past couple years, \$157,000, is a very clear indication it is not valued.

It's time to move on.

Marianne and Tom Kloehn

Jennifer Boehm

From: Mark Drewek <mdrewek@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:08 PM
To: Steve Kreklow; Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Greg Ollman; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh
Subject: Fox Point Pool

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Village Manager Steve Kreklow and Board of Trustees,

I do not support the Village spending any additional funds beyond the original 50/50 Public/Private agreement for the construction of a new pool in Fox Point.

I even question the spending the money for an amenity that is used 3 months of the year but that agreement was made some time ago.

Proponents point to a survey with a 25% response rate. While the numbers in support of the pool are impressive, support narrows when asked about raising taxes. I don't believe there were any actual numbers attached to this. I wonder if the reality of an 8 million dollar bill might have swayed opinion in another direction.

The pool was never revenue neutral. The Village always needed to subsidize it so construction is not the only expense. How many memberships were there in the final years? 200? Some of whom weren't even Fox Point residents. Nothing wrong with that. I love our North Shore neighbors but should Fox Point be on the hook for a huge capital expenditure to benefit those who don't even live here?

If there is so much love for the idea of a public pool benefiting the community, perhaps proponents should reconsider their strategy and get public funding from the surrounding villages as well so no one village has a disproportionate expense.

Look, the idea of a pool is lovely but I believe we need to be practical as to where our tax dollars go.

Thanks you.

Mark Drewek
7100 N Lake Dr.

Jennifer Boehm

From: William Davidson <william.g.davidson@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:57 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Re: Fox Point should not issue debt to fund a community pool

Mr. Kreklow—please accept my apologies for the error contained in my original email below. Rather than just 0.5% of *all* Village property taxes being directed to the pool project's debt burden should the Village issue debt to raise \$8M in funds for the project, the correct figure is 5.00%.

Many thanks for your understanding.

William Davidson

On Jun 9, 2026, at 12:58 PM, William Davidson <william.g.davidson@icloud.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Kreklow,

Please know that I have blind copied all Village trustees on this message.

I write on behalf of my wife and me who are six-year Village residents. I write also as a public employee familiar with the many challenges facing communities large and small today.

Having seen recently that fundraising for the potential outdoor pool project has—in roughly three years—achieved barely 4% of the \$4M required to trigger the Village's matching commitment, I'm aware now that the Friends group leading these efforts is suggesting that the Village issue as much as \$8M in new debt to finance the cost of constructing the pool project. The Friends group notes that taxpayers owning a \$600,000 home in the Village would see *just* \$219.18 of their property taxes going toward the pool's debt service.

What the Friends group does not appear to explain, though, is that in 2025, an owner of a \$600,000 Village home paid in total approximately \$12,000 in property taxes with less than \$4,000 of that sum actually going to the Village (with the remaining 2/3 of property taxes paid going to several other taxing authorities). This means that more than 0.5% of *all* property taxes the Village received in 2025 would have gone to support a project that, once constructed, might be used by some, but surely not all, Village residents and taxpayers for mere months in any given year. And while the Village could increase its levy to cover the additional general obligation debt burden (which, I presume, is what has been suggested here), doing so would result in an even higher tax burden for our residents when many—even in our community—are struggling to make ends meet.

That donors' contributions have barely reached a six-figure sum after nearly three years of concerted efforts should be all the evidence the Village Board requires to support making

the prudent decision to decline any invitation to foist upon the backs of taxpayers the entire burden of this project (this, of course, assumes construction could today be completed for just \$8M). If after all the discussion, community engagement, and focused efforts of the Friends group, so little money has been raised, what evidence is there to suggest this project will ever be sustainable such that Village taxpayers aren't forever burdened?

Given the circumstances here, my wife and I respectfully request that the Board vote no to extending any Village commitment beyond that already agreed. Only if the Friends group and others can demonstrate a legitimate community interest backed by voluntary contributions to the project should the Village proceed here. Any decision to assume responsibility for the entire project is simply irresponsible and fiscally imprudent.

Respectfully,

William and Rebecca Davidson
7505 N. Fairchild Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

Jennifer Boehm

From: Mike Stoessl <mikestoessl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 2:28 PM
To: Christine Symchych; Mark Freedman; David Miller; Max Barry; Elizabeth Aelion; Mike McDonagh; Greg Ollman; Steve Kreklow
Subject: Upcoming Pool discussion -- can we re-frame the debate?

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To the Village Board,

With the Board undoubtedly getting many “pro-pool” or “anti-pool” notes, I’m writing to express ambivalence. Maybe it’s the right thing to do. Maybe something else could be better. So I’d like to ask that we shift this discussion from “Pool: Yes or No” to “What amenity gives the Village the biggest return on our tax dollar”?

I make this request after watching the Village spend the better part of a decade debating a pool — and only a pool. It’s an amenity that:

- Has a very limited season.
- Enjoys widespread support when no cost is attached (based on the 2019 survey)
- Has very limited support when wallets need to come out (given that only about 6% of households – 174 Fox Point donations per last month’s presentation -- were willing to contribute during the private fundraising efforts).

Maybe the pool is still the right thing to do, and it’s worth raising taxes on 100% of residents for the next 20 years.

Or maybe there’s something else that can be done in that space that costs less to build, costs less to operate, has a longer season, and would still enhance Fox Point’s livability (e.g., some combination of skate parks, bike tracks, splash pads, playgrounds, climbing walls, etc) .

So before we have yet another debate framed solely as “Pool: yes or no”, I’m asking that we put other options up, side-by-side, to evaluate capital cost, operating costs, season length, and overall support. Then we could see if the pool really should be our sole focus.

Thanks,
Mike Stoessl
8000 N Beach Dr

Jennifer Boehm

From: Bruce Winter <swe2th@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Steve Kreklow
Subject: Pickleball vote

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As village residents and tax payers , one of us a tennis player another a former tennis player please let our voices be heard that pickleball in a public park should be allowed.

Our tax dollars go to the upkeep of these courts and should not be designated for only a single use.

When people are outside getting fresh air and exercise how can you ever discourage this.

I have seen people of all ages in the village from 3 on up to 93 playing and this should be tolerated encouraged and allowed Bruce and Susan Winter

120 W Indian Creek Ct

Fox Point

Jennifer Boehm

From: Amy Barth <jumpingpoo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 10:12 AM
To: Christine Symchych; Elizabeth Aelion; Greg Ollman; David Miller; Mark Freedman; Max Barry; Mike McDonagh; Steve Kreklow; Kevin Ausman
Subject: Pickleball - Density of homes in Fox Point, Recent Industry Articles and Recent Court Closures
Attachments: indian creek and longacre maps with houses.pdf; RSi-Pickleball-May-2026.pdf; screenshot of RSI article with Dale VanScoyk quote regarding distances and 2 story homes.png; ParksRecreationMagazine_Jan-2026.pdf
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To all members of the village board and Mr. Kreklow.

Pickleball should not be allowed on the village courts. As I've said before it does not meet the 4 criteria — it is not compatible with the neighborhood, it is a nuisance and it does impact property values.

I have been studying this issue now for a couple of years and the sound mitigation products have not been proven. In fact, in a followup email I'll show that 90% of residents living near courts with thick vinyl barriers say they do not offer sufficient relief.

With the Town Club not playing at this point this summer, I feel better and healthier than I have for the last few years. Unfortunately I know this is temporary as they will resume play eventually, but it is absolutely magnificent to have my windows open and hear birds and tennis and yes, the train that comes through for 5 minutes a couple of times a day....

Radius Maps for Our Parks

In this email I'm providing you with a couple of maps that show there are 86 homes within 500 ft of the pickleball courts at Indian Creek and Longacre. Pickleball sound travels more than that. Experts come up with varying recommended distances, but generally are now saying that pickleball should be 500-1000 feet from homes.

These radius maps I created were done with mapdeveloper.com, which uses Google Earth. Using this tool, I was able to draw a 500 ft radius around each corner of each set of courts. I then manually identified each home where the home itself or a part of its yard was within one of the circles.

Recent Industry Articles

I've also included 2 of the most recent industry articles providing evidence that pickleball noise is a problem

1. Racket Sports International - May 2026. This article admits that the sport has a noise problem. In this article Dale Van Scoyck is quoted as saying it's very challenging to try and mitigate the noise when there are homes above the courts (ie, courts in a valley, or in our case 2 story homes where there are

living spaces higher than the courts). Dale is one of the partners at PSM, which is the consultant that the Town Club used to do their sound study.

2. Parks and Recs - January 2026. This article identifies pickleball noise as one of the top trends that the industry is dealing with nationwide.

Recent Court Closures Nationwide

I'm aware of at least 5 instances where pickleball courts were permanently shut down based on complaints from neighbors. All of these were shut down within the past 6 months. There are countless other communities in the US and nationally where there are ongoing efforts to try and shut courts down.

Here are the ones I'm aware of that have been closed, since August 2025.

- Martinez CA. City council closed the 8 courts at Hidden Valley park due to noise complaints. These courts were just opened in February 2025, after a 1.5 million dollar investment.
- Garret Park, Winston-Salem NC — Pickleball play has been shut down at this park. The city moved pickleball to a park that is further from homes and in a more suitable location.
- Roswel GA, City council decommissioned 6 courts that were at their closest 114 ft from homes
- Allen TX - Twin Creeks HOA had converted 2 tennis courts to 6 pickleball courts, and has now converted them back to tennis only after neighbor complaints.
- Nampa ID — 6 pickleball courts have been restored to tennis only.

