

MARINWOOD PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, 7:00PM

Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

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#	Item	Commission Action
1	Agenda	Adopt
2	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items <i>Speakers are asked to address comments to the Commission and limit comments to three minutes. Speakers may comment only on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission may not take action on, consider or debate items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances meeting statutory tests. Response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Commission and at the conclusion of the public comment period. The Chair may refer the matter to staff or to a future meeting agenda.</i>	
3	Draft Minutes of January 23, 2024 P&R Commission Meeting	Approve
4	Minutes of February 13, 2024 and March 12, 2024 Board Meetings	Review
5	Review of Community Survey Results for Potential Installation of Pickleball Lines on Existing Tennis Court(s) and Discussion of Potential Next Steps	Review
6	Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Report	Review
7	Commissioner Items of Interest - Requests for Future Agenda Items	
8	Adjourn	

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NEXT P&R COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Marinwood Community Services District

Minutes of Park & Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday – January 23, 2024

Time and Place: 7:00PM at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Rd, San Rafael

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Michael Benesch, Angela Bliss-Steiner, Jon Campo, Ryan Madden

Absent: Ian Fein

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Recreation Director Luke Fretwell

Board Directors: Chris Case, Sivan Oyserman

1. Agenda

No changes were requested by Commissioners. The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No comments from the public were received.

3. Draft Minutes of November 28, 2023 P&R Commission Meeting

M/s Campo/Madden to approve Draft Minutes of November 28, 2023 P&R Commission Meeting. Ayes: Benesch, Bliss-Steiner, Campo, Madden. Nays: None. Absent: Fein. Motion carried.

4. Minutes of December 12, 2023 and January 9, 2024 Board Meetings

Commission reviewed minutes.

5. Discussion Regarding Planning Process for Potential Installation of Pickleball Lines on Existing Tennis Court(s)

Commission discussed topic and reviewed draft community interest survey. Final adjustments to survey were made. Staff will create the final online survey and promote participation.

6. Designation of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2024

M/s Campo/Madden to approve Michael Benesch as Commission Chair and Ian Fein as Commission Vice-Chair. Ayes: Benesch, Bliss-Steiner, Campo, Madden. Nays: None. Absent: Fein. Motion carried.

7. Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Report

Commission received Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Report.

8. Commissioner Items of Interest – Requests for Future Agenda Items

-Commissioner Bliss-Steiner requested information and discussion regarding maintenance of pedestrian pathways.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Eric Dreikosen, District Manager

Marinwood Community Services District

Draft Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday – February 13, 2024

Time and Place: 7:30PM Marinwood Community Center classroom.

Note: *This meeting as well as prior meetings of the Board of Directors may be viewed on the Marinwood YouTube channel here:* <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dvM2PvtsEzE25eRAf4Jmg>

Present:

Board Members: President Kathleen Kilkenny, Chris Case, Lisa Ruggeri and Bill Shea.

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Recreation Director Luke Fretwell, Accounting & Payroll Manager Tiffany Combrink.

Absent: Director Sivan Oyserman

A. Call to Order

Board President Kilkenny called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

B. Agenda

Agenda adopted as presented.

C. Consent Calendar

a. *Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024*

b. *Bills Paid Nos. 7997 – 8096*

Shea to approve/Ruggeri to second “consent calendar as presented.”

Aye: Kilkenny, Case, Ruggeri, Shea. Absent: Oyserman. Motion carried.

D. Public Comment Open Time for Items Not on Agenda

Board of Directors received public comment regarding:

a. Board’s role in building a stronger community

E. District Matters

1. *Fiscal Year 2023-2024: 2nd Quarter Profit & Loss Budget-to-Actuals Report*

Board received 2nd Quarter Profit & Loss Budget-to-Actuals Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

2. *Recommended Pay Schedule Wage Adjustments for Non-Represented Full-time Positions*

Board received proposed pay schedule wage adjustments for non-represented full-time positions and directed staff to incorporate proposed wages into forthcoming operating budget drafts for further consideration.

3. *District Manager Report*

Board received District Manager Report

F. Fire Department Matters:

1. *Draft Minutes of Fire Commission Meeting of February 6, 2024*

Board received Draft Minutes of Fire Commission Meeting

2. *Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary*

Board received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

G. Park and Recreation Matters:

1. *Draft Minutes of Park & Recreation Commission Meeting of January 23, 2024*

Board received Draft Minutes of Park & Recreation Commission Meeting

2. *Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Reports*

Board received Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Reports

H. Board Member Items of Interest – Requests for Future Agenda Items

- District Manager noted the landlines to the community center have not been working but AT&T is working on the problem

I. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

Tiffany Combrink, Secretary

Marinwood Community Services District

Draft Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday – March 12, 2024

Time and Place: 6:30PM Marinwood Community Center classroom.

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Present:

Board Members: President Kathleen Kilkenney, Sivan Oyserman, Lisa Ruggeri and Bill Shea.

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Recreation Director Luke Fretwell, Accounting & Payroll Manager Tiffany Combrink.

Absent: Director Chris Case

A. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Kilkenney called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

B. Agenda

Agenda adopted as presented.

C. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Board of Directors received public comment regarding:

- a. Cost of safety pensions expense to District and potential option to alleviate cost

D. Closed Session:

*Conference with Labor Negotiators Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative: Eric Dreikosen.
Represented Employees: Marinwood Professional Firefighters*

Convened at 6:35PM and adjourned at 7:25PM with no reportable action taken

E. Open Session:

F. Consent Calendar

- a. *Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024*
- b. *Bills Paid Nos. 8097 – 8156*

Shea to approve/Oyserman to second “consent calendar as presented.”

Aye: Kilkenney, Oyserman, Ruggeri, Shea. Absent: Case. Motion carried.

G. Public Comment Open Time for Items Not on Agenda

Board of Directors received public comment regarding:

- a. Improving maintenance and facilities in Marinwood Park
- b. Inquiring as to why the board meetings are no longer conducted remotely through Zoom

H. District Matters

1. *1st Draft District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025*

Board reviewed 1st Draft District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

2. *Resolution 2024-01: Increasing the Amount of the Special Tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Services*

Shea to approve/Ruggeri to second “Resolution 2024-01: Increasing the Amount of the Special Tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Services.”

Aye: Kilkenney, Oyserman, Ruggeri, Shea. Absent: Case. Motion carried.

3. *Resolution 2024-02: Increasing the Amount of the Special Tax for Park, Open Space and Street Landscape Maintenance*
Shea to approve/Ruggeri to second “Resolution 2024-02: Increasing the Amount of the Special Tax for Park, Open Space and Street Landscape Maintenance
Aye: Kilkenny, Oyserman, Ruggeri, Shea. Absent: Case. Motion Carried
4. *District Manager Report*
Board received District Manager Report

I. Fire Department Matters:

1. *Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary*
Board received Chief Officer Report and Activity Summary

J. Park and Recreation Matters:

1. *Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Reports*
Board received Recreation and Park Maintenance Activity Reports

K. Board Member Items of Interest – Requests for Future Agenda Items

- Potential Board Bylaws amendment(s) regarding regular board meeting start time and meeting day

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Tiffany Combrink, Secretary



Staff Report

To: P&R Commission
From: Luke Fretwell, Recreation Director
Date: March 26, 2024
Re: Pickleball Community Survey Results

Commissioners,

Please see the included results from the recently conducted community survey regarding the possibility of adding pickleball lines to one or both of the lower Marinwood tennis courts, adjacent to Miller Creek Middle School.

Background:

During the previous two P&R Commission meetings discussions took place amongst the Commission and staff regarding the possibility of adding pickleball lines to one or both of the lower Marinwood tennis courts, adjacent to Miller Creek Middle School. It was determined that the first step of the initial planning process should be to solicit broad public input on the topic.

During the P&R Commission meeting conducted on January 26, 2024, a draft community survey was presented to and finalized by the Commission. The survey was subsequently posted online and promoted via the District's various social media accounts as well as on the homepage of the District website. Signage was placed at both tennis courts in Marinwood Park which included a direct link to the survey via a QR code. Staff also contacted Miller Creek Middle School administration seeking direct input (At the time of this writing, staff is still awaiting additional input from Miller Creek Middle School. Should such input be received, it will be shared with the Commission during the meeting). Additionally, in an effort to provide notice of this initiative as well as the corresponding community survey a formal letter was mailed to all residences located within 550 feet of the tennis court being considered.

