

Tollgate Property Owners Association & The Tollgate Water Company

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April 2017 Newsletter

Dear Property Owners,

Litter Patrol: Our next **Litter Patrol** will be **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**, 9:00 in the Rec Hall. Those who have volunteered before please show up at 9:30 a.m. as this will give the new volunteers the time to watch a short ODOT orientation prior to starting.

McDonald's has, once again, donated one free **Extra Value Meal** to each volunteer – how generous!!!!!! Please volunteer a few hours of your time to the "**Tollgate Litter Patrol**."

Dog Treat Box: A Big **THANK YOU** to **Brad Thode** for building us a **dog treat box**. The dog treat box is located between the two Rec Hall bathrooms across from the Lending Library that Brad also built for us.

Welcome a New Board Member: At the April 24, 2015 Board Meeting, **Chuck Mohler** of lot 111 was appointed to the Board. His term expires August 2018.

Irrigation Season: We have attached the Water Conservation Notice. Keep in mind, your lawn will be healthier if only watered every other day.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: The Annual Tollgate Garage Sale will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6**. Ads will be placed in the Nugget and Craig's List. Place a Garage Sale sign in front of your property if you wish to participate. You can donate your clean left over items to the Sisters Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store or Cardiostart Resale and Thrift Store.

Pickle Ball Anyone??

We want to hear from you !!!

**Please let us know if you are interested
in playing Pickle ball !!**

Several of our property owners have requested the Board to consider adding stripes to the tennis court and purchasing equipment for Pickle ball so we can have a dual purpose court. We want to hear from you and of your interest in playing Pickle ball. So please, let us know in the next 30 days. Thanks in advance for contacting us!!

Shannon, from Sisters Park and Rec will be giving a Pickle ball demonstration at the Tollgate tennis court on **Thursday, May 4 at 12:45 p.m.**

Date: _____

Lot No: _____

Property Owner: _____

Happy Spring!!
Betty Fadeley

March 14, 2017

RE: Pickleball Proposal

Dear Tollgate Board of Directors:

A group of us in Tollgate would like to request some funds to acquire some nets and paddles to play the game of pickleball on our tennis court. We would like to request a waterproof storage bench with a combination lock for storage of the equipment near the court. In addition, we would like to propose painted lines for our court.

First of all, why pickleball? “A hybrid of tennis, badminton and table tennis, pickleball is played on a court a quarter the size of a tennis court, with hard rackets (paddles) and a variety of whiffle balls. The smaller area and slower pace are perfect for seniors who want to stay active – much easier on the joints and lungs than tennis. It’s an easy sport to pick up for novices, and fun enough that kids and their grandparents can play on the same court.” (Fox Sports)

It is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, and even more importantly, it is a great sport to help keep seniors active. Sage Meadows has multipurpose courts with painted tennis and pickleball lines in their community. Four nets are assembled to accommodate 16 players and are busy with people waiting three days a week. Bend holds nation-wide pickleball tournaments. Sisters Parks and Rec is offering clinics and play at the Sisters Elementary School on Sundays in the winter. Wouldn’t it be great to provide another opportunity to stay active for our community in Tollgate?

House for Sale could say: The Tollgate HOA offers basketball, swimming, hiking, biking on bike paths, tennis and **pickleball**.

Pickleball is being played on half of a tennis court. Leaving the existing tennis net intact, players would be able to place one net on each end of the existing court, accommodating up to 8 people to play pickleball. The nets would be assembled by each couple or group and disassembled and put up after each game in the storage bench. We are proposing painted pickleball lines to create a multipurpose court to accommodate tennis and pickleball. In gymnasiums, basketball and volleyball share the same court and have separate lines to delineate the different court sizes. A tennis court is ideal for playing tennis and pickleball because it has an enclosed fence. The surface is also ideal for pickleball and tennis balls.

We would need some sort of waterproof storage box with a combination lock or some way of storing the nets and paddles for accessibility to all. Many of us will buy our own paddles, yet there will be times when having 4 paddles in our storage bin will provide the opportunity to play for someone who does not have a paddle on hand.

A group of Tollgate people plan to start with a regular group of players at least once a week. Partners will follow and so will more people, as they observe the fun involved in playing. Using the courts would follow the same etiquette as tennis, first come first serve. Tennis players and pickleball players would share the court time graciously.

We would like to propose the purchase of:

Two nets at approximately \$149 each.	\$298
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(Quote from US Pickleball Association Store: www.usapa.org/)

Waterproof Storage Box with combination lock (approx.)	\$300
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(Ken said that Tollgate could possibly make one)

Painted pickleball lines	\$630
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Total proposal cost:	\$1,228
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Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We would very much appreciate if we could have an answer within a few weeks of this board meeting so we could start playing in May sometime. If approved and there is a delay with the storage box, we could possibly find alternative storage space until it is available.

Sincerely,

Lori and Dan Chase, Jane and Robert Kempvane, Wanda Braughton, Pat Rinehart, Laura Travis, Jenny Zimmerman, Belinda and Hayden Talbot, Marianne Stipe, Victoria and Mac McCloskey