

Subject: Pickleball Courts

1. RCSC Board Members,

Quality of Pickleball facilities & volume of courts are the primary criteria when choosing a retirement community for my wife & I.

We are from Nebraska & just spent our first winter renting in Sun City.

We are considering other areas for future winters based on these facilities.

Please consider the highest quality Pickleball expansion options for Mountain View Rec Center and the greatest number of courts.

Both indoor climate controlled courts & outdoor courts are sought by us.

The explosion of this sport has become a wonderful way of life for many that will seek out the nicest & largest facilities available to ensure quality play & court availability.

With the current rate of growth what ever you build now may not be enough to handle the demand in the very near future.

Trying to overbuild now will pay dividends immediately.

Please maximize your plans now for Mountain View Rec Center re-build.

Thank You Much,

Jeff & Barb Baldridge

2. Dear RCSC Board,

We are David Hickman and Heidi Yang, residents of Sun City Retirement Community, writing to express our support for the proposal to add more pickleball courts at the Mountain View center. We believe that this addition will significantly elevate the overall appeal of the Sun City community.

We are advocating for the construction of both outdoor and indoor pickleball courts, complete with climate-controlled facilities. Additionally, we propose the inclusion of an eating area to provide residents with a comfortable space to socialize and enjoy refreshments. These additions, we believe, will not only contribute to the well-being of our current residents but also serve as a compelling factor for prospective retirees considering Sun City as their future home.

Here are some reasons why we consider these additions crucial for our community:

Pickleball's Growing Popularity: Pickleball has gained widespread popularity, particularly among retirees. Offering high-quality outdoor and indoor courts would cater to the increasing interest in this enjoyable and accessible sport.

Year-Round Enjoyment: Climate-controlled indoor courts would ensure that residents can enjoy pickleball year-round, regardless of weather conditions. This versatility would make the facility more accessible and could position Sun City to host future pickleball tournaments, generating additional revenue for the community.

Social Hub: The proposed eating area would not only provide a place for residents to refuel after a game but also serve as a social hub. It would encourage community members to gather, share experiences, and

strengthen the bonds within our community.

Attraction for Future Residents: As friends and relatives consider Sun City as their future retirement community, the availability of state-of-the-art pickleball facilities with accompanying amenities would undoubtedly make our community stand out.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We are optimistic that these enhancements will contribute positively to the vibrancy and desirability of Sun City.

Sincerely,

David Hickman & Heidi Yang
Sun City Residents

3. **From:** Jasen Ricketson
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:23 PM
To: Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>
Subject:



More courts please

4. Dear RCSC Board Members,

I am writing to encourage the SAC Committee to include a significant number of quality pickleball courts in the upgrade project at the Mountain View Recreation Center. Thirty five to forty more courts is a minimal amount needed. Also, it would be necessary to include at least eight/ten courts that are covered, and eight/ten courts that are enclosed and air conditioned.

Marianette is a very good facility, but the demand for more quality courts has outgrown this facility. Pickleball is the most popular sport in Sun City and interest will continue to grow (it is the fastest growing sport in the country).

I moved to Sun City five years ago and two recreation options that influenced my choosing to buy a home in Sun City were golf and pickleball. More courts are now badly needed to continue to meet the demand for both tournament and group league play. To not include 35-40 courts (including a covered group of courts and an enclosed air conditioned group of courts would be a significant long term loss for the future of the community. Many people, like me, chose Sun City because of its availability of quality courts.

Quality is important - it is hard to later on improve on a cheap set of pickleball courts created in a tennis court space (need fences between courts, etc.) I encourage you to do it right -- quality courts in a variety of settings. You only get this chance every 40 years - you will not regret it!!

Thanks for all your work on this remodel project.

Beryl and Marti Hugen

5. **From:** steve roberston
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 8:36 PM
To: Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>
Subject:

We need more Pickleball courts please.

6. **From:** Cheri May
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 6:46 AM
To: Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Pickleball

Pickleball is really skyrocketing in popularity. It is such a great activity for seniors. We need more courts. It can be difficult finding a court when you want so badly to play. Having an indoor court would benefit so many of us who want to play year round. Please add more courts in Sun City. It is keeping us seniors young and engaged in an activity that is so enjoyable by many.

