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**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Affordable housing

**Categories:** Blue Category

What intelligent design runs into--wherever the wealthiest live: [https://www.thedailybeast.com/nantucket-roiled-by-surfside-crossing-affordable-housing-plan?campaign\\_id=4&emc=edit\\_dk\\_20230123&instance\\_id=83432&nl=dealbook&regi\\_id=90080527&segment\\_id=123270&te=1&user\\_id=05304ab80cc29f677714e4b91696866d](https://www.thedailybeast.com/nantucket-roiled-by-surfside-crossing-affordable-housing-plan?campaign_id=4&emc=edit_dk_20230123&instance_id=83432&nl=dealbook&regi_id=90080527&segment_id=123270&te=1&user_id=05304ab80cc29f677714e4b91696866d)

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**From:** Courtney Hamilton  
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<https://youtu.be/fEXsCFZSDGI>

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**From:** City of Ketchum Idaho <participate@ketchumidaho.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 12:43 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact Us

**Categories:** Blue Category

Submitted on Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 12:43pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 24.17.182.252

Submitted values are:

First Name Mark

Last Name Mennella

Email mark.mennella@comcast.net

Question/Comment

We live at 326 Shady Lane and just received a post card regarding Warm Springs Preserve and are extremely concerned regarding a potential Enhanced Entry to the park thru Norwegian Woods. We live on Shady Lane and prior to Norwegian fencing off entrance to the park we had very large group of people parking at the end of Shady Lane to access the park. This is a huge fire department issue as a fire truck can barely get down our road and cars parking toward the end of the road make it very difficult for neighbors to even get out of our driveways and caused issues for garbage trucks. We are definitely opposed to any access to the park begin identified at the west end or Middle Terrace and parking by Norwegian Woods which will end up with cars parking on Shady Lane which can not accommodate park use. We will not be able to attend the Wednesday February 1 meeting and wonder if you can make the meeting available to the public through a zoom?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ketchumidaho.org/node/7/submission/11095>

## Aly Swindley

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**From:** Karl Hutter <knhhutter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** April Norton visiting from Jackson—Beware

**Categories:** Blue Category

Hello Neil:

I'm a resident of Sun Valley and wanted to share comments by two long-time locals in Jackson about April Norton. As you know, Ketchum has invited April to speak this week on how Jackson is approaching affordable housing.

I've directly cut & pasted comments on April. Locals in Jackson are not a fan of hers. Did anyone check on what she is doing in Jackson?

Here is the quote this morning from people in the know in Jackson—they care deeply about their community.

“ She's (April Norton) been instrumental in stopping affordable housing that doesn't fit into her “in-fill” strategy

There's the Gill family ranch in So Jackson where the Gills have basically offered to give 35 acres for affordable townhomes in return for approvals on a larger subdivision, she has worked behind the scenes to stop it

She has helped to massage developments that have a combination of “affordable” units and market priced units to get more sq footage than zoning allows and she's playing both sides (and getting compensation from both sides)

She has supported policy that compels homeowners of deed restricted homes to seek “approval” from city government when the owner wants to go on extended vacations and the home is going to be empty.

She's a bad actor, a communist and a liar.”

This is not a ringing endorsement. I'd hope you check your sources in Jackson.

Best regards,

Karl Hutter

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## Aly Swindley

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**From:** James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 1:29 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Ketchum City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Re: Health and Safety concern about Contaminants in Cloud Seeding  
**Categories:** Blue Category

Yes, thank you Chris, the mainstream depiction: Ground base generators, silver iodide, always “safe and effective”, a solid 12%, no toxicity no downsides, etc.

Independent evidence-based forensic professionals and observers are insisting on The Rest of the Story. In this shameful era of covidScam, with so many people going down hard all around, after years of “safe and effective” choke out and poison every breath masking and Just Saying Yes to “safe and effective” State Injections, it is time to test.

