



**City of St. Helena
Parks & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 17 @ 5:30pm
Carnegie Building - Second Floor
1360 Oak Avenue**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
Commission Chair: Michelle Deasy, teleconferencing from 2400 Aviation Drive, DFW Airport, TX 75261
Vice Chair: Matthew Demchuk
Members: Doug Boesch, Tye Taylor, and Rebekah Weeman
City Council Member Liaison: Billy Summers
Staff Liaison: Dave Jahns, Parks and Recreation Director
3. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMISSION
Reports by staff and/or commission on items of general interest. Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Commission may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, **the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Parks and Recreation Commission.**
 - 3.1. City Staff
 - Introduction of Recreation Supervisor, Kevin MacLeod
 - Introduction of Public Works Director, Joe Leach
 - Park Maintenance Update
 - Recreation Services Update
 - 3.2. Commissioners Update
 - 3.3. City Council Liaison Update
 - Introduction of City Council Liaison, Billy Summers

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, on motion may be used to adopt all recommendation actions.

- 4.1. Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022

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5. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- 5.1. Receive an update and recommendation from the Pickleball ad-hoc subcommittee regarding the addition of pickleball courts in St. Helena (Boeschen and Taylor)

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- Action Item/Staff Report

Prepared By: Dave Jahns, Parks & Recreation Director

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[Examples of Pickleball Court Options](#)

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[Public Comment Boyle](#)

[Public Comment Long](#)

[Public Comment Jespersen-Wheat](#)

- 5.2. Receive an update from the ad-hoc subcommittees on work completed since the last meeting

- Discussion Item/No Staff Report

- 5.3. Discuss February Commission meeting date due to President's Day Holiday

- Discussion Item/No Staff Report

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm, Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1572 Railroad Avenue and 1360 Oak Avenue on January 13, 2023.

/s/ Dave Jahns

Dave Jahns, Parks & Recreation Director

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**City of St. Helena
Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
November 14, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order - 5:31 pm

2. Roll Call

The following were present:

- Chair: Michelle Deasy
- Vice Chair: Matthew Demchuk
- Members: Doug Boesch, Tye Taylor, Rebekah Weeman
- Staff: Recreation Supervisor Ashley Sylvester, City Clerk Cindy Tzaopoulos, Community Development Director Maya DeRosa
- City Council Liaison: Councilmember Eric Hall
- Absent: Parks & Recreation Director Dave Jahns

3. Reports by Staff and Commission

3.1 - City Staff

- Supervisor Sylvester reported out on written parks maintenance update provided by the Public Works Department. Report covers work from Oct. 17 November 14. Harvest Festival post event clean-up. Last Farmer's Market for the season took place Oct. 28. Clean up at Lewis Station addressing removal of all shrubs, removal of two arbors, seven trees (dead, leaning, impacting walkways), addressing pavers. Work will continue in this park and will have a further update at next commission meeting.
- Future projects: Completion of work at Lewis station (update amenities and restroom fixtures), Arbor day which will be held at Lewis Station Park (date TBD).
- Supervisor Sylvester provided an update on Harvest Festival, youth soccer programs, and adult sports

3.2 - City Council Liaison Update - None

3.3 - Commissioners Updates

- Deasy- Consider Wappo Park for simple, fun events to hold in the future. Asked question about the tree specialist positions and why the qualifications were not more specific to trees. Staff will follow-up with Public Works/ HR for additional information
- Boesch - Did a test run on the report a problem through the city website. Did not get a follow up email after. City Clerk will research issue.

Subcommittee Updates

- Will discuss during agenda item 5.1

3.4 Presentation for Trails and Open Space Committee

- Received a presentation from Trails and Open Space Committee representative, David Knudsen
- Commission provided comment on presentation and plan
 - Deasy - Thank you for putting together the report. Subcommittee met with Chief of police; pathway would not be opened without the coordination of the police dept or neighbors in the plan.
 - Weeman- Same as Deasy
 - Demchuk- Question to Director DeRosa about purpose/result of presentation and meeting. Maya restated that there is no action item tonight. Informational only
 - Boesch - Thank you for presentation. Questions regarding the negative public comment on project on Adams/Pine pathway. One of many public pathways around town. Referenced access to both sides of town. This path is public space, but want to have accommodations for neighbors as well.
 - Taylor- No comments

Chair Deasy opened public comment on this discussion.

- Public comment opened at 6:01pm
 - Leslie Stanton- In favor of public pathways
 - Pam Smithers (Trails Committee member) – Benefits of hidden pathways/pedestrian plan. Reconsider how the plan changed and postpone decision on certain public walkways
 - Jerry Hyde - Question of who has visited the pathway location. Offered to walk path with any commissioner. Open to public access, if gate can be closed at night.
 - Chris Cole- Submitted written comments, reiterated the want for pathways
 - Kathleen Carrick - Former Parks and Recreation director. In favor of alleys and pathways being open
- Close public comment at 6:18pm

Chair Deasy opened comment for commission to close out agenda item 3.4

- Demchuk - Addressed Pam Smithers regarding fiscal budget
- Taylor – Question for Public Works on who will upkeep and maintain Adams/Pine walkway. One time beautification or ongoing? Discussion with Public Works about the improvements and maintenance that could happen on an ongoing maintenance plan among all these trailways/ pathways
 - Committee response - Subcommittee would be initially responsible for the upkeep and cleanup of the trailways/ paths, signage and updates. Youth community service could be utilized
- Commission would like to give support for the plan moving forward and be approved. Two changes requested - update Figure 5.6 to show the Adams and Pine pathway. Modify the modified language based on this evening's discussion
- Director DeRosa noted these requested amendments

