



City Council

April 15, 2025
Packet Addendum #1

From: [Andy Johnson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Strengthening the ADU Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 6:44:30 PM

Hi Mayor and Council,

Recently a letter went out via email from Peter Stewart with an aim to help guide the ADU ordinance discussion at next week's City Council meeting. The letter was a combined effort of four local architects (Peter, Erik Hartronft, Eric Ellis, and me) all of whom live and work in Louisville.

I am writing to ask that you read through the recommendations we are providing that are intended to help strengthen the ADU ordinance. Despite the State essentially mandating the allowance of ADU's and doing a good job pre-writing much of the ordinance, we strongly feel that Louisville can make the ordinance stronger and more appropriate to meet our needs. This is one more area for Louisville to be come a leader in our Colorado community.

We worked hard as a group on the recommendations and spent quite a bit of our free time conducting research in an effort to back up our ordinance-strengthening provisions. That included a Louisville property assessment comparing existing built structures to lot area to determine available lot coverages for different neighborhoods, and it also included a compilation of ADU ordinances on the Front Range and around the country that we felt addressed the topic of ADU's really well and pulled pieces of it to help inform how we can do better with our own City's ordinance. We even provide an amended draft of the ADU ordinance as an attachment to our letter.

A bonus of all this work was the amazing experience we had working together as close colleagues and now close friends. You are fortunate, Louisville is fortunate, to have such committed, passionate residents working as architects within our community to help create a better community and built environment.

I hope the recommendations are helpful, and I would like to ask one more time to please indulge us with a thorough read ahead of next week's meeting. Our team of four all plan to be at the City Council meeting next week. See you then!

Cheers!

Andy



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From: garyd@frii.net
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposal for Accessory Dwelling Units
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 5:20:04 PM

Comments on Proposal for Accessory Dwelling Units

April 10, 2025

Louisville City Council and City Staff

Thank you for your efforts in pursuing a process for introducing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) into the City of Louisville. While they are now being officially introduced, they have certainly long been an important part in our town's history, including when coal mining was active. The state statute supports housing that is more affordable to city residents, and more flexible to evolving family needs, so Louisville's participation is very helpful.

I have a couple of comments regarding the current proposal.

- **Connection to Utilities.** An ADU should be able to share the existing water and sewer lines through tee connections. Articles on ADUs in other states often mention that utility connections could be shared between dwellings as a way to more affordable housing. As the state statute notes, ADUs typically *reduce* water usage, since the result is less yard space to be irrigated. Making such connections clearly allowed in the ordinance would be helpful. This needs to be part of the ADU ordinance: otherwise ADUs may not be economically feasible.
- **ADU Size.** There is included in the proposal a rule that an ADU cannot be larger than 49% of the "square footage" of the primary dwelling. This seemed to be proposed based on aesthetics, that the "massing" of the ADU with respect to the shape of the primary dwelling was being considered. Some of the Planning Commissioners objected to this limitation, in that it would create inequity, for example, for a homeowner with an 800 square foot landmarked home, compared to a neighbor with a 2000+ square foot home; and that 49% was an arbitrary number not based on any actual information. Some suggested just "smaller than" instead of "49%". I would like to see this rule changed or eliminated. This would be more consistent with the state statute requiring that the local standard be objective rather than subjective.

Thanks for your consideration of this subject.

Gary Dunlap
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From: [Karen Corff](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 12:14:07 PM

We want to express our support and excitement for transforming the Louisville in-line skating rink to outdoor pickleball courts.

Pickleball is an increasingly played sport by all ages, as evidenced by the overwhelming attendance of indoor play at the Rec Center. Observing the few people who utilize the outdoor area for inline skating, it would better serve more of the citizens of Louisville as a pickleball facility. We have many tennis courts but no designated pickleball courts.

We know people who live nearby worry about noise, but the distance to homes should mitigate that noise well.

Please support the outdoor pickleball facility for the current and future population of Louisville.

Thank you,
Robert & Karen Corff
530 Orchard Dr.
Louisville, CO.

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From: [Grace](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Yes to Outdoor Pickleball Courts
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 4:07:37 PM

The Rec Center has seen a great following of pickleball players in the past years, and now it is reaching maximum capacity. Indoor courts are being built around the city, but they come with expensive hourly fees and yearly memberships. The Louisville Rec Center now can expand the number of courts by building more courts outside. The number of senior citizens who have benefited from the sport is overwhelming, more than any other sport and has become a social event as well as a great exercise for all ages.

Those who would use the in-line skate rink almost always prefer the skate park instead. People use the skate park, while even fewer use the in-line rink. But the number of people who play pickleball compared to those who use both of those parks is overwhelming.

Building the outdoor pickleball courts is a well-balanced decision for community need. Please make the right decision for the community's future.

Thank you'

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From: [John Cushman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [John Cushman](#)
Subject: Support of Pickleball facilities development at Skating Rink
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 4:37:55 PM

April 11, 2025

City Council
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I support the conversion of the inline skating rink to pickleball courts for the City of Louisville.

I commend the city staff on their insightful study and analysis of the city facilities for pickleball. In short, there are no outdoor pickleball courts maintained by our city. Louisville is entitled to have a dedicated facility for this increasingly popular activity just as other cities are making conversions of their own, or opening new facilities. In particular the analysis for repurposing this area is spot on:

Repurposing of 'low scoring' amenity in the 2012 PROST Master Plan (Level of Service Analysis & Resident Survey)

Rink site offers among the largest physical distances to homes for noise buffering

Offers shortest completion timeframe to meet user demand

Offers most cost-effective method for construction of dedicated pickleball infrastructure as requested by community

The rink receives little use other than at times when a vocal minority wishes to call attention to memories of a time when inline skating was popular. While pickleball is increasingly popular among people of all ages, it is an excellent aerobic activity for seniors who benefit from both the physical and social aspects of this activity.

Please move forward with the conversion of this facility "as requested by the community."

John Cushman
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From: [Jill Ruggles](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Keep the Skate Rink
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 6:12:20 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Once again I am writing to ask you to keep the skate rink.

As a longterm resident of Cornerstone, I too have concerns regarding the proposed conversion of the inline skating rink near the Recreational Center and arboretum into five pickleball courts.