Recall Benny Franklin – “the first responsibility of every citizen is to question authority.” Hence, time to test, accepting the storyline as ‘The whole truth and nothing but’ is no longer an option.

Thank you for your open mindedness and willingness to support legitimate public scrutiny.

Jim

El miércoles, 18 de enero de 2023, Chris Johnson <[cjohnson@bellevueidaho.us](mailto:cjohnson@bellevueidaho.us)> escribió:

Here is some actual information with a FAQ section and links to outside resources.

<https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/energy/energy-sources/hydroelectric/cloud-seeding/>

I am happy to arrange a discussion or workshop if there is interest.

Chris Johnson

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Chairman Blaine Soil Conservation District

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**From:** Allison Goodwin <[allisongoodwin1@gmail.com](mailto:allisongoodwin1@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:03 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Ketchum City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Re: Health and Safety concern about Contaminants in Cloud Seeding:

On Mon, Jan 16, 2023 at 10:15 PM James Hungelmann <[jim.hungelmann@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hungelmann@gmail.com)> wrote:

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De: **James Hungelmann** <[jim.hungelmann@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hungelmann@gmail.com)>

Date: lun, 16 ene 2023 a las 22:05

Subject: Ketchum City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Re: Health and Safety concern about Contaminants in Cloud Seeding:

Thank You Jim for bringing this issue to Our Attention. I've included several Government Representatives, and BCC'd many more.

Those in Denial of GeoEngineering are in for rude awakenings. This has been going on "under the radar" for decades and needs to stop. There is ample research available [www.geoengineeringwatch.org](http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org) proving this is devastating Organic Life and it appears that the "Real" purpose behind the spraying is not really "Cloud Seeding" as is stated by many, it is actually an Attempt to GENETICALLY MODIFY OUR PLANET - the lab tests on Geoengineering Watch show along with Silver Iodide "they" are also spraying Aluminum, Barium, Strontium and other substances in Nano form. These, along with Adjuvants in so called "Vaccines" are in line with the attempts to GMO Organic Life. I think it is critical that WE The People get our heads out of the Sand, Look up, Pay Attention and Learn that our "Mother Nature" is Far Wiser and Superior than the Psychopaths who think they know better. Have those of you overseeing these "Cloud Seeding" operations Actually. Witnessed and Verified what Chemicals are in the canisters aboard the aircraft spraying? This is not what most think it is. Please Educate yourselves and peruse Dane Wiggington's Excellent Research on [geoengineeringwatch.org](http://geoengineeringwatch.org)

Let's see some action!

Thank You.

Allison Goodwin

Ketchum

January 16, 2023

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors

City of Ketchum

Ketchum City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023



## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Re:

***Health and Safety concern about Contaminants in Cloud Seeding:***

**Pay for Snow – At what cost?**

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

**REQUEST IS HEREBY MADE TO YOU**, in the interest of protecting public health and safety, to test the level of contamination appearing in our snowfall and rains; to evaluate and publicly communicate any risks to health and the environment so indicated; and to force by process of law the shutdown of any cloud seeding activities assessed to be unreasonably dangerous.

### **Background**

How nice it has been to see the snow coming, and coming and coming. A banner year, some say. We have our Pray for Snow parties, but as it turns out, there is no need. We have Pay for Snow - and have had for quite some time, they now say. After many years of silence, distraction, and denial, suddenly the mainstream reporting is telling us all about cloud seeding and how it has been going on for decades, including locally. See, for example, “*Cloud Seeding: Will science be the answer to our snow prayers?*” Sun Valley Magazine (Winter 2022/23).

**What is Cloud Seeding?**

Cloud seeding is a weather modification technique that involves introducing chemical substances into clouds to convert a greater percent of the moisture available in clouds into precipitation that reaches the earth's surface. According to the mainstream depiction, cloud seeding involves the release of silver iodide (AgI) vapors into the atmosphere using ground-based propane generators or dropping it from aircraft amid storms. The silver iodide particles serve as a nucleating agent for the formation of ice crystals. Mentioned also by some mainstreamers to be in the chemical mix are potassium iodide, dry ice, and even compressed liquid propane.