4.Consent Calendar

4.1 Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2022

- Motion from Vice Chair Demchuk. Boeschon 2nd
 - Approved – unanimous

5. Scheduled Matters:

5.1 - Commission goals

- Weeman and Taylor- Getting updates on Baldwin Park Improvements and would like to see where the CIP project timeline stands.
- All - Request to have the CIP budgets and where they stand with the commission goals. Clarify what the Parks CIP scope entails and bring that back to commission.
- All - Commission would like better understanding of what projects they can recommend
- Motion to appoint Boeschon to pickleball subcommittee in place of Demchuk
 - Motion and 2nd not captured
 - Approved - unanimous
- Taylor - Would like to see more support for the tennis, ex: utilize the website promote the tennis. Look at how Vintage runs the tennis courts/ clubhouse. Would like a staff to be more involved with tennis. Long term solution to build pickleball courts
- Taylor - Met with Carlos Uribe with Public Works Department to discuss lighting controls and potential options for court lighting at Crane Park. Expecting additional information from staff.
- Boeschon - Latino Community Outreach. Scheduled to hold community meeting in mid-December
- Demchuk- Interact club meets once a week. Contact Jason at SHHS. Wants to engage the youth with community services for community services

6. **Adjournment** - Meeting Adjourned:7:27pm



**Report to the Parks and Recreation
Commission
Commission Special Meeting of January 17, 2023**

Agenda Section: Scheduled Matters – Item 5.1

Subject: Receive an update and recommended action from the Pickleball Ad-Hoc Subcommittee regarding the addition of pickleball courts in St. Helena

CEQA

Determination: Not a CEQA project

Prepared By: Dave Jahns, Parks & Recreation Director

Reviewed By: Dave Jahns, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved By: Dave Jahns, Parks & Recreation Director

BACKGROUND

According to the United States Pickleball Association, pickleball is a court sport played on a badminton-sized court (20' x 44') with the net set to a height of 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic ball, similar to a wiffle ball, and composite or wooden paddles about twice the size of ping-pong paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. In addition, the game has developed a passionate following due to its friendly, social nature, and its multi-generational appeal. It's typically played on a standard tennis court surface or court specially designed and constructed for pickleball. Interest and participation in pickleball continues to grow nationally, throughout California, and locally in Napa County. Several neighboring communities have either constructed new facilities or converted existing tennis courts into pickleball courts in recent years. Currently there are no public courts available to play regulation pickleball in St. Helena.

In October 2020, the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff discussed the growing interest and the potential addition of pickleball courts in St. Helena. The commission continued the discussion for several subsequent meetings and launched a pickleball interest survey in the summer of 2021. The results of that survey are attached for reference.

The Commission established a pickleball ad-hoc subcommittee during the 20-21 fiscal year and that committee has continued into 2022-23. During their October 2022 meeting, the Commission adopted a set of goals, one of which is “Recommend a path forward to develop a pickleball space in St. Helena.” Over the last several years the Commission and ad-hoc committee have looked into various options to bring forward a solution that adds pickleball courts to our public park system.

DISCUSSION

While this endeavor has been underway with the Commission since 2020, conversations have increased over the last several months. Staff and committee members met with representatives from the pickleball and tennis community, spoken with construction and surfacing contractors, and reviewed similar projects in neighboring agencies. From those discussions and the committee’s analysis, four primary options took shape:

- A. Build new dedicated pickleball facilities – *This would provide dedicated space for pickleball use without having an impact on existing tennis court space and programs. This option carries the highest cost and longest lead time to deliver. Would most likely require being part of a future Capital Improvement Program project and/or funding from an outside source.*
- B. Convert an existing tennis court into pickleball courts at Crane Park – *Provides dedicated pickleball space by reducing number of available public tennis courts from six to five. Carries a mid-range price tag and can be delivered in a relatively short amount of time. Courts could potentially be converted back to tennis courts if new pickleball facilities were built in future years.*
- C. Resurface an underutilized asphalt patch at Crane Park for pickleball use – *Provides a dedicated pickleball space without impacting tennis court use. Existing surface would require complete new surfacing or would remain a lower quality surface than exists on tennis courts. Existing footprint (56’ x 28’) would provide enough space for a single pickleball court.*
- D. Dual stripe existing tennis court(s) at Crane Park with lines for both tennis and pickleball – *Allows for tennis and pickleball to be played on the same court (not simultaneously), with lines for both sports overlapping. Inexpensive and quick to deliver. Would require the use of removable or adjustable nets. Shared court use and confusion with overlapping lines is a concern for players of both sports.*

Conversations with community members have been very helpful for the committee in framing a recommendation and providing insight into the benefits and impacts of adding pickleball courts. It should be noted that these conversations represent a sample of pickleball and tennis players, but are not completely comprehensive of all court users.

Pickleball Support

Staff and commissioners met with several pickleball advocates in our community and they highlighted the interest and need for courts in St. Helena. Common comments from those conversations are highlighted below:

- There are no existing public courts in St. Helena. Players must travel to Yountville, Napa, or Santa Rosa to play
- Saint Helena Pickleball Club has over 50 active members, with many others known in the community who play, but not (yet) affiliated with the club
- Community benefits – physical health, positive social interaction, age-friendly activity
- Easy sport to learn and minimal equipment and cost needed to play
- Players of different skill levels can all play and share the court space simultaneously
- A single tennis court footprint can accommodate up to four pickleball courts and 16 players at a time
- Top preference is for new, dedicated facilities, but understand not likely feasible at this time. Next best scenario is conversion of an existing tennis court at Crane Park.
 - Court surfaces are in good condition
 - Relatively low cost and delivery time
 - Lighting and fence footprint already exists
 - Space accommodates four pickleball courts
- Opportunity to add recreation programs specifically for pickleball or a tennis/pickleball combination
- Increased use of the park and courts

Tennis Community Impact

Staff and commissioners are aware of the long-standing tennis tradition in St. Helena and understand that the proposed action will have a direct impact on existing court space and use. Some of the comments and concerns brought forward by members of the tennis community are summarized below:

- General understanding and appreciation of the growing popularity of pickleball. Several players shared they play both sports.
- Overall preference is for a dedicated facility outside of existing Crane Park courts. If Crane courts are selected, prefer a dedicated court space, rather than sharing or dual striping.
- One less court available for public play. Some tennis players feel courts are already overly impacted; others feel there is adequate space.
- USTA league representatives want to ensure league matches will be able to continue. League play requires a maximum of five courts on match days.
- Noise factor due to ball & paddle impact, as well as increased activity on a single court space.
- Request for a public calendar sharing league match dates, camps, lessons, etc.
- Differing opinions on whether the single court closest to bocce ball courts or Crane Ave should be converted. Factors include available gathering space,

noise impacts to neighborhood, and slight crowning on court closest to bocce courts.

