

## Which of the following best describes you?

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Pickleball player



Tennis player



I play both pickleball and tennis



I play neither sport



## Did you take our online pickleball survey?

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Yes



No



Heard about it, didn't take it



I didn't hear about it



## What is your age?

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18 and under

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18-24

1 %

25-34

2 %

35-44

10 %

45-54

23 %

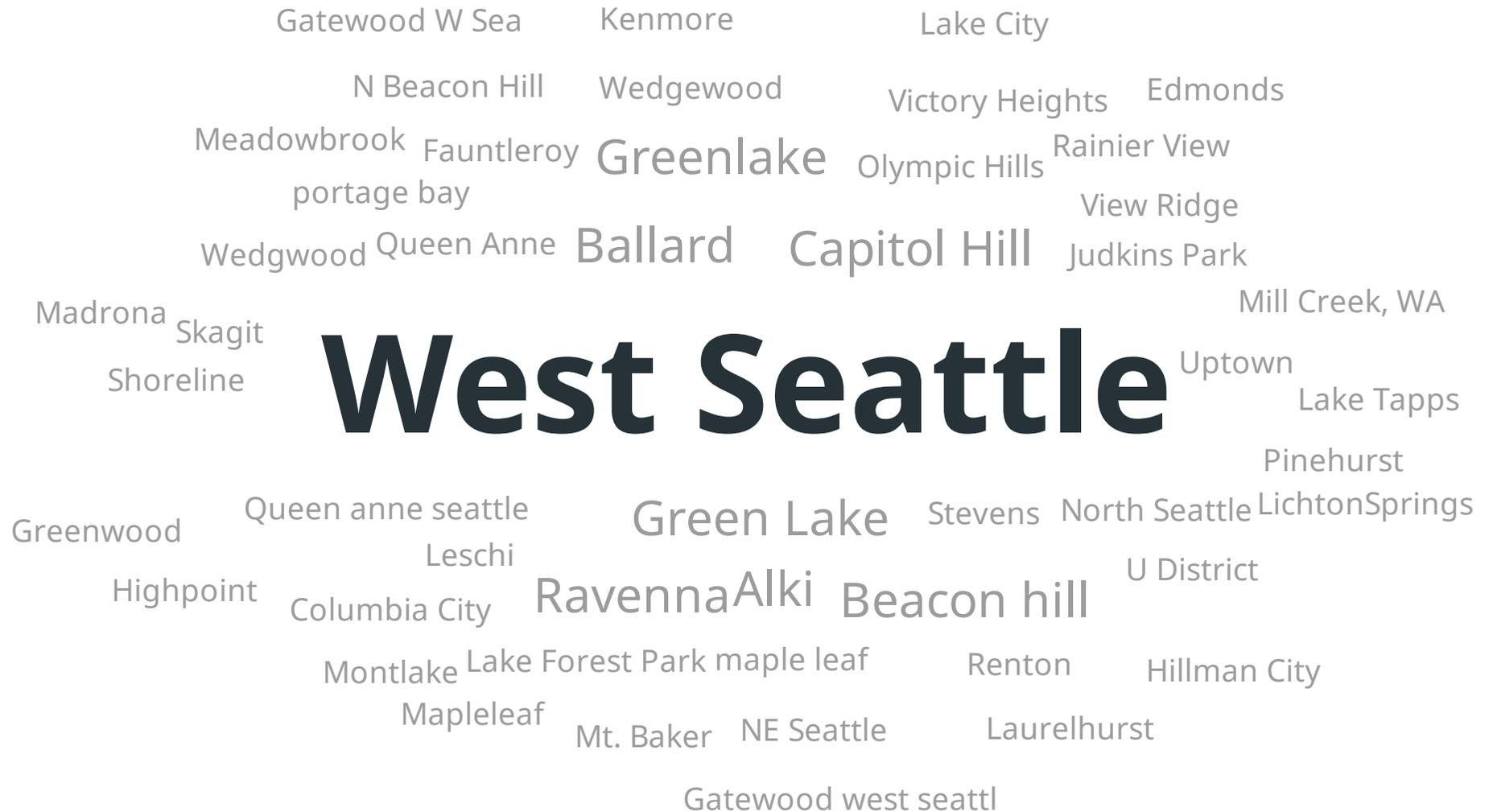
65 and over\*

64 %

\*includes participants 55-65

# What neighborhood do you live in?

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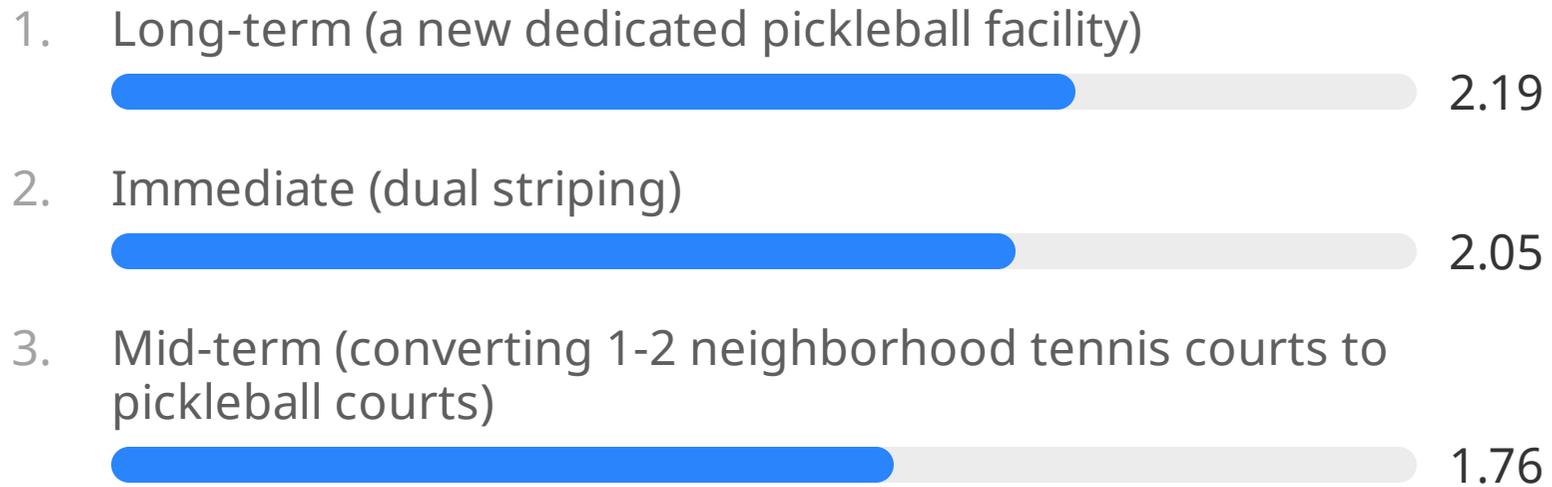
Icebreaker: What is your favorite sandwich?

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**Based on the presentation, which of the three approaches are you most excited about (rank 1 as most, 3 as least)?**

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**In 1-2 words, how do you think Seattle Parks & Recreation can grow pickleball, while balancing the needs of tennis?**

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Strip more pball lines on  
Treat equally add more indoor PB optioi  
Separate them open space Dedicated pickleball Share Require reservations  
Treat them equally Dual striping New Facilities Thoughtful meetings  
Upgrade the reservation s dedicated courts -- Green More courts Transparency

# Dedicated courts

Respect

provide more facilities; Dedicated facilities drop in wise planning  
Repair Yellow add more courts for both new pb courts  
Upgrade unused courts Differing hours for each use lines for both court  
Underutilized tennis cou being pickleball to parit  
Separate tennis from pick Southeast Seattle access

# Who are the important community partners Seattle Parks & Recreation should work with to achieve balance?

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**Between the two options, should Seattle Parks & Recreation invest resources to dual strip more courts OR provide nets and pickleball play equipment?**

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Invest resources to dual strip more courts



Provide more nets and pickleball play equipment



**Between the two options, should Seattle Parks & Recreation invest more resources in refurbishing and converting neighborhood tennis courts across the city OR in building one or two larger dedicated pickleball facilities?**

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Invest more resources to refurbishing and converting neighborhood tennis courts across the city



Building one or two larger dedicated pickleball facilities



In 1-2 words, describe your vision for a harmonious future for pickleball and tennis?