Please keep this site for in line skaters and take measures to utilize and enhance this space for our younger generation. Having recently returned to our fire rebuild, we find that peace is hard to come by. Our biggest concern is the noise. The Arboretum has provided a quiet place to reflect, visit the pet memorial and enjoy nature. However, with the ensuing ball noise from more pickleball, the peace would be sacrificed. Living right across the street, we believe our proximity was not taken into account.

I agree with all points made below:

Noise Impact on Residential Areas: Pickleball paddle and ball impacts generate substantial noise levels, typically reaching up to 70 decibels (dBA) at 100 feet, far exceeding standard residential noise limits of around 55 decibels. Manufacturer packaging also contains such noise level warnings. In Colorado, noise issues have led to pickleball court closures, including Denver's Congress Park and Eisenhower Park, due to complaints of persistent noise disturbances. Plans were subsequently abandoned to build a pickleball court at Sloan's Lake Park. Specifically, at Congress Park, measured noise levels exceeded 70 decibels, surpassing city ordinances designed to protect residential tranquillity.

Moreover, residents near the Lone Tree Recreation Center have taken legal action against the City of Lone Tree, citing an average noise level of 62.1 decibels - considered "unbearable" - and significantly exceeding Colorado's permissible daytime limit of 50 decibels for residential areas. This ongoing lawsuit highlights the serious consequences of not adequately addressing noise concerns upfront.

Loss of Multi-Use Recreation Space: The current inline skating rink serves as a versatile recreational area utilized by various groups, including inline hockey players, children learning to ride bicycles, skateboarders, rollerbladers, and youth sports teams. Whilst well intentioned, replacing this multi-functional space with single-purpose pickleball courts would significantly reduce recreational opportunities for diverse community groups.

Publicly available research emphasizes the substantial benefits provided by multi-use recreational spaces. A recent study in Colorado Springs revealed parks and recreational facilities deliver approximately \$58.7 million annually in direct recreational benefits to residents. Furthermore, versatile recreation areas not only foster increased physical activity and improved mental well-being across all age groups, as highlighted by the Colorado Health Institute, but also encourage greater social interaction and community cohesion. Cities such as Boulder and Fort Collins have successfully demonstrated the cost-effectiveness and practicality

of multi-purpose recreational spaces, resulting in higher utilization rates and reduced infrastructure redundancy compared to single-use facilities.

Economic and Business Implications: The upcoming Relish facility at 550 McCaslin Blvd will soon be Colorado's largest indoor pickleball center, featuring 20 indoor and 2 outdoor courts, along with multiple local food venues. Introducing public courts could negatively impact the financial viability of this significant private investment, potentially affecting local economic development.

Further, proceeding with the pickleball courts at the Rec Center shortly after approving the substantial private investment by Relish could signal to other businesses considering investment in Louisville that the city might not fully support private ventures. This may create uncertainty and discourage future investment, ultimately affecting the city's economic growth and reputation as a reliable partner.

Additionally, consider the financial implications of constructing these pickleball courts only to potentially close them later due to noise complaints and/or legal action. Refurbishing the recreation center courts for pickleball and subsequently needing to close and possibly renovate them, along with potential legal costs, would not be sound fiscal responsibility and a waste of taxpayer funds.

Environmental and Wildlife Concerns: Noise from pickleball courts can significantly disrupt local wildlife and domestic animals. High-decibel noise interferes with wildlife communication, necessary for mating, territory defense, hunting, and predator avoidance, potentially reducing local biodiversity and ecological health. For example, studies have shown that for every 1-decibel increase in noise, owls experience an 8% decrease in hunting success. It has been shown that a 5dB increase in noise level can result in as much as a 70% reduction in the size of an area in which predators can hear their prey (Barber et al. 2009).

Moreover, Louisville residents frequently enjoy outdoor recreational activities, including walking dogs around this area. Dogs and other domestic pets are particularly sensitive to loud or sudden noises, often resulting in increased anxiety, stress, and altered behaviour. Persistent noise levels around or above 70 decibels could negatively affect pets' well-being, diminishing the enjoyment and usability of outdoor spaces for both pets and owners.

Given these potential impacts, it would be prudent to thoroughly review the city's noise impact study before proceeding.

Lack of Community Engagement: Effective community engagement is essential when considering projects with significant local impact. It was particularly concerning that during a recent Ward 2 town hall, it appears that city representatives failed to mention that plans existed for dedicated pickleball courts, only for such plans to emerge publicly shortly afterward. This raises concerns about transparency and adequate community involvement in consultative decision-making.

This project appears to have been inadequately considered in terms of its comprehensive impacts on community well-being, local wildlife, existing businesses, future investments, and fiscal responsibility. Additionally, the community engagement process surrounding this decision raises significant transparency concerns. I invite the city council to provide a detailed response addressing these concerns, clarifying how the project plans to mitigate the highlighted impacts, and demonstrating how it provides a clear net benefit to our community.

Thank you for your careful consideration and time.

Regards,

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Jill Ruggles
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From: [Kathy Rawls](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support - Outdoor Louisville Rec Center Pickleball Courts
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 7:49:53 PM

Dear City of Louisville City Council,

4/11/2025

I enthusiastically support the Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation to repurpose the in-line hockey rink at the Louisville Rec Center to dedicated pickleball courts.

Pickleball's accessibility to players of various ages, abilities, and fitness levels provides a welcoming environment centered around social friendships and an active lifestyle for years to come. Pickleball's appeal lies in the fact that this sport is open to all generational and skill levels. I have personally played in a game at the Louisville Rec Center where grandma, grandpa, and grandson were playing on the same court, creating cherished memories and family bonds. Pickleball can be played well into our senior years, where everyone feels welcomed.

In-line hockey requires a skill set that is limited to skating ability and, in most cases, age-specific. If you can move and hold a pickleball paddle, you can play pickleball. Therefore, pickleball can support a larger and more diverse community.

Dedicated pickleball courts indicate an organization or neighborhood interested in supporting social interaction and a continued healthy lifestyle.

The Louisville Rec Center indoor pickleball community has a very active and dedicated group of players. With just the three indoor courts, we fill them constantly during open play and have a long line of paddles waiting for the next game. We do not use the existing outdoor cement courts because they are not the best court surfaces for outdoor pickleball, as they are less forgiving, hard on the joints, and difficult to maintain due to surface cracks.