All communication stated that survey results would be shared and discussed at the P&R Commission meeting scheduled for March 26, 2024 and that members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

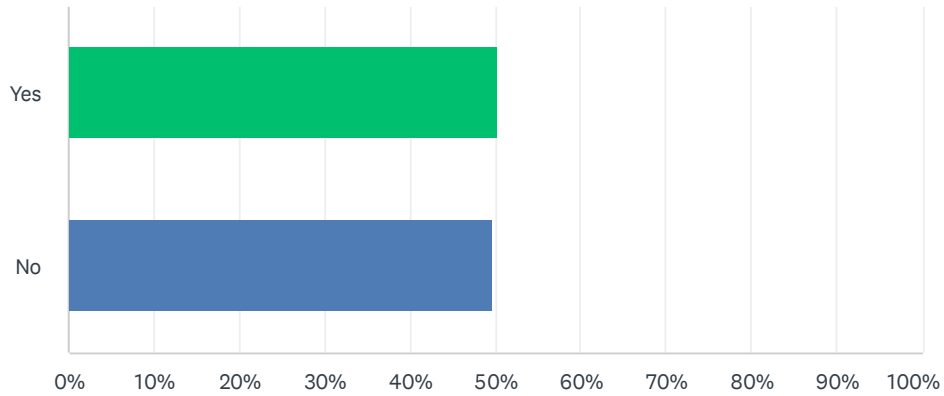
These efforts resulted in 175 people completing the community survey. Of those, approximately 67% identified themselves as a "Resident of Marinwood CSD."

While approximately 55% of survey respondents indicated as being "in favor of" adding pickleball lines, several concerns worthy of consideration were also indicated in the survey.

Staff Recommendation: Review & discuss survey results as well as any public comment received during the meeting. Discuss potential next steps of this initiative.

Q1 Do you or any members of your household currently play pickleball?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.29%	88
No	49.71%	87
TOTAL		175

Q2 If yes, where do you (or they) usually play pickleball?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 90

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hill Rec in Novato	3/17/2024 3:59 PM
2	Belvedere tennis club	3/16/2024 6:46 PM
3	At ny sister's private court	3/15/2024 8:17 PM
4	Elsewhere, other courts where friends play	3/14/2024 9:20 PM
5	Not sure	3/14/2024 9:12 PM
6	Around	3/14/2024 7:46 PM
7	Multiple Places locally.	3/14/2024 10:27 AM
8	Hill Recreation Courts in Novato	3/10/2024 10:01 PM
9	McInnis Park	3/9/2024 5:20 PM
10	Courts at Hill, Novato, Scotts Valley Swim and Tennis Club, Mill Valley; Flyte Indoor Pickleball Club, San Rafael, Bay Club, Kentfield, Piper Park, and Lucas Valley Eichler Community	3/8/2024 10:25 AM
11	McGinnis park	3/5/2024 6:33 PM
12	Hill Recreation, McInnes Courts	3/4/2024 8:47 AM
13	McGuinness Park	2/28/2024 5:05 PM
14	Corte Madera Town Park	2/28/2024 2:57 PM
15	McInnis	2/26/2024 10:23 AM
16	Hill middle school	2/26/2024 9:09 AM
17	Tennis club	2/25/2024 11:15 PM
18	Hill	2/25/2024 6:02 PM
19	Hill recreation area novato	2/25/2024 3:45 PM
20	Marin city	2/25/2024 3:31 PM
21	Mcinnis, the Y, Hill rec center, Sausalito golden gate village	2/25/2024 11:44 AM
22	McInnins, Hill	2/25/2024 9:20 AM
23	Novato	2/25/2024 3:03 AM
24	Hill in Novato	2/24/2024 7:45 PM
25	Mcinnis	2/24/2024 7:44 PM
26	Mcinnis	2/24/2024 7:44 PM
27	Mcginnes	2/24/2024 5:20 PM
28	McInnis	2/24/2024 3:55 PM
29	McGinnis or on a local street at a neighbors house	2/24/2024 3:39 PM
30	Napa	2/22/2024 5:21 PM
31	I don't play often but have gone to McInnis, a lovely close option.	2/22/2024 2:16 PM
32	McInnes	2/22/2024 12:31 PM

Pickleball and Tennis Usage Survey

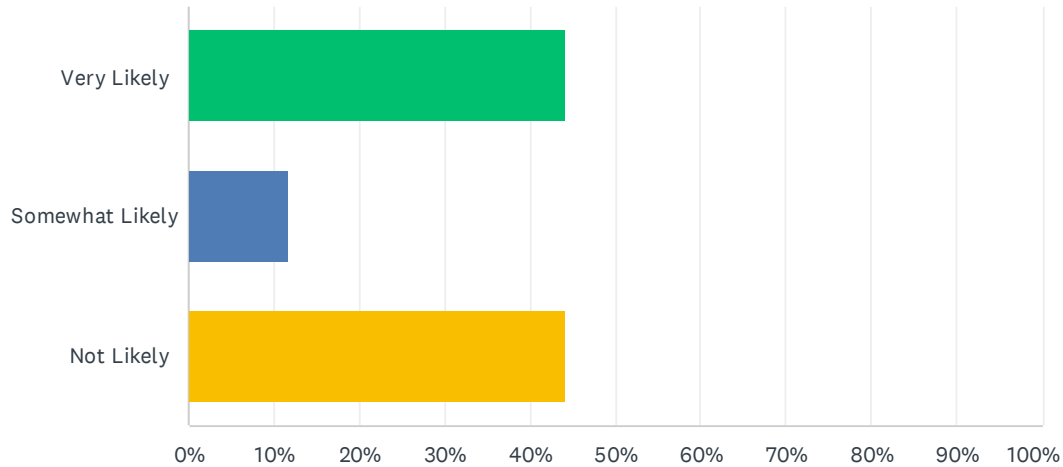
33	Novato hill center	2/22/2024 11:19 AM
34	McKinnis	2/22/2024 10:35 AM
35	McInnis, Hill, Petaluma	2/22/2024 7:48 AM
36	Mcinnis	2/22/2024 7:27 AM
37	McGinnis, Flyte	2/21/2024 9:46 PM
38	McGinnis, Novato	2/21/2024 8:08 PM
39	McGinnis outside	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
40	McInnis park	2/21/2024 6:18 PM
41	Hill Jr in novato, Lucchesi in Petaluma, mcinnis in terra linda	2/21/2024 6:11 PM
42	McInnis, Hill, Flyte and Mexico	2/21/2024 5:42 PM
43	McGinnis & Novato	2/21/2024 5:32 PM
44	McInnis	2/21/2024 5:21 PM
45	McInnis	2/21/2024 5:07 PM
46	San Rafael	2/21/2024 4:40 PM
47	Mcinnis	2/21/2024 4:07 PM
48	McGinis and Flyte Racquet Club	2/21/2024 4:02 PM
49	McInnis	2/21/2024 3:50 PM
50	McInnis park, Hill recreation area, Flyte	2/21/2024 3:43 PM
51	McGinnis	2/21/2024 3:42 PM
52	McGinnis	2/21/2024 3:41 PM
53	McInnis	2/21/2024 3:40 PM
54	McInnis park	2/21/2024 3:32 PM
55	Mcinnis	2/21/2024 3:30 PM
56	McGinnis	2/21/2024 3:30 PM
57	McInnis	2/21/2024 3:28 PM
58	McGinnis Park primarily but I do play on other courts as well in Novato, Corte Madera and Sausalito.	2/21/2024 3:20 PM
59	Terra Linda tennis courts	2/21/2024 3:18 PM
60	McInnis	2/21/2024 3:17 PM
61	McGinnis	2/21/2024 3:15 PM
62	Margaret Todd center in Novato	2/21/2024 3:14 PM
63	Novato: hill courts and San Rafael: McGinnis courts	2/21/2024 3:10 PM
64	Novato Hill Courts	2/21/2024 2:51 PM
65	McInnis	2/21/2024 2:49 PM
66	McGinnis and Hill	2/21/2024 2:48 PM
67	McInnis	2/21/2024 2:45 PM
68	McInnis	2/21/2024 2:44 PM
69	McInnis	2/21/2024 2:31 PM
70	Hill and Mcinnis	2/21/2024 1:51 PM

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71	McNear's beach	2/21/2024 12:52 PM
72	At the JCC in San Rafael.	2/21/2024 11:48 AM
73	McGinnis	2/21/2024 9:28 AM
74	San rafael	2/21/2024 8:12 AM
75	McInnis county park	2/21/2024 7:21 AM
76	Played in Novato a little. Would love to be able to walk to courts.	2/21/2024 5:48 AM
77	Hill Rec Center in Novato.	2/20/2024 9:25 PM
78	Lucas valley	2/20/2024 9:11 PM
79	Novato	2/20/2024 8:47 PM
80	We play on tennis's courts or at pickle ball courts at McInnis	2/20/2024 5:10 PM
81	Mcginnis	2/20/2024 4:44 PM
82	Lucas Valley tennis court	2/20/2024 4:18 PM
83	Hills in Novato Mcinnis courts	2/20/2024 4:03 PM
84	McGinnis park	2/20/2024 3:42 PM
85	Mcinnis	2/20/2024 2:57 PM

Q3 How likely would you or a member of your household be to play pickleball on the Marinwood Park Tennis Courts if offered?