Recommendation

Based on analyzing the four options and discussions with community members, the pickleball ad-hoc subcommittee recommends moving forward with Option B – Convert an existing tennis court at Crane Park into pickleball courts.

Staff has had preliminary discussions with surfacing contractors who have completed similar projects as proposed in Option B, and the dimensions of a single court at Crane Park would provide enough space for the addition of four pickleball courts. Based on the existing condition of our courts, staff estimates that a court conversion could be completed in the matter of a few weeks, once the project is approved and weather conditions permit.

While the overall preferred option amongst community members is to build new and dedicated pickleball facilities, it carries the highest price tag and longest timeline to deliver. Based on similar projects in other jurisdictions, staff estimates that a project of this nature would range somewhere in the \$350,000 – \$500,000 range. While not fiscally feasible at this time, staff will continue to review this as an option in future years as a potential capital project.

Once provided with a recommendation, staff will put together a detailed proposal, firm cost estimate, and funding options for consideration at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impact will vary depending on the recommended path forward. If the Commission recommends moving forward with Option B, staff has received three rough estimates that range from \$24,000 - \$60,000 to complete the work.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission review the subcommittee's recommendation and provide staff with direction.

Examples of Pickleball Court Options

Option A – Dedicated Pickleball Facility



(Photo from Lawrence, Indiana)

Option B – Conversion of existing tennis court



(Photo from Las Flores Park, Napa)

Option C – Resurface an underutilized patch of asphalt at Crane Park



(Photo from Crane Park, St. Helena)

Option D – Dual stripe existing tennis courts

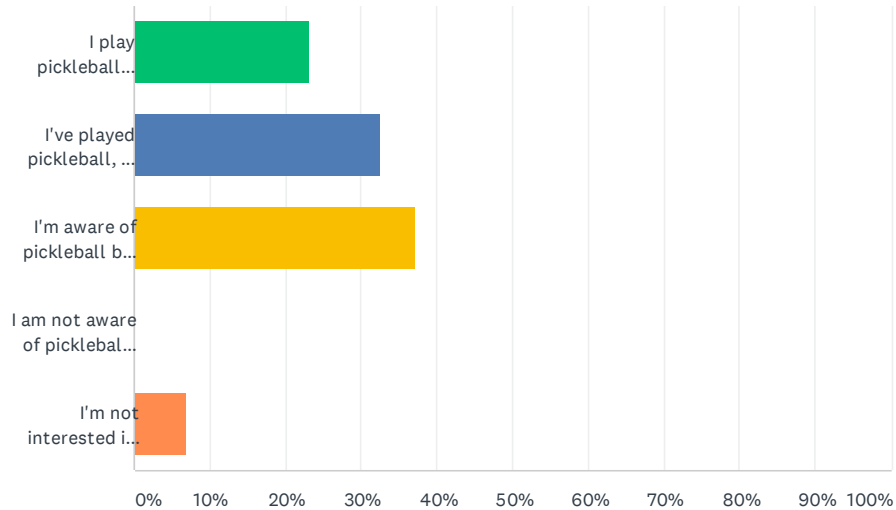


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2021 Pickleball Interest Survey

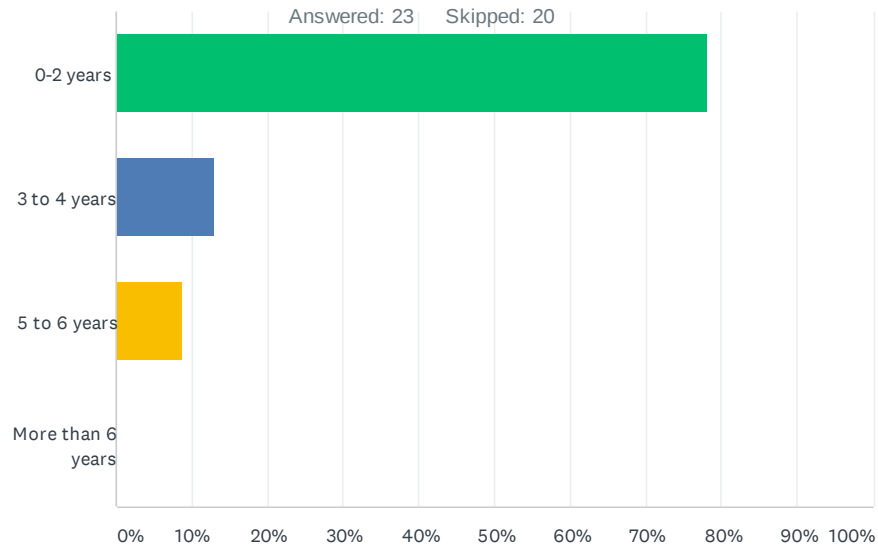
Q1 How would you rate your awareness and interest of pickleball?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 0