I look forward to playing on beautiful outdoor pickleball courts, and I encourage the Louisville City Council to approve the Recreation Advisory Board's recommendations.

Respectfully,

Kathy Rawls

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From: [Quinn Pederson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Skate Rink Demolition Opposition
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025 11:09:49 AM

Hello, my name is Quinn Pederson, and I learned to skateboard at a young age with my dad as a teacher at the skate rink (the rink that is also perfectly in use for pickleball currently), and I greatly value it. Before I start stating my standpoint, I'd like you to know that my dad and I enjoy pickleball; it's not that we are against the sport. As a girl and amateur skater, I love this rink. It's safe, free, accessible, and provides a place to express our community. I do not agree that destroying a multi-purpose, nice, clean, safe area that many kids (like me) are learning or learned to skate on is the right approach to this. Coming from a middle schooler, a close-by facility that I can bike or walk to is a dream, but a nightmare if it's destroyed. Thank you for considering.

-Quinn Pederson

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From: stuart@kingsbery.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025 6:08:56 PM

Hi Louisville Councilmembers and Staff-

I'm a 42 year resident of Louisville and a recreational pickleball player. In January of 2021, I wrote an email to the Louisville City Council (subsequently forwarded to Kathy Martin) hoping the city would consider at least re-stripping tennis courts if they wouldn't vote for stand alone pickleball courts. The pandemic and subsequent Marshall fire set back the capital commitment. I think the pickleball community has been more than patient - it's now time. It's hard to believe Louisville has built no public pickleball courts during that time - Lafayette, Superior, Westminster, Broomfield, Boulder and many other Denver metro area municipalities have built spectacular facilities that are fully utilized. As you know, pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US - and in Boulder County. And it's not just for us old people (see below for a summary of the industry). I can't believe the Council and Staff have gone through the process and at the last minute is reconsidering. Please follow through with your commitment (and the recommendations of the City Staff). It's time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stuart Kingsbery
Louisville, CO

Ah, pickleball! The sport that proves you can have fun at any age. Let's break down some of the smashing stats that make this game so popular.

Players: You're not alone—about 13.6 million pickleball players are in the U.S. It's like a social club with paddles!

Growth Rate: Participation has grown by a staggering 223.5% over the last three years. Who knew whacking a plastic ball could be so addictive

Courts: There are now around 50,003 pickleball courts in the country. That's enough to play while pretending you're the next Serena Williams, rig?

Demographics: Players aged 18-34 form the largest group, making up 28.8% of participants. So, dust off those old sneakers; youth is no excuse to miss out!

Membership: USA Pickleball boasts 78,766 members. You could be among the ranks of the elite!

Market Value: The pickleball market is expected to reach \$3.859 billion by 2032. That's a lot of paddles and balls!

Serving Up Numbers: Participation Trends

Pickleball is not just a sport; it's a phenomenon that's taking the world by storm. Participation rates are soaring, proving that this paddle-swinging pastime is appealing to a wide range of players. Let's take a closer look at how many more folks are joining in on the fun and who these players are.

Growth Spurts: Year-Over-Year Increases

You might want to sit down for this—pickleball's popularity is off the charts! According to recent stats, participation has ballooned by an average of 223.5% over the last three years. Yes, you read that right.

To put it simply:

2021: 11 million players

2022: 20 million players

*2023: 36.5 million players (a whopping 14% of Americans aged 18+ have tried it)
With over 50,000 courts across the nation and new locations popping up each month, it's clear: pickleball isn't just a fad; it's here for the long haul. So grab your paddle and join the madness!*

Age Ain't Nothing but a Number: Demographics Dive

Pickleball appeals to a diverse age range, making the scene vibrant and exciting. Interestingly, the largest age group of players is 18-34, making up 28.8% of the player base. Who knew the young folks had a knack for a game that's often associated with retirees?

Here's the delightful twist:

Players aged 35-54 contribute significantly to growth, while

Those 55+ are also jumping in, proving that peeling back the years is totally possible with a pickleball paddle in hand.

You might even find grandpa smashing those serves like a pro! So whether you're a sprightly young adult or a wise sage, there's plenty of room on the court—just be prepared for some friendly competition.

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From: [Michael Pogel](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Outdoor pickleball courts
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025 7:41:08 PM

Dear Louisville City Council,

As one of many pickleball devotees in Louisville I was overjoyed to hear that finally outdoor courts would be built in Louisville. For several years I could not understand why the surrounding communities of Lafayette, Broomfield, Erie and Boulder all had several public pickleball sites and Louisville had none. The Louisville recreation center even cancels indoor pickleball when school is out, which no other recreation center does. There are several tennis court sites in Louisville, but again no pickleball. I usually end up having to go to one of the other communities to play pickleball.

I understand that the inline hockey players are upset to lose their playing field. That is understandable. Just taking one of the tennis courts would provide 3 pickleball courts, and still preserve the inline hockey field.

The other argument I have heard against having pickleball courts is neighbors' complaints of noise. The houses don't seem that close. There are noise mitigation options and pickleball equipment is evolving to reduce noise.

I would hope that the city council proceeds with it's original plans or creatively modifies those plans to provide sorely needed pickleball courts in Louisville.

Sincerely

Michael Pogel MD

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From: [LOUIS CICIO](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts = yes please
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025 8:33:47 PM

Dear Louisville city council,

I am writing to ask that you support construction of the outdoor pickleball courts in Louisville.

Thank you for your consideration, Louis Cicio

**270 30th Street
Boulder, CO 80305**

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From: [David Furst](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025 8:35:47 AM

Hi there!

I'm reaching out for two reasons:

First to say a very sincere "thank you" for all the hard work and attention to making Louisville the most wonderful amazing places I have ever lived. The city council does a great job of keeping our beautiful town maintained and safe.

Second, I want to cast my vote (haha) to continue the project of converting the inline rink to dedicated pickleball courts. Sadly despite the vocal opposition to this conversion, the rink has long been underutilized and falling out of good condition. Pickleball is a sport that can quite literally bring community members together to share in an outdoor healthy activity that every level of player can enjoy and thrive.

Inline and other types of skating haven't been popular in decades and despite the fact that there are still those who do skate, pickleball has proven to be a lasting and wonderful sport for all ages and abilities.

