

PICKLEBALL EMAILS TO RCSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
PART TWO

1. To our RCSC Board Members:

First, thank you for your service. We know that balancing various priorities and working for the best interest of the RCSC Membership is a daunting, and often thankless task. We appreciate your willingness and commitment to serve.

We know you have already heard from several SCPC members on the need for more pickleball courts with a specific number of additional courts requested. It appears clear the data presented during the SAC meetings (and at prior meetings) more than support the request.

Pickleball is exploding in Sun City as well as in the rest of the country and is a decision factor for those that move here. We had a couple at our Introduction to Pickleball class yesterday that were playing in their driveway because "they want to learn the game and find people to play with." Dan Haberman spotted them, and invited them to join the clinic. In the time my husband and I have lived here, we watched club membership grow without any additional courts. We have also seen the impact this growth has had on activities/clinics, limiting the flexibility the Club has due to insufficient court availability.

More courts mean more, what some are calling, pickleball noise pollution. We strongly urge the Board to build indoor, air conditioned courts, not only to mitigate the noise, but more importantly for the health and well-being of our residents, especially those of us that are full-time residents.

Thank you for your support of this growing, popular sport to help keep Sun City an attractive, active retirement community!

Rick and Rachel Trojanovich

2. **From:** Jane Trotta
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:27 PM
Subject: Mountainview Recreation Center Pickleball

I'd like to comment on the situation with Mountainview and put in my vote not only to keep the pickleball courts but to also add more.

In your position as a board member and researching all angles of the Marinette situation, I'm sure you know pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and needs to be seriously considered for the future of Sun City's growth.

As a newer resident of Sun City, the biggest reason we moved here was to play "more" pickleball. This past winter, we had the pleasure of playing at both Mountainview and Marinette and can honestly say: the game, the people we've met, and the 27 courts here were the biggest reasons we chose to purchase here in April of this year. The Marinette Rec Center is a stellar facility and would think that building on that reputation would be a key plan for the future.

I'm asking you to keep the momentum going. Why with the trend of AZ (and the US) building more pickleball facilities to stay even with the upward trend, would you even consider removing 1/4 of the courts for the roughly 37,000 people in SC? As the general population ages, I can say with certainty, a higher percentage of people turning 55 will be even more interested in pickleball therefore needing even more facilities available for play.

To remove courts instead of building MORE courts is NOT a good business model. I urge you to vote on the side of pickleball and healthy lifestyles. Build more outdoor AND indoor courts to help bring more people to Sun City. I know of family members that are considering to buy in SC within the next 4 years and know that pickleball is 90% of the reason they would come. More courts would also give Sun City the opportunity to host bigger and better tournaments, again bringing even more attention to this 55+ community as well as a monetary bump to the RCSC pickleball club and Sun City.

Keep us moving forward and not backward as an organization that promotes healthy living. For my family, we lead an active lifestyle and don't want to regret purchasing in Sun City which will certainly happen if courts are removed instead of built.

Thank you,

Jane Trotta

3. **From:** Jeanne Smith <jeannesmith1123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 11:37 PM
Subject: More Pickleball Courts Needed in Sun City

I am writing to you as a new resident of Sun City. Last winter I was a snowbird for the first time. I stayed at Sun Village in Surprise. The first week in AZ, I met a few Sun City pickleball players at a tournament. I was invited to play in Sun City with a couple of groups (with guest passes of course) and continued to play throughout the winter.

I had been interested in buying a home in Sun City West, however as I learned more about Sun City and when I discovered the 8 covered pickleball courts my mind changed and I am now a Sun City resident!! I will be spending summers in WI for now, but I know I will be here 100% of the time in the future and the covered courts will be even more appreciated.

My first thought when I saw the 8 covered courts was "wow the oldest 55+ community in the world is ahead of the pickleball curve". I took that as a sign that this community has great vision. It is my hope Sun City will keep up with the tremendous growth pickleball has experienced in recent years by adding more courts, including indoor courts (to the current number of 27). By including indoor courts more players may stay here year round and it would be a selling feature unique to Sun City.