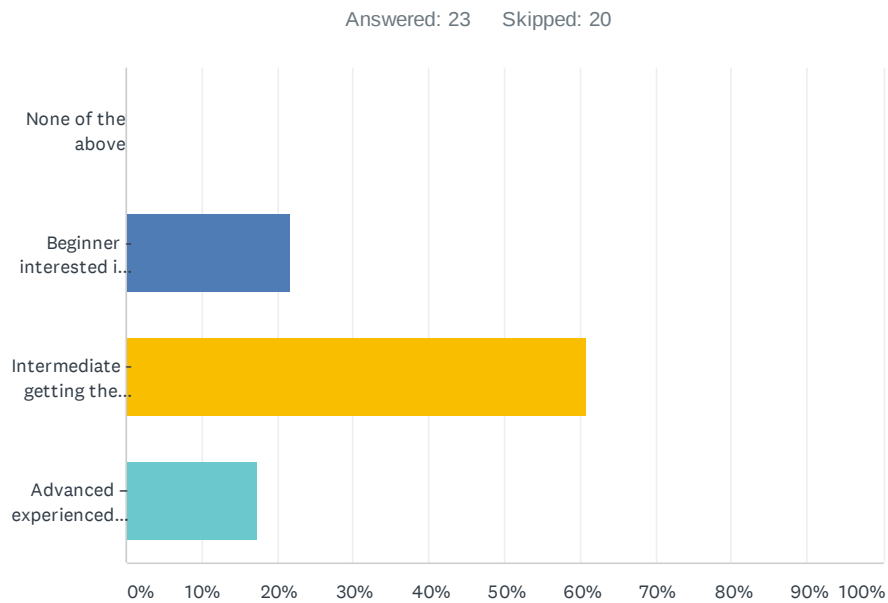
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I play pickleball regularly	23.26%	10
I've played pickleball, but I'm not playing regularly	32.56%	14
I'm aware of pickleball but have yet to play	37.21%	16
I am not aware of pickleball but would be interested in learning more	0.00%	0
I'm not interested in pickleball	6.98%	3
TOTAL		43

Q2 How long have you been playing pickleball?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2 years	78.26%	18
3 to 4 years	13.04%	3
5 to 6 years	8.70%	2
More than 6 years	0.00%	0
TOTAL		23

Q3 Describe your level of play

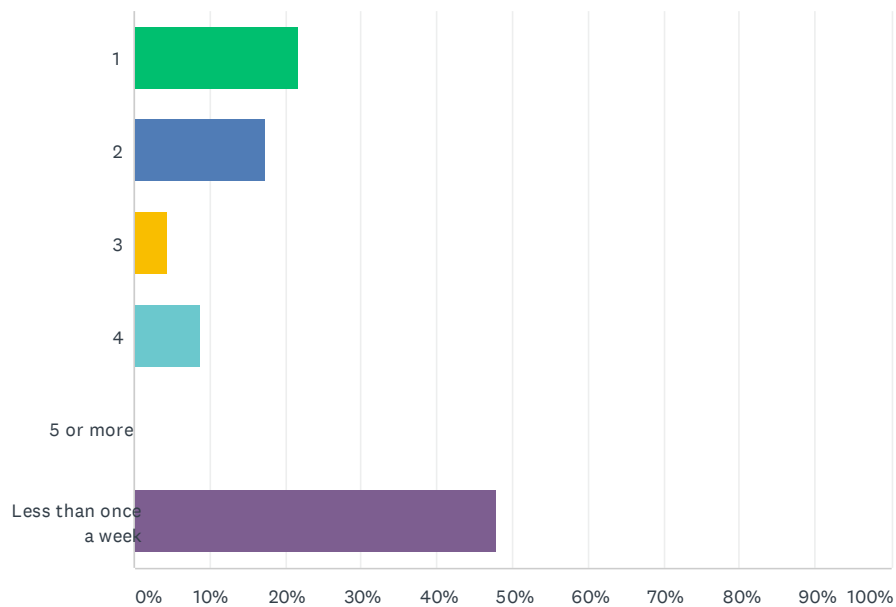


2021 Pickleball Interest Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Beginner - interested in working on my basic skills and understanding of the rules.	21.74%	5
Intermediate - getting the hang of it but would love to improve/learn even more.	60.87%	14
Advanced – experienced player; skilled and knowledgeable.	17.39%	4
TOTAL		23

Q4 How many times a week do you play Pickleball?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 20

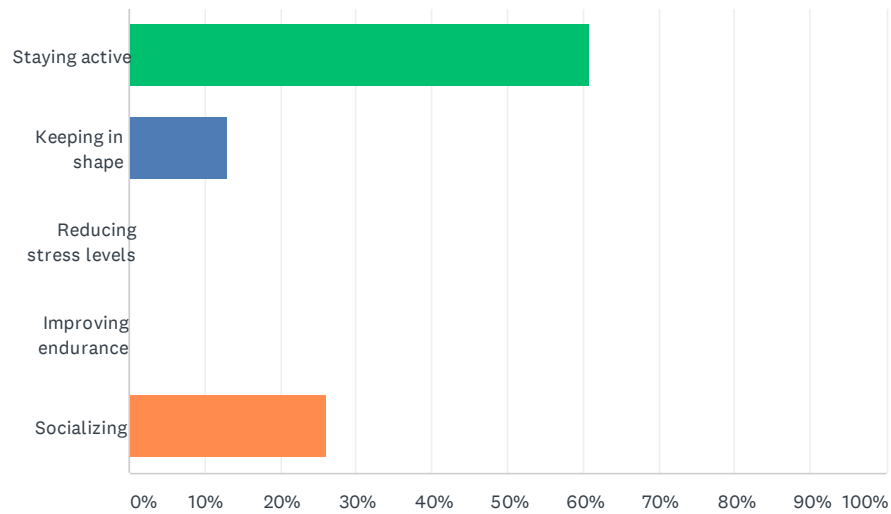


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	21.74%	5
2	17.39%	4
3	4.35%	1
4	8.70%	2
5 or more	0.00%	0
Less than once a week	47.83%	11
TOTAL		23

Q5 Which of the following best describes why you play pickleball as often as you do?