I will attend the meeting on Tuesday and if given the opportunity to speak, I would love to convey why embracing pickleball and the community of players will benefit not only those in the PB community, but everyone in our beautiful city of Louisville.

Kindly,

David Furst
651 W Sandbar Circle
Louisville

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From: [Andrew Lipman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Pickleball
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025 11:23:58 AM

Dear Council:

I wanted to voice my support for the rink conversion; and pickleball resources in general as these serve the growing population of players that derive social, health and community building benefits. I hope a positive solution can be found that considers the interests of all parties. Thank you and best regards,

Andrew Lipman
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From: [Glenn/Barbara Mansfield](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kathy Martin](#)
Subject: Support for Five Pickleball Courts
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025 7:16:55 PM

Dear Council members:

Thank you for all your hard work and research in considering replacement of the existing inline skating rink to five pickleball courts. Pickleball remains the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and Louisville is overdue to install its own Pickleball courts as has been done years ago in other locations.

This would definitely be the right decision to continue with the project and to replace the “underutilized” inline skating rink. Since this project was already approved, the best course of action would be to continue as planned and build a beautiful five court pickleball facility that will be well used and appreciated by people of all ages.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Barbara Mansfield
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From: [Nicolai Bachman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Rec Ctr Outdoor Pickleball
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025 8:33:02 PM

I support replacing the outdoor hockey rink with Pickleball courts at the Louisville rec and senior center. I play pickleball. and Louisville badly needs public outdoor courts.

Nicolai

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From: [Mario](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the Rink!
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 7:20:05 AM

Hello City Council! My position is still the same. Do not repurpose the inline skating rink. So many people use it now. I walked by there this past Saturday when it was so nice outside and the rink was full of kids skating and teenagers playing hockey.

There are a lot of public pickleball courts in Boulder County. This year there will be 12 new courts at Tom Watson Park in Gunbarrel, a 20 minute drive from Louisville.

Let's do it for the kids and save the rink!

Thanks
Mario Jannatpour

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From: [Ryan Pederson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the rink letter for inclusion in April's Council Meeting discussion
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:00:54 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

My name is Ryan Pederson, a Louisville resident since 2005. I oppose the planned destruction of the existing multi-use hockey and skate rink to convert the area to a single-use pickleball facility.

It was inspiring to attend the Rec Advisory meeting last month, hearing from approximately 15 passionate teens and parents who use the rink for many different activities, pleading to keep this rink as a multi-use space, while only one person spoke in favor of the proposed project. And then the following evening at the city council meeting, I was inspired again to see 100% of public comments in support of saving the rink, and nobody in attendance to support the proposed project.

I believe that most people in this community, including avid pickleball players, will decide not to support the planned demo of this rink after hearing and considering the negative impact this will have on their friends, neighbors, and the many kids who benefit from the existing space.

Social media posts on the Oh Oh facebook pages show tremendous opposition to the planned demo of the rink. All the local citizens I talk to about this project had no idea it was happening, and the vast majority are against it. I'm certain the community at-large does not want to destroy the rink to replace it with dedicated pickleball.

As a father and skateboarder, I use the skatepark and the rink in tandem, as do many others. The skatepark lacks beginner areas, making the rink essential for building skills safely before advancing to the skatepark. The two areas go hand in hand. I've taught many kids and adults to skate on this rink, and Square State Skate teaches professional lessons and camps for our kids on this rink. Streets and sidewalks are not ideal places to learn the basics of these sports, including hockey, because of the rough surfaces and inherent traffic dangers.

Contrary to claims that the rink is always empty, it's simply not true. I often cannot skate on the rink because it's occupied by hockey games, pickleball games, or other activities, which is great. It's a space that our diverse community shares and respects. The rink's concrete surface is adequate for most people wanting to play or learn pickleball, and I often see pickleball played on one half, while a parent practices hockey with their kid on the other half.

If the space is seen as underutilized, then perhaps the rec center should offer more options such as youth hockey leagues, futsal soccer, or outdoor yoga or fitness classes. The options are limitless, it's a blank canvas for creative expression, unlike the proposed pickleball courts, which have only one use.

Pickleball courts in Boulder county and surrounding communities sit empty if there is any moderate amount of wind or chill, which is common weather in Colorado, but skaters and hockey players use the rink in Louisville year-round.

This is simply a take. Take away a versatile space that serves the diverse interests of kids and families, and give to the pickleball crowd, who already have many free

courts available in Boulder County, 22 courts coming to our newest local business Relish, many indoor opportunities at the rec center, pickleball is played on the existing tennis courts, and there are already five courts with free nets on the rink itself! And as many kids have pointed out, adults can drive to nearby pickleball courts in Boulder County, whereas the kids who use this rink for many sports, including pickleball, don't always have that luxury. They walk, bike, or skate to use the facility.

I ask the City Council to vote to reverse the decision to move forward with this project, to conduct further due diligence and community outreach before taking away this versatile, safe, and beloved rink from our community.

Please see the pic below of my daughter and her friends, learning a skilled activity that can be scary, but doing it safely in a controlled space, that helped them build confidence that translates to other sports and other parts of their lives and self image.

Ryan



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From: [Jeffrey S Lipton](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey S Lipton](#)
Subject: Proposed Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:41:01 AM

Dear Mayor Leh and Members of Council,

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the proposed re-purposing of the existing in-line rink into outdoor pickleball courts. I have lived in Louisville for the past 43 years. I consider myself to be a very mediocre recreational pickleball player with many other recreational interests. I play pickleball maybe a couple of times a week so I'm not passionate or dispassionate about the game although I very much enjoy pickleball and the pickleball community.

I also have coached in-line and ice hockey, and I am a part of a "hockey family." So, with that background, I think I can bring a balanced view to the conversation. Here are my comments and suggestions.

How long has it been planned for the in-line rink to be re-purposed?

The planning for the re-purposing and conversion of the hockey rink started over ten years ago. This has not been a secret that has recently been sprung on the community. When I was on City Council, I was appointed chair of the Recreation Center Expansion Task Force in 2016. The Task Force did extensive outreach and surveying of the community to better understand its future recreational needs and aspirations. Pickleball courts and other outdoor activities were often mentioned as unmet needs. The Task Force decided not to include many of the unmet needs in the Rec and Senior Center expansion plan because of cost constraints and we were assured that the City's plan was to repurpose the in-line rink and that would provide the most cost-effective expansion space. That was confirmed in the PROST master plan which was adopted over 10 years ago.