### **Pros of Cloud Seeding**

Proponents tout that cloud seeding can increase precipitation and snow falls by up to 15% above what would be available from the normal hydrological cycle, with year-to-year consistency that mitigates increasingly volatile and destructive weather conditions including drought and flood. If true, a consistent 15% increase, without downsides, is an attractive proposition for all parties currently participating in contracted cloud seeding services, including power companies, water boards and districts, agriculturalists, and mountain resorts.

### **Cons**

Opponents insist that cloud seeding as reported is not only expensive, requiring airplanes and chemical supply, but that much of the scientific literature indicates that it fails to achieve any meaningful increase in precipitation in the short-term and could well be disastrously counter-productive long-term as natural weather is derailed; and further, that silver iodide is a highly toxic substance to which chronic exposure is exceptionally damaging for humans and the environment. They claim that cloud seeding interferes with and sabotages the natural hydrological cycle and alters the amount and distribution of precipitation that falls within a particular region, potentially causing problems such as drought in some areas and flooding in others.

- **Human toxicity**

Humans absorb silver iodide through the lungs, nose, skin, and GI tract. Mild exposure can cause GI irritation, renal and pulmonary lesions, and mild argyria (blue or black discoloration of the skin). Severe accumulated exposure can result in hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, shock, enlarged heart, severe argyria, and death by respiratory depression. A key manufacturer of silver iodide for weather modification, Deepwater Chemicals, warns of potential health hazards of silver iodide in its Material Safety Data Sheet as follows:

Chronic Exposure/Target Organs: Chronic ingestion of iodides may produce “iodism”, which may be manifested by skin rash, running nose, headache and irritation of the mucous membranes. Weakness, anemia, loss of weight and general depression may also occur. Chronic inhalation or ingestion may cause argyria characterized by blue-gray discoloration of the eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Chronic skin contact may cause permanent discoloration of the skin.

- **Toxicity to Environment including water and food supply**

Environmental agencies rate silver iodide as a non-soluble, inorganic, hazardous chemical that accumulates in and pollutes water and soil and all living things. Silver iodide is classified as an "extremely hazardous substance" by the Environmental Protection Agency. Under the guidelines of the Clean Water Act, silver iodide is considered a “priority” toxic pollutant, considered to be particularly harmful to human health and the environment.

In a 1971 “Freezing Nucleation” patent (US3587966A), the ongoing use of silver iodide is explained as follows:

The early great success with silver iodide as a freezing nucleant for clouds led to the supposition that because silver iodide has a crystal structure somewhat similar to ice, its success in freezing nucleation was entirely due to this fact. *Some fear has recently been expressed about the toxicity of silver iodide. Accordingly, a search has been made for other crystals which would have similar crystalline form, in*

*the hope that they would prove to be freezing nucleants. Limited success has been made in this direction. (emphasis added.)*

Knowing all this, who wants to take the risk for a possible additional 15% moisture, unless the level of actual contamination can be scientifically shown to be safe?

### **The Rest of the Story**

Evidence-based forensic analysts challenge the mainstream depiction of cloud seeding, of twin-engine Pipers flying into clouds with silver iodide-releasing flares attached to the wings, as misleading and not the predominant method of cloud seeding. They point out that in recent years our snow has been exhibiting very bizarre characteristics which cannot be explained by the presence of silver iodide alone. These unusual characteristics include: snow being extremely compacted and slick, making it dangerous for walking and driving; people who work or play in it experiencing disorientation, dizziness, and nausea, as well as difficulty breathing; snow sliding off the tops of cars and roofs in sheets, crashing with a metallic sound and impact; snow charring rather than melting when exposed to flame; having a strange chemical odor; coming down in amorphous globs rather than naturally formed, hexagonal shaped flakes; being exceptionally difficult to push around and damaging heavy-duty snow removal equipment; and shrinking and sublimating directly to gas, bypassing the liquid state and often leaving little trace of melted water behind. Lots of snow maybe, but little to show for it. All of this begs the need for close scrutiny: What is in this stuff coming down?