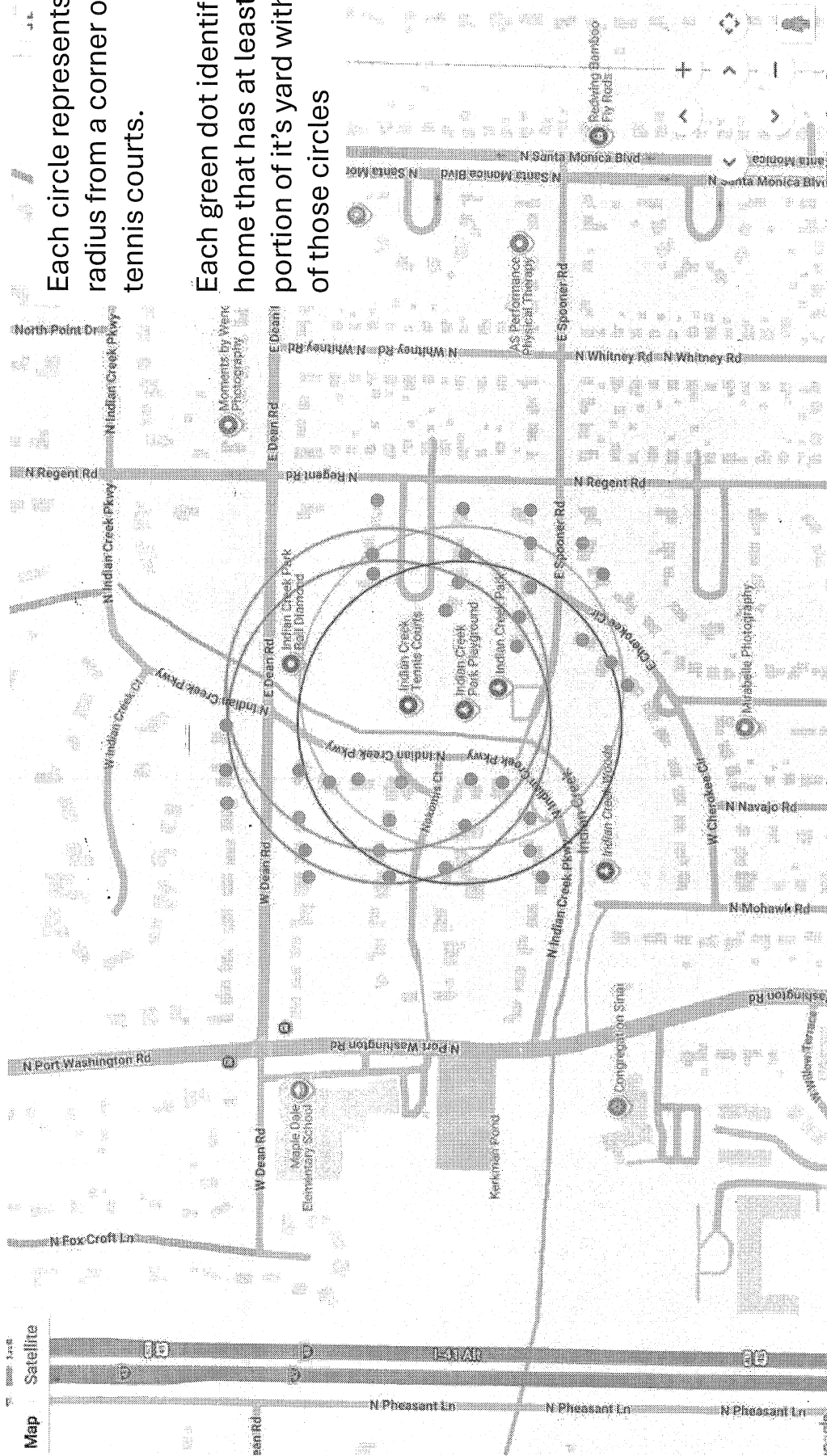
Amy Barth
7815 N Boyd Way

Indian Creek -- 37 Homes within 500 Feet of Tennis Courts

Map
Satellite

Each circle represents a 500 ft radius from a corner of the tennis courts.

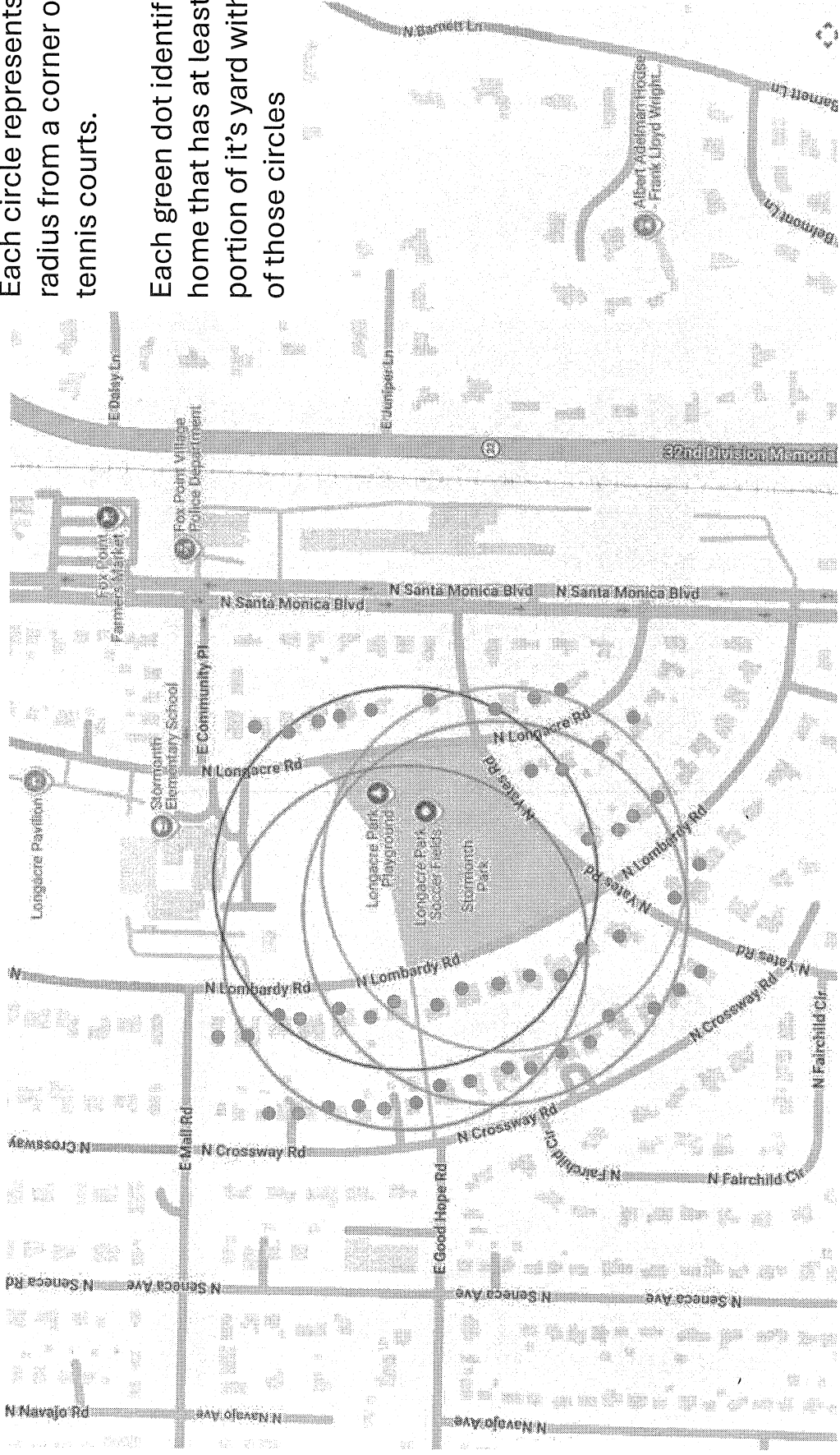
Each green dot identifies a home that has at least a portion of it's yard within one of those circles



Longacre – 49 Homes Within 500 Ft of Tennis Courts

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Pickleball

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Sound Concerns

As pickleball's popularity grows, so do complaints about noise. How are communities, and the industry, responding?

BY JOE TEDINO

Pickleball noise complaints have reached a fever pitch in city council meetings and courtrooms across the country. By one count, more than 200 lawsuits have been filed by homeowners seeking relief from the repetitive sounds of pickleball that can reach inside homes and disrupt daily life.

The pickleball ecosystem has developed quieter paddles and balls, sound-blocking barriers, and other solutions to address concerns. At the same time, cities have enacted ordinances requiring courts to be set back as much as 600 feet from residential homes; others require acoustic studies or recommend

putting new courts indoors.

"It is a more serious issue than people realize," says Tom Hinding, owner of Serve and Smash in Branford, Conn., and president of court builder the Hinding Group, which installed a 15-foot-tall sound barrier last year at a country club in Old Lyme, Conn., to address residents' complaints.

"We are definitely seeing people trying to shut down courts," he adds. "It varies depending on where you are in the country. The situation in Newport, R.I., has gotten so bad that it is impossible to obtain a city permit to build courts" because of objections from neighbors.

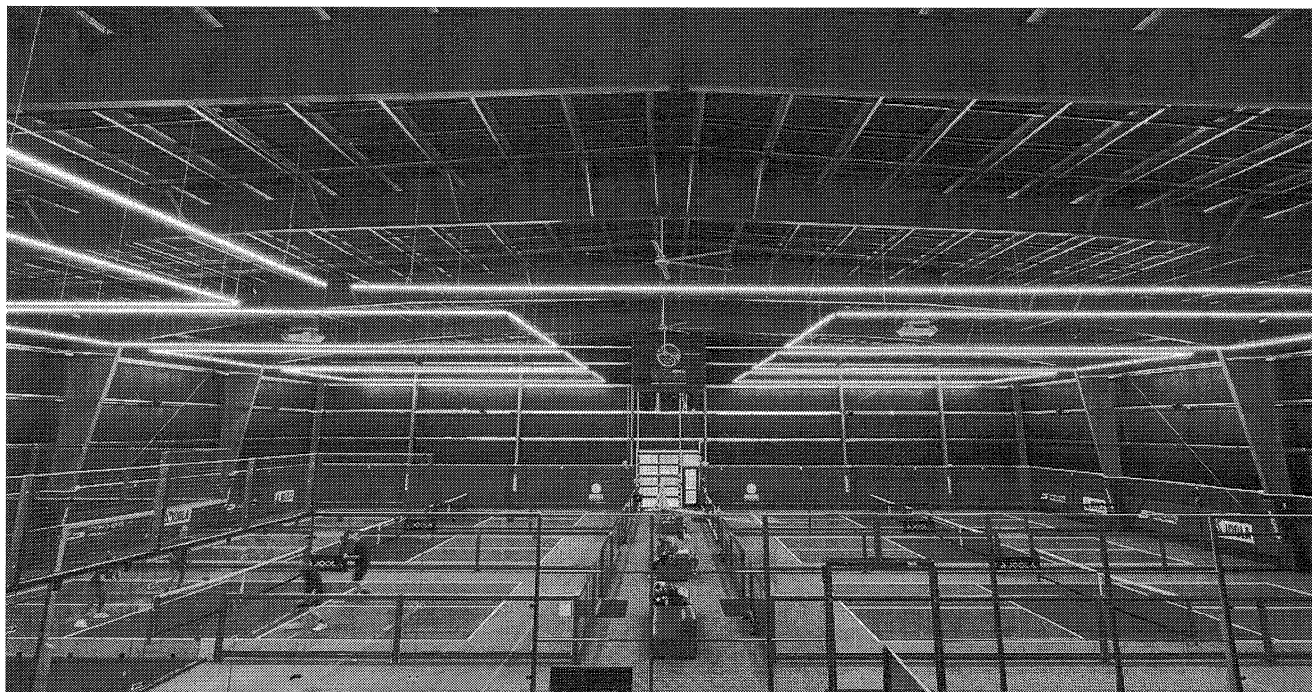
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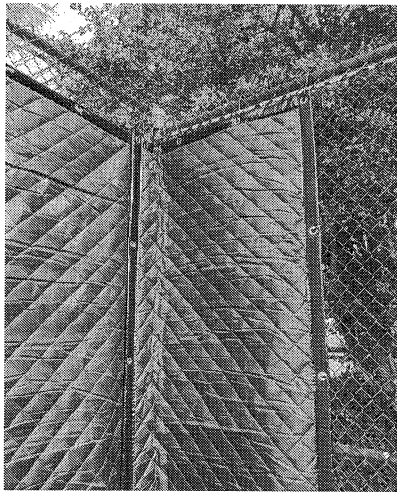
of Carmel, Calif., where Clint Eastwood was once mayor, voted last year to completely ban outdoor pickleball. And this past March, the Martinez, Calif., city council voted to immediately and permanently discontinue pickleball play at the eight-court Hidden Valley Sports Courts, which opened in February 2025. Other cities are trying to accommodate both sides by granting conditional-use permits that can limit playing hours.