The City staff and Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) have been studying repurposing the rink for years. The recreation community and the public knew that. There were public meetings and opportunities for input throughout the process. The current proposal was approved by RAB in their public meetings, which were well attended, and City Council approved the plan and included the funding in its CIP. There have been no secrets, and the City Council adoption of their 2025 Budget was held in a public meeting with opportunity for questions and public input. The City outlined a process, we all had the opportunity to be involved and provide input, and the decisions were made. So, why are we re-visiting this now?

Why re-purpose the in-line rink?

Well, the answer to that question is pretty straight forward... it is hardly used. Sure, there are a

few skaters who drop in and use the rink. But that usage is infrequent. Almost any time you bike, walk, or as a very last resort drive by the rink, it is empty. In-line hockey and skating were very popular 20 years ago. But times change and so do the recreational interests of our citizens. There are other free public in-line rinks available at the Lafayette Rec Center and in Boulder Foothills Park for those who participate in the sport.

It is the responsibility of the City Council and staff to utilize the City's scarce land, facilities, and financial resources to meet the highest demand needs for services by its citizens. We need to make adjustments and allocate resources based on the greatest needs and to follow the City's planning processes which always include a great deal of public engagement.

Why use the rink footprint for pickleball?

Pickleball has tremendous popularity which will continue to grow as more younger people get involved in the sport. It is easy to learn, the equipment needed to play consists of a pair of sneakers, a tee-shirt, shorts, an inexpensive paddle, and a plastic ball. But you do need a court. You can outfit a family for \$100. Pickleball is now being played as a PE activity in K-12 and has become popular as an intramural and club team sport in college and universities. It will continue to grow inter-generationally as more people learn and enjoy the sport. Some people construe pickleball as an "old peoples" sport. You do see seniors playing a lot at the Rec Center because the only times available to play are in the middle of the day when the kids are supposedly in school and young and middle-aged people are at work. That doesn't mean that only old people play pickleball. It just means that the gymnasium courts are unavailable to normal people.

Why can't the pickleball crowd just make nice and share the in-line rink as they have in the past?

Simply put, the polished concrete surface of the in-line rink is not safe for pickleball. It was designed for skating. It is hard and slippery using sneakers. Falling on concrete is at best unpleasant and can cause severe injury. The hard surface causes stress on knees, hips, tendons, and associated body parts. The surface also collects rainwater and puddles. It absorbs and releases heat which makes play unpleasant any time temperatures rise in the summer.

Just as no tennis player would play on a concrete surface, pickleball players have the same issues playing on concrete. It's about safety.

Why can't pickleball players just play in the Rec Center gymnasium?

They already do. The Rec Center does offer some pickleball time in the gym. But gym time is very limited and there are many other users competing slots. The gym is largely available several times during mornings and early afternoon, but those times are frequently canceled

whenever BVSD closes schools (which is often) or throughout the summer when the Rec Center operates its summer camps. Pickleball is also canceled during the school winter holiday and spring break.

When available, the gym can accommodate only three courts and there are usually over 30 players trying to play. Waiting times for a game can often exceed 20-30 minutes. The courts are either unavailable or overcrowded

So where do Louisville pickleball players play?

Louisville residents often must drive to Broomfield, Boulder, Lafayette, Superior, and other communities to play pickleball due to the lack of courts here. This causes increased vehicle miles and adds to our community's carbon footprint. Louisville people would rather walk, bike, or have a shorter drive to local courts. Personally, it takes me 15-20 minutes to drive to the Lafayette Rec Center in stop-and-go traffic. There is nothing good about that.

Also, our residents crowd our neighboring communities' courts which is unfair to their residents.

Can't we just send everyone to play at Relish?

Relish will be a great opportunity for Louisville and the pickleball community, but it will be expensive. Many young families, kids, and seniors won't have the financial means to play at Relish on a regular basis. Taking a family of four to play for a couple of hours at Relish will cost at least \$80 for court time and probably another \$50 for tofu salads and drinks. Sure, affordable for some, but not for everyone.

Most people living on fixed incomes or young families are already straining to make ends meet rely on publicly funded recreation facilities. We wouldn't tell our tennis and swimmers to go join private clubs. We provide those facilities as part of the common good. That should be part of how we support our equity and inclusion goals for the City.

How can we make everyone equally happy or unhappy?

There are opportunities to find compromise for this mess. Council can accommodate both in-line skating and pickleball at the site. It's a big rink and the site could be slightly enlarged at the perimeters if necessary. Reducing the footprint needed for pickleball by building fewer courts and reserving skate-and-puck space for the skaters would be a reasonable solution.

We don't need a 'pickleball palace'. We just need 4-5 courts to satisfy our residents' pickleball needs. In-line hockey players also don't need a full court skating rink. Most of them, especially youth, need enough space to play partial court hockey with two nets and a focus on shooting and skating skills. Just as most pick-up basketball games played at the Rec are half court (very few recreational basketball players play full-court), the same goes for hockey and the same

footprint could be used for learn-to-skate.

Personally, I would shift the pickleball courts to the east side (Recreation Center) of the site to better isolate them from the Arboretum and put the skating adjacent to the parking lot.

The proposed courts are over a football field away from any house and in most cases even much farther. There shouldn't be significant noise issues. However, potential noise impacts can be mitigated by using noise containing fence wrap surrounding the courts. The fence wrap systems have been demonstrated to be effective. Reducing the number of pickleball courts would also reduce the potential noise from pickleball play to surrounding neighborhoods simply because there would be fewer courts and games played. Four courts make less noise than six courts. And the City could also enforce reasonable hours of use for the courts to mitigate any noise impacts.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Make no mistake about the fact that the in-line rink has been planned for repurposing for the past ten years. Contemplating the use of the site for pickleball has been studied for the past five years. The process has always been very transparent.

The City has exceptionally competent and dedicated recreation staff who have analyzed the use of the site for pickleball and made recommendations to your highly functioning Recreation Advisory Board which you appointed. The RAB made recommendations to the City Council which were accepted and included in your capital budget.

