

Wellesley Town-Wide Pickleball Study

Introduction

The Town of Wellesley is conducting a survey of residents to get a better understanding of the community concerns about pickleball courts. Concerns include pickleball players' desire for more courts in Wellesley, existing courts too close to homes creating unwanted sound, lessening tennis court capacity to provide for pickleball, and environmental concerns to the extent pickleball affects the enjoyment of passive areas, natural habitat and wildlife.

We are asking for input to help us understand all concerns from both proponents and opponents of outdoor pickleball courts in Wellesley.

Thank you for participating! The survey should take approximately 6 minutes to complete.

1. Are you a Wellesley resident?

- Yes
- No

2. Please identify the option that best describes your household.

- Single person household
- Two-person household
- Multi-person household with children under the age of 18
- Multi-person household (all members are 18 years or older)
- Other type of household

3. Please select the appropriate age range for yourself.

- 5-11 years
- 12-18 years
- 19-24 years
- 25-45 years
- 46-64 years
- 65+ years

4. How often do you play pickleball a week?

- Everyday
- 3-4 times a week
- 1-2 times a week
- Never

5. Where do you play pickleball?

- On town-owned courts
- On neighboring town courts
- On private courts/clubs
- I do not play pickleball

6. What times during the day do you most often play pickleball? (Select all that apply)

- Early morning (6am-9am)
- Morning (9am-12pm)
- Early afternoon (12pm-3pm)
- Early evening (3pm-6pm)
- Evening (6pm-9pm)
- I do not play pickleball

7. Do you have any trouble finding an open pickleball court in town?

- Yes, they are always in use
- Sometimes
- No, they are always available
- I don't play pickleball

8. Do you feel there is an adequate amount of pickleball courts in town?

- Yes
- No

9. On a scale of 1-5 how receptive are you to the construction of a new pickleball court within 500-ft of your property?



10. Please select the courts you use the most in town (Select all that apply)

- Perrin Park Courts
- Hunnewell Field Courts
- Schofield Elementary School Courts
- Sprague Elementary School Courts
- Phillips Park Court
- I don't play pickleball

* 11. What are the overall concerns about use of pickleball courts in your neighborhood? (Select up to 2)

- Sound
- Duration of use
- Time of day courts are being used
- Proximity to property line
- Traffic
- Light spill
- There aren't enough
- I have no concerns

* 12. What amenities do you feel are most important to include/improve at the existing and future pickleball courts? (Select up to 2)

- Perimeter buffers (vegetation, walls, etc.)
- Distance from neighboring properties
- Designated and enforced hours of use
- Parking

13. On a scale of 1-5, How receptive are you to the addition of a domed (indoor) pickleball court in town?



14. How many additional pickleball courts do you think Wellesley should have?

- 0
- 2
- 4
- 6
- 8

15. Where do you feel the best location for a new pickleball court would be?

- At an existing park or recreation property in town
- At a school in town
- At an undeveloped town-owned property
- At a new property acquired by the town
- We should not build new pickleball courts in town

16. Please rank the following items in importance to you (top being most important to you, bottom being least)

- ☰ Limiting impact on neighbors/noise
- ☰ Limiting environmental impacts
- ☰ Limiting impacts to parking

17. As Wellesley continues to try to allocate court space for pickleball, do you think we should:

- Continue to use existing tennis courts for pickleball
- Have a dedicated outdoor pickleball facility
- Have an indoor pickleball facility
- Not make any further accommodations for pickleball

18. What is your preference related to the location of pickleball courts in town?

- I prefer one centralized location for all pickleball courts in town
- I prefer the pickleball courts to be spread evenly across the town
- I prefer all pickleball courts to be outside town boundaries

19. In the town-wide field and court study the following locations were refenced as potential new construction sites for pickleball: Hunnewell Fields, Ouellet Playground, Schofield Elementary School, and Upham Elementary School.

Please rank on a scale of 1-5 how supportive you would be to build additional pickleball courts at those locations. (1 being most supportive)

Rank 1-5 (1 being most supportive)

Hunnewell Fields

Ouellet
Playground

Schofield
Elementary
School

Upham
Elementary
School

20. Are there any other town-owned properties that you would like to see included in this study?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the property:

21. Please provide any additional comments, questions, or concerns about recreation/athletic fields or outdoor courts below.