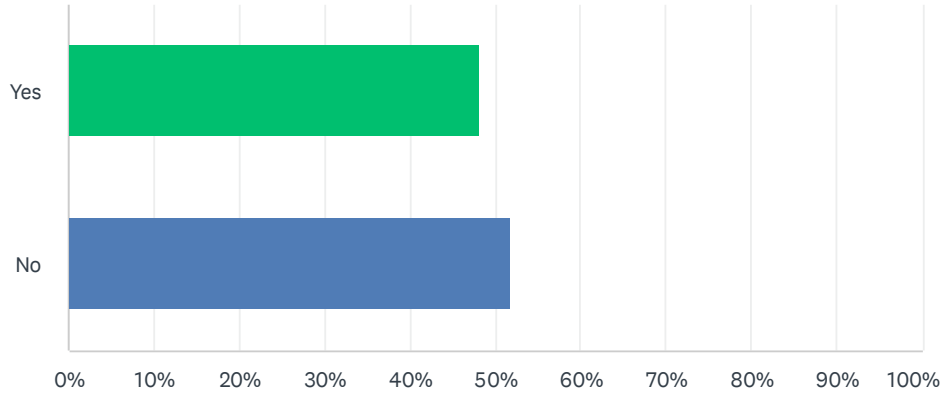
Answered: 170 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Likely	44.12%	75
Somewhat Likely	11.76%	20
Not Likely	44.12%	75
TOTAL		170

Q4 Do you or a member of your household play tennis at the Marinwood Park Tennis Courts?

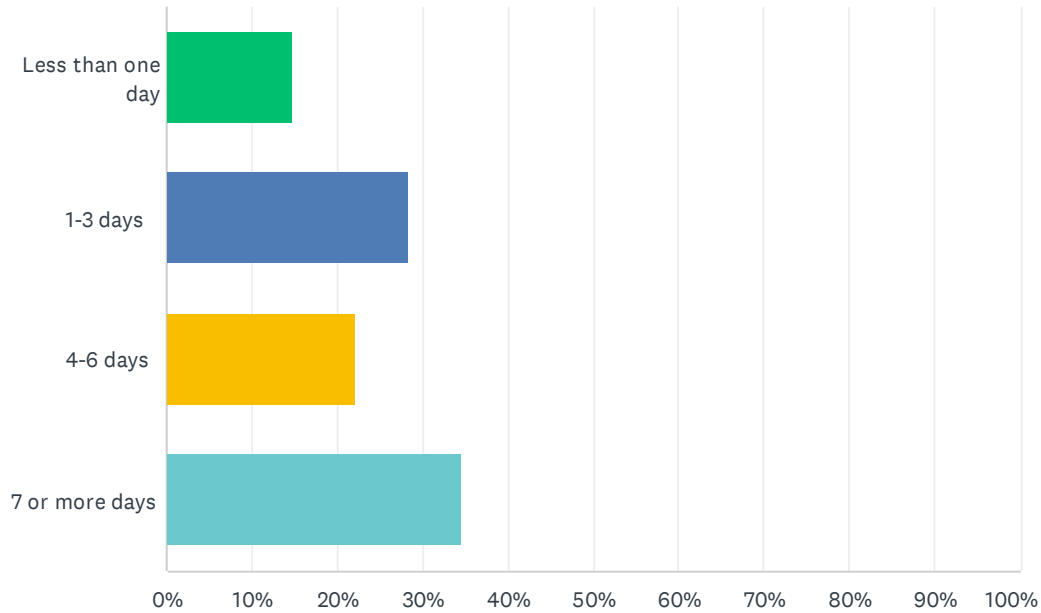
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.24%	82
No	51.76%	88
TOTAL		170

Q5 If yes, how many days during an average month do you (or they) use the Marinwood Park Tennis Courts?

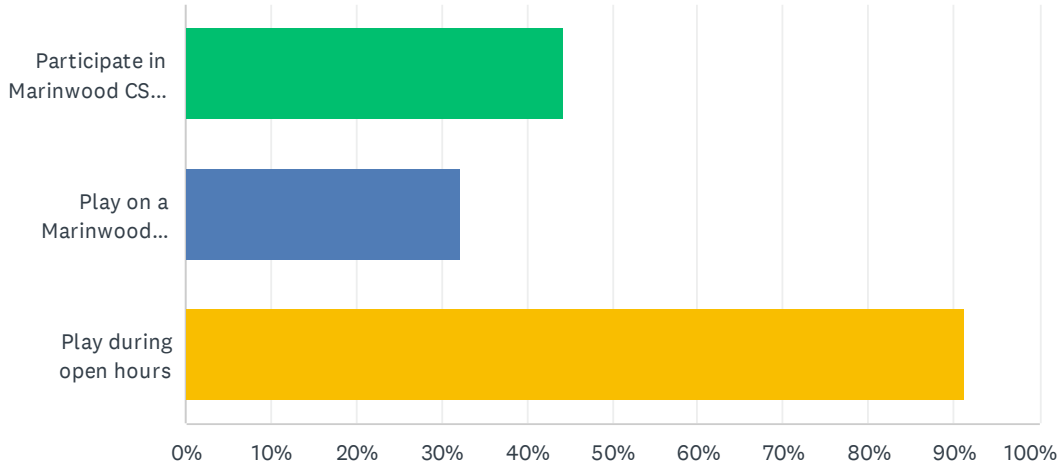
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than one day	14.81%	12
1-3 days	28.40%	23
4-6 days	22.22%	18
7 or more days	34.57%	28
TOTAL		81

Q6 In what capacity do you (or they) use the Marinwood Park Tennis Courts? Mark all that apply.

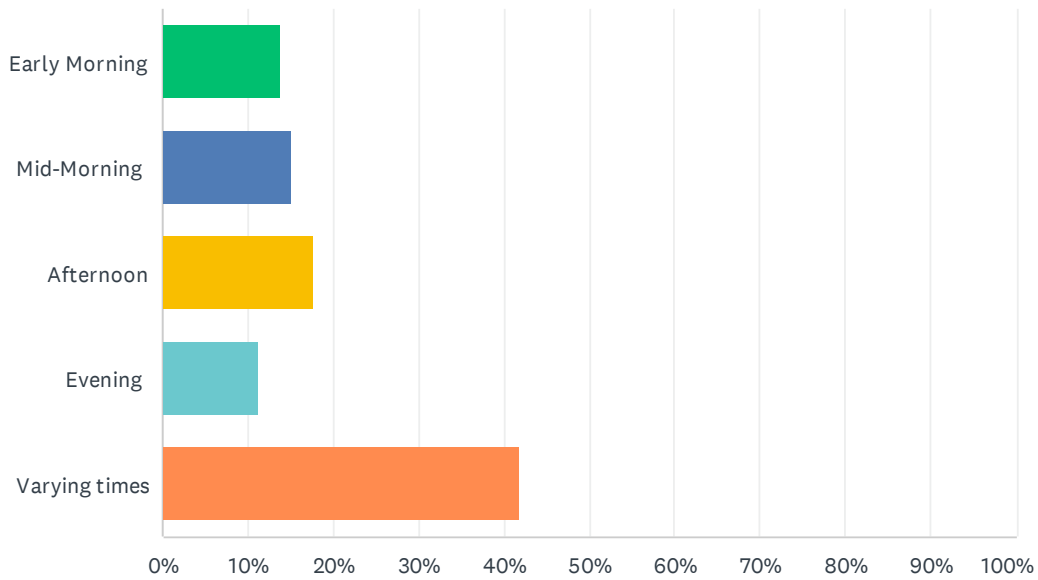
Answered: 81 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Participate in Marinwood CSD tennis classes	44.44%	36
Play on a Marinwood Tennis League	32.10%	26
Play during open hours	91.36%	74
Total Respondents: 81		

Q7 If you play tennis during open hours, what time do you usually play?