The process had integrity and the pickleball community has shown incredible patience to let the process play out. They didn't interfere or make end-runs. They participated and showed good faith that the process would work. It literally took years!

You should also trust and respect the process and the people who participated. The process worked and now its time to complete the final design and to begin construction. Please continue your support for the project. Thank you.

Jeffrey S. Lipton
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From: [Alexander W. Rolek](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the Louisville Roller Rink!
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 10:32:04 AM

City Council -

This email is in opposition to the City's plans to convert the roller hockey rink to pickleball courts. My son and I both play hockey and we love this rink. There's nothing like spending time with him, shooting pucks and skating in the open air. When we moved to Louisville 4 years ago, I was pleasantly surprised to find this beautiful and unique recreation feature and in my opinion it would be a real loss to see it go.

I understand that Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport and that the City wants to support that interest. From my perspective, though, it seems like there are already a number of options available for Pickleball in and around Louisville, without needing to sacrifice the roller hockey rink:

- **City of Louisville Rec Center:** Offers indoor Pickleball courts during designated times.
- **Relish:** This new facility is planned to open in May. According to their website they will have 2 outdoor and 19 indoor cushioned courts. More information: <https://www.visitrelish.com/>
- **City of Louisville Tennis Courts:** According to the City's website, Louisville has 11 tennis courts. From what I've read, it's possible to fit 2-4 Pickleball courts onto a single tennis court. I'm not sure what the current utilization rates are for the courts, but this could be worth exploring.
- **Sports Stable:** Has 3 outdoor courts as well as indoor courts that can be setup. I know this is not in Louisville, but it's very close. More information: <https://www.bluesportstable.com/pickleball>.

I'm sure there are other opportunities that I may not be aware of, and I admit I don't have detailed data on Pickleball demand in our community. That said, options like retrofitting tennis courts and the soon-to-open Relish facility seem like strong candidates for meeting that demand.

If the City is considering allocating resources to the roller rink, perhaps some minor improvements, like new hockey nets or board maintenance, could help support and preserve this special space.

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Alexander W. Rolek
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From: [Margie Haas](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Christopher Leh](#); [Deb Fahey](#); [Caleb Dickinson](#); [Kathy Martin](#); [Jesse DeGraw](#); [Barbara Hamlington](#); [Josh Cooperman](#); [Dietrich Hoefner](#); [Judi Kern](#)
Subject: FW: In-Line Courts Converting to Pickleball
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 10:47:59 AM

Please read & considering Converting the Inline Rink to Pickleball courts. I cannot make the meeting in Person on Tuesday.

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From: [Jeff Todd](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Preserve a great community resource
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 12:02:53 PM

Dear Council,

I, like many, have been concerned about the proposed elimination of the outdoor rink at the rec center. My biggest issue is getting rid of a space that serves so many other purposes. This is the safe space I took my kids to learn how to roller skate and ride their bikes. The big open area was perfect, protected, and calm for them to learn. If this space is converted it's gone.

I do enjoy using the rink for hockey and loved walking by the other day seeing futsal being played. That emphasizes exactly what this is, a community space for many activities, including pickleball. Converting to dedicated courts will be such a great loss. This isn't pickleball versus hockey, it's pickleball versus a unique community asset. Please make the right choice for the town's future in preserving this special area so more families can teach their kids many different activities.

Thanks,
Jeff Todd
991 Arapahoe Circle.

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From: [Kyle Cheesbrough](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the Louisville Rink!
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 12:15:26 PM

Dear Council - Thank you for engaging in ongoing discussion on the planned elimination of the Louisville inline rink. I am concerned about the planned inline rink conversion project because it will eliminate numerous different user groups from the existing facility in favor of the single use of pickleball. I believe the project should be canceled and the shared use of the rink be continued. Currently, the facility is programmed for nearly 30 hours per week of dedicated pickleball use. Canceling this project would ensure that a diverse group of users can continue to use the facility.

If there is a desire by the council and RAB to still consider the conversion, I am requesting that a more thorough public involvement be conducted before final decisions are made. It is evident that many inline rink users still want the opportunity to have their voices heard. The City's public involvement policy states that city staff and advisory boards are responsible for "ensuring that decisions and recommendations reflect the needs and desires of the community as a whole" and for "ensuring that no participant or group is marginalized or ignored."

Thank you, again, for your thoughtful consideration of this unique community facility.

Kyle Cheesbrough

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From: [Ben Beaty](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Outdoor Multi-Use Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 12:22:14 PM

Hello Council Members

I've heard that the City of Louisville and Rec Center are considering modifying the existing outdoor hockey rink to a full time pickle ball court. I'd like to express my displeasure with these plans. Currently, the rink is multi-purpose use (hockey, pickle ball, roller skating, etc). The modification to pickle ball courts only would exclude many people and leave them no place to safely play hockey or roller skate.

My daughter is 12 years old and a 7th grader at LMS. She is also on the Boulder County Roller Derby Juniors Team. When the weather is good, she and her teammates use the outdoor rink to practice skating. If the changes are made to the rink, there is no other place with that type of surface that is safe to skate. You can learn more about the roller derby league here:

<https://bouldercountyrollerderby.com/>

Please keep the outdoor rink a multi-use space for more people to enjoy!

Thank you

Ben Beaty
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From: [LINDSAY M CLARK](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball Support for the InLine Skate Rink Area
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:52:05 PM

Dear Mayor Leh and Members of Council,

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the proposed re-purposing of the existing in-line rink into outdoor pickleball courts. I play pickleball maybe a couple of times a week, love the game and especially love the pickleball community.

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The inline rink is currently underutilized. It is the responsibility of the City Council and staff to utilize the City's scarce land, facilities, and financial resources to meet the highest demand for services by its citizens. We need to adapt to changing community interests and allocate resources based on the greatest needs, and to follow the City's planning processes which always include a great deal of public engagement.

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sport in college and universities. It will continue to grow intergenerationally as more people learn and enjoy the sport. In addition, it is great for family bonding time, keeping the younger generation outside.

