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## **Pickleball Proposal For Sherwood's Snyder Park**

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### **Background**

Pickleball has become a sports phenomena across USA and now internationally primarily as an active seniors court sport to offer an option for many to continue playing after age-related issues surface. It combines hand-eye coordination and duplication of motions experienced in racquet-related sports of tennis/racquetball/badminton and ping-pong . Many "snowbirds" are introduced to Pickleball down South and then demand surfaces as they return for Spring/Summer occupancies. Now our elementary/secondary schools are teaching Pickleball due to ease of uptake, modest outlays and space-saving/maintenance issues over traditional tennis courts and gyms.

### **Sherwood YMCA: An established Sherwood Pickleball Success**

Pickleball started in 2015 at the "Y" and became an instant hit with now 75+ members playing M-W-F at 11 AM Fall/Winter/Spring but after 1Pm in summers due to schoolkids programs. There is a strong need for after-work play and weekend which could be accommodated at Snyder Park as well as early morning play Tue-Thur. We are frequently "bumped" to make room for special schoolkid programs.

New Parasports entitlements for disabled athletes now becoming a force in court sports : the excellent handicap features at Snyder and easy parking would make this facility a showcase for disabled sports in our area.

### **Sat. October 8 EXPO Launch at Snyder Park**

Our USAPickleball District has paid fee to reserve the Snyder Courts for a demonstration event (rain or shine) to allow all to see this Sport in action and how it would appear on courts with temporary competition tape for outlines. Our targeted activity is to then paint permanent lines for 4 Pickleball courts onto the tennis court which allows both Tennis and Pickleball to be played as is now the case in all nearby park/rec venues. Tualatin, Summerfield, Wilsonville, Oregon City, Beaverton, Lake Oswego all use this system to expand use of their existing facilities just as fields/gyms now support multiple sports.

### **Layout of Courts**

Our current popular configuration is to create two courts on the entry gate areas with one court each side of the tennis net which becomes a backstop for balls. One the distant westside we would lay out 4 courts in our "quad" configuration with two courts each side of tennis net. The play is over portable net systems all are skilled at erecting which are stored with balls and paddles in metal lockers at sidelines (over)

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similar to Little League bins. The lockers are accessible by Club members via combination locks and have proven nationwide to be foolproof without incident.

Venue times are preset and reserved for exclusive Pickleball use during that time...typical 3-hour periods scattered between morning 9-10AM slots and evening 5PM plus a weekend period are popular since all like to come at a predetermined time. Some occasional drop-in play occurs off-schedule and postings list contact persons/Facebook page ( see Facebook:thepickleballpress for example) to encourage new players to come try out...we maintain supply of on-site loaner paddles and economy models to purchase. The culture of Pickleball is to be welcoming and devoted to encouragement of newcomers.

**Specifics of Layout**

We use a 100% acrylic concrete in a burnt-orange color in 2" stripes applied with bonding primer for bleed protection in 3 coats with anti-skid additive. This is a half-day process with no special prep other than sweeping. Any future overlays bond to this stripe without issue as all materials are compatible 100% acrylic. The color chosen was done after extensive testing to select a color spectrum that was opposite to traditional white lines for clarity and separation..each sport's players seek out their colors and this avoids early mistakes made with darker lines/pale-faded shades that end up confusing all the players. We have extensive examples nearby and testimonials to share this selection as ideal.**BOTH TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL CAN BE AND ARE PLAYED ON THESE SHARED FACILITIES WITHOUT INCIDENT.** All other facilities now share multiple sports...soccer/baseball/football/lacrosse/etc. outdoors and gyms abound with striping. As facility managers we have a duty to maximize use for proper stewardship.

**Promotion Rollout**

At our expense we would schedule and pay for exclusive use of the courts SAT. Oct. 8, 2016 from Noon to 3PM to offer citizens and YMCA players a chance to play and see the layouts done in temporary competition tape. On Oct. 3 Park/Rec Board meeting we would ask for vote to proceed with painting the courts as outlined at our expense and establishment of the box onsite. Local publicity campaign would alert all to the function and directions for parking. Loaner equipment would be on hand as well as purchasable items. All setup/cleanup would be handled by our Club.

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# PICKLEBALL COMES TO SHERWOOD, OREGON!!!!



## SHERWOOD'S SNYDER PARK LAUNCH PARTY

Sat. October 8—NOON



Come join in the fun as we introduce Snyder Park to our players and newcomers at this beautiful new location of outdoor play to extend established play at Sherwood YMCA.

Prizes/munchies/refreshments all provided for a fun day!

Directions: Turn up SUNSET DRIVE OFF HW 99W by the YMCA and drive 1+ mile up Sunset to Park on the left..courts are atop the water reservoir in rear of the park...also parking off rear accessible off Division Street east off Main Street...by baseball !





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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Tom

Pickleball has been at the YMCA in Sherwood since 2014. During that time, play has increased from 2 times a week to three times a week. We now have at least 12 to 15 players (usually more) playing on the courts every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We have morning play scheduled 11am – 1pm Fall, Winter and Spring. In the Summer, we have changed the play schedule to the afternoon 130pm – 330pm to accommodate summer camps. Play times are still full.

Pickleball has been a great success here at the Y. We have a wide range of player – from the novice to competitor level. We have also offered pickleball summer camps to the youth in the community.

Pickleball has proven to be a great workout for our members – it's a cardiovascular workout, as well as working on speed and agility. As players get to know the game, and develop strategies, the brain is getting used too. Pickleball appeals to all ages, and often at times young and old are playing together.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

Thanks

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