

From: [Wayne Spector](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Thoughts on LOT
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:08:12 PM

we need housing more than over running this place with second homes.

From: [Daren Pennell](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Pickleball Proposal
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 4:33:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I began pickleball this past summer (2022) -playing 2-3x / week- and the sport was great and the process of which courts and waiting your turn and the difference between the dedicated courts and the mixed-use courts was definitely a learning curve -not to mention the sport itself . I will say the depiction in the proposal presentation is 100% accurate. I was surprised to see that 4 pball courts could fit on 1 tennis court and with the ratio of 4 pball players / court (very common) to every 2 tennis players / court (common). Therefore, the player ratio per tennis court of pball vs tennis is actually 8:1 or at a minimum 4:1. The highest and best use is clear and the dramatic continued growth of pball clearly indicates where our finite resources should be directed.

I am in favor of the proposed conversion of the mixed-use court becoming 4 more dedicated pickleball courts.

Thank you all for your time considering my thoughts,

Daren

Daren Pennell



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From: [Elli Bernacchi](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: tennis courts at Atkinsons Park
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:22:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

I will be unable to attend the meeting of Ketchum City Council on February 6th, but I would like my voice heard. As a full time WRV resident, I strongly urge you to keep the tennis/pickle ball configuration as is. I realize there is an increase in the pickle ball population, but there is also an increase in the tennis population and the tennis courts at Atkinson Park are the only courts open to the public in the entire mid to north valley. I believe they must continue to be shared as they have been and not reduced in availability. I am not aware if any data exists on daily usage by tennis/pickleball usage, but before any change is made, I think it would be only fair to collect that data and make it available to the community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elli Bernacchi

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From: [Dean Rutherford](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Atkinsons tennis courts
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 6:46:38 PM

As a local full time tennis player and part time pickleball player, I am writing to show my support for leaving the Atkinsons tennis courts as are: 2 courts for tennis, 4 for PB and 1 mixed use. The courts were resurfaced in 2017 and intended for tennis use only. Since 2 courts have already been allocated to pickleball, and requests continue for changing more courts to pickleball courts, we need to protect and preserve the tennis courts we still have. Many kids and upcoming young tennis players who take clinics and are learning the sport need courts for their training, along with many adults who have played on these courts recreationally for decades. A better solution is to build designated pickleball courts so we can all play our beloved respective sports alongside each other.

Thank you,

Dean Rutherford

From: [Amy Johnson](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Keep Atkinson's Park Tennis Courts at 2+1
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:24:34 PM

Let's leave Atkinson's Park be, that's 2 public courts for tennis, 4 public courts for pickleball, and 1 public "flexi" court for either.

Keep Atkinson's Park to 2+1 public tennis courts. Tennis is for everyone and so is Pickleball, for residents and non-residents. We can co-exist. We can get along and share the space. Atkinson's Park has courts for both tennis and pickleball and it's adequate: 2 for 4-8 tennis players, 4 for 16 pickleballers, and 1 "flexi" mixed-use court for either 2 tennis or 16 pickleballers. A second pickleball court, goes up to 32 players! As it is, if 1 PB uses one "flexi" court, that precludes tennis from happening on the remaining space on the "flexi" court. Tennis needs a full court; there's no way around that.

- Leave Atkinson's Park courts as they are: 2 for tennis, 4 for PB, and 1 mixed-use for either. To convert even one more court to PB means 2 courts for 4-8 tennis players; 8 courts for 32 pickleball players – that's huge!