Why can we not just stay the course and play with the portable nets currently provided

or inside the Rec Center in the gym? Simply put, the polished concrete surface of the inline rink is not safe for pickleball. It was designed for skating. It is hard and slippery and the surface causes stress on knees, hips, tendons, and associated body parts. The surface also collects rainwater and puddles. The gym time is very limited and there are

many other users competing for it. The gym is available several times during mornings and early afternoon, but those times are frequently canceled whenever BVSD closes schools (which is often), during school breaks or throughout the summer when the Rec

Center operates its summer camps. Furthermore, when available, the gym can accommodate only three courts and there are usually over 30 players trying to play. Waiting times for a game can often exceed 20-30 minutes. The courts are either unavailable or overcrowded.

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The City has exceptionally competent and dedicated recreation staff who have analyzed the use of the site for pickleball and made recommendations to the Recreation Advisory Board. The RAB made recommendations to the City Council which were accepted and included in your capital budget. Please continue your support for this exciting project!

Many Cheers,
Lindsay Clark
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From: [Steve Gioielli](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Roller Rink/Pickleball Agenda Item
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 2:00:01 PM

Thank you Councilmembers for your openness to discussing the roller rink/pickleball plan at tomorrow's meeting. I made a previous comment at the 3/18 meeting, so I will briefly reiterate and then expand; and I will try to be concise.

1. Let's Invest in Youth Mental Wellbeing. I am most concerned about removing a unique multipurpose recreational asset from our community that affords our children and teens the opportunity to be active and social. As I mentioned in my public comment on 3/18, the state of youth mental health in America is the worst on record. Just to add a little data, according to the 2023 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey conducted by Boulder County, 39.2% of BVSD high school students reported symptoms consistent with Major Depressive Disorder (up almost 9% from 2021), 15.6% stated that they "seriously considered committing suicide," and 5.9% reported making a suicide attempt. These are staggering statistics.

I want us to be a City that is actively involved in creative solutions to crises like this affecting our residents. Leading psychologists and sociologists are highlighting the importance of increasing freeplay (see [here](#) for more) and face-to-face social interactions as important factors in improving youth mental health. How amazing would it be if we were on the forefront of this issue brainstorming ways to get youth more involved outside and face-to-face, rather than taking away venues for freeplay because they don't get used as much as they once did.

I am happy to volunteer my time to consult with anyone in the City about how we could be more creative and invested in youth mental health and bringing more freeplay opportunities to our kids.

2. Removing the Rink May Effectively Kill the Sport of Roller Hockey/Skating. Let's be honest, if the roller rink goes away, it's never coming back. There are no indoor spaces for roller skating and roller hockey in Boulder County. If Lafayette follows in our footsteps in converting their outdoor rink, then the only outdoor rink available in Boulder County will be at Gateway Fun Center in North Boulder, nearly 14 miles away. We will be able to play pickleball everywhere and roller skate nowhere. To those that love these roller sports, this would be devastating.

3. Access for People with Disabilities. The roller rink and its multi-use capacities, offers unexpected benefits, perhaps especially to kids with special needs/disabilities. My son is 7 years old and he has Down syndrome. He has global delays, including his gross motor skills. He has yet to learn to ride a bike, but the contained flat smooth surface at the roller rink offers him the conditions necessary for him to **practice** and build toward achieving this goal. There are hardly any other spaces in town that offer protection and flat smooth conditions like the rink.

Thank you for your willingness to listen to the community on this issue.

Warmly,

Steve

Steve Gioielli, Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist (CO-PSY5033/CA-PSY28087)

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From: [H.M](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for more outdoor pickleball
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 2:23:27 PM

Dear City Council,

Pickleball is such a great sport for all ages - fun, good exercise and community building. Please invest in outdoor courts with good surfaces, court fences and wind/sound buffers. Physical exercise, play, multi-generational interaction and time outdoors benefit all who participate. It's one of the fastest growing sports, let's be part of the fun!

Sincerely yours ,

Helen Moshak, Louisville resident

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From: halleyf@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Preserve Our Only In-Line Skating Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:13:12 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed conversion of our only in-line skating rink into Pickleball courts. While I appreciate the growing popularity of Pickleball and the importance of expanding recreational opportunities in our community, I believe it is vital to consider the unique value that our in-line skating rink brings to Louisville.

The in-line skating rink provides a safe and dedicated space for skating enthusiasts of all ages, fostering a sense of community and promoting an active lifestyle. As the only rink in town, its removal would leave a significant gap in our recreational offerings, particularly for those who enjoy skating.

Louisville already boasts a variety of sports facilities, including dozens of tennis courts, baseball fields, bocce-ball and more. However, losing the only in-line skating rink would diminish the diversity of outdoor activities available to our residents. I urge you to consider alternative options that would allow both Pickleball and in-line skating to coexist, ensuring that all community members have access to their preferred recreational activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will take this into account as you make your decision.

Sincerely,
Halley Fitzpatrick
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Louisville, CO 80027

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From: halleyf@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Preserve Our Only In-Line Skating Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:13:21 PM

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From: halleyf@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Preserve Our Only In-Line Skating Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:14:49 PM

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From: [Halley Fitzpatrick](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Preserve Our Only In-Line Skating Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:20:57 PM

I may have accidentally sent this email multiple times. Apologies for the inconvenience, if so!

Thanks again for your consideration!

On Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 3:14 PM <halleyf@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: [Ryan Kohler](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:25:01 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I'm reaching out as a resident who cares deeply about preserving the character and versatility of our community spaces—especially the multi-use inline skate rink currently under discussion.

While I appreciate the rising interest in pickleball, I don't believe this change reflects the broader needs or desires of most Louisville residents. The rink is one of the few places in town that's truly open to a range of ages, uses, and activities—from skating to street hockey to casual family play. That flexibility is part of what makes it so valuable.

Turning it into a single-use space risks making it feel exclusive instead of inclusive.

It's also worth noting that Boulder is adding 12 pickleball courts at Tom Watson Park, and East Boulder Rec is set to build 12 more dedicated courts in 2026. That's a major investment in the sport right next door—and one that gives Louisville room to preserve its own unique, shared-use spaces rather than duplicating infrastructure that already exists regionally.

I hope you'll consider keeping the rink as-is so it can continue serving our whole community—not just one activity.

Thanks for your time and all that you do for Louisville.