As pickleball's popularity grew, so did noise complaints. Last year, more than 2,300 pickleball courts were added nationwide, bringing the total to more than 82,000, according to USA Pickleball, the sport's governing body. At the same time, underused tennis courts in public parks were converted to pickleball, often without informing nearby residents.

"That's a shock to the system for some of them," says Carl Schmits, USA Pickleball's chief technology officer. "That for me is the basis of where the greatest number of conflicts are—these rapid conversions to address public demand."

As conversions sped up,



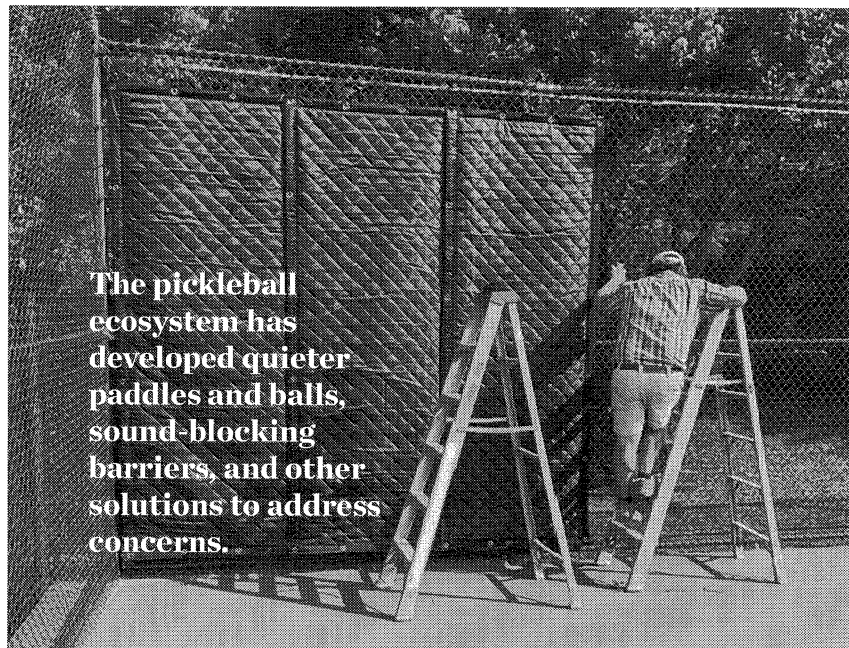


homeowner's associations and individuals sued local governments for not protecting their well-being. A suit filed by a doctor in the Ontario, Canada, town of Niagara-on-the-Lake a few years ago claimed the town had violated its own noise standards by allowing pickleball at a public park. "This affected my health, affected my work performance and affected, altogether, my life," the plaintiff told the provincial court. The suit prompted the town to close the outdoor courts and build six indoor courts instead.

ZONING AS A SOLUTION

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amended land-use codes to require a minimum setback of 250 feet from homes as part of noise reduction efforts in 2023. The measure also included limiting daily play to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Park City, Utah, went further and required a setback of 600 feet from residential property lines, although that could be cut to 150 feet if a court builder installed approved sound barriers after an acoustics study.

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HOMEOWNERS ARE NOT WINNING EVERYWHERE

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Joshua Wostal wanted to halt new court construction within 250 feet of residences. He told colleagues that his research uncovered more than 200 lawsuits nationwide and warned that converting tennis courts into pickleball could propel the county's 1,000 HOAs into costly legal battles, a risk underscored by a lawsuit already filed by residents in Apollo Beach to block tennis court conversions.

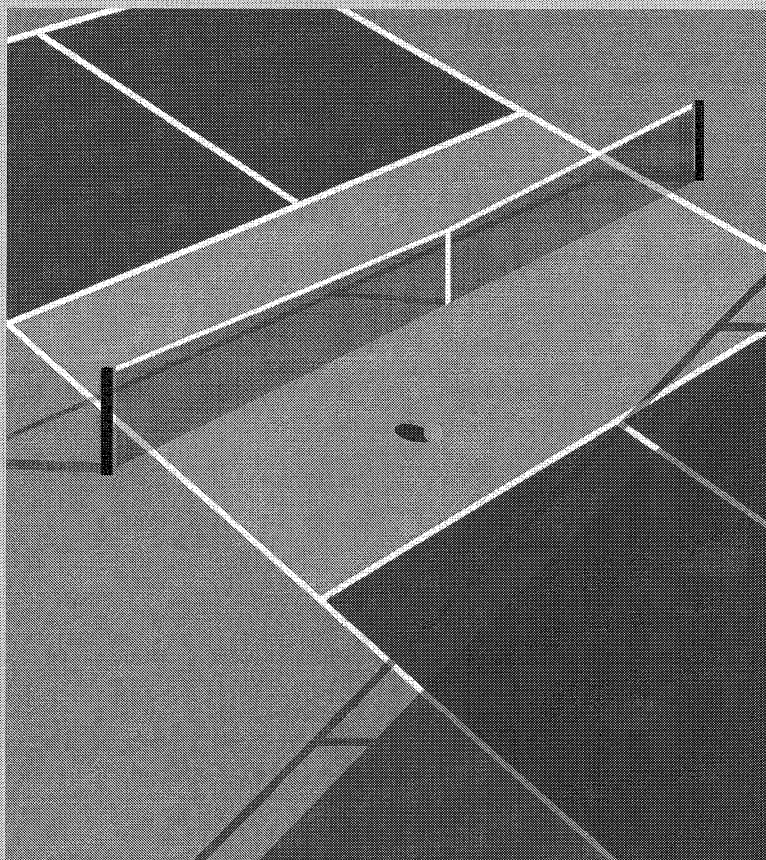
The pickleball industry has addressed the noise issue with new equipment, including quieter foam-core paddles and foam-covered balls that can reduce the noise output by 25 to 50 percent, Schmits says. "The sport continues to evolve," he notes, "because of the equipment, which is becoming quieter through the use of new technology."

He notes manufacturers have taken on the challenge to lower the sound from pickleball courts, with foam-core paddles, foam balls and barriers that use tempered glass or advanced lightweight fabrics. Looking ahead, Schmits envisions attaching a transducer to a panel that could transmit an opposing waveform to cancel out the noise or a masking sound such as white noise.

Still, Leahy contends that these solutions do not sit well with the player community. "The barriers are not liked, the quiet equipment is not liked, the limitations on hours are not liked," Leahy says. Trying to keep the peace among players and homeowners, he adds, puts city officials in a "pressure cooker" environment.

Meanwhile, USA Pickleball continues to provide guidance to builders on the impact of installing courts at specific sites. But the low-hanging fruit, in Schmits' view, is to limit pickleball hours to reduce the noise exposure of those living nearby. Closing the courts from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., for example, can serve to make living near the courts more acceptable.

"The municipality or the HOA can be in control of how often people play," Schmits says, "and the impact is lowered significantly." **RSi**



Pickleball's 'Phantom Pops'

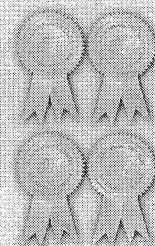
Last year, the nonprofit advocacy group Quiet Communities surveyed 440 people from 260 communities in the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand to find out how pickleball noise affects their daily lives. About 80 percent of them, most living within 300 feet of the courts, said "constantly" or "often." One respondent wrote, "I cannot think, I cannot concentrate. I can't do anything in my house."

Kathleen Romito, a physician and scientific research advisor who led the Quiet Communities survey, said about 75 percent of respondents claimed to hear the noise inside their homes. More than half of the respondents said they have moved or would like to move away from the courts. Besides hearing noise while pickleball is being played, neighbors also report hearing "phantom pops," Romito says.

"The phantom pops are extremely concerning from a health perspective," she told RSi. "They are commonly reported awakening people in the middle of the night and can last three to six months after people move away. Experts are concerned this may be a sign of trauma or noise-induced tinnitus, raising medical concerns because of its link to dementia."

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TOP TRENDS

in Parks and Recreation for 2026

By Richard J. Dolesh

Welcome to the top trends in parks and recreation for 2026 and beyond. NRPA's top trends are informative, inspirational and just plain fun. Jump in — they are brain food for the mind.

It's Not the Sport, It's the Noise!

Pickleball strides through public parks like kai-ju, stomping old tennis courts and sucking up open spaces like a colossus of old. Pickleball is still the fastest-growing sport, bar none, generating more than 300 percent growth in recent years. The Sports and Fitness Association (SFIA) says that participation grew nearly 46 percent from 2023 to 2024 alone. There is no trend bigger than pickleball, and it appears it has not reached its full growth yet. Twenty million people — and growing — love the sport.

When park and recreation professionals were asked at a recent trends workshop hosted by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society during its annual conference what recreation trends were dominating their parks and centers, the answer was overwhelmingly: "Pickleball!" One participant ruefully commented, "It just won't stop."

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VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

But public park planners and managers have had a sharp learning curve when it comes to planning new pickleball courts on public lands. Where agencies once tried to quickly satisfy the unbridled demand for more courts, park administrators have become more discerning about where they agree to locate pickleball courts, often to the point of not proceeding until they first have the results of an acoustic study in hand that measures the amount of sound from courts and the distance from the point of impact of balls on racquets.

Charles Leahy, a retired mechanical engineer and acoustical expert, says, "On an average court, there are about 900 pops per hour. If your courts are open 12-13 hours per day, that's over 11,000 a day per court! For some, the noise can become tortuous. It affects everyone in a different way." *The Washington Post* recently ran an article on just how annoying pickleball noise can be for many. One player said when she imagined the sound of pickleball racquets hitting balls, she thought, "It's my happy place." Not everyone thinks so. *The Post*

The illustration below shows a three-tier zoning framework that is being considered by some cities and counties that are working to address pickleball noise issues.

article cites Michael Osborne, a cardiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital who studies exposure to chronic noise. Along with other researchers, Osborne has connected exposure to worsening mental health, poor cancer outcomes and shorter lifespans.

Leahy says that an acoustic study of pickleball court noise can cost from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Noise abatement treatments, such as acoustic mats hung from fences, may cost up to \$250,000 or more, and they might not work. "Noise is a 3D bubble," says Leahy. "It is not a straight-line effect."