These forensic observers maintain that what is called cloud seeding is only part of large-scale operations designed to modify and control the climate, which involve fleets of jet aircraft specially equipped with aerosol spray nozzles releasing heavy loads of a nanoparticulate mix of aluminum, barium, strontium, polymer fibers, and anti-coagulating surfactants, showing up as massive trails drifting across the skies in waves and especially pronounced in advance of storms. They claim that air, soil and water sampling consistently show dangerously high levels of toxicity in the mix. Some experts also suspect that the aerosols contain hazardous biological materials, such as bacteria, viruses, and other natural or modified microorganisms and possibly even vaccines or other so-called “biological therapeutics”.

These same analysts insist that current climate intervention efforts serve to derail atmospheric chemistry and destroy the natural hydrological cycle, which has led to more frequent and more severe weather events like ice storms and flooding. They also maintain that climate intervention is the primary cause of overall climate deterioration today.

To conclude, on multiple occasions in recent years, I and others have urged this Council, on the record, to *Strip Search the Elephant in the Sky*, to investigate the visible geoengineering activities taking place that most people are hesitant or afraid to talk about. Regrettably, the Council's reply has been silence, denial, and even ridicule. This aligns with the ominous observation that "the most grossly obvious facts can be ignored when they are unwelcome."

### **A Call to Action**

I respectfully submit that, given the serious threat represented by "cloud seeding" activities as are now being publicly acknowledged, it is legally and ethically incumbent on the City of Ketchum, with neighboring municipalities, to implement periodic professional testing of toxicities in our snow and rain and to take appropriate action to protect public health, safety and the environment. This is not a costly proposition and by doing so, the Council would be setting an example for future generations on the importance of facing our most significant challenges head-on.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and respond to this matter.

Jim Hungelmann

Ketchum

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Allison Goodwin

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## **Lisa Enourato**

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**From:** denisedecoster@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2023 8:53 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Please keep tennis alive at Atkinsons

Hello Mayor and Decision Makers in The City of Ketchum,

Atkinson's Park is my favorite place to play tennis. I live in Hailey but I make the drive to play with my friends in Ketchum. It is getting more difficult to get a court since the pickleball courts have been converted. Please do not convert more courts to pickleball or mixed courts. I love the vibe there with all the sports, kids and dogs. I finish playing and take a walk down to the River. I have lunch in town, stop at The Goldmine and The Community Library. I could do that same day forever.

Please don't take away my reason to visit Ketchum several times a week.

Denise DeCoster  
137 Sioux Drive  
Hailey, ID 83333

**Lisa Enourato**

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**From:** Ira Shepard <ims47@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 7:39 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Cc:** Maya JB Burrell  
**Subject:** Atkinsons Park Tennis Courts

I agree with Maya Burrell's comments. Please leave the Atkinsons Park courts as they are now: 2 Tennis courts for tennis, 1 Tennis court converted to 4 pickleball courts, and 1 Tennis Court for mixed use for both. I have had a home in Ketchum for more than 20 years and greatly enjoy the Park.

Your past decisions make it a place where tennis and pickleball players can enjoy themselves.

If you convert the mixed use court to pickleball that will mean there are 2 tennis courts and 8 pickleball courts. That is not fair to tennis players.

Sincerely,

Ira M. Shepard



## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** Maya JB Burrell <bhathorraj@fastmail.fm>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 1:37 PM  
**To:** Wood River Pickleball Alliance; Participate  
**Subject:** public comment on pickleball invasion of Atkinson's Park

NOTE: tennis players, please pass this around. sorry for those of you who might have received multiple copies. the "participate" email address above is how you can send your own comment to the city. thanks for your time and attention to this matter. the email to the city from the Pickleball Alliance follows my comment below.