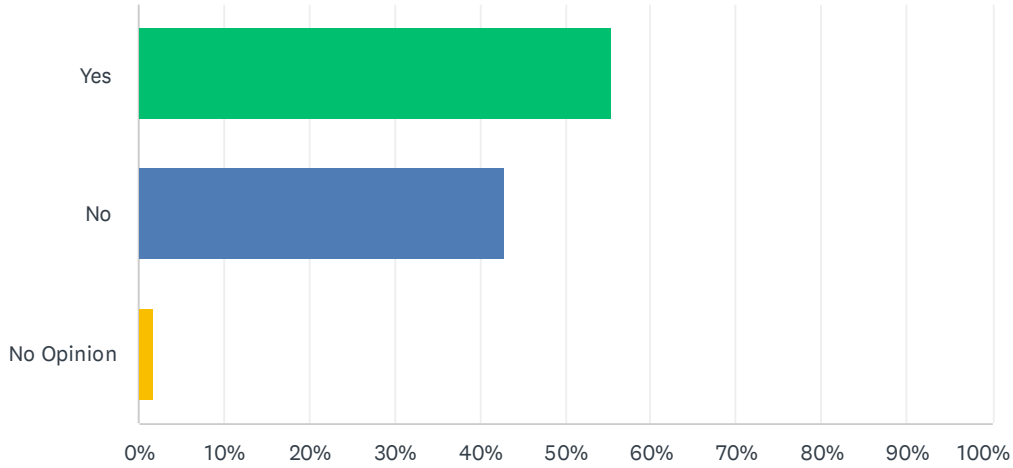
Answered: 79 Skipped: 96



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Early Morning	13.92% 11
Mid-Morning	15.19% 12
Afternoon	17.72% 14
Evening	11.39% 9
Varying times	41.77% 33
TOTAL	79

Q8 Are you in favor of converting the lower Marinwood Park Tennis Courts located adjacent to Miller Creek Middle School into multi-sport courts designed to allow both tennis and pickleball?

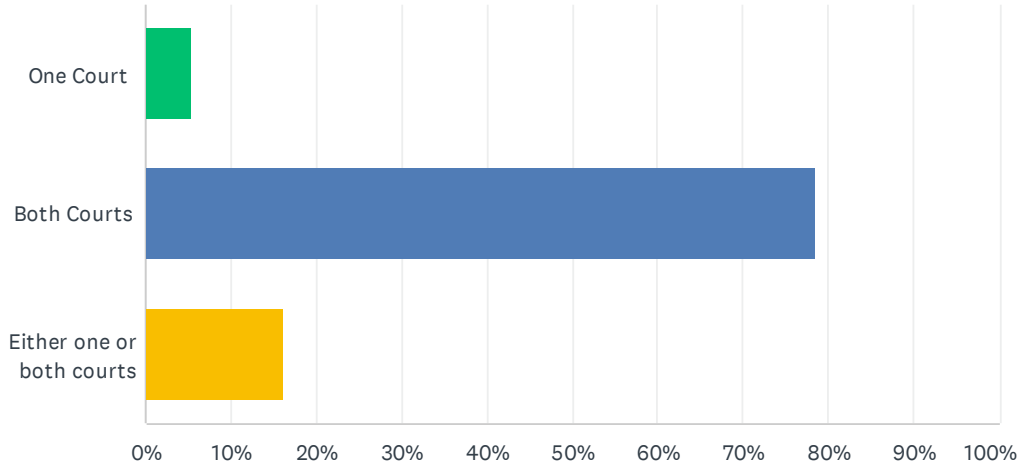
Answered: 168 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.36%	93
No	42.86%	72
No Opinion	1.79%	3
TOTAL		168

Q9 If yes, do you feel it is best to convert one or both of the lower Marinwood Park Tennis Courts into multi-sport courts? Currently, this location consists of two individual tennis courts.

Answered: 93 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One Court	5.38%	5
Both Courts	78.49%	73
Either one or both courts	16.13%	15
TOTAL		93

Q10 If no, please describe your reasons for not being in favor of converting the lower Marinwood Park Tennis Courts to multi-sport courts designed to allow both tennis and pickleball?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 108

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There are not enough public tennis courts in Marin to play tennis	3/17/2024 12:13 PM
2	The pickleball lines on the court are very distracting for tennis players. The noise is also unmanageable while playing tennis.	3/17/2024 10:44 AM
3	Noise to neighbors.	3/16/2024 9:32 PM
4	Noise concern	3/16/2024 6:15 PM
5	The noise produced is way too close to Miller Creek Middle School. Teachers and students would be adversely impacted.	3/16/2024 12:12 PM
6	Pickle ball is noisy. It makes a much more irritating noise due to it being made out of Plastic. It makes a radically louder noise than a tennis ball. And the noise travels much farther. This noise will affect neighbours who are trying to enjoy their property. McGinnis parks hosts a bunch of pickle ball courts that's less than 5 minutes away. This is a very inconsiderate suggestion by the Marinwood CSD that doesn't take tax paying residents into consideration.	3/15/2024 8:45 PM
7	Yikes! Read the news! Municipalities are getting sued left and right. The park is too small for a pickleball court - that noise would be echoing all over the area!	3/15/2024 8:31 PM
8	https://www.kpbs.org/news/quality-of-life/2023/09/05/homeowners-are-increasingly-taking-legal-action-over-pickleball-noise	3/15/2024 8:27 PM
9	It creates multiple lines on the court and creates confusion while playing tennis.	3/15/2024 3:11 PM
10	Noise and parking issues	3/15/2024 9:32 AM
11	Noise particularly. What has the CSD regarding a noise study. Are those results available? Will the be presented to those who received this form? Has a group, or individuals requested these pickleball courts? What will the usage be- tennis vs pickleball? Can non MW residents use the PB courts? What hours, or days, will pickleball be offered? What benefit is this to Marinwood??	3/14/2024 7:54 PM
12	Noise noise and noise. As a pickleball player, I know how much noise we make. Lots of chatter and ball smacking noise. Late hours. I think it would be a massive disservice to local neighbors if you installed pickleball right in the middle of all those houses. Believe me, we can play pickle ball elsewhere without disturbing homes.	3/14/2024 10:31 AM
13	Noise concerns	3/12/2024 3:25 PM
14	I love tennis and find the courts often occupied. Pickleball will jam the tennis courts.	3/12/2024 10:13 AM
15	Loud noise disrupting quiet enjoyment and school sessions	3/12/2024 9:57 AM
16	A few reasons: These tennis courts are already difficult to get time on during the league seasons. Adding another sport on these courts would make the intended use less possible. 2. As a very active tennis player in the CSD, the additional lines make the game more difficult to play and make fair line calls. There might even be safety implications of additional lines being added which should not be taken lightly given the aging population of the CSD constituency. I suggest the CSD encourage pickleball players to fundraise for their own courts on CSD land. Is the space between courts 3+4 and the track available?	3/10/2024 9:58 PM
17	It would make the tennis court very hard to use with all these lines.	3/8/2024 2:31 PM
18	it is taking courts away from tennis, please don't do this	3/3/2024 2:53 PM
19	Instead of taking courts away from tennis players in the community, can we create some new	3/3/2024 2:34 PM

Pickleball and Tennis Usage Survey

dedicated pickleball courts, like what Novato did? If Novato can do it, we should be able to do that here as well. Thank you!