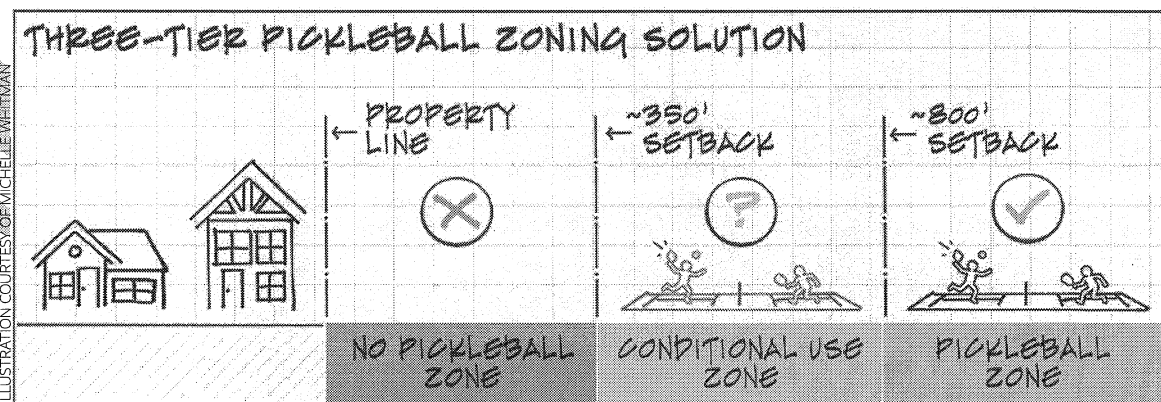
There are not many solutions that have been proven to work, according to Leahy. Limitations on play make players angry, and getting everyone together to agree on how much noise they can tolerate usually doesn't work either. Players want courts to be open 12 to 14 hours per day. Some cities have already enacted ordinances and changed their zoning codes to mandate minimum distances of pickleball courts from occupied dwellings. Leahy says he has heard about a new Quiet Community initiative and wonders what that will entail. For 2026 and beyond, pickleball rules all.

Bonus Trend Prediction: Data centers will be willing to build pickleball courts for free.

Pickleball may be well-loved by those who play it, but for those who don't, it can be annoying because of the noise. Perhaps even more annoying is the noise from data centers. In fact, the pushback on the impacts of large data centers has grown so heated that the industry is now waking up to the peril of ignoring public concerns. A piece in the trade newsletter "Inside Clean Energy" by Dan Gearino notes, "It's important for the AI and data center industries to find ways to provide local benefits to host communities..."

And no wonder. In addition to spiking local electricity costs, the noise made by giant data centers is constant. Giant server fans and huge HVAC cooling systems produce loud vibrational noise that has been proven to cause health problems in workers and nearby residents. Park and recreation agencies may have quite an opportunity here if they can develop partnerships with data centers.

Therefore, the smart money bet is to combine the building of new data centers with new pickleball courts. One benefit is getting rid of the pickleball noise by placing courts next to an even bigger noise. If people aren't happy, at least they get rid of one large public annoyance, namely the noise from pickleball.



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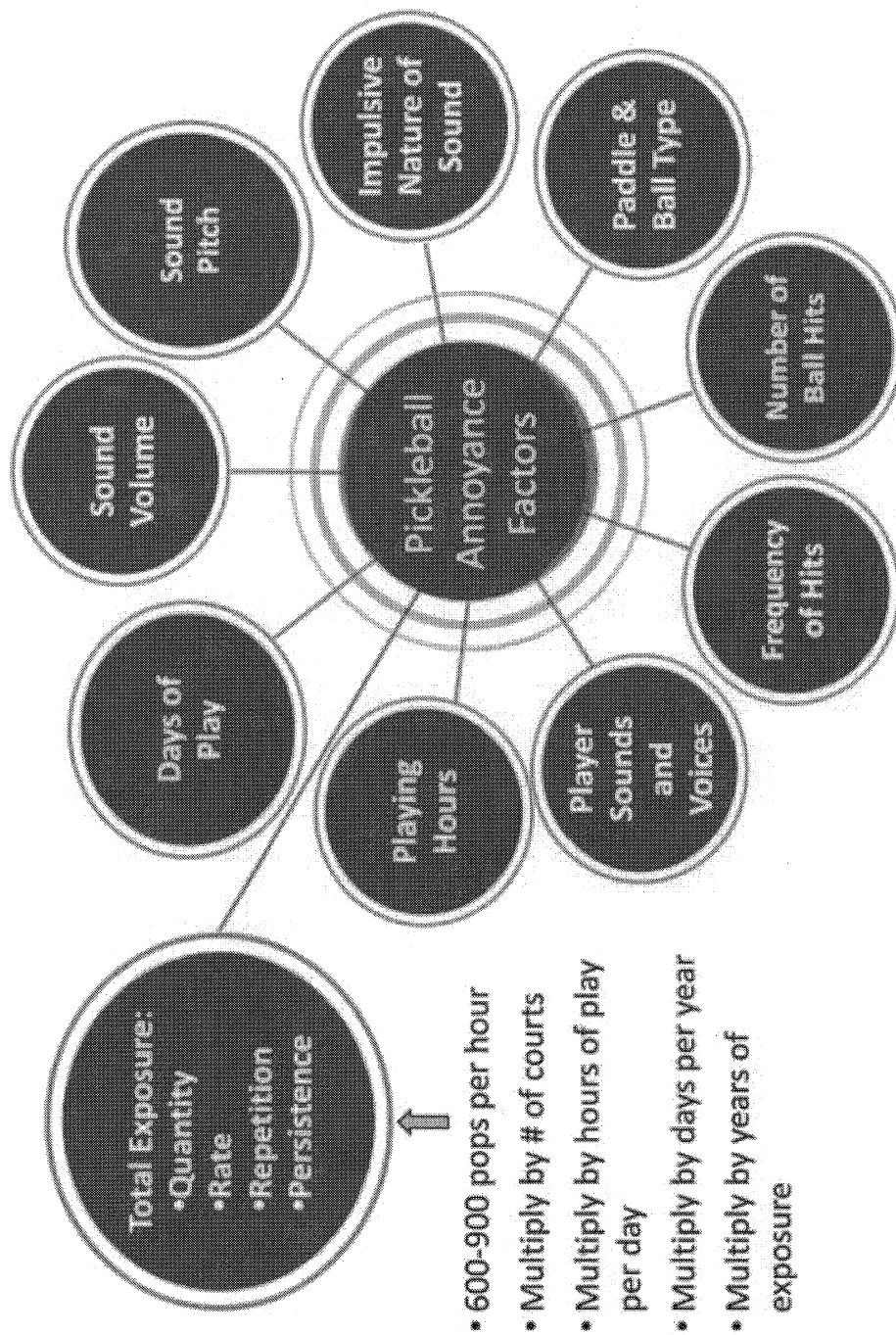
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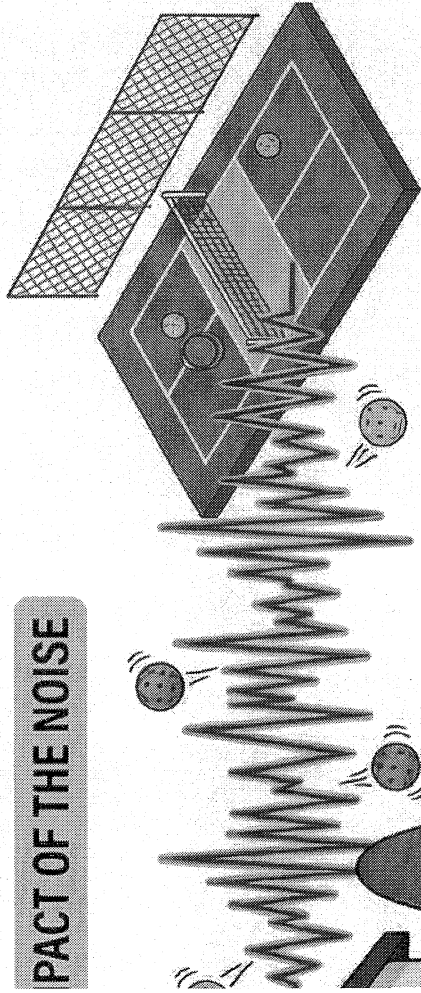
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More than a Nuisance: The Real Impact of Pickleball

264 communities reveals the substantial, often underestimated, quality-of-life impact of pickleball noise, challenging common perceptions of its triviality and the effectiveness of standard mitigation.

IMPACT OF THE NOISE



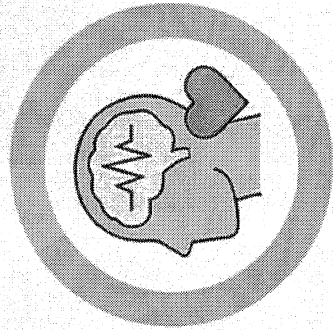
NEARLY 90% DESCRIBE THE NOISE AS "REPETITIVE POPPING" SOUND

This constant disruption meets the common legal definition of an environmental nuisance.

NEARLY 80% REPORT FREQUENT NOISE AT HOME

80%

Constant disruption

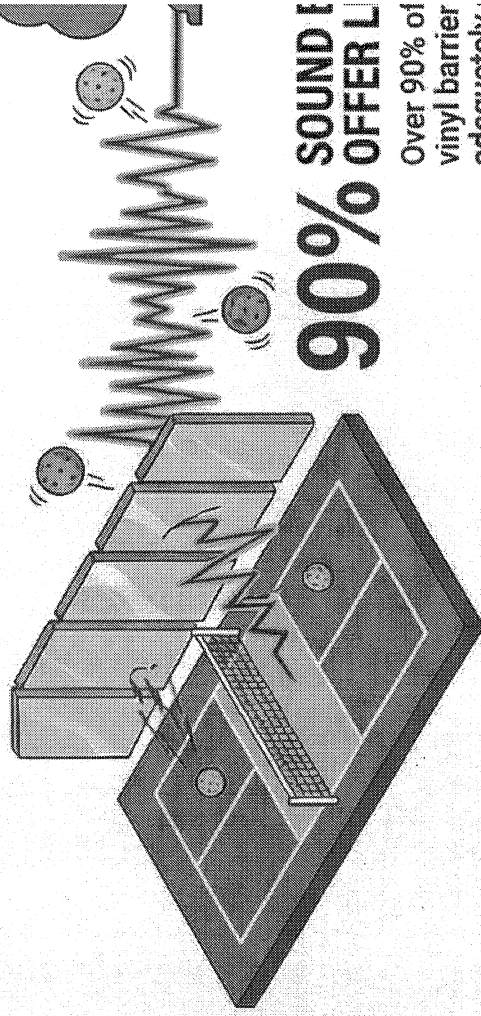


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Anxiety, Sleep Disturbance, Elevated Blood Pressure, consistent with a noise-induced stress response

OVER 90% REPORT HEALTH CONCERNS

WHY COMMON SOLUTIONS ARE FAILING



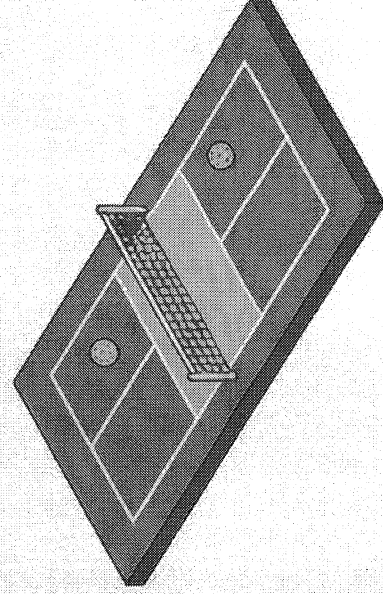
90% SOUND MITIGATION OFFERS LITTLE TO NO PROTECTION

Over 90% of vinyl barriers do not adequately mitigate noise

62% DISTANCE IS NOT A GUARANTEED FIX

For residents over 500 feet away, 62% still report interference with enjoying their homes.