2021 Pickleball Interest Survey

Answered: 23 Skipped: 20

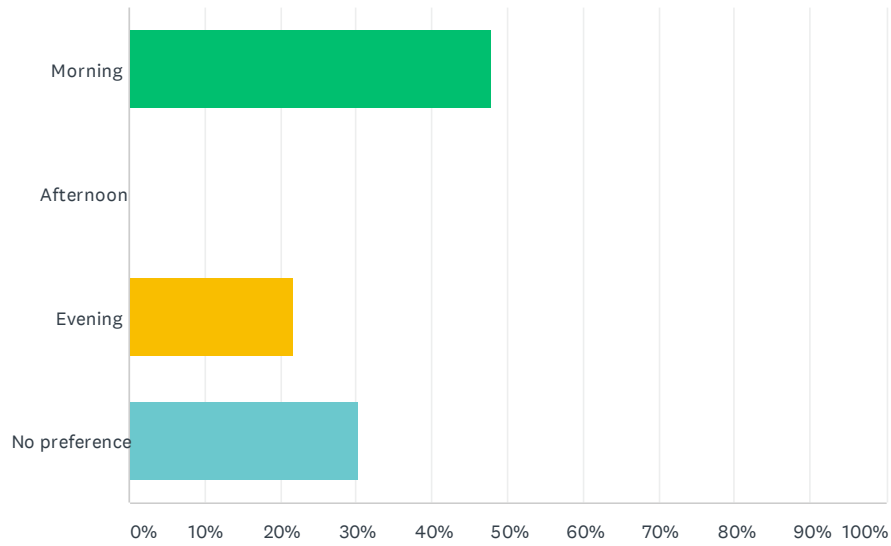


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Staying active	60.87%	14
Keeping in shape	13.04%	3
Reducing stress levels	0.00%	0
Improving endurance	0.00%	0
Socializing	26.09%	6
TOTAL		23

Q6 When do you prefer to play?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 20

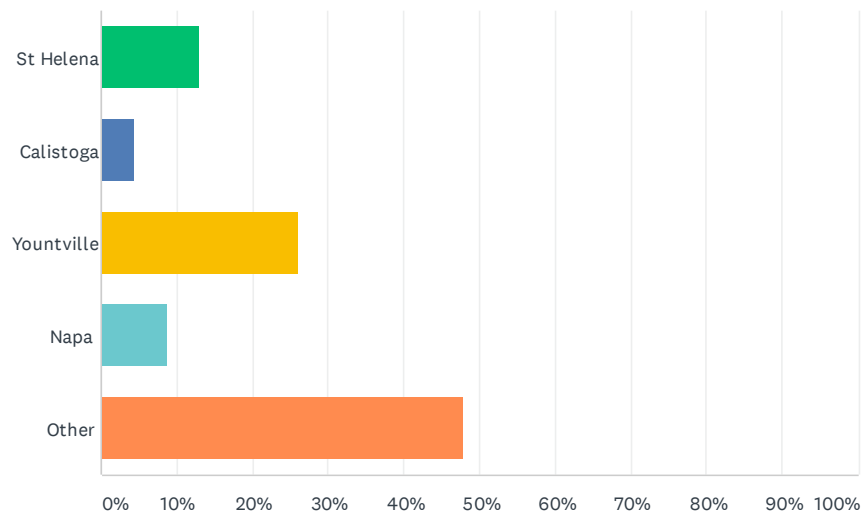
2021 Pickleball Interest Survey



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning	47.83%	11
Afternoon	0.00%	0
Evening	21.74%	5
No preference	30.43%	7
TOTAL		23

Q7 Where do you play pickleball most often?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 20

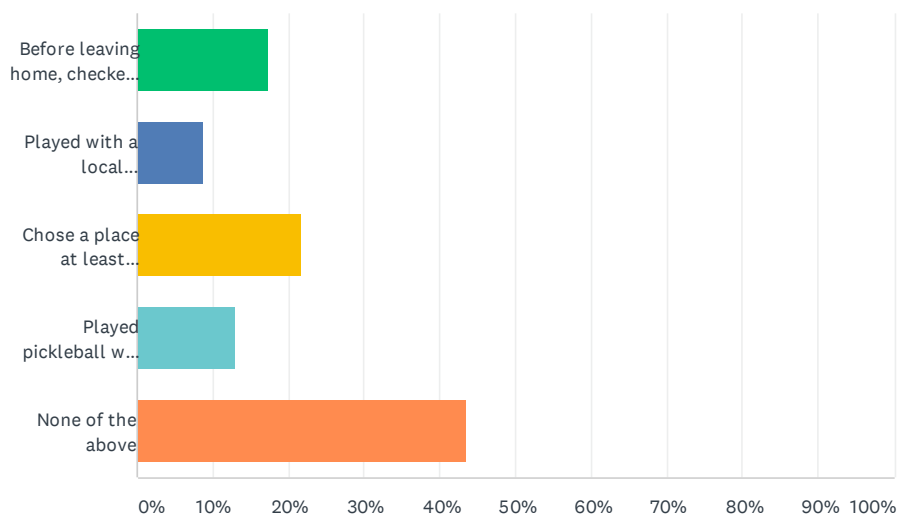


2021 Pickleball Interest Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
St Helena	13.04% 3
Calistoga	4.35% 1
Yountville	26.09% 6
Napa	8.70% 2
Other	47.83% 11
TOTAL	23

Q8 Which of the following best describes your travel behavior related to pickleball.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 20