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Attendees provided the following 54 comments to the project team:

- Thank you for the opportunity to contribute. One thing that was not discussed is making the existing dual striped courts more usable by purchasing semi permanent nets. The majority of players do not have their own nets so the facilities that have permanent or semipermanent nets are overrun and the ones without nets are underused. That would be a great investment.

I also have concerns about relying on a reservation system because it doesn't consider the different nature of play for the sport. It may serve some communities to reserve times in advance, but most I know who play do it spontaneously based on weather, availability, etc. Having a reservation system that only some people are using ends up creating more conflict than solving it.

It also seems important to get a data-based understanding of demand for both Pickleball and tennis, by whatever means even if rudimentary. The community will be more accepting of changes if you can point to data that indicates demand for each sport that aligns to facility availability.

- Are there plans to convert existing courts to non tennis and pickleball use. For example, the tennis courts next to Judkins Park are now used for bike polo, skating and soccer. My concern is that we need to improve existing facilities for tennis, while supporting the needs of pickle balls growth.
- Thanks for taking the time to address these issues. If you ever need volunteers, there are many Pickleball players that would be happy to put in time to assist.
- You are a wonderful and amazing team.
- First, thanks for your work on this. I think some of the questions in which we had to make a choice didn't make sense. For instance, immediate, mid term, and long term ...of course long term for PB players is ideal, but many of us may not be alive for that. Timing should have been defined.

Thank you!

- Less talk more action
- Drop the concern about line confusion on tennis courts. It's a non issue. Both tennis and p-ball players can easily play with both sets of lines. Look at the community center gym floors and the number of sport lines on the floor. Badminton, basketball, pickleball, volley ball, roller skating; everyone manages to play their sport.
- I routinely have to drive to mercer island, Renton, or the northend to play pickkeball - whether indoor or outdoor— and when I do I go past rainier tennis courts that are typically not being used; and I don't know why rainier and Jefferson aren't routinely available inside

and outside; yellow lines are much more visible for all of us; and the tennis bias of all the proposals is obvious; just because tennis players were here first, doesn't mean they get priority and we should really try to maximize use; lots of existing facilities— indoor and out— are underused

- Pickleball serves more people even those with disabilities. Covered courts and lights serve all groups
- Conversion of some unused tennis court to dual stripe.

Leschi park for one single existing and unused tennis court and would be striped for two pickleball courts. . Has parking and bathroom facilities without neighbor noise issues.

Also the covered basketball court between Yesler and Jackson and 19th Ave. Usually, like indoor gyms, there would be three courts per basketball court.

Recently I played at Magnuson. How about an interior resurfacing of inside of existing hanger and maximize the number of courts from the existing four courts? This would be the fastest conversion for a dedicated Pickleball center with added seating. With both side hangar doors open there is plenty of fresh air, regardless of COVID conditions. It is like being outside with a roof. With added lights it would compete as an equal with the tennis facility. The CC recently added 4 new portable nets.

Let's face it. Seattle has limited sunshine. When was the last time we have had more than two days without rain, and it is now April. Coverage and light will provide the largest number of hours for play. Obviously, if completed, people will come as a drive-to location.

It seems to be the cheapest and fastest site to develop a dedicated Pickleball site for a near term solution. However, I still did chose multi-striping as the best immediate solution to increase the number of playing sites.

As for the Amy Yee Tennis Center - Did you know that the exclusive private Seattle Tennis Club along the shores of Lake Washington has Pickleball? And they plan for another conversion of a clay court next.

Tennis and Pickleball may belong together as well.