500 ft +



CURRENT MITIGATION GUIDANCE IS FAILING

New, evidence-based guidance is needed for court siting



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Pickleball noise: The physiological and psychological effects on nearby residents

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Pickleball play creates a new type of unwanted noise - repetitive, impulsive "pops," exposing those living near courts to thousands of piercing pickleball pops per day. Noise has adverse health effects, but those from pickleball noise have not been previously studied. Content analysis, a scientific method which examines words or phrases in public content to identify patterns, was used to explore a possible link between long-term exposure to pickleball noise and self-reported adverse health effects. This physician-led analysis identified 246 such mentions. Physical health effects represented almost half (45.9%) of all mentions. Of these, 46.0% involved the nervous system and 25.7% the heart. Psychological health effects represented 54.1% of all mentions. Of these, over half (51.3%) described severe distress or used the term "torture," with two mentioning suicidal thoughts. Nearly a quarter (23.9%) reported trauma or PTSD-like symptoms. The remainder included anxiety, stress, and depression. Beyond these acute effects, the responses suggest a highly activated physiological stress response. Such responses are known to be harmful when sustained over time. These findings highlight a need for further research into the complex acoustical characteristics of pickleball noise and its health effects, which must be considered when making decisions about pickleball court placement.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Pickleball noise is repetitive impulse noise, exposing those living near busy pickleball courts to thousands of pickleball “pops”/day (1), creating a completely new type of unwanted noise in the residential sounds. One resident, quoted in a news article, likened it to living next to a pistol range (2). Pickleball is a racquet sport similar to tennis but played on smaller courts with hard paddles and plastic balls. Unlike tennis’s soft “ping,” pickleball produces a louder “pop.” In 2024, over 4,000 new courts were built (3), often by converting one tennis court into four pickleball courts. With smaller courts and four-player games, pickleball generates significantly more paddle-ball impacts than tennis. As new courts are built, pickleball noise is disrupting residential areas, leading to conflicts and complaints. One Google Map lists >360 pickleball noise hotspots across North America (4). This issue is the focus of >200 news reports, countless social media posts, and dozens of legal claims. An audio sample of the noise from 4 pickleball courts can be heard at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15566001>.

Pickleball noise is impulse noise, sometimes referred to as impulsive noise. Although the implications are different, in acoustics the terms “noise” and “sound” are often used inter-changeably. As defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), impulse sound is characterized by:

- “Brief excursions of sound pressure (acoustic impulses) that significantly exceed the ambient environmental sound pressure” and
- “Duration of a single impulsive sound is usually less than one second” (6).

Examples of impulse sound include:

- Highly impulsive (e.g., metal hammering, wood hammering, small-arms gunfire, pile driving, drop forging, pneumatic hammering, and riveting) (6,7).
- Regular impulsive (slamming of car door, outdoor balls games, such as football (soccer) or basketball, and church bells (6,7).

A typical pickleball pop has a rapid onset of 1-2 millisecond (ms) short duration that repeats, echoes, and reverberates in a high-density fashion for another 20 milliseconds, as shown in Figure 1 (8).

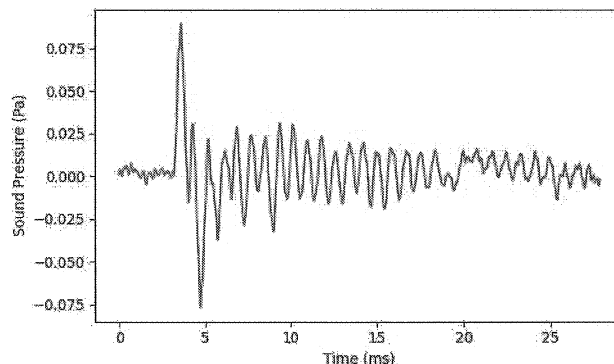


Figure 1. Pickleball noise sound pressure trace.
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Chronic exposure to impulse noise in the residential setting is a new phenomenon. There is only a small body of literature on the effects of impulse noise in occupational settings, with a focus on hearing loss. Pickleball noise averages fall below U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) hearing loss limits (9) although exposure times may exceed daily occupational limits. Impulse noise may have a disproportionate impact on hearing (10) and the long-term effects of environmental noise on the adult auditory system are not yet well understood (11).

The health effects of long-term non-occupational impulse noise exposure remain unclear. Impulse noise is more irritating than steady noise. ANSI Standards and additional research recommend adding a 5-12 decibel (dB) penalty to standard measurements when measuring impulse noise in general (6,12), including pickleball noise (13). When studied in relationship to intellectual tasks, impulse noise caused a measurable physiological stress response after just 50 minutes of exposure. The researchers noted that compared to steady state sound "there is additional stress effect related to the impulsiveness of the sound, reflected as a psychological experience". Impulse noise also affects concentration (14).

The pickleball pop has an average peak frequency near 1200 Hz, which falls within the highly sensitive range for human hearing, and matches the frequencies used in vehicle backup alarms (15). Pickleball pops measured courtside in LAeq, LASmax, and LCpeak were 69.7 dBA, 92.2 dBA, and 115.6 dBC, respectively (9). Each busy court produces approximately 900 pops/hour (1) and a set of busy public courts can produce 20,000-40,000 individual pops (noise events)/day. Aviation studies show that an increased number of noise events correlates with increased noise annoyance (16) and this is likely true for pickleball noise. Figure 2 demonstrates the hourly distribution of 21,208 total pops over one day at a private condominium complex with restricted access to courts.

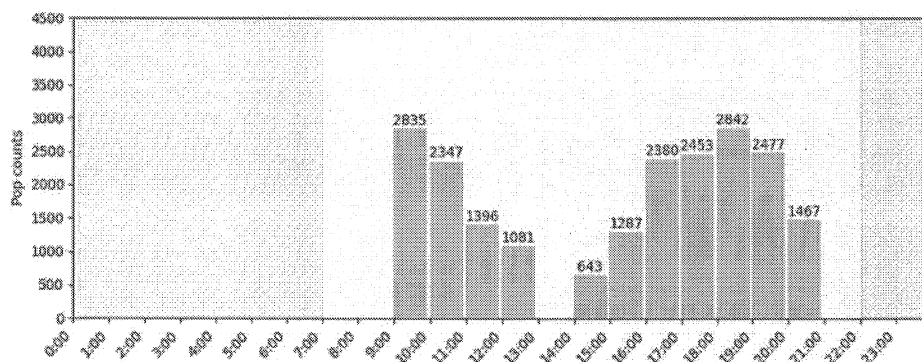


Figure 2. Pops per hour at 4 pickleball courts, Total of 21,208 total pops in one day.
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In many neighborhoods, residents are exposed to pickleball noise from dawn to dusk, or with lighted courts, even later. Exposure to > 90 hours of pickleball noise per week, for months and years, is not unusual. While it is commonly believed that sensitivity to a noise decreases the longer one is exposed to it, longer exposure (e.g., years) increases sensitivity to certain types of noise (17). Figure 3 demonstrates a typical day of pickleball noise exposure for someone living near busy courts with hours of operation from 8 am to 9 pm.

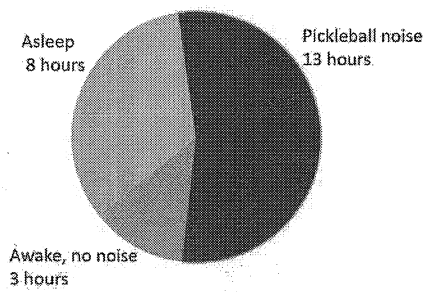


Figure 3. A typical day for a neighbor, courts open 8 am -9 pm.

Finally, neighbors close to pickleball courts have no control over the noise. An external locus of control has been associated with higher noise annoyance levels (18).

Noise is defined as unwanted and/or harmful sound (19). Exposure to noise triggers the body's involuntary stress response. Almost instantaneously, the heart rate and blood pressure increase. Within minutes, stress hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol are released. Over time, repeated stress can cause inflammation in the blood vessels, which has been linked to heart disease and a higher risk of death (20).

Decades of research show that prolonged noise exposure, generally from transportation noise, triggers a physiologic stress response and is linked to serious health problems including cardiovascular disease, anxiety, and sleep disturbances (21,22,23). Additionally, noise may also contribute to an increased risk of stroke, dementia, and cognitive decline (24). Noise can also lead to learning problems in children and problems concentrating, annoyance, and stress (21,23,25).

There are no known reports examining the effects of impulse noise on the general public. This report, using the scientific method of content analysis, may be the first.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THIS STUDY

To assess self-reported adverse health effects associated with chronic exposure to impulse pickleball noise by evaluating public comments from people living near pickleball courts.

3. METHODS

Given the absence of published reports on the impact of chronic impulse noise exposure in residential settings, content analysis was chosen as an appropriate methodology for this early-stage research. A content analysis, often used in public health to identify early trends, uses only information available in unsolicited comments (e.g., public interviews, news reports, social media posts) as its data source. It does not rely on interviews, surveys, or other interpersonal interactions (26).

This physician-led conceptual content analysis used publicly available comments about pickleball noise from Facebook, Reddit, news reports, legal filings, and public websites. A list of 120 news reports about pickleball noise was identified (27) and updated monthly via Google searches from August 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 using the search term "pickleball noise news report". Only one report, from

The New York Times, addressed the possibility of potential adverse health effects from pickleball noise (2). Some news reports referenced other sources, allowing identification of additional content for analysis. Publicly available legal filings were found with Google searches for "pickleball noise lawsuits" or by finding filings mentioned in news reports. Social media was searched using the term "pickleball noise." Two Facebook groups focused on pickleball noise were searched more thoroughly with the terms and concepts as identified in Table 1.

Categories were developed from an initial review of 20 comments, standard medical classification, and prior research on noise and health. Categories were defined narrowly, to minimize subjective interpretation, as seen in Table 1. Coding of the content to categories was performed by a physician and repeated independently by a second health professional. Inter-rater reliability was excellent at 89.4%. (Ideal >80%). For any one individual, multiple self-reported health effects could be reported, but duplicates within the same category were not tallied.