Thanks,
Cheri

7. **From:** Dwight Schmidt
> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 7:13 AM
> **To:** Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>
> **Subject:** MV
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> We would appreciate your support for an indoor and outdoor facility for PB. It is the fastest growing sport amongst seniors and would be a great investment in our future for continuing to attract seniors to our community. I would appreciate your support !
> Thanks!
> Dwight

8.
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 11:31 AM
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>; Jim Rough <jrough@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Pickleball Courts at Mountain View

I have been a year-round resident of Sun City for six years and am an avid pickleball player. I understand the pickleball club has more than 200 members and it's very clear, to me, that the shortage of courts makes it very difficult to get play in. Now that the snowbirds are returning, it will become even more obvious. As I try to login and register for group play, I constantly have found that all 'regular' play slots are filled immediately on registration days, and literally, for two years, I've tried to join social play or other groups only to find all slots filled. As a result, I have played in the modified pickleball group since joining the club. We are severely limited in our choices to play given an obvious mis-balance of players and courts. It is critical that the SAC committee include at least 45 courts at the Mountain View Rec Center in it's current plan for renovation.

I believe the numbers support this renovation and am requesting it be considered and included in the renovation. I appreciate in advance, your attention into this long-standing shortage for Sun City residents and our snowbirds.

Ann Jordan

9. **Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>
Subject: Redo of Mountain View Rec Center

RCSC Board members:

I would appreciate your support for Sun City Pickleball. I would like to see included at least 45 total courts at the Mt View Rec Center as part of the redo there. I would like to have both indoor & outdoor courts, as well as climate controlled courts. I believe it will be a reason potential SC residents choose to buy & live here. Thank you for your time & consideration of this request.

10. **From:** Lois J Waldron
>> **Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 8:58 PM
>> **To:** Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>
>> **Subject:** Courts

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>> Pickle Ball is a fast growing sport, and more courts are needed to accommodate the increased number of players.
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>> Thank you,
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>> Lois Waldron

11. **Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 1:11 PM
To: Jean Totten <jtotten@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

12.
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 3:21 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: [SPAM] Mountain View Pickle Ball

Hello,

I'm sending this email to express my opinion on how important it is to add additional pickleball courts at Mountain View. The sport is growing so rapidly it will be beneficial in retaining happy Sun City residents + attract new Sun City residents. Outdoor courts are nice but indoor climate controlled are much needed in Sun City!

Please keep us posted on what we can do as Pickleball members to make this happen.

Thank you,

Barb Drook

13. **From:**
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:43 AM
To: 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: Pickleball courts

My name is I am writing to urge the SAC committee to include at least 45 total courts at the Mountain View Rec Center when it gets redone. It would be important to have both outdoor and indoor, climate controlled courts. Pickleball is a sport on the rise and so important when looking for a retirement community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

14. **From:**

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:35 PM

To: Jean Totten <jtotten@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.

15. **From:**

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 3:57 AM

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: SC must expand pickleball to remain competitive

Hi,

I would like to provide my enthusiastic support to the Sun City Pickleball Club. I have owned a house in Sun City since January of 2020 and I play pickleball almost every day. I have seen days when there is far more demand for pickleball than available courts (especially during the snowbird season).

As pickleball continues its explosive growth across the USA and the world (I spend my summers in Portugal where this sport is also on a meteoric growth path), I believe that Sun City needs to have at least 45 courts at Mountain View in the re-design to accommodate both indoor and outdoor needs of this exploding market. Lack of access to courts is one of the most frequently discussed topics when I try to convince my retiring friend circle to look at Sun City as an attractive living option. Many of them quote Florida's adoption of pickleball as a major factor aiming them in that direction. More courts would sway many of the people I play with at competitions that SC was committed to the game and their passion would be able to be satisfied if they moved here.

I urge you to vote for dramatically expanding pickleball access in Sun City as soon as possible.

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I want 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 a must. I have friends and relatives who are considering moving to Sun City and more courts will help them in deciding which 55+ retirement community they choose.

Thank you for considering this.

17. **From:**

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:29 AM

To: 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>; Kat Fimmel <kfimmel@suncityaz.org>; John Nowakowski <jnowakowski@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Pickle Ball Courts

Build those new courts. Pickle Ball is the most up and coming sport right now. The older folk in Sun City need more courts as there are never enough to just have a fun time. The club seems to control the courts as they reserve all the courts for their play!
BUILD THOSE COURTS, YOU KNOW YOU

18.

From:

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:41 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>; jrough@suncityaz.org
Subject: Please support Pickleball

Dear RCSC Board,

With the tremendous growth of Pickleball in the country, I request that you consider the inclusion of up to 45 Pickleball courts at the Mountain View Rec center. Both outdoor and indoor in a climate controlled environment. One of the reasons I came to Sun City is the ability to play Pickleball and have the availability of courts for games.