Dear Tennis/Pickleball Community and City of Ketchum,

As many of you know, I'm a tennis player who plays often at Atkinson's Park. An email initiated by the President of the Wood River Pickleball Alliance, Lee Sponaugle, is causing quite the stir in our tennis community. Several people have sent me copies of the message and the petition link informing me that Mr. Sponaugle is trying to take over Atkinson's Park tennis courts for pickleball. My reaction is this; for most of us, there is way too much stress in all our lives to have to deal with this new unnecessary assault upon the tennis community. My summary and request: please leave the courts as they were last summer with 4 pickleball, 2 tennis and 1 mixed-use court.

Mr Sponaugle claims in his email that converting the mixed-use court and making it exclusively a pickleball court will better balance the Atkinson's Park to a 50/50 ratio of tennis courts to pickleball courts. This claim is (I am being generous here) "misleading" at best. Aw heck. Let's just be honest. That is a lie.

Before pickleball invaded, there were 4 tennis courts at Atkinson's Park. Last year, the City approved converting 2 tennis courts to pickleball; 1 of the tennis court was converted to 4 permanent pickleball courts and the other tennis court was converted to mixed-use, where nets can be moved to accommodate both sports. The final count for permanent courts, not including the mixed-use court: 4 pickleball, 2 tennis. How Mr Sponaugle figures that taking away another tennis court to make 4 more permanent pickleball courts will be a 50/50 split is beyond belief. As of today, based upon the conversion that the City implemented last year, the fluctuating total that factors in the mixed-use court is: 8 pickleball to at most 3 tennis courts! Any way you look at it, pickleball always has more courts than tennis. It's not even close.

Most of the time, the mixed-use court is commandeered by pickleball players. On the weekends, tennis players have to wait for more than an hour to get on a tennis court. Sometimes they wait 2 hours. I rarely see long wait times happening with pickleball players, which is no surprise given the number of courts generally available. Consider that for the 8 pickleball courts, this means that 32 pickleball doubles players have the opportunity to be on court. Many tennis players, on the other hand, are singles players. This means that for the 2 designated tennis courts, only 4 tennis players might be playing at a time, while other tennis players have a long wait to get on a court. Also consider, there are no other public courts in all North Valley WRV that tennis players can go to as an alternative.

Our tennis community will fight to Match Point over taking one more court away from tennis. This proposal is blatantly unfair. Our tennis community and the City of Ketchum worked very hard to get the Atkinson's courts upgraded. When the City finally approved the budget for the reconstruction, new foundations were built and then surfaced at great cost with materials that should last 20 years. Now the Pickleball Alliance comes along and wants the City to use more tax dollars to wastefully resurface one of our perfectly surfaced tennis courts so that they can steal another tennis court in order to create 4 more permanent pickleball courts. This action would remove all possibility for tennis players to use that court. Why would anyone be that selfish? This is so

unbelievably arrogant, and shows a complete disregard for the needs of the tennis community. I would equally condemn tennis players who wanted to harm the sport of pickleball in this manner. We should be able to figure out ways that both sports can co-exist on public courts in harmony.

If you look at the evolution of this new sport, all pickleball courts in our WRV have have been created by stealing established tennis courts. There is not one instance of pickelball courts anywhere in Blaine County being created by new construction. Private clubs obviously can do whatever they want in this regard, as Sun Valley and Elkhorn have chosen to do. That is their business prerogative. However, in the case of Atkinson's public courts, the Pickleball Alliance is petitioning the City to cause a detriment to local and tourist tennis players. Why isn't Pickleball Alliance petitioning the City to construct new pickleball courts, just as we tennis players worked very hard for a number of years with the City to invest in and upgrade our public tennis courts? Why is the Pickleball Alliance trying to steal more tennis courts instead of rolling up their sleeves and doing the hard work necessary to construct new pickleball courts? If Mr Sponaugle and the Pickleball Alliance do indeed have such plans, then it is one more reason not to permanently convert the mixed-use court. If ever new pickleball courts are eventually constructed, the mixed-use court could easily revert back to tennis without the need for any new construction or resurfacing.