When possible, the distance between pickleball courts and the residence of the individual reporting a concern was estimated using available data including hotspot reports to the Facebook Pickleball Noise Relief group, public records, and Google Maps.

Table 1. Categories and definitions used for content analysis

Category	Definition
anxiety	used the terms "anxiety" or "anxious"
auditory hallucinations/phantom pops	hearing pickleball pops when no play is occurring
cardiovascular problems, other	any cardiac/heart reference or stroke, excluding heart rate abnormalities or high blood pressure
depression	used the term "depression" or "depressed"
difficulty concentrating	Inability to concentrate, difficulty with or hard time concentrating
disrupted/loss of sleep	any comment related to loss/lack/disrupted/interrupted sleep
elevated blood pressure	high, elevated, increased blood pressure
fast or irregular heart rate	any description of fast heart rate, flutters, irregular heart beat
gastrointestinal issues	nausea, diarrhea, any concern related to digestion
headaches	headaches, migraines
hypersensitization to sound	subjective, any description that described a hypersensitivity to sound
hypervigilant	any description that described a sense of uncomfortable waiting with heightened alertness for noise to begin.
neurology-other	Any neurologic reference, excluding phantom pops, difficulty concentrating, sleep, hypersensitivity to sound
nightmares	nightmares, bad dreams about pickleball
PTSD-like	used term "PTSD" or similar phrasing e.g. "pickleball stress disorder"
severe distress	Subjective (e.g., suicidal thoughts, "this is living hell". Does not include any comments that were assigned to other categories)
stress	used the term "stress", "stressful", "or "can't relax"
torture	used the term "torture"

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4. RESULTS

164 unsolicited public comments from 98 individuals mentioning adverse mental or physical health effects from pickleball noise were identified between May 3, 2022 and Feb. 14, 2025. Some comments referenced multiple types of health impacts, resulting in a total of 246 unique adverse impacts. Ten individuals reported adverse health effects in legal filings, 24 in news reports, and 64 in online comments.

Distance between court(s) and private residences could be determined for 67.3% of individuals. Of this group, 76.9% of comments came from residents living within 100 feet of courts and 86.3% were within 300 feet of courts. Comments did not mention daily exposure times. There was insufficient data on noise mitigation efforts (e.g., barriers, reduced hours, quiet paddles and balls) or number of courts at each location to allow analysis of these factors.

The self-reported health effects from pickleball noise are presented in Figure 4. Stress, anxiety, and sleep disruption and a variety of cardiovascular symptoms were reported, consistent with prior research on noise and health. A substantial portion of comments referred to trauma, torture, or a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)-like experience. Hearing phantom pickleball pops (i.e. hearing the popping when no actual play is occurring) also represented a significant proportion of comments. Comments communicating severe distress were the most frequent type of comment. This category included two mentions of suicidal thoughts.

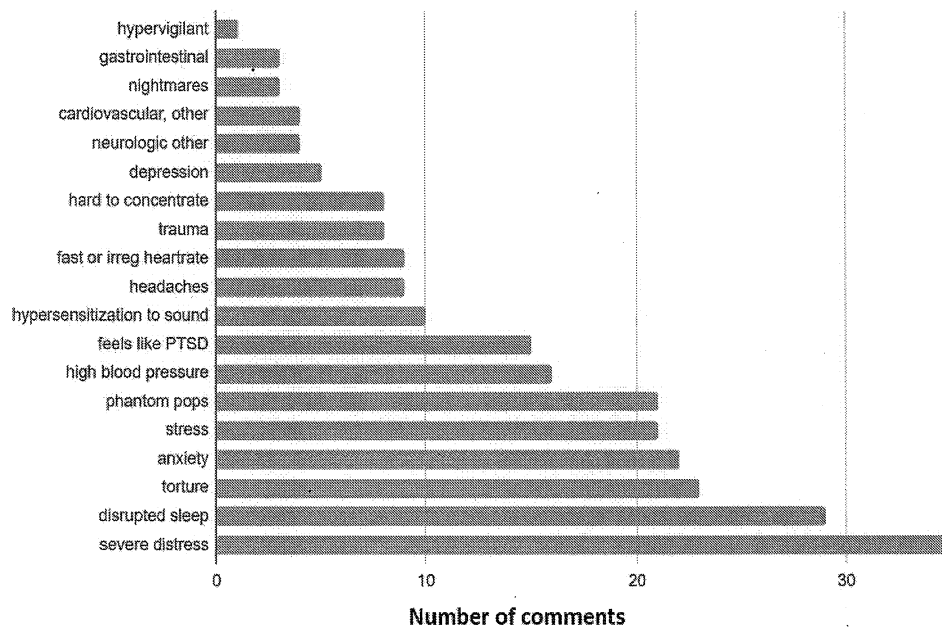


Figure 4. Self-reported health effects from pickleball noise, public comments.

Physical symptoms were noted almost as frequently as psychological symptoms. See Figure 5. While recognizing that physical and psychological symptoms often inter-relate, in this study, physical health effects are defined as a physical perception by the individual. Psychological health effects are defined as an emotional perception by the individual. Physical health effects from pickleball noise accounted for 45.9% of all comments. Of these, almost half (46.0%) were neurologic, a quarter (25.7%) were cardiovascular, and another quarter (25.7%) involved sleep disruption, as shown in Figure 5.

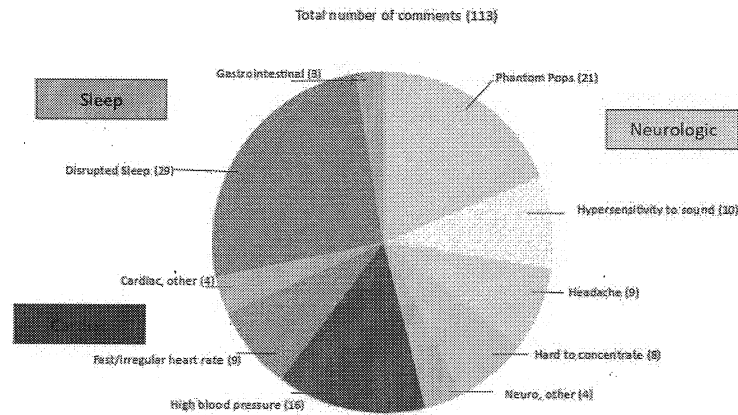


Figure 5. Self-reported physical symptoms from pickleball noise exposure

Psychological health effects from pickleball noise represented 54.1% of total comments, as shown in Figure 6. Of these, just more than half the comments (51.3%) communicated severe distress or used the term "torture." Almost a quarter (23.9%) experienced a sense of trauma. This included comments on "trauma," "nightmares," "hypervigilance," and "PTSD." Specifically, 15.3% (15/98) of individuals felt they were suffering from a PTSD like condition, using the term "PTSD" or a similar term (e.g. "pickleball stress disorder").

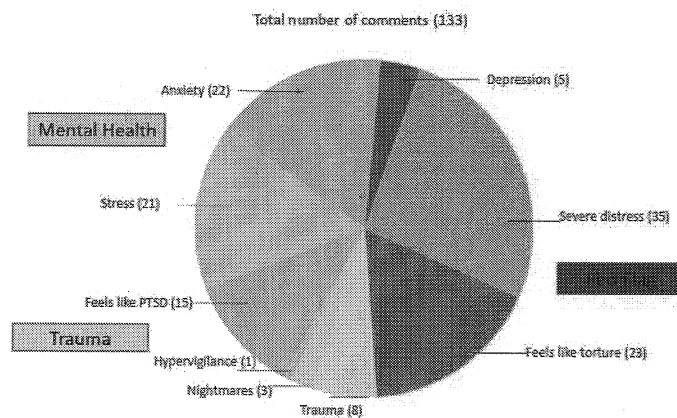


Figure 6. Self-reported psychological symptoms from pickleball noise exposure.

The remainder of comments on psychological health effects included stress, anxiety, and depression. Comments for stress, anxiety and depression were categorized narrowly, including comments only if they used the specific terms or derivatives (e.g., stress, stressful or depression, depressed). No other subjective interpretations of stress were included. A sample of comments categorized as "Severe distress" is provided in Table 2. The researcher noted multiple mentions of individuals forced to move, feeling trapped inside their home, or needing medication to manage symptoms due to pickleball noise.

Table 2 A sample of comments categorized as "severe distress".

"Pickleball noise is worse than dying of cancer" (cancer patient, now deceased)
"I was told to kill myself or move"
"Suicidal thoughts"
"Extreme anguish"
"It makes me want to splatter my own brains all over the screaming yelling payers 20 feet from my bedroom"
"The pain, suffering and mental anguish is unbearable. Someday the perpetrators of this nightmare will pay."
"The slow un-aliving of a person"
"Beyond distressing"
"This dangerous, involuntary noise torture experiment ran its full course. Now please stop it"
"I cannot live a normal life...for me, it's hell."
"You feel as if someone is constantly punching your head". Went on a hunger strike.
"I am not sure what I can do other than move from my home of 24 years because this play is seriously affecting my mental health"
"No one would choose to live this way. It is physically and emotionally debilitating"

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5. DISCUSSION

A. The health effects of pickleball noise exposure

This study links prolonged exposure to pickleball noise to health issues reported by nearby residents. Many of the reported health effects align with prior noise research, but some neurological and psychological effects may be more severe than previously reported. Manufacturing noise is typically separated from homes by zoning laws, construction noise is short-term, and sports-related impulsive sounds usually occur farther from residences and for limited durations. No other exposure introduces impulsive noise into residential areas with such high repetition and persistence.

Epidemiologic evidence has linked noise exposure to depression and anxiety (28). Depression and anxiety were noted in this study, aligning with results from previous noise research. Sleep disturbances, along with noise annoyance, contribute to noise-related mental health issues (29). Disrupted sleep was a significant concern and not an unexpected finding, as it is part of the physiologic stress response. However, some individuals described being awakened by hearing phantom pickleball noises and then being unable to fall back asleep. Pickleball nightmares were also mentioned.

Phantom pops were reported by 21.4% (21/98) of commenters, with some calling it “auditory hallucinations”. The symptoms were noted both during the day and at night, sometimes associated with a racing heart. In some cases, these symptoms persisted months after exposure had stopped. Potential explanations include tinnitus or auditory hallucinations. Both tinnitus and hallucinations stem from central auditory processing issues, occurring within the brain.

Tinnitus, the perception of sound without an external source (30), has been linked to industrial and traffic noise annoyance. Research suggests neuroplastic changes in the brain may contribute to noise-related tinnitus (31). Tinnitus and prolonged noise exposure are associated with neuro-psychiatric diseases, cognitive decline, and dementia (32). Auditory hallucinations, also defined as sensory perceptions of hearing noises without an external stimulus, are associated with severe stress or psychiatric conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), although the cerebral mechanism has not been completely defined (33).