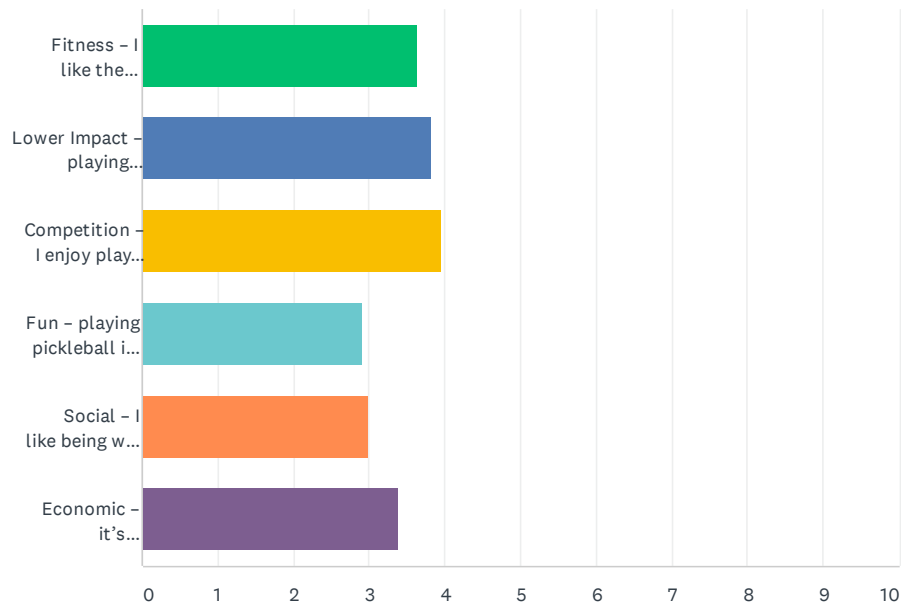


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Before leaving home, checked on pickleball opportunities in the places you were going to visit.	17.39% 4
Played with a local pickleball group in the place you visited.	8.70% 2
Chose a place at least partially on the available opportunities to play pickleball.	21.74% 5
Played pickleball when traveling, but only with traveling partners.	13.04% 3
None of the above	43.48% 10
Total Respondents: 23	

Q9 As a pickleball player, please rank the following in order of importance(1 being the least important and 6 being the most important)

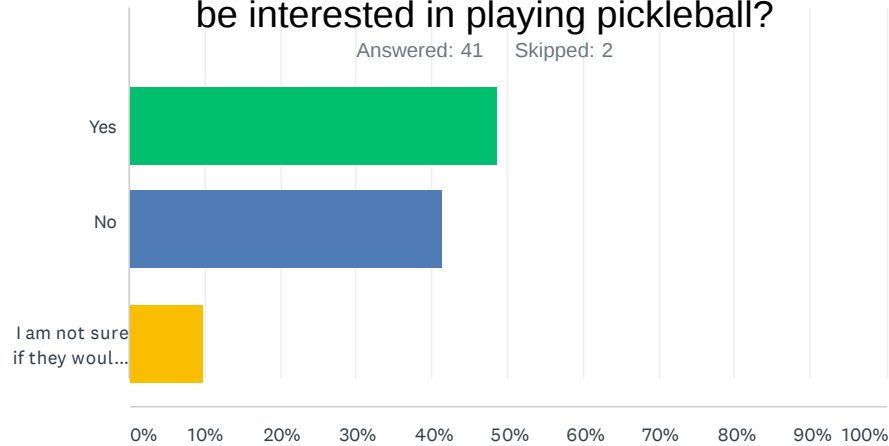
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2021 Pickleball Interest Survey



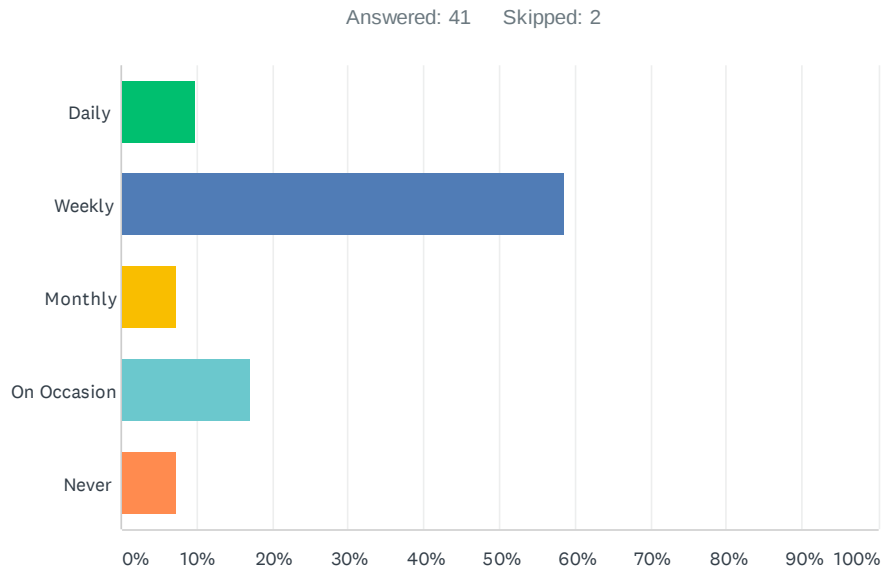
	1	2	3	4	5	6	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Fitness – I like the exercise; it's a good workout.	15.79% 3	5.26% 1	42.11% 8	15.79% 3	5.26% 1	15.79% 3	0.00% 0	19	3.63
Lower Impact – playing pickleball is easier on my body than other active sports.	17.65% 3	23.53% 4	17.65% 3	11.76% 2	23.53% 4	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	17	3.82
Competition – I enjoy playing against others and improving my skills.	10.00% 2	35.00% 7	20.00% 4	15.00% 3	15.00% 3	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	20	3.95
Fun – playing pickleball is enjoyable for me; it's a fun game.	19.05% 4	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	28.57% 6	19.05% 4	28.57% 6	0.00% 0	21	2.90
Social – I like being with other players; playing with friends and making friends.	0.00% 0	15.00% 3	20.00% 4	25.00% 5	30.00% 6	10.00% 2	0.00% 0	20	3.00
Economic – it's affordable; lots of enjoyment for a small investment.	36.36% 8	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	40.91% 9	4.55% 1	22	3.38

Q10 Do you have children or grandchildren in St. Helena that would be interested in playing pickleball?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.78%	20
No	41.46%	17
I am not sure if they would be interested	9.76%	4
TOTAL		41

Q11 If the City St Helena were to install pickleball courts how often do you think you would use them?