- Concerning amenities, can we please move the garbage pails further away from the courts? People use them for dog poop and they really smell, especially in the summer. I have asked parks and rec about this before.
- Has anyone investigated on how much it costs to resurfacing tennis courts.
- Options- The lone tennis court at Highland Park- 1100 sw Cloverdale is in bad shape, and could be resurfaced and striped for 4 pickleball courts with no loss of open space! Parks has also said yes to renovation of the two courts that are inside Lincoln Park and two pickleball

courts at Lowman Beach. See the Lowman Beach Racket Court replacement project paid for by Department of Neighborhoods.

- I appreciate the interests that you are juggling however it diminishes your team's credibility to try to equate the demand for Pickleball courts right now with the demand for tennis courts. How is the demand for each actually differentiated? Be honest. The presentation and the summary of survey results seemed to try to create a sense that they were equal. Thank you.

- Interesting that you had more tennis players than pickleball players on the "pickleball" advisory committee. Do you also have a majority of pickleball players on any tennis advisory committee?

Do you have a good sense of how many pickleball players use Seattle facilities compared to tennis players and providing proportionate facilities?

In counting the outdoor pickleball courts, did you include or exclude courts that are dangerous, such as at South Park?

- This presentation did NOT address the needs of Pickleball players. It was structurally skewed toward maintaining a near monopoly for tennis players to access the best facilities. Why, for example, was it never even asked about converting full amenity tennis courts to dedicated Pickleball? The perception is that SPR is biased and Amy Yee has unfair access to decision making process. This perception only reinforced via this plan.
- PB is now the state sport. It was created in state. It has more intergenerational play than other sports and keeps > 50 active and social. So its important to target more resources. Also on 2 tennis courts, its usually possible to line for 6 PB courts vs. only 4. I was skeptical until I saw how well it works at Shoreline.
- There are 6 very underutilized old tennis courts at Magnuson Park that could be converted into 12 or more PB courts fairly easily. This could be a great use of this space.
- Lighted PB courts at Lincoln Park (Fautleroy) should be provided.
- Regardless of activity (pickleball, tennis, skateboarding....) the focus should be on utilization of our parks and let that drive your decisions.
- Given huge PB growth, I hope to see dedicated, re-stripped PB courts at either Bitterlake or Greenlake, at Walt Hundley and at a Southeast Seattle location. PB community can raise \$\$ for nets

- Now that Pickleball is Washington’s Official state sport, a city as large as Seattle should have at least one facility with multiple courts that is suitable for large pickleball events and tournaments. I for one would be willing to donate towards such a facility.
- I would love to have the SPR Pickleball court reservation process to be easier to navigate.
- Seattle should have a dedicated pickleball facility. The dual-striped courts are terrible for pickleball play - they favor tennis players. We can't see the lines, the tennis lines take priority.
- Include pickleball wall:  
Pickleball Wall Drills for You to Practice  
Without pickleball playing partner(s), value-added practicing, and drilling varied shots.
- SPR should hire a dedicated pickleball coordinator that is a pickleball player also!
- It seems that all attention is to expanding pickle ball and not improving tennis facilities
- Thanks for all your hard work team!
- As a tennis player who moved here within the last 2 years, and used to well-maintained city courts, it was somewhat disappointing to see so many courts here in need of resurfacing. I am starting to play pb and hope a couple of dedicated facilities can be built.  
This city is crazy (in a good way!) for tennis and pb - please look at SF and their recent redevelopment of Golden Gate tennis center. Seattle deserves a similar facility. Let’s spend \$\$\$ and service BOTH sports! Thank you for listening.
- You need to count the number of pb players vs. the # of tennis players, for example from 9-12 on Sat or any other day. At Shoreview and Shoreline it's at least 15 pb to 1 tennis, note tennis courts are there and empty, so it's not like pb is edging them out.
- Pickleball is growing exponentially. It has way fewer barriers to entry and can be played by a wide range of ages and physical abilities. Tennis should absolutely not be prioritized over pickleball. I don’t see any reason why there can’t be sharing just like there is for ultimate frisbee and soccer on fields. One group should not be seen as more important than the other.