20	It is pretty hard to get a court to play tennis as it is right now, with classes going on during the week day in afternoon and evening. Please don't covert the lower courts to multi-sport. Pickle people can use the pickle courts in McInnis Park.	3/3/2024 11:46 AM
21	The tennis courts are always busy with people playing tennis. Pickleball is available at other nearby courts. Also, pickleball is loud. Our Marinwood courts are embedded in a residential area (unlike McGinnis)	3/1/2024 4:06 AM
22	Pickleball lines become very confusing when playing tennis	2/29/2024 10:37 AM
23	I find that pickleball lines in addition to the regular tennis lines just makes it confusing. Also, the sound of the ball is irritating for many people.	2/28/2024 6:58 PM
24	There are plenty of places to play pickleball in San Rafael area. Tennis courts are increasingly difficult to come by.	2/28/2024 5:07 PM
25	Noise. Pickleball sound travels really far. Need to either be indoor or play with soft balls.	2/28/2024 3:01 PM
26	Would get too crowded	2/28/2024 1:24 PM
27	Would it affect tennis lines. Also concern on tennis court access	2/27/2024 3:31 PM
28	Pickleball noise. It will echo around that neighborhood also.	2/27/2024 1:38 PM
29	Few public tennis courts available, pickleball already took two courts from McInnis. Marinwood had enough space to build new pickleball courts.	2/27/2024 9:08 AM
30	We don't have many tennis courts available, adding pickleball lines will take those courts from tennis. Marinwood has enough space to build new courts for pickleball instead of taking the tennis courts. Pickleball hard balls can damage the courts.	2/27/2024 9:05 AM
31	The courts are heavily used by tennis players and the noise from pickle ball has been an issue in many areas where residential is close by. I could see allowing it on one court from mon-fri from 10am- 4pm	2/26/2024 9:37 AM
32	noise issues we live on Quietwood 500 block we can hear tennis players. Obviously Pickle ball noise will be a issue with us.	2/26/2024 9:15 AM
33	With Pickleball lines you are unable to play tennis properly Because it is hard to see a ball in with all the different lines. It gets very confusing to have all those lines everywhere. With Hill middle school Pickleball courts which are brand new, that gives plenty of Pickleball playing time for Pickleball players. Finding a tennis court that's opened with no Pickleball lines is not easy to do. Nobody is building any new tennis courts whereas Pickleball courts seem to be being built out in different places.	2/26/2024 9:15 AM
34	Too loud	2/26/2024 9:01 AM
35	Hard enough to get tennis court and sound of the ball on racket is jarring	2/26/2024 8:47 AM
36	Too loud and disruptive to neighbors. They bring drinks and music to play to. Better to play in McGuinness without neighbors around.	2/26/2024 8:15 AM
37	There are enough pickleball courts in Marin. Pickleball is loud and more disruptive than tennis.	2/26/2024 7:45 AM
38	Do not want to share court with pickleball	2/26/2024 7:39 AM
39	Converting courts is a zero sum game that results in loss of limited public tennis courts. If you want pickleball courts, add them instead.	2/26/2024 7:38 AM
40	The lines on the courts is very distracting for tennis players. Since tennis is a faster sport, reaction time is critical. When other lines are in the court, it affects depth perception, line calls and court awareness.	2/26/2024 7:31 AM
41	Pickleball is very, very loud - the popping sound of racquets hitting balls is much louder than the sound of tennis balls hit by racquets. Articles have recently been published about the adverse impact and noise pollution of pickleball courts and anecdotally, a good friend in San Francisco confirms that the sound carries across entire neighborhoods.	2/26/2024 5:56 AM
42	courts are always busy with tennis players and lessons. having 2 less courts for tennis will	2/25/2024 11:27 PM

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	make it difficult to play. additional courts should be added just for pickle ball.	
43	Pickleball makes way too noise	2/25/2024 11:16 PM
44	Noise, and yellow lines mess up the tennis courts, overuse by picklers	2/25/2024 10:37 PM
45	The pickleball courts are very disruptive to tennis players because the I Pickleball lines usually have too much contrast, especially if they are painted white like tennis lines are are very confusing as some of the lines are close to each other to cause confusing and hesitation when calling lines and potential mistakes.	2/25/2024 10:36 PM
46	Pickleball lines can get very confusing when playing tennis to make sure you know when a ball is in / out. I have played many times on the two McGinnis courts and it takes away from the quality of the tennis game. Also, all four courts are often used for tennis. Bringing a second sport to the courts means that tennis will lose its ability to be played. There are plenty of pickleball courts already that people can play on. If pickleball is to be added, I think the town should raise the funds and find some public land to build new pickleball courts. Please don't take away any more tennis courts!	2/25/2024 10:05 PM
47	They make it difficult to see the tennis lines	2/25/2024 9:03 AM
48	The good front courts already regularly are reserved for teaching, and limited supply supply of bad courts for tennis.	2/22/2024 6:47 PM
49	Given that the front two courts are occupied by Jerry's classes from Feb-Nov during peak hours, it is very rare that the back courts 3 & 4. This would only increase the wait time for the courts available to the public. Given the limited option for available pickleball courts in Marin this will also increase the likelihood of non-Marinwood residents using our facilities. We would need to therefore likely need to enforce a key/reservation system (like Corte madera rec) which is not ideal for the local community. Increased usage will also increase the weathering of the courts, which while repaired this fall, are in major of an overhaul for safety with the current cracks and imperfections.	2/22/2024 2:32 PM
50	As a tennis player, I find pickle ball to be loud and distracting. There are already pickle ball courts at Smith Ranch Road. It would be nice to keep the Marinwood courts for tennis	2/22/2024 2:21 PM
51	An ample number of pickleball courts already exist in Marin County, and quite often they have been created at the expense of tennis courts. It is unnecessary and objectionable to paint yet more pickleball courts on top of tennis courts that are (1) already one of precious few public and lighted places to play tennis; and (2) already heavily used for the purpose of playing tennis. Moreover, the creation of pickleball courts would generate detrimental traffic and noise in the neighborhood.	2/21/2024 3:20 PM
52	The lines for pickleball make playing tennis very distracting	2/21/2024 2:33 PM
53	These are tennis courts. Pickleball is available at other courts in the area. The sound of the ball is grating, the court lines are really distracting to tennis players. It can be hard to get a court for tennis at Marinwood already. The lower courts are definitely used for tennis, especially when tennis lessons are going on. It would be great to have the courts resurfaced, including the Creekside Court, rather than have any courts turned into Pickleball Courts.	2/21/2024 2:28 PM
54	As a pickleball player I realize the noise disturbance it causes and would would think it would be distracting to the teachers and students in the school sharing the property.	2/21/2024 1:57 PM
55	As an avid tennis player, it is more difficult and challenging to play tennis on a court with pickle ball lines (distracting).	2/21/2024 12:16 PM
56	We need more tennis courts	2/20/2024 9:14 PM
57	The courts are always busy at the times I like to use them, so my fear would be that it would become difficult to play tennis if there was even more demand for the courts.	2/20/2024 7:52 PM
58	I've played on courts that have been converted and the lines make it confusing to play tennis. Also I play 4-5 times a week and it's often hard to find an open court for tennis. Finally I've played tennis next pickelball players and really find the noise generated by the pickleball to be annoying and interferes with game playing.	2/20/2024 7:16 PM
59	There are not enough tennis courts as many are adding pickleball. People from outside the community will come take over the tennis courts.	2/20/2024 7:10 PM

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60	No particular reason	2/20/2024 7:10 PM
61	It's challenging enough to get a tennis court during popular times and weekends. This would create more of a bottleneck and tension between tennis and pickle ball players.	2/20/2024 7:03 PM
62	There is a lot of demand for tennis courts. It is confusing to have lines for both sports.	2/20/2024 7:03 PM
63	It is very unpleasant to have pickleball on the court. Very loud!!!	2/20/2024 6:59 PM
64	The tennis courts are already busy as it is- if people want pickleball courts, there is space to build new courts but they shouldn't take away from the already congested tennis courts-	2/20/2024 6:58 PM
65	Pickleball lines would be confusing for tennis players and there are not enough public tennis courts as it is.	2/20/2024 6:58 PM
66	I don't personally play pickleball and find the extra lines on the court distracting and confusing, while playing tennis. It also already feels like it's difficult to get court time, and adding in pickleball will only make it harder to get court time.	2/20/2024 3:02 PM
67	We use the tennis courts regularly and would like to continue doing so for tennis.	2/20/2024 2:28 PM