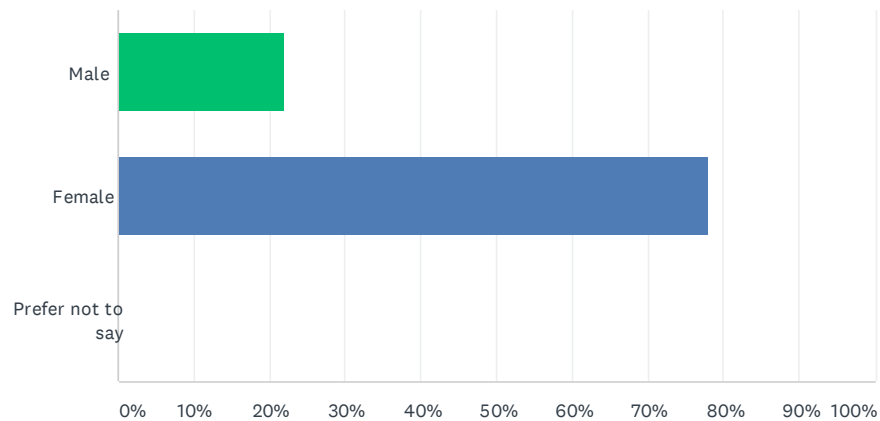


2021 Pickleball Interest Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	9.76%	4
Weekly	58.54%	24
Monthly	7.32%	3
On Occasion	17.07%	7
Never	7.32%	3
TOTAL		41

Q12 Gender

Answered: 41 Skipped: 2

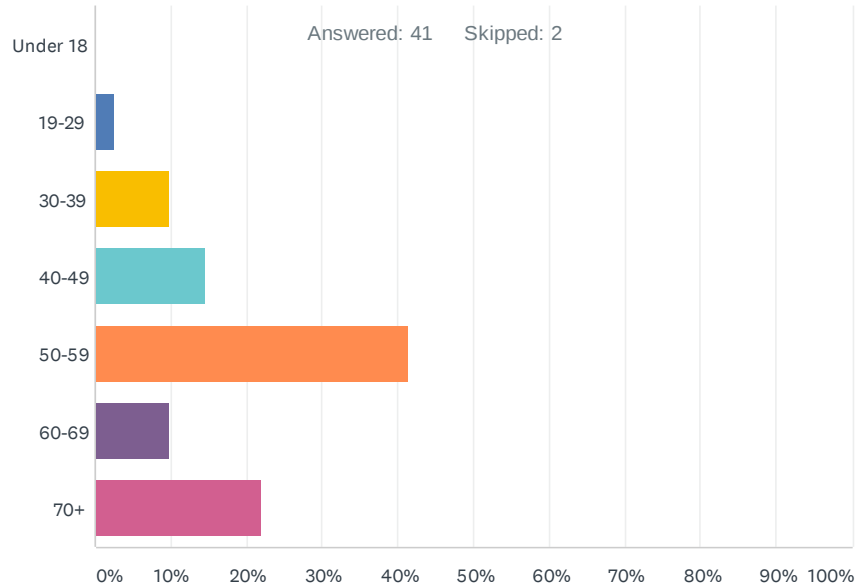


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	21.95%	9
Female	78.05%	32
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
TOTAL		41

Q13 Your Age

Answered: 41 Skipped: 2

Q13 Your Age



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
19-29	2.44%	1
30-39	9.76%	4
40-49	14.63%	6
50-59	41.46%	17
60-69	9.76%	4
70+	21.95%	9
TOTAL		41

Q14 Your Zip Code

Answered: 41 Skipped: 2

ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
94575	94.80%	37
94508	5.12%	2

Dave Jahns

From: Dianne Maher <diannermaher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 5:13 PM
To: hackett.allison@gmail.com; Amy Rogers; Stanton Kristen; Susan Collins; Jennifer Bohr; Kim Hocker; Noreen Fetzer; kara@retrocellars.com; Susan Shifflett; Gail Lane; michelleliu.sf@gmail.com; vgfreeland@me.com; leslie ellis; Laura Levy Shatkin; Kristen Knight; Rebecca j Demchuk; Scott Butterfield; Chris Cheng
Cc: Dave Jahns
Subject: FW: [External] Pickleball Courts Discussion

Good afternoon, tennis players. Dave Jahns, the new Parks and Recreation Director in St. Helena, got my name from prior emails about USTA league tennis. He called me today and shared city and Recreation Commission discussion and early plans for converting a single Crane Park tennis court into pickleball courts. Let me publicly thank you, Dave, for that outreach. It was a nice proactive gesture and much appreciated.