By adding more courts, the board will take a giant step forward on behalf of current SC pickleball players and future potential residents. Let's not fall behind and live up to the stereotype of being the "old community". Removing any courts will indeed be moving backwards, thus earning a negative reputation. Please don't make me second guess my decision to move to the "Original Fun City".

To see current trends and participation numbers see the attachments that are excerpts from USA Pickleball with estimated participation numbers between 2021-22 and more recently an article from CNBC, January 2023 with Participation Surveys between 2020 and 2023.

My point in showing these numbers is to help prepare Sun City for the increased number of players reaching the age of 55 in the not too distant future. We need to be prepared for the influx of players in upcoming years.

Thank you for listening!!

Jeanne Smith

4. **From**
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>; jdurbut@suncityaz.org; John Nowakowski <jnowakowski@suncityaz.org>; Denny Nichols <dnichols@suncityaz.org>; Steve Collins <scollins@suncityaz.org>; John Fast <jfast@suncityaz.org>; Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>; Karen McAdam <kmcadam@suncityaz.org>; Jim Rough <jrough@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Need More Pickleball Courts

Dear RCSC Board Members,

I imagine most of you are getting tired of hearing from pickleball players, but it is important that Sun City increases the number of courts available to accommodate the number of players that we have now

and also for the increasing numbers we will have in the future. There are good reasons that pickleball is so popular and continues to attract new players; it's great exercise, can be played by people of almost any age, and is also a lot of fun. Availability of pickleball facilities may be a deciding factor for a lot of people looking for a retirement community that suits their needs.

Along with increasing the number of courts, some climate controlled facility would greatly increase the usage of the courts, especially in the heat of summer. Air conditioning of the existing pavilion at Marinette I think would be a great idea.

I hope you can find a way to fit this into the RCSC budget.

Thanks,

LK

5. **From: Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:30 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Pickleball at Mountain View

I am a Sun City resident, rec center member and avid Pickleball player. I am writing to urge you to include at least 45 total pickleball courts at the Mountain View Rec Center in it's renovation. Outdoor courts and climate controlled indoor courts are needed to accommodate this very popular and rapidly growing sport among active retirees. Thank you for supporting this vital activity.

Sandy Van Winkle

6. **From:** JM
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Mountain View

This is a request to add 25 more Pickleball courts at the Mountain view recreation center for a total of at least 45 courts, with at least half of them covered so it can be utilized during the summer time also. The PB president had already made a needs assessment earlier once the number of members crossed in to well over 1000.

Thanks for your consideration.
JM

7. **From:** R>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>; Jdurbut@suncityaz.org; Jknowakowski@suncityaz.org; Denny Nichols <dnichols@suncityaz.org>; Steve Collins <scollins@suncityaz.org>; John Fast <jfast@suncityaz.org>; Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>; Karen McAdam <kmcadam@suncityaz.org>; jtough@suncityaz.org
Subject: Mountain View Pickleball Courts Badly Needed

Good Day

I am a Sun City resident and frequent pickleball player at Marinette Rec Center. I'm sure I don't need to inform you that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. The local news outlets are filled with stories of new pickleball venues popping up around the Valley. And yet, I don't see any firm plans to add more courts to Sun City, in fact some reports claim that the existing courts at Mountain View will be removed!!

During the winter months, the Marinette courts are extremely busy making it very difficult to get playing time. During holidays or breaks the courts are even busier as members bring in grandchildren and family members to play. One of the main reasons I moved

to Sun City was to be able to play pickleball. Without additional courts, either at Mountain View or elsewhere, I won't be able to realize that retirement goal. I have several friends who are considering a move to Sun City, all are avid pickleball players.

I believe we need at least 50 additional pickleball courts in Sun City. We need both indoor (climate controlled) and outdoor courts. I saw several seniors overcome by heat exhaustion last year.