“PTSD” or a “PTSD-like” response was mentioned by 15.3% (15/98) of commenters. Lay people often use the term “PTSD” to describe the effects of traumatic experiences. Although symptoms reported by those exposed to pickleball noise do not meet current criteria for a formal PTSD diagnosis (34), the comments do clearly communicate a personal experience of trauma and must be taken seriously. Combined with comments on nightmares, hypervigilance, or trauma, this group of concerns accounted for 20% of psychological complaints. Repeated exposure can worsen symptoms of trauma, which typically persist unless the trigger is removed.

While definitions of traumatic events vary, one definition is: “Traumatizing events are those that fundamentally uproot a person’s sense of safety—whether through a single event, an ongoing set of experiences, or a proximity to violence” (35). The relationship between sound and trauma is complex and requires a multidisciplinary approach that considers context, culture, and psychology, as well as acoustics (36).

Comments categorized as “severe distress” or “torture” made up a notable portion of the responses. Some individuals compared the relentless impulse noise exposure to specific forms of torture, such as “dripping water torture.” Although these categories are not part of standard medical classifications, they strongly suggest heightened activation of the physiological stress response and warrant further investigation.

Two comments mentioned suicidal thoughts, and another described chronic pickleball noise as “un-aliving.” Given research linking transportation noise to a slight increase in suicide risk (37), these concerns should not be ignored.

B. The psycho-acoustics of pickleball noise exposure

The proportion of comments about phantom pickleball pops and the severity of some of the psychological health effects are concerning. The psychoacoustics of the pickleball pop may be a key factor behind these psychological and neurological health effects. The characteristics of pickleball noise that may contribute to the adverse health effects found in this study are outlined in Figure 7.

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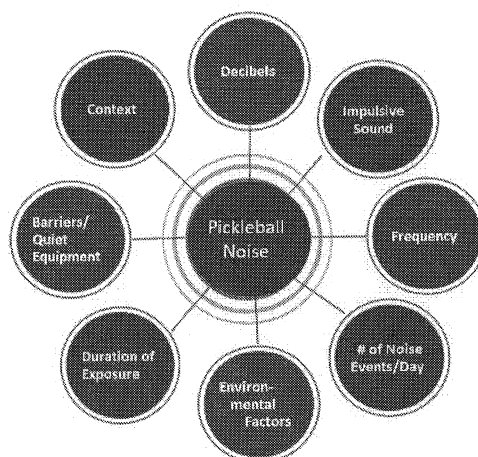


Figure 7. Factors contributing to human perceptions of pickleball noise.

Local U.S. noise ordinances often overlook key aspects of pickleball noise, relying mainly on decibel levels, often measured incorrectly-without accounting for impulse noise penalties (38). Many pickleball sound studies share this flaw, focusing only on decibels and omitting the impulsive nature of the sound. A review of 79 pickleball sound studies found that only one of 36 consultants classified the pickleball “pop” as highly impulsive and applied the full 12 dB penalty, while just three applied a 5 dB penalty (1). These inadequate measurements obscure the true auditory, physical, and psychological impacts. As pickleball noise expert Bob Unetich told NPR in 2023, “You can’t take pop, pop, pop for 12 hours a day every day and remain sane” (39).

Civic leaders often interpret noise complaints as a NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) issue or just an “annoyance.” However, from a health perspective, the findings of this study show that pickleball noise should be viewed as much more than an “annoyance”

Given the potential for serious health effects in nearby residents, immediate mitigation or closure of problematic courts and careful planning for new courts is recommended. The placement of courts should involve certified acoustic professionals who can predict and evaluate noise exposure levels and potential problems near residences. A multifactorial approach that fully assesses the human impact of pickleball noise exposure is recommended.

Acoustic consultants have already provided general recommendations for setbacks, while recognizing that each site brings unique factors that require thorough evaluation. One consulting company that has evaluated more than 150 pickleball court locations reports that “as a ‘general rule of thumb’, within 100 ft of residences, it is extremely difficult (i.e., costly) to adequately mitigate pickleball sound without enclosing the courts. (40). Courts 100–400 feet away typically also require multiple costly mitigation strategies and enforceable rules (8,41,42,43). Courts between 400-1000 feet should undergo individualized sound assessment (8,42,43). Of note, enforceable rules regarding quieter paddles and balls or shortened hours of operation appear to be enforceable only in private courts or in municipal courts with constant supervision.

Based on the acoustic consultant advice and our data, we suggest that existing courts <1000 feet from homes should undergo comprehensive sound evaluations including analysis of all factors influencing perception of pickleball noise sound. To avoid years of costly litigation, it may be advisable to delay locating new courts within 1000 feet of homes until further research is available. For courts within 100 feet of homes, our findings support the consultants’ recommendations. Approximately 75% of the

reported health concerns noted in our study came from people living <100 feet from courts. We recommend that courts not be placed within 100 feet of homes unless completely enclosed.

Our preliminary findings raise serious concerns about the health effects of prolonged exposure to pickleball noise. Just as indoor smoking bans and designated smoking areas protect others from secondhand smoke, pickleball court locations must be planned to protect non-players living near the courts from intrusive impulse noise. And, just as no safe lower limit was found for secondhand smoke, it is possible that no safe exposure level exists for repetitive impulse noise either. Detailed acoustical, physiological, and epidemiological research is needed. Until then, every effort should be made to place new courts as far from homes as possible.

6. STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

Content analysis helps identify early patterns when research is limited and can guide future studies, but it does not measure prevalence or establish causation. It may be biased by self-selection, as those most affected may be more likely to speak out. However, gaslighting and harassment of neighbors has been reported in social media and may discourage some individuals from speaking out. Coding is subjective but follows standard health classifications to enable verification and replication. Potential bias exists as both reviewers of the data are members of related Facebook groups.

7. CONCLUSION

Once constructed, pickleball courts can be expected to operate for many years into the future. Local decision makers need comprehensive information as they make decisions about pickleball court location and local regulations. This should include not only a comprehensive sound study that includes all the acoustic measurements relevant to impulsive pickleball noise but also information about the potential adverse health effects on nearby neighbors.

This study links prolonged exposure to pickleball noise to self-reported adverse health effects in nearby residents. Chronic noise exposure is already known to be associated with heart disease, diabetes, disrupted sleep, and other adverse health effects. Our results also link pickleball noise exposure to reports of suicidal thoughts, a sense of torture, PTSD-like symptoms, and comments suggesting severe distress. Psychological concerns, sleep disruptions, and hearing phantom pickleball pops were found. Both the immediate stress responses and the long-term effects suggest a potential risk of long-term harm to the physical and mental health of those living near pickleball courts.

These findings underscore the urgent need for further research. Further study should address the complex acoustical properties of pickleball noise, as well as the significant psychological and physiological impacts of long-term exposure to impulse noise in residential settings.

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Pickleball noise and conflict: It's not just the decibels

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Pickleball is a wildly popular sport, with over 36 million players nationwide. The hard paddle strike on the plastic ball creates a distinctive pock-pock-pock sound that players find invigorating, but neighbors living close to courts experience as irritating at best. HOAs and recreation districts are retrofitting tennis courts into pickleball courts to meet popular demand, but too often these courts are located very near homes.

There are countless reports documenting neighbors' complaints and efforts to decrease the decibel level of pickleball play with noise barriers and quiet equipment. Many acoustics professionals are aware of other acoustic factors besides decibels such as impulsivity, frequency (Hz), and number of noise events per unit time that play a role in how humans perceive sound.

The context around a sound also plays an important role in how humans perceive sound. These are called non-acoustic factors. This study looks at the the pervasive non-acoustic effects related to long-term exposure to pickleball noise. It turns out that it's not just about the decibels.

People who can hear pickleball noise in their homes ("neighbors") have provided a wealth of personal accounts of non-acoustic factors affecting their lives. From 2023 to 2025, the authors closely analyzed news reports, social media, podcasts, Zoom recordings of public meetings, and legal filings pertaining to pickleball noise. We identified six categories of non-acoustic factors that contribute to neighbors' distress.

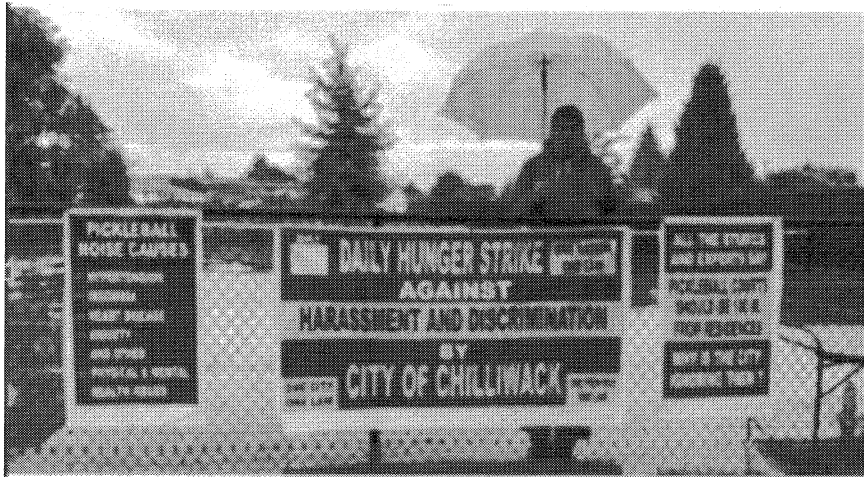
1. Social conflict: The nature of these conflicts is widespread and includes face to face

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harassment as well as name calling/threats on social media towards those who speak up about the noise problem (e.g. Karens, crybabies, busybodies, whiners, ridiculous, entitled...).

2. Fear: Neighbors, even those who don't speak out, report fear of harassment. Residents also fear the effects on their physical and mental health the longer they are exposed to the noise. One man was so disturbed by his auditory hallucinations that he and his wife went on a hunger strike to try to stop the noise.



Neighbors in Chilliwack, Canada, protest the noise from pickleball courts near their homes. (Photograph by [unintelligible])

3. Negative impact on daily activities: Neighbors report being forced to leave their homes for hours or days at a time. They stop opening windows, stop using their yards, and stop having guests over. They report being unable to enjoy a sense of peace inside their own homes.

The harsh and disturbing noise from pickleball enters my home 11 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Ball, Facebook, 2023

4. Loss of locus of control: In one recent survey of >260 communities, almost 3 out of 4 living within 1000 feet of courts reported being able to hear the noise inside their homes. In an effort to gain some sense of control, some people wear noise cancelling headphones in their own homes or spend lots of money on new windows. But even these efforts do not resolve the situation, leaving residents feeling like they have no control over their own lives at home.