There is a meeting of the Recreation Commission next Tuesday (details below). I said I would forward information about that meeting so that any interested parties (ie. you) can attend or share feedback with him in advance if you so choose. I'm also copying him here so he has a few more interested-tennis-player contact emails for his future reference. A summary of my input from our conversation is below if you're curious:

- The tennis community would prefer a purpose-build pickleball facility elsewhere in Crane Park or in another city park/property rather than cannibalizing a tennis court for pickleball. However, of course cost is an issue.
- If there is to be a single Crane Park tennis court converted to pickleball, I offered that my opinion would be to convert the less-used street-side cage rather than the bocce cage. That would also preserve league tennis' opportunity to have a central viewing and gathering place for matches that use that bocce cage. However, neighbor proximity to that street-side court might be a pickleball noise issue.
- We discussed the noise-cancelling hard plastic wrap that Yountville installed at their pickleball courts. Pickleball is by nature a noisy sport, so it's going to be loud in and around Crane Park if one court becomes four pickleball courts no matter where it is. The hard plastic court enclosure in Yountville helps. It does make it very noisy inside and less attractive inside and outside. However, it does mitigate the noise outside. It makes sense to me to use the wrap and do the conversion on the street side cage. I'd vote to not wrap and introduce that ugliness if it's the bocce cage converted. To me, the aesthetic issue of the noise wrap is an additional rationale to convert the street side cage rather than the bocce cage.
- If the bocce cage is chosen for the conversion to pickleball, perhaps the city could install more picnic tables/benches/BBQ over in that space between the street cage and four center courts to create viewing/gathering areas on the other side of the four main courts for new primary tennis viewing areas.
- If either court is to be converted to pickleball, we'd request that it simply be striped for four pickleball courts, but don't install permanent pickleball nets and do retain the tennis net. That way the court could, in a pinch, still be used for tennis when pickleball isn't happening.

Share your opinions if you have them with Dave and/or attend the meeting if you're interested in this topic. Also, please forward Dave's note below to anyone else who you think might be interested.

Go Crane Park!

Dianne

From: Dave Jahns <djahns@cityofsthenana.org>
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 3:41 PM

Dave Jahns

From: outlook_C91E545D3C719D6E@outlook.com <ted.shuel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 8:44 AM
To: Dave Jahns
Subject: [External] Saint Helena Pickleball Courts

Good Morning David,

I am having cataract surgery today and may not make the meeting tonight but please put me down as a Strong supporter of bringing Pickleball Courts to Saint Helena. I have been driving to Yountville for over three years to use their courts.

Each time me and three others usually have lunch or dinner after playing.

THESE COURTS WILL NOT ONLY BE WONDERFUL FOR OUR CITIZENS WHO PLAY THIS FAST GROWING SPORT BUT ILL BE GOOD FOR THE RESTAURANTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Thank you,

Ted B. Shuel
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Dave Jahns

From: Mark Blaustone <blaustonemark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 8:48 AM
To: Dave Jahns; doug@boeschenvineyards.com; Eric Hall
Subject: [External] Pickleball court

Hello all,

I cannot make it to the meeting tomorrow, but as a St Helena resident I would like to give my full support to the proposed Pickleball court project at Crane park. I know many people in town that play, and we all have to travel to other towns to find courts to play on. It would be great to have courts in town and they would get a lot of use.

Mark Blaustone

Dave Jahns

From: Judy Boyle <judysb@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:36 AM
To: Dave Jahns
Subject: Fw: [External] Pickleball

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From: Judy Boyle <judysb@sbcglobal.net>
To: ehall@cityofstheleena.org <ehall@cityofstheleena.org>; djohns@cityofstheleena.org <djohns@cityofstheleena.org>; doug@boeschenvineyards.com <doug@boeschenvineyards.com>; Christopher Smith <christopher.smith777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 10:32:20 AM PST
Subject: Pickleball

Good morning. I know that you will be receiving a number of emails repeating similar themes. People want to be able to play pickleball in St. Helena. I am also one of those people. I am hoping it will be helpful to you to have some talking points that appeared in an article on the front page of the The San Francisco Chronicle this morning.

Pickleball is a sport invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington. The name is derived from "pickleboat" which is a hastily assembled rowing crew.

Pickleball is America's fastest growing sport. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association roughly 4.8 million people played pickleball in 2021, a 39% spike in participation over the previous two years. Based on online equipment sales figures the numbers are actually much larger. The barriers to enter the sport are low. It is inexpensive, social and simple. With shorter nets and much smaller courts than tennis, grandparents and kindergartners alike can join in on a doubles match. With the sport's demographics trending younger, experts project more than nine million Americans will swing paddles in 2025.

As a former tennis player in San Francisco where I grew up, and here in St. Helena from 1970 to 2010, I now appreciate the opportunity to play a safer, more relaxed sport. At 73 I walk and swim and would love to add a more social, physically interactive experience to my life. Thank you for your service to our city. Judy Boyle

Dave Jahns

From: Megan Long <megan.long@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:47 PM
To: Dave Jahns
Subject: [External] Support Adding Pickleball Courts at Crane Park

Dear Mr. Jahns,

I'm writing in support of adding pickleball courts at Crane Park, which I know is on the agenda for tonight's Parks & Rec meeting. While I personally have not tried the sport, my father is an avid player and part of the leadership of a pickleball club up in Mt. Shasta, where he lives. He would love for there to be a way to play when he visits me in St. Helena 3-4 times a year. He tried to play in Yountville but the people there were not very welcoming. He has met some of the St. Helena residents who play, although I know up until very recently the sport was fairly unorganized in town. Having dedicated courts would change that, I believe. Thank you for reading this and I hope you will support this positive addition for our town.

Best,
Megan

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Dave Jahns

From: Valerie Jespersen-Wheat <vjespwheat@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Dave Jahns
Subject: [External] Pickleball in St. Helena

Dear Mr. Jahns,

I'm a full time resident of St. Helena, and am writing to let you know that I support adding pickleball courts to Crane Park.

As I'm sure you know, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US, with over 5 million people playing. It's fun, a great workout, and can be played by people a variety of ages—youngsters as well as those over 65 like myself.

Having pickleball courts here in St. Helena will benefit not only our residents, but the thousands of tourists who visit every year. Being able to stay active while visiting our wonderful town is just one more reason to make St. Helena a travel destination.

I hope that you will join me in supporting this as a valuable addition to our city's Parks and Recreation program.

Sincerely,
Valerie Jespersen-Wheat

Sent from my iPad