Q11 Do you have any other comments to share?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 52

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The two upper courts are in better shape for tennis. The lower courts need to be resurfaced .	3/17/2024 7:45 PM
2	Need pickle ball courts, please build dedicated courts.	3/17/2024 4:00 PM
3	The pickleball courts at McGinnis are enough	3/17/2024 10:44 AM
4	How would the sign up work for pickleball? I've heard that courts are in high demand in Marin and I worry that members of our community will not get to take advantage because people from all over Marin will come and play here.	3/17/2024 8:42 AM
5	Perhaps do a trial period. After 6 months see usage and retake survey.	3/16/2024 9:32 PM
6	To close to school and residential area	3/16/2024 6:15 PM
7	https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-03/pickleball-noise-fueling-neighborhood-drama https://nypost.com/2023/10/20/pickleball-creates-headaches-lawsuits/	3/15/2024 8:45 PM
8	Just google this. You can't pretend you didn't know this was going to be a huge problem.	3/15/2024 8:31 PM
9	Homeowners are increasingly taking legal action over pickleball racket. People are suing (and winning). Not sure why we'd want to take this on. While pickleball may be a fun and exciting sport for players, the noise it generates can be a nuisance for those living nearby. My sister (who has a private court) has had complaints from neighbors over 5 blocks away! The noise from pickleball can be especially bothersome during early morning or late evening hours when people are trying to sleep or relax. While the sound level meter measured up to 55 decibels coming from the pickleball courts, which is below the EPA's maximum average outdoor noise level of 55 decibels, our ears are more sensitive to mid-frequency noises, which is why pickleball is more noticeable from farther away. Furthermore, annoyance from noise is not just an acoustic problem, but is also affected by our psychology and non-acoustic factors such as irregularity, what someone is doing while hearing the noise, and whether they believe the sound belongs in their environment can contribute to noise annoyance. One option is to install sound barriers around the courts, which can help to absorb and reduce noise. Another option is to use specialized court surfaces that are designed to reduce noise levels. It's important to explore all options and find the best solution for each individual situation. Pickleball is a fun and exciting sport, but it's important to be mindful of the impact it may have on others.	3/15/2024 8:27 PM
10	I strongly oppose adding pickle ball lines to the tennis courts. Also, there is too much noise with plastic balls which creates disturbance while playing tennis.	3/15/2024 3:11 PM
11	No	3/15/2024 3:08 PM
12	No	3/15/2024 9:32 AM
13	Pickleball is an increasingly popular sport and it would be nice to have courts available in Marinwood.	3/14/2024 9:22 PM
14	Thank you for considering the addition of pickle ball lines.	3/14/2024 9:14 PM
15	I'd like answers to my questions prior to the 3/26 meeting. However I think it's highly unlikely I will get a response? Why? How much time will be allotted on 3/26 got this discussion? If you can't reply to these questions why ask them. Has the PB decision already been made? Is this survey just lip service to nearby residents?	3/14/2024 7:54 PM
16	How much will this cost the CSD to convert and who will maintain the Courts?	3/14/2024 7:29 PM
17	Please reconsider your thoughts on pickleball next To houses. Please go to a park that has pickleball on a saturday evening and behold the noise pollution.	3/14/2024 10:31 AM
18	Don't do it	3/12/2024 3:25 PM

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19	Convert one court and if no complaints then convert the other courts	3/12/2024 3:05 PM
20	I love Marinwood!	3/12/2024 10:13 AM
21	This is a space known for serenity. Tennis conforms to that atmosphere but pickleball does not.	3/12/2024 9:57 AM
22	It's great you are asking the community to voice their opinions- it will be great to see just how much support people who live IN THE CSD are asking for this modification. One more note — it might be time to set up online booking, as it is done so effectively in San Francisco. I imagine the entire tennis community in the CSD would be receptive to having a reliable and equitable way of booking a court. Thanks!!	3/10/2024 9:58 PM
23	No	3/9/2024 5:22 PM
24	Please add it!	3/8/2024 2:51 PM
25	Yes, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation. To stay with trends and make Marinwood a progressive community, I encourage the Board to consider funding dedicated courts and leave the existing courts for Tennis. Net adjustment is an issue in the court conversion unless you bring in portable nets. I can't think of a better community building improvement that adding pickleball at Marinwood park!	3/8/2024 10:41 AM
26	No	3/7/2024 6:54 PM
27	My only concern is if the pickleball noise would bother the neighbors closest to the courts.	3/7/2024 1:47 PM
28	Thank you for checking with the community.	3/7/2024 1:32 PM
29	Id like to get into pickle ball and it would be cool if marinwood offered classes.	3/7/2024 12:28 PM
30	I don't play pickleball but so many people do. I know a high schooler who plays with his grandfather.	3/7/2024 10:47 AM
31	No	3/5/2024 5:32 AM
32	Thank you for putting out this survey and thinking of the entire community!	3/4/2024 8:50 AM
33	Please don't take courts away from community members who play tennis!!!'	3/3/2024 2:34 PM
34	Could you please investigate the noise impact of converting the lower courts to pickle? My concern is that houses close to the lower courts will be impacted by the much bigger noise created by playing pickle ball.	3/3/2024 11:46 AM
35	No pickleball please. Tennis is already very popular here and there are other nearby options for pickleball.	3/1/2024 4:06 AM
36	No pickleball lines.	2/29/2024 10:37 AM
37	No	2/28/2024 6:58 PM
38	No	2/27/2024 3:31 PM
39	Thank you.	2/27/2024 1:38 PM
40	Thanks for considering this option to make those courts multi-use!	2/26/2024 10:24 AM
41	The people living along Quietwood and miller creek should be the ones to have the most input due to the noise factor- this has created a lot of contention in many communities and is not something I would like to see happen here	2/26/2024 9:37 AM
42	Just that tennis courts are hard to come by which are also in decent condition and which also don't have lots of lines everywhere which makes it very visually confusing to play tennis.	2/26/2024 9:15 AM
43	No pickleball in Marinwood Courts! Maybe they can use indoor soccer gym in McGuiness as well	2/26/2024 8:15 AM
44	Tennis communities have been given short shrift with the "entitled" Pickleball players assuming they have the right to long-standing and traditional tennis courts. Pickleball can fund and provide their own courts without trying to take over and replace existing tennis courts which have been there for years.	2/26/2024 7:45 AM

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45	Pickleball is very loud and distracting to others trying to play tennis. I'm all for people wanting to play pickleball. Pickleball specific courts should be built rather than using tennis courts	2/26/2024 7:39 AM
46	The uppermost courts are already taken by lessons. If you take the lower courts, there will be no available tennis courts.	2/26/2024 7:38 AM
47	If pickleball lines are painted in tennis courts. Please make the line color blend in with the current court colors. A lighter color of the court would be great.	2/26/2024 7:31 AM
48	Pickleball is fun but it's also a fad. There are better uses for the money and resources. A backboard for tennis or racquetball, volleyball courts, etc. would be a better investment long term.	2/26/2024 5:56 AM
49	the current courts are not in the greatest shape, including the lights by the upper courts.	2/25/2024 11:27 PM
50	It would be good to try pickleball on one court first. Also make pickleball lines a different/lighter shade of green than the court to not cause confusion calling lines. I have experienced hesitation when trying to call lines for tennis when pickleball lines are white. Makes court too busy with so many lines. I played on a court with lighter green pickleball lines and it seem to be much better and less of a problem to call lines for tennis.	2/25/2024 10:36 PM
51	All comments shared in question 8.	2/25/2024 10:05 PM
52	No	2/25/2024 6:03 PM
53	If you build it they will come! The hill rec area has 6 courts and bocce ball as well. The courts are always packed. Lots of unused space at Marinwood I would like to see courts added while retaining the tennis courts and would support a bond measure if necessary.	2/25/2024 3:48 PM
54	Yes please , we need a pickle ball option here !	2/25/2024 3:34 PM
55	The lower courts are perfect as they are further from the residences and will not be as disturbing. Marinwood should meet the demand of pickleball while attempting to keep residents happy.	2/25/2024 11:48 AM
56	Pickleball is a great option for middle age and older players who are no longer able to play tennis due to injury.	2/25/2024 9:21 AM
57	It would be great to resurface the bottom courts in a more permanent way	2/25/2024 9:03 AM
58	I met my wife at Hill in Novato playing pickleball	2/24/2024 7:47 PM
59	Pickleball is better than tennis	2/24/2024 7:45 PM
60	No	2/24/2024 7:44 PM
61	Pickleball and tennis can coexist. You would be providing an opportunity for more of the community to be able to participate.	2/24/2024 3:57 PM
62	No	2/24/2024 3:39 PM
63	Back courts need to be fixed which limits good option for tennis. Or move Jerry teaching to back courts.	2/22/2024 6:47 PM
64	Please consider that the tennis instructor hogs all the courts as it is and there needs to be more maintenance and freeing up of the existing courts as it is.	2/22/2024 5:35 PM
65	If there was an opportunity to build two NEW courts, I would be behind this conversation proposal. But given the current demand and our allowance of court usage for rec lessons, I am strongly opposed to this proposal.	2/22/2024 2:32 PM
66	It would also be great to get a tennis court squeegee. I would be happy to squeegee the courts after rain to help maintain the courts, but the one roller is broken.	2/22/2024 2:21 PM
67	No	2/22/2024 12:32 PM
68	No	2/22/2024 10:36 AM
69	I would love to learn and play with others but I couldn't find an affordable Pickleball clinic or drop-in in Marin. I would commute from sleepy hollow to play in marinwood if it's affordable and there's others interested. Thanks!!	2/22/2024 9:28 AM