As many can attest, our Atkinson's Park tennis courts are one of the best most beautiful public tennis courts in the country. The surface is exceptional and the views are incredible. The air is fresh and the park is safe and peaceful. Even when other sports are present in the park, such as volleyball, soccer, softball, and yes, even the noisy sport of pickleball, the sense of community at Atkinson's Park is a balm to our spirits, especially during these strange days of massive growth in our valley where we are all trying to figure out how to get along under these new stresses. Sports have always brought opportunities for people to experience other cultures and come together. Tourists who play on our courts express awe at the privilege and experience of such beautiful courts. We locals have worked hard to create such an environment. The Atkinson's Park courts are the ONLY public tennis courts in Ketchum, Sun Valley, Elkhorn and any place North of Hailey City Limits combined! The Atkinson's courts are the ONLY FREE tennis courts in the entire North Valley of Blaine County. The Atkinson's courts are the ONLY place for locals, tourists, beginners and children to play free tennis. As of now, these dedicated FREE PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS number only... 2! Yes, that's right. We have only 2 free public tennis courts for an international tourist destination with a full-time population of around 5000 people (North Valley), not including visitors and second homeowners.

Here's the thing. Tennis players don't have to be penalized in order to promote the new sport of pickleball. This past summer, pickleball and tennis players shared courts just fine. Let's continue as is. If the Pickleball Alliance finds that they absolutely need to develop more courts and can't live with the current situation, then they can petition the City to build new exclusive pickleball courts someplace else. We tennis players support that endeavor wholeheartedly.

We should strive to share our beautiful facilities for all to benefit, not advantage the interest of one group over another. This request and petition by Pickleball Alliance and Mr Sponaugle only creates bad feelings between groups that would be best served supporting and encouraging each other. Participation in pickleball is absolutely wonderful for our community. I admire the enthusiasm and social opportunities this sport provides its participants. It's great to get people moving and efforts in this regard are much appreciated. A happy and healthy community is a hallmark of our Wood River Valley.

I implore Pickleball Alliance to reconsider more carefully what they are trying to do with the Atkinson's Park tennis courts. There is no need for Pickleball Alliance to handicap tennis players and deny them a reasonable opportunity to enjoy their sport of tennis. Pickleball already has more courts at Atkinsons. If Pickleball Alliance selfishly feels the current allocation of courts is unacceptable, and the pickleball community can't live without having more courts, then they can spend their time and efforts to build new courts, instead of trying to steal courts from the tennis community.

Regards,

Maya Burrell  
Ketchum

**From:** Wood River Pickleball Alliance <woodriverpickleball@gmail.com>

**Date:** January 17, 2023 at 8:18:11 PM MST

**To:** Adam Taylor <adamt@live.com>, Lee Sponaugle <wlsponaugle@gmail.com>, Joanne Wetherell <svjoanne@gmail.com>, Jim Kanellitsas <jimkanellitsas@mac.com>, Lex <alexipanayiotou@gmail.com>

**Cc:** tombowman011@gmail.com, Tim Hamilton <tim@lfp2.com>, Sam Adicoff <Sadicoff@gmail.com>

**Subject: We need your response: Suggested improvements to Atkinson Park Pickleball Courts Survey**

**Dear Wood River Valley Pickleball Enthusiast,**

One of the objectives of the WRPA is to advocate to improve our places to play here in the valley. Well here is our chance! In February, we will be appearing before Ketchum City Council to propose the following improvements to the Atkinson Park pickleball experience.

**Suggested improvements to Atkinson Park Pickleball Courts:**

1. Lower the fence along the school/park side of the existing pickleball courts to provide a better viewing experience.
2. Provide a gated entrance at the center of the courts for easier, safer and less disruptive access to the pickleball courts.
3. Provide a patio with benches for waiting and viewing rather than congregating in between the courts.