So these people are suffering through an alarm going off every 8 seconds for 10 of their waking hours. The difference being of course, you can turn off your alarm clock. No one in these neighborhoods can turn off the sound of the pickleball courts, Flamm, The Dink, 2024

5. Loss of trust in authorities: Neighbors report that authorities, even after hearing

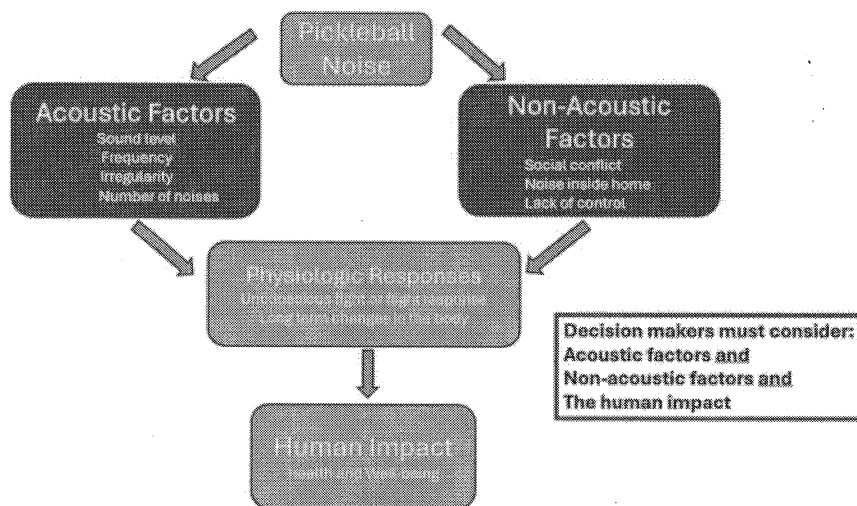
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about the impact on the neighbors, often don't take action to move or close courts with the explanation "we can't make everyone happy."

When presented with this evidence of community concern, the director of Parks and Recreation, Doug Holloway, dismissively said "That just doesn't matter to me." Dougherty vs City of Boise

6. Perceived unfairness. Neighbors express a sense of injustice when the majority's desire for a specific type of recreation seems to outweigh the minority's right to be able to enjoy their homes in peace.

Why is this important? Because research shows that the context around a noise affects how much that noise impacts people. (See ISO technical specification 16755-1).



Pickleball noise is not merely an issue of sound and decibels; it's a complex psychosocial public health phenomenon that impacts communities to an extent not previously documented. The data clearly show that courts in residential areas cause significant community discord. One solution may be to create formal policy on setbacks for pickleball court locations so players can enjoy their game in a location where neighbors are not affected.

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Dear Steve,

I would like to follow up on our conversation today regarding pickleball courts.

Two dedicated pickleball courts, whether equipped with permanent or portable nets, fit comfortably within the footprint of a single full-size tennis court. The most successful pickleball court designs also include a low fence separating adjacent courts, which helps prevent balls from rolling onto neighboring courts and minimizes interruptions to play (see Image #1).

At Longacre, two dedicated pickleball courts could be constructed within the existing single tennis court footprint in the northeast corner. This location would place the courts approximately 217 feet from the nearest residences (see Image #2), providing a substantial buffer from neighboring homes. A second pair of courts could also be accommodated in the southeast corner while still maintaining a significant separation of approximately 180 feet from nearby residences (see Image #3).

A similar approach could be implemented at the Indian Creek courts. Converting one tennis court into two dedicated pickleball courts on the northwest side of the facility would place the courts approximately 139 feet from the nearest homes (see Image #4).

It is also important for the Board to consider the relative scale of potential noise impacts. Two or even four pickleball courts would generate substantially less activity and noise than the eight courts currently operating at the Town Club.

There are options beyond a simple yes or no vote. I hope these observations are helpful as the Board evaluates all of its options.

Best,

Mark Freedman

P.S If you feel it is appropriate and would be helpful, please consider sharing this email with President Symchych and the other Trustees.

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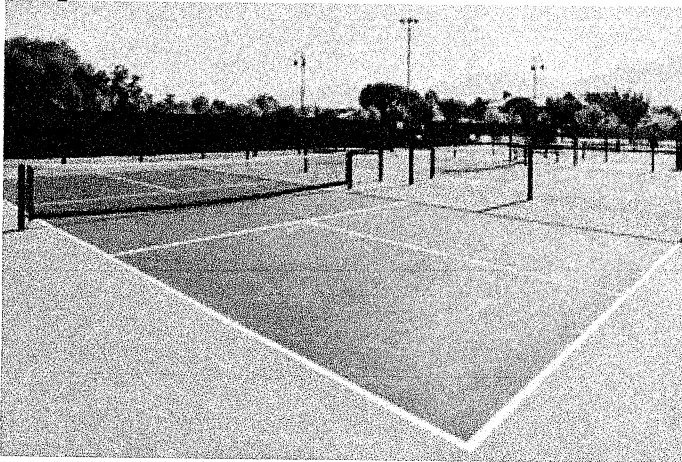
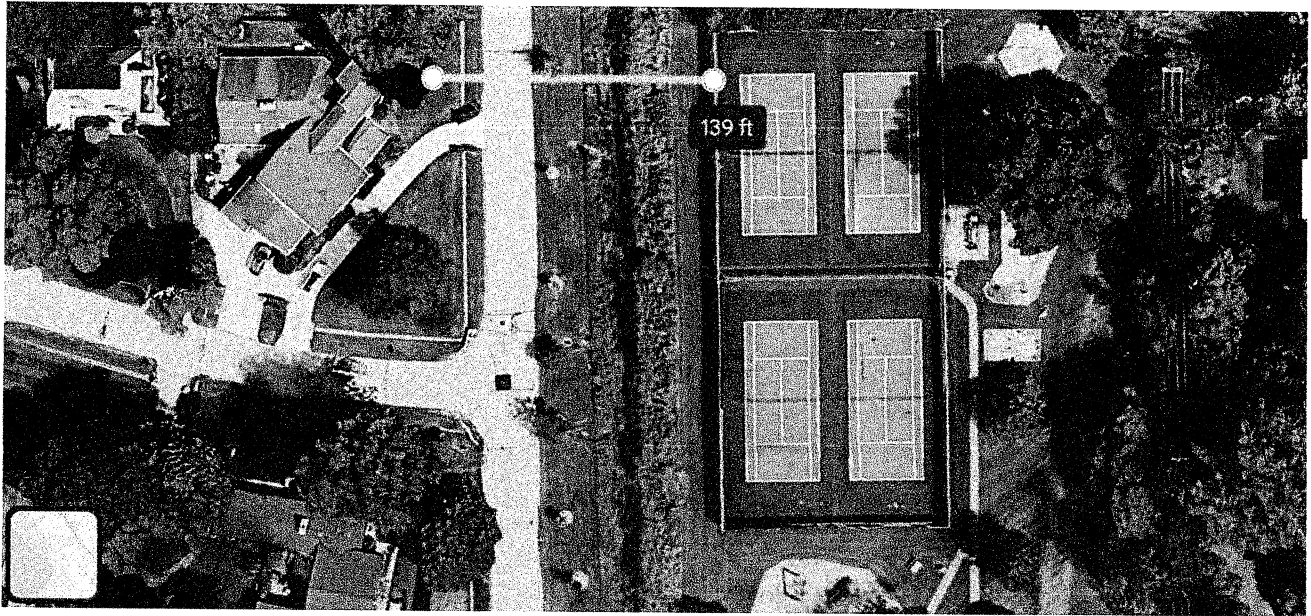


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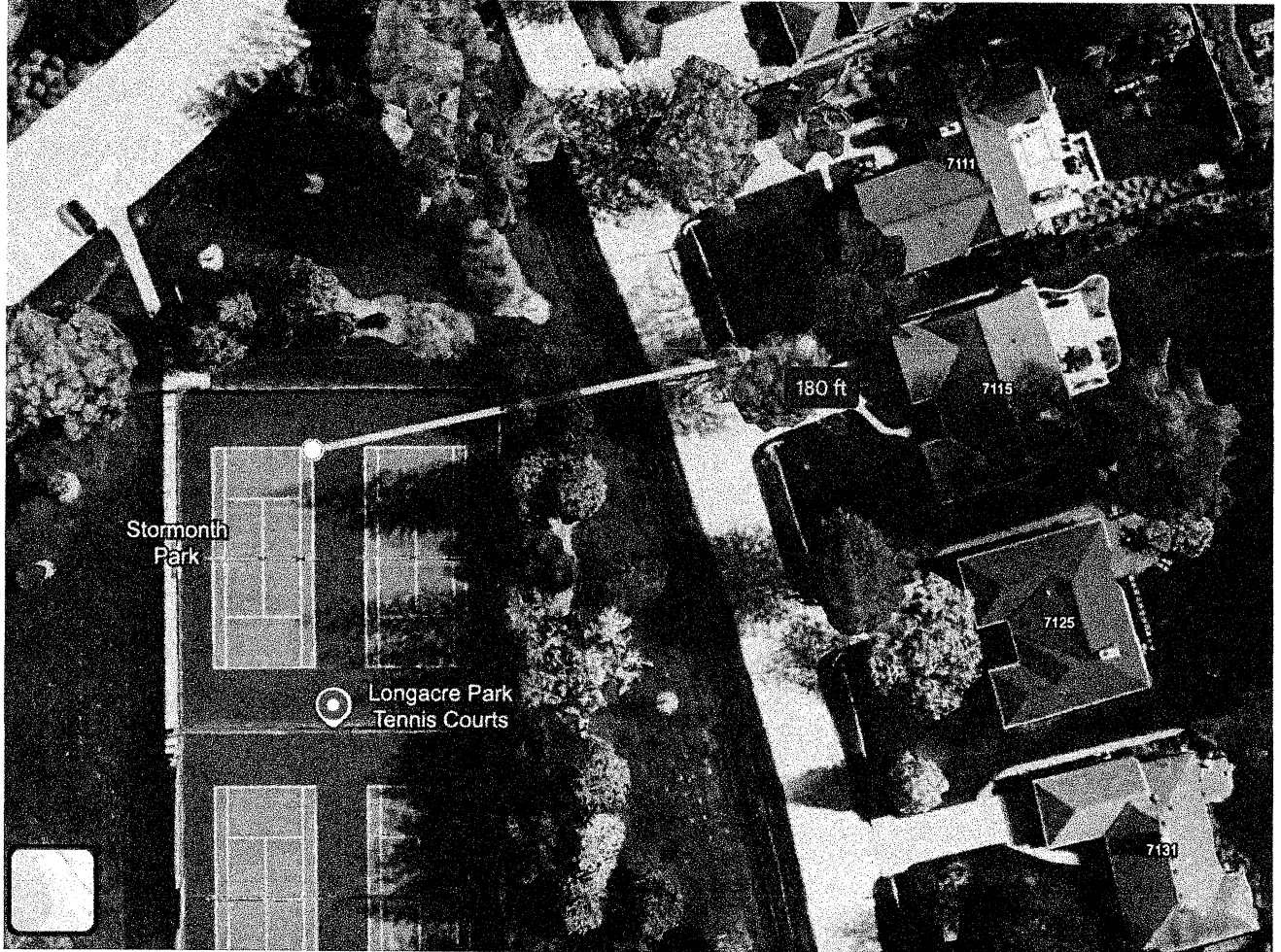


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