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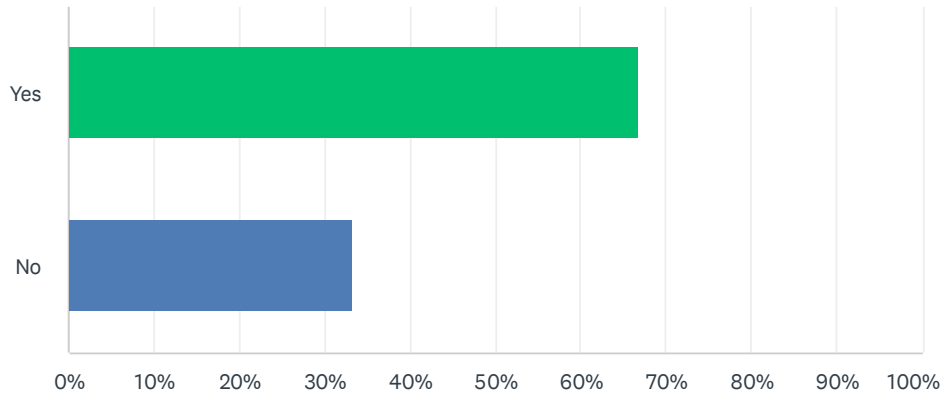
70	Thankful you are considering the changes for the fastest growing sport in America.	2/22/2024 7:29 AM
71	With the booming interest in people of all ages playing pickleball it is quite hard to find a court available!!! Thank you for your interest to adding some pb courts in Marin County! I hope you decide to do so.	2/21/2024 8:18 PM
72	Would love a practice wall to practice serves , returns, dinks etc,	2/21/2024 7:01 PM
73	I want to learn to play pickleball & would love a couple of free public courts to be available there.	2/21/2024 6:39 PM
74	You can get 4x more players on a pb court vs tennis.	2/21/2024 6:14 PM
75	I manage (as a volunteer) a women's pickleball group of approximately 20 women. We have a hard time finding places to play!	2/21/2024 5:45 PM
76	Would love to have the option for tennis or Pickleball at this location. I feel the option would draw people to play there.	2/21/2024 5:41 PM
77	Convert all 4 tennis courts and set game specific usage times and days.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM
78	It would be great to have more places to play pickleball.	2/21/2024 4:43 PM
79	None	2/21/2024 4:07 PM
80	Marin needs a lot more pickleball courts as the sport offers multi-generational fun and is so popular	2/21/2024 4:04 PM
81	No	2/21/2024 3:51 PM
82	Converting both courts allows for the most flexibility	2/21/2024 3:44 PM
83	I live in Terra Linda. It would be wonderful to have additional pickle ball courts since McInnis gets full when the weather is nice. And Hill in Novato is even busier.	2/21/2024 3:43 PM
84	It's just we need definitely more Pickleball courts. It's crazy when you have to reserve a court weeks in advance at McGuinness.	2/21/2024 3:42 PM
85	No	2/21/2024 3:41 PM
86	I have lived in marinwood for over 24 years and my children went to Mill Creek school. Those back tennis courts are hardly ever used and putting Pickleball courts in. There would be the smart and right thing to do.	2/21/2024 3:34 PM
87	Pickleball is so popular in Marin. The courts everywhere fill up so quickly. It would be great to have an additional 2 courts in Marin.	2/21/2024 3:32 PM
88	Please do this	2/21/2024 3:31 PM
89	Pickleball has become a very popular sport and more courts are needed to accommodate the large number of pickleball players. I have noticed that the Marinwood courts are not always full with tennis players so it seems to make sense to enable the courts for multi use and increase the number of courts available for pickleball play in our area.	2/21/2024 3:24 PM
90	We need more PB courts asap. Thx!	2/21/2024 3:18 PM
91	Thank you for considering this	2/21/2024 3:15 PM
92	I rarely ever see anyone playing tennis on the Marinwood tennis courts	2/21/2024 3:11 PM
93	We would love it if the courts were converted!!!!	2/21/2024 2:52 PM
94	Marin County does not have enough public pickleball courts. Especially in San Rafael. PLEASE covert both courts to accommodate pickleball. Thank you!!!	2/21/2024 2:52 PM
95	More courts needed whenever they are.	2/21/2024 2:49 PM
96	The courts at McInnis are in constant use. It would be great to have more courts even closer to home.	2/21/2024 2:47 PM
97	I would really like more pickleball courts	2/21/2024 2:46 PM
98	would love to see pickleball courts at Marinwood!	2/21/2024 2:32 PM

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99	No, just very opposed. I also have a child who has attended Marinwood Camps his entire life and played tennis with Jerry since he was 5. I've spent many thousands of dollars on classes and camps at Marinwood over the years and would be very saddened and upset to lose my favorite tennis courts to pickleball.	2/21/2024 2:28 PM
100	I and my family are very appreciative of the entire Marinwood park from the Waterdevils, to the camps and tennis courts. My dog enjoys our walks through Marinwood as well. I believe the "disagreement s" that would arise would not be good for the coo.	2/21/2024 1:57 PM
101	If you are financially able to afford renting a PB court good for you. There are more PB courts that cost to play on. Having free PB courts would allow more people to play a great game for health and recreational purposes. As a senior I can not afford the high cost of renting a court. Also, being able to share the courts with tennis players is a great utilization of resources. Thanks for your consideration of this issue.	2/21/2024 1:00 PM
102	There are tennis and pickle ball courts at McInnis , residents can play there.	2/21/2024 12:16 PM
103	Very excited for this possible change.	2/21/2024 11:49 AM
104	Great idea! We are late to the game!	2/21/2024 9:30 AM
105	I would want to use for pickleball regularly. Have wished this would happen for a long time. When walking I often see the courts empty. There would be a line of people waiting to play based on my experience . I play 3 days a week weather permitting. It is the first organized sport I have enjoyed. I have been doing it for 6 months,	2/21/2024 7:25 AM
106	Please do this! I know I would get more exercise!	2/21/2024 5:50 AM
107	We should have dedicated Pickleball Courts in Marinwood. Look at the courts at Hill Rec Center in Novato (6 courts) and Carl Larsen Park in SF (8 courts). Both are always packed.	2/20/2024 9:29 PM
108	Thank you!	2/20/2024 9:14 PM
109	Even more Pickleball courts are needed than what you are suggesting.	2/20/2024 8:50 PM
110	I think pickleball courts should be in a spectate location not incorporated into the current tennis courts. I would appreciate the funds instead be used to add lights on the lower courts as those courts are unusable in the winter time.	2/20/2024 7:16 PM
111	No	2/20/2024 7:10 PM
112	Don't they already have pickleball courts at Mc Ginnis?	2/20/2024 7:03 PM
113	Please do not allowed pickleball on the court.	2/20/2024 6:59 PM
114	Pickleball is also very loud and will be disturbing to the quiet neighborhood and the quiet and restful nature of the park as well as to the middle school	2/20/2024 6:58 PM
115	Pickleball players can go to McGinnis and other pickleball courts nearby. The Marinwood tennis courts are always full already with tennis players competing for court time especially during the afternoons and weekends.	2/20/2024 6:58 PM
116	Find a balance between courts for PB and tennis	2/20/2024 5:11 PM
117	The sooner the better!	2/20/2024 4:05 PM
118	Love the idea. However, a Marinwood dog park and leash law enforcement is a far more important issue to address. At current, I and many other residents simply can't use the parks around here. We have to go elsewhere.	2/20/2024 3:47 PM
119	Thank you	2/20/2024 3:44 PM
120	I'd be interested in taking a beginning pickleball class whenever it is offered.	2/20/2024 3:41 PM
121	I have played with friends and want to make this a bigger part of my life !	2/20/2024 3:30 PM
122	No.	2/20/2024 3:02 PM
123	N/A	2/20/2024 2:28 PM

Q12 Are you a resident of Marinwood Community Services District?