- Atkinson's Park is the only public tennis court in the North Valley. Say no to more EXCLUSIVE and more to INCLUSIVE that means leaving public courts as they are. Do not force tennis off of the only public courts in town, to exclusive private courts, out of range of access and affordability

- Public means access for residents and non-residents, including short term summer visitors to the Park, touring and visiting here for 1-2 weeks at a time

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- These courts were resurfaced in 2017 and at great effort for tennis only – not pickleball

- There's no reason to "Take from Peter to pay Paul." Pickleball Alliance can come together with donations to justify and build their own courts

Amy

Thank you.
Amy Johnson
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From: [Linda Parsons](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Afternoon play for WRPA not mornings
Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023 8:21:53 PM

I am a pickleball player. However, as a resident of Ketchum I do not think it is fair that the wood river pickleball alliance has taken over the courts during prime time summer mornings. I like the alliance but I don't like to play in that format. I would rather gather my own players to play. I am dismayed when 3 mornings per week are taken by the WRPA. Why can't they have some afternoons? I am a Ketchum city tax player. I would venture to say many of the players are not.

Sincerely, Linda Parsons

From: [DUREE westover](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Pickleball Flex Court
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 9:58:01 AM

Hello City of Ketchum,

I understand there is evaluation of COURTS going on regarding recreational play of Pickleball and Tennis, and the lack of both for tax paying citizens.

As a member of this lovely Wood River Community, I would like to put my 'vote' in for converting the Flex court at Atkinsons to a pickleball designated court exclusively.

As it is, it serves neither sport therefore serves no constituents.

My data (personal observation) shows there are never tennis players waiting for courts at Atkinsons, in fact many times when I play pickleball with friends, the current tennis courts sit empty. There are ALWAYS pickleballers waiting to play Pickle.

Converting this ONE flex court to pickleball is being proactive and is the right thing for the community. Why?

It is public knowledge from all the data available in the public domain (see Google, read articles, etc.) that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America (by magnitudes of difference).

If Ketchum does not do this conversion of the one court AND more importantly, think about adding additional public courts in the near future, Ketchum runs the risk of creating an unwanted reputation and of losing revenue from visitors and citizens, of not having a true full amenity destination town like its neighboring or like-competitive markets (such as Park City, Beaver Creek, Telluride, Fort Collins, Flagstaff, Boise, etc.). These other communities offer and ATTRACT visitors and new community members, by offering immense amounts of public Pickleball court options for its citizens, which also generates visitor bed tax dollars to fund more general fund projects. Simply by offering what the public (tourist and citizens) desire. This one flex court is the first best step.

The Wood River Pickleball community is a generous group. Repeat - a generous group. They will gain private funds to help offset this cost and for future public courts. They will additionally hold county-wide Pickleball events in the future if the infrastructure supports it, to attract visitors (revenue). This group is only going to grow. Tennis is NOT a growing sport.

Many courts sit idle around the country and in Ketchum. Check the data. Be progressive and proactive. Address this growing need and rational desires of the community. Hard decisions make great leaders.

Thanks!

Duree Westover

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From: [Geordie](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Atkinson's Park Pickle
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:52:39 PM

Dear Council,

I'm a nine year Ketchum resident. I am in favor of converting the flex courts to pickleball only courts at AP.

I've played tennis for 49 years (collegiate at UW) and pickleball for 43 years (I'm from Seattle, pickleball's origin) so I understand both sports more than most. I feel 2 courts for tennis players and 8 courts full time for pickle is best for AP.

Thank you for your consideration.

George Foster
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [james siegel](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: pickleball
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 4:54:52 PM

There is an OVERWHELMING number of pickleball players compared to tennis players and 8 dedicated pickleball courts vs 2 tennis is much more in line.....550-600 pickleball players on the email list would likely be greater than 4:1 than the number of tennis players. Think it needs to be re-thought sooner rather than later for Spring 2023.