Thank you

R M

8. **From:** LH
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Pickleball Courts

Please consider this email my vote for 40 to 60 new courts. Due to obvious climate issues we need be both indoor and outdoor courts

L H

9. **From:** AH
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:11 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Mountain View R C

Hello

I would like you to know that our Family requests the SAC committee to include at least 45 total courts at the Mountain View Rec Center when it gets redone. Both outdoor and indoor, climate controlled courts are essential!

Thank you for your consideration.

10. **From:** KA
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 4:48 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: SAC committee

Hello,

My name is KA and my husband and I have lived in Sun City since October 2019. We have grown to love this incredible community and all its amenities!

My husband and I are both very active members of the Pickleball club and are playing most days and many evenings as well. With this sport growing so rapidly it is hard to find places to play. The growing numbers in our club reflect the need for more courts!

It is my desire to see more courts added to the Mountain View Recreation Center plan. It makes sense to have good courts on both ends of town. (Marinette and Mountain View) It would be wise to have climate controlled indoor courts as well as more outdoor courts! I'm hoping the SAC committee will take serious consideration to this growing need as they move forward with plans for this center!

Thank you!

KA

11. **From:** TC
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 5:22 PM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Pickleball courts

45 courts at MV needed.

12. **From:** sr

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 8:39 PM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject:

We need more Pickleball courts please.

13. **From:** DN

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 10:07 PM

To:

Subject: Mountain View Remodel

Thank you for taking time to serve on the Strategic Alternatives Committee related to a possible Mountain View remodel. Thank you also to those who are on the RCSC board of directors.

An upgrade or remodel of the Mountain View facility should be a high priority. Residents in this area of phase 1 deserve a modernized rec center.

The availability of quality pickleball courts should be included among whatever plans are made. Pickleball is very popular now. Please consider future residents as Sun City will get 'younger' and that younger people will be playing pickleball and tennis. Having the Mountain View location include space for these activities provides more equitable access versus going to Marinette and Bell.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

DN

14. **From:** MG

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 1:06 PM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Pickleball courts & Golf

We need more pickleball courts for a membership that has more than 1000 members. We currently have 27 courts at 2 facilities. Add 18 more courts for the MountainView renovation project.

Leave the golf course full/partial membership rate and guest rates ALONE! If anything, raise ONLY the public rate by \$5-\$10 dollars. All courses in the Phoenix metro area are 15% or more higher than the Sun City public rate.

Get some work done and stop the lip service.

MG

15. **From:** P or C H

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:28 PM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Mountain View center plan

Hi,

I'm writing to let you know that the current plan for re-vamping the Mountain View Center pickleball courts is completely inadequate. As reported in national news outlets (see examples below), pickleball's popularity has exploded. With more residents that ever playing this sport, the current plan is unreasonable and can hardly be called a stop-gap. I support building 40+ additional courts, both indoor and outdoor, along with needed amenities.

Thank you for considering this.

C H

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/05/pickleball-popularity-explodes-with-more-than-36-million-playing.html>

16. **From:** TA

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 6:09 AM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Pickleball Courts

We need at the minimum 20 new Pickleball courts at the Mt. View center.

We have over 900 members. The largest club in Sun City. Our courts are max out during peak season.

T A

17. **From:** gm

We need to make a decision on increasing the number of pickleball courts at Mountain View to at least 45! We are being left behind as a retirement community and pickleball is the biggest draw to new buyers when picking out an active community to live in!

Thank you for all you do for the community!

GandOM

18. **From:** BR

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:16 PM

To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Pickleball

My wife and I are considering moving to the Phoenix area and we are avid competitive pickleball players. We heard that there's a proposal on the table to add additional courts in the Sun City area. We visited last year and can say there is a need. Tremendous increase in play nationally too. Pickleball is really appealing to a younger crowd as well and they too will be looking in the future for a retirement community with pickleball.

Please look into just how popular this sport is becoming and make the right choice and add additional courts in your area.

Sincerely,

B&LR