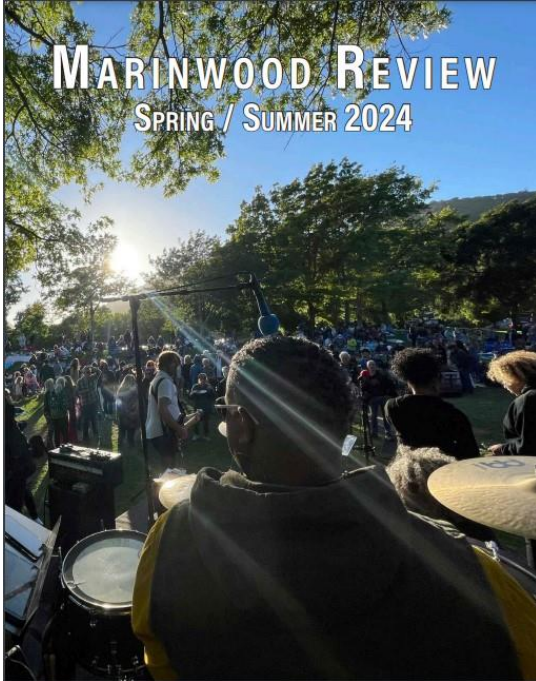
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	110
No	33.33%	55
TOTAL		165

Parks and Recreation Report
March 2024
Submitted by: Luke Fretwell, Recreation Director

RECREATION ACTIVITY REPORT



Marinwood Review

Our Spring/Summer issue of the Marinwood Review was mailed out on February 15th. Immediately after we began receiving a flood of registrations for our spring classes and programs.

In addition to information about our spring and summer programs, events, and pool season, this issue also includes some other community interest features, including a page on wildfire prevention tips from the Fire Department, an updated trail map, and a feature on Les Mize, founder of the Las Gallinas Lions Club.

Summer Camp / Swim Lesson Registration

We will be opening registration for all our summer camps and swim lessons on Tuesday, March 12th at 9:00am for Marinwood residents and Thursday, March 14th at 9:00am for non-residents. Staff have checked and double checked all the links and info and we are expecting everything to go smoothly.

Swim Team

The Marinwood Waterdevils season started on February 28th. The team held an introductory "Splash Week" orientation for new swimmers during the first week and started the regular practice schedule on Monday, March 4th. I want to acknowledge John Paul and his pool staff, as well as the Parks staff, for getting the pool facility cleaned and prepped for the start of the swim team season. The pool will open to the public on Monday, April 1st.



“The Big Alta” Trail Running Event

On February 24th and 25th a trail running event was put on by Daybreak Racing in Marinwood. The event, which was staged in Marinwood Park, featured a 50K trail race on Saturday and a 28K race on Sunday, both of which included sections of Queenstone Fire Road and Horne Trail in the Marinwood Open Space, as well as several other trails in the area.

The event saw 457 total racers (209 for the 50K and 248 for the 28K), with all but 12 successfully finishing. Participants traveled from 31 U.S. states, 2 Canadian Provinces, Sweden, Great Britain, and Colombia. Participant ages ranged from 20 to 70+ years old. The event also brought around 100 accompanying spectators/supporters each day. The event was also livestreamed on YouTube to over 20,000 viewers throughout the weekend.

Daybreak Racing was a great organization to work with and the event was extremely well-organized and well-managed. Marinwood staff members were present on both days and everyone came away impressed with both the turnout and execution of the event. The organizers were thrilled with the event and have engaged staff about holding future trail race events in Marinwood.

Raise a Glass – Wine Tasting

“Raise a Glass,” our annual wine tasting event took place Saturday, March 2nd from 2-5pm at the community center. We had 10 wineries in attendance, as well as live music by French cafe band Duo Gadjo and food platters provided by Marinwood Market. Despite the rainy weather we had around 200 people in attendance, among our best turnouts since the event’s inception in 2010.

Spring Art Show

Our Spring Art Show will take place on Saturday, April 27th in the community center. The theme of this year’s show is “Finding the Familiar” and will feature artwork from 40-50 of Marin’s finest artists. More details will be announced in the coming months.

Senior Stroll

On Thursday, March 7th the Recreation Department hosted another Senior Stroll. Staff led a group of about a dozen local seniors on a lovely walk along the park, through the panhandle, and back to the park via Quietwood Drive. Conversation was lively and fun was had by all. We are looking forward to the next installment in April.

Recreation programs currently taking place this winter include Tae Kwon Do, White Crane Silat, Feldenkrais, Mahjong, Pilates, LEGO engineering, Irish Dance, Babysitter’s Training, Little Explorers Art, Zumba, Watercolor Workshops, CPR/First Aid, All Sorts of Sport Camps, Preschool, and the After School Program.

PARKS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY REPORT

Pool Facility Work

This past month the Parks staff has spent time at the pool preparing the facility for the start of the pool season. Work has included painting faded and rusting doors and door frames, cleaning out the deck gutters, backwashing the pool filters, pressure washing the pool deck, sanding the staining the benches and tables, and cleaning the chlorine generators, among other tasks.

This week staff began assessing the irrigation in the pool following the completion of the creekbank restoration work behind the pumphouse. Thankfully, the only damage discovered was a couple broken sprinkler lines and cracked sprinkler heads where the excavators were working. No damage appears to have been caused to the irrigation main line. Staff has already repaired the breaks and the irrigation is operational.

The contractors re-graded the area of the pool lawn that was torn up during the restoration work. The area has been given a layer of fresh soil and grass seed. We will keep temporary fencing around the area until the grass is established. We expect the fencing to come down before the summer.

Further work at the pool will include replacing the shower and refurbishing the Hillside Pool Party Area once the new fencing behind the pump house is done being installed.

Community Center and Pool Woodwork

During the past couple weeks the woodwork around the community center and pool buildings were cleaned and stained and some of the framing repainted. Everything is looking really nice. This work was last performed in 2016.

Irrigation Assessment & Spring Turf Treatment

After having all the irrigation turned off for the winter months, staff have begun assessing the sprinklers and drip systems, adjusting positions and repairing leaks as needed to be ready to start watering when the rainy season subsides.

Staff will begin our annual spring turf treatment in the coming weeks, including aerating, fertilizing, and seeding all the lawns.

Open Space Encroachment

Staff were recently informed of an encroachment in District open space at the top of Rhinestone Terrace. A couple dozen wooden steps were staked into the hillside alongside a drainage v-ditch and a makeshift bridge built across the ditch. The steps were installed along a steep deer trail that is sometimes used by hikers to access Ponti Ridge Trail. Staff posted a cease and desist notice, requesting the encroachment be removed and citing the relevant ordinance. At time of writing the steps are still in place and staff will be removing them as soon as time allows.

Daily/Weekly Tasks:

- Clean and restock Community Center
- Clean and restock park bathroom
- Empty garbage in all 3 parks and at trailheads
- Restock dog waste bags at dog stations
- Mow, edge, and blow in all 3 parks
- Check drains and culverts
- Check playground equipment in all 3 playgrounds for damage/vandalism
- Check and adjust pool chemistry