Jim Siegel

From: [Richard Miller](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting Feb 6th - Tennis Courts
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 5:22:08 PM

Hello,

I heard the city was considering converting the two remaining public tennis courts IN ALL OF KETCHUM (more broadly the N valley) to pickleball. I wanted to get a message to you expressing my more than strong opposition to this for a number of reasons:

1. The insufferable noise. Not just from the ball, which is bad enough on its own, but from the players. As it is not athletic, many people playing it prefer to play drunk. Drunks make A LOT of noise. I live about half mile away and can hear it clear as a bell most days. If this was ANY other set of circumstances where an activity made noise that could be heard from that distance, I would hope the city would immediately shut it down. That noise is the opposite of why the vast majority of people moved here, in the mountains; Streams, birds, etc should be the dominate sounds.
2. These are the last public tennis courts in Ketchum. 2 of them. 2! That is all that are left for public play. Not everyone can pay to play at the Sun Valley Lodge.
3. There are already 8 public pickleball courts in Atkinson. 8 versus 2. We have to stop there. They have plenty of courts. We have to have some kind of balance. I thought converting two tennis to 8 pickle was excessive. Taking the last two would be completely unfair to the many public tennis players from the Valley Club north.

There are more reasons. Some logical like the above, others will be emotional, but they all add up to WE HAVE ANOUGH PICKLEBALL here.

Thank you for your attention.

Rich Miller
123 River Run Dr

From: [Gerri Pesch](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Thoughts on LOT
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 5:37:07 PM

I like this idea and support this amendment
Gerri Pesch

From: [SHERRY R. PFAEFFLE](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Atkinson Park PB and Tennis Courts
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023 5:54:42 PM

Thanks to all... I'll put in my 2cents worth. Love playing PB here and meeting visitors to our valley! Atkinson Park is fun and welcoming to residents and visitors for sports of all seasons. Let's keep it that way. Soccer/Hockey/Tennis/ Pickleball/Softball/Playground...!! Help keep it moving forward to serve our community. Yes, the court surfaces need to be updated and maintained. Put in a voluntary \$5 donation box and see what happens! All other municipal(both state and international facilities "recommend") a 5\$ donation on the honor system to participate and use/maintain /improve facilities.A lotta bang for \$5!! THX for listening. Sherry Pfaeffle
Sent from my iPad

From: [Holt, Clyde](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Thoughts on LOT
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:54:38 AM

Go with sharing the current 1% between Air and housing.....be consistent with Hailey.....best to proceed gradually with tax money

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From: [HP Boyle](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting 2/6/23 Public Comment
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:36:57 AM

Item 7 in the Consent Agenda is for a \$100k to HDR for a biosolids disposal plan for the water treatment facility. This was identified in the original HDR study and I raised this issue of it not be addressed by the Council several times. A council member should be asking the question on how many death by 1000 cuts of incremental expenses for the plant rehab are coming down the pike, and why this wasn't done before the Council put the bond referendum to the public. This is not good fiduciary governance.

Item 9. Has this been discussed with current owners of deed restricted units? If not, it seems like they should have the opportunity to comment on something this important before the Council adopts it. They may even have good ideas on how to improve. Doing this non-consultatively is not a great way to invent people to work with the City.

Item 12. The Council is only being provided one option for dealing with the 2014 bonds. Why is that? There are at least two other ways to deal with them, one of which could save more than this \$28k. Seems like bad fiduciary process for the Council to allow staff to jam through stuff like this with no analysis of options.

Thank you,

Perry Boyle

From: [Wood River Tennis](#)
To: [Participate](#)
Subject: Tennis is Up! Keep Atkinson's Park at 2+1 Courts for Tennis
Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 10:52:14 AM

Hello City of Ketchum,

Did you watch the AO Australian Open last month? If you did, you'll see that tennis fans are showing up. Right here in our town Ketchum, you'll see that tennis is up! Summer court use is up around the Wood River Valley (WRV), we have competitive tennis in town, the high school teams are playing and winning more, and teaching pros are giving lessons up and down the valley. Despite the growing interest and demand for organized tennis and courts in the WRV, it has come to our attention that a second Atkinson's court is being threatened by takeover by pickleball which precludes tennis players from using the "flexi" mixed-use court.

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From the Australian Open to Indian Wells, Miami Open and the French Open! Go tennis, go! Tennis is up and still growing at 11% year over year and the fans are loving it.

Thank you for your time.

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