Pickleball is an activity that can be played by people of all ages and a wonderful way for seniors to exert and socialize. It would be a great draw for people looking for a place to retire.

Regards,

19. **From:**

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 8:32 PM

To: Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>

Subject: pickleball courts

I have been a resident of Sun City since 2013. I retired here and hoped to become a part of this very active adult community. When someone told me about pickleball, I had no idea what it was. I have never been athletic. It took me a few years to put myself out there and become involved in this sport which has become one of the top sports in the nation. I have come to love pickleball, not only for the important physical aspects of the sport, but for the social aspect. I have met some wonderful friends through playing pickleball.

I know that the pickleball courts at Mountain View and Lakeview are a topic which has been hotly debated. We simply need more pickleball

courts to accommodate our growing membership. Those courts need to be both outside courts and indoor, climate-controlled courts.

I am a full-time resident here and am not alone in the desire to have summertime activities that we can all be involved in, but in a climate-controlled environment. It's a great benefit to me that we have covered pickleball courts at Marinette, due to the fact that I have very pale skin and try to avoid being in the sun. I feel very fortunate to have this great amenity in this community. Arizona is one of the top states dealing with skin cancers, particularly with seniors.

However, I played pickleball once this past summer, in the covered courts at Marinette . The heat was brutal and I left early, not really feeling well due to the heat. Marinette was built with the infrastructure to accommodate an enclosed climate-controlled facility. Why not take advantage of what is already there, enclose the remaining open walls, and install AC units.

I would love to stay and play in Sun City in the summertime. I believe the pickleball club has one of the largest memberships of any club within Sun City. That should be enough to take a further look into this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

20. **From:**

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.

21. **From:**

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:47 AM

To: Jean Totten <jtotten@suncityaz.org>

Subject: Mountainview Pickleball

Good morning Jean,

I understand that there has been a lot of conversation within the Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) about pickleball at Mountain View.

I have watched the Board bring out at least three sets of plans to renovate Mountain View and each time a plan is drawn up, the Pickleball Club loses courts to accommodate some other project or activities. Often with a promise of adding courts at a later date.

It appears obvious to me that we should be planning for the future of our residents, not the past. Even the local paper yesterday wrote about another delay with the project.

I spent just 5 minutes on the web and found several articles demonstrating the popularity of this sport and why communities are adding courts, not reducing them. It would be a great disservice not to expand the pickleball courts and also provide cover for the full-time residents who play all year.

[**Boomers Redefining Retirement**](#)

Once upon a time, the dream of retirement was to collect a pension, travel and play golf. Today, boomers are redefining retirement right before our eyes. Many of today's retirees have neither the time nor the funds to spend on golf, so they're turning to activities that require less of an investment, while allowing them to stay active and socialize. One sport that is growing in popularity with boomers is pickleball. In Arizona, sport is becoming so popular that many public parks and rec centers now feature pickleball courts and host tournaments. And some retirement communities are adding pickleball courts to their on-site amenities.

[Pickleball – chances are you've heard of it but maybe you've wondered ... just what is this “new” sport now billed as “the fastest growing sport in America”? And why is it so popular?](#)

[You may have noticed tennis courts around your community looking a little different recently with more nets and additional lines. Indeed, indoor and outdoor courts across the country are being converted to accommodate pickleball—one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.](#)

[Many active adult communities are geared towards providing 55+ and over seniors with the ability to enjoy their retirement life with various activities. These communities provide seniors with various outdoor amenities that include tennis, swimming, bocce ball, golf, and pickleball. If you are new to the retirement world, you would be wondering about “pickleball”. What exactly is this game? Well, stick around and we will tell you.](#)

Why is Pickleball Popular with the Seniors?

Pickleball is extremely popular with the seniors because it is a game invented during the baby boomer generation, and many boomers grew up playing this game. The other reason pickleball is so popular in active adult communities is because of the perfect balance between high-impact sports, such as tennis, and low-impact activities, such as shuffleboard. It is a game that enables active adults to get the right amount of exercise they need to stay healthy and active. Furthermore, pickleball is fun. It is fun for the players, as well as the people watching it.

As one of the largest club in Sun City I would hope that the RCSC Board recognizes what is attracting new residents. It's the cost of living, access to local attractions and pickleball.

Respectively submitted