And most importantly, we are proposing to:

**4. Resurface the existing overflow mixed-use courts (that currently has both tennis and pickleball lines) to pickleball courts with quality heavy duty nets that match the existing nets. This will provide a 50%/50% use between pickleball and tennis at Atkinson Park.**

You can help us by providing your honest feedback in the survey link below (**less than 4 minutes to complete**) about your experience playing pickleball and or tennis at Atkinson Park.

Please click on the crazy looking link below, complete this survey by **Sunday, January 22nd** to be entered to win an **adidas** pickleball paddle.

**[Atkinson Park Pickleball Court Improvements Survey](#)**

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Thank you for your time.

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## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** Neil Bradshaw  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 1:15 PM  
**To:** Jody Beckwith  
**Cc:** Participate  
**Subject:** Re: Pickle ball Courts at Atkinson's Park

Thanks Jody  
This will be put in the public record for council deliberation  
Thanks for participating in this process  
Cheers  
Neil

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On Jan 30, 2023, at 12:46 PM, Jody Beckwith <jodybeckwith@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

This is from Tom and Jody Beckwith. We live on Rocking Horse Road in West Ketchum. We are avid tennis players and part of the reason we bought in this neighborhood over 20 years ago is our proximity to the tennis courts at Atkinson's Park!

We are concerned about the Pickle Ball Alliance's recent push to permanently convert two of the four tennis courts at Atkinson's Park to Pickle Ball. We feel that for a town our size, two free tennis courts for the entire community is not representative of the need. Last summer wait times for morning courts were often an hour plus. Atkinson's is the only place for people who are not private club members to play. Are we moving to a model that to be able to play tennis in Ketchum, you must join a private club and pay thousands of dollars? This feels like the opposite direction that the city really wants to move.

We support Pickle Ball and know how passionate Pickleball players are! In the community, 8 tennis courts have been converted to Pickle Ball, creating capacity for 128 players at a time. It seems like the powerful PickleBall alliance should be starting to raise money for new courts. Rather than re-surface perfectly good tennis courts, why not use that money as seed money to build new courts?

New courts could be placed further from the houses in the neighborhood. Pickleball noise is loud, as are the players. Elkhorn does not allow PickleBall after 4pm because of the impact on housing nearby. Perhaps we should start to consider some limits on the hours of Pickle Ball so we can once again enjoy our summer evenings in the yard? New courts placed further back on the Atkinson Park property would help to alleviate this problem.

The tennis community and our neighborhood are ready to engage on this issue. Is this going to be a topic at the next City Council Meeting? What is the best way to proceed?

Thanks,

Jody

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***Jody Beckwith***

## Lisa Enourato

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**From:** Geoff <drgeoffk@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 9:40 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Cc:** kimk2@cox.net; kraigkopecky@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Norwegian woods .. enhanced access..

I do not want access from Norwegian woods.

This is private property and has always been so with signs posted since 1970.  
We were never allowed across private property and this is the way it should stay.  
Thank you.  
Geoff Kopecky.

-----Original Message-----

From: Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>  
To: GEOFFREY KOPECKY <drgeoffk@aol.com>  
Sent: Mon, Jan 30, 2023 11:39 am  
Subject: RE: Norwegian woods .. enhanced access..

Hello and thank you for your email. There have been discussions throughout the master planning process about access from Norwegian Woods, however as you mention, it is private property. The city will continue discussions with the developer to see if there could be an opportunity for access from that neighborhood in the future.

The purpose of the February 1 meeting is to discuss future pedestrian access from West Ketchum neighborhoods.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: GEOFFREY KOPECKY <drgeoffk@aol.com>  
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2023 12:41 PM  
To: Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>  
Subject: Norwegian woods .. enhanced access..

I am unable to make the meeting.

How do I find out what is involved in enhanced access from Norwegian Woods.?

I thought Norwegian Woods was private property.

thank you.

Geoff Kopecky