Best,
Ryan Kohler

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From: [Susan McEachern](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:52:46 PM

Dear City Council,

I urge you to reapprove the decision to build outdoor pickleball courts this summer in the current inline skating rink. Interest in pickleball has skyrocketed while interest in inline hockey has greatly declined. Louisville is the only city in the surrounding area without outdoor courts, and staff has done a meticulous job researching possible venues and concluded that the Rec Center location is the only viable option for the near future. Redtail Ridge might be a possibility down the road, but build-out there is easily five years away.

The indoor space in the gym is heavily used during every slot it's available for pickleball, but during summer and other times when school is not in session, the schedule is very limited in order to free the space for basketball and other activities for children.

Private facilities like Relish will provide additional outlets for pickleballers, but many of us are retirees with limited financial resources. The city has shown a wonderful commitment to seniors through the Rec Center, and we hope that commitment will continue by providing more affordable options for pickleball, a game that enhances physical and social wellbeing.

I certainly understand the noise concerns of nearby homeowners, but noise baffling has proven successful in other locations and should be an integral part of the construction process here.

Thank you,
Susan McEachern
Ward III

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From: [Rachel Weaver](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Save the Louisville Roller Rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:53:34 PM

Hi. Just wanted to say I'd like to see the roller rink remain. It's a great multi-use space for the community, especially young kids. I taught my boys how to ride bikes, roller blade, skateboard, and shoot hockey pucks there. It's smooth and flat and there's no cars, so it's an ideal space. My boys are 14 now and still roller blade and shoot pucks there.

If the rec center was willing to start a roller hockey league for kids, the rink would be used much more. My boys have grown up playing hockey and in the off season many of their teammates from around here go to Co Springs for roller hockey summer leagues, which is the closest place that runs kids leagues. Hockey is expensive, but roller hockey isn't. A fun way for kids to participate in the sport who might not otherwise.

I'm not opposed to the pickleball folks continuing to play there as well. We've never had any issue with whoever was out there using the space however they wanted to.

Thanks for your time in considering this issue.

Rachel Weaver
Louisville resident since 2006.

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Rachel Weaver, author of *Point of Direction*

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From: [tamar krantz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: My family prefers skate rink to pickle ball
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 6:08:23 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Louisville needs more places like the skatepark and rink where teens can hang out. To me, this is more critical than pickleball, which is more popular with adults. One of my kids learned to ride a unicycle in the rink. My others practiced skate tricks and played street hockey there.

Thanks for revisiting this.

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Tamar Krantz
She/her

*PS> Just mentioned this to a few teens. They prefer rink. They also want to know:
Would you let them make a DIY skatepark in the skaterink?*

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From: [Nathan Demmings](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Roller rink
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 6:40:39 PM

Please do not turn it into pickle ball.

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From: [Amy Shields](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: inline hockey rink conversion
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:14:06 PM

Hello Louisville City Council,

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night, but do want to express my support in the conversion of the hockey rink to pickleball courts. The pickleball community in Louisville is thriving and continues to grow. I play regularly at the rec center and it is always well attended. The three courts are consistently full with 10-15 people waiting to rotate in. See attached picture of a typical Monday/Friday morning attendance at the Louisville Rec Center. Many of these players speak of playing elsewhere in the afternoon hours as well.

Recently, I also played at Waneka lake (mid morning on a weekday) and the four courts were full with 10ish people waiting to rotate in. You can view a live feed of the Waneka courts at www.picklepeeper.com to get a feel for the amount of usage those courts get. Even on chilly winter days, you will often still find people out playing pickleball. It is such a popular sport in Louisville and surrounding communities that if converted, the Louisville courts will be just as well utilized on a daily basis. Right now, the hockey rink is used sporadically at best. Using that space for dedicated pickleball courts makes sense and will bring a consistent crowd of players every day. It could then open up the Rec Center gym for more basketball or table tennis hours or other activities as needed.

The following site offers some great statistics on how popular pickleball is in the US:

<https://www.pickleheads.com/blog/pickleball-statistics>

It shows the growing nature of this sport and the growth in younger players. Participation in pickleball has grown 311% in the last three years and the average age is 34.8 years, with the most participants in the 25-34 year old range. It's not solely an older adult sport anymore. Let's step up and offer this fun sport in our community and not force folks to travel to other communities to play the sport they love.

While the rec center pickleball play is nice, dedicated pickleball courts would make it better in the following ways:

1. The surface would be the correct surface for real pickleball (not concrete or gym floors which are the current options in Louisville).
2. It opens up hours of play for school-age kids and working adults to make playing locally a possibility during hours that are convenient to them. Most current open play hours are during the work/school day.
3. The court lines/boundaries would be solely for pickleball and not for every other sport like in the rec center gym...making the game much better.
4. It would be free to play. While Relish will be ideal for some players in Louisville, it will not be the solution for a lot of families, kids, and adults who cannot afford a monthly membership fee to play.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of all the people in Louisville.

Sincerely,

Amy Shields

Louisville resident sine 2014



1st photo shows 3 full courts and paddles represent people waiting to play. 2nd photo shows people waiting for their turn to play. This is very typical for weekday play. Weekends are often even more busy.

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From: [Sara Wolf](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Voicing my Opposition to Converting Inline Skating Rink to Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 10:32:13 PM

Hello!

My name is Sara Wolf Klaus and I reside at 2355 Dogwood Circle in Louisville.

I learned about the agenda item at tomorrow's City Council Meeting (April 15th) to discuss conversion of the inline skating rink at the Rec Center to pickleball courts.

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, but wanted to voice my opposition to this idea.

I watched the recorded City Council meeting from March 18th and feel that everyone who spoke in opposition to this idea made very valid points, so I don't have much else to add.

Thank you,
Sara
(303) 921-5453

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From: [Ben K](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Inline Skating Rink > Pickleball
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 10:34:39 PM

Hello,

I'm unable to attend this week's Council Meeting but I'd like to register my opposition to changing the multi-use inline skating rink to a dedicated pickleball court.

Thank you,
Ben Klaus
Louisville, CO
303-709-2489

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From: [Deborah Puro](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kathy Martin](#)
Subject: Save the Hockey Rink!
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:25:16 AM

Dear Council Members,

I am an avid pickleball player and a skater. I agree that we do need more pickleball courts in Louisville, but I am not in support of resurfacing the hockey rink for pickleball. Pickleball is already allowed on the rink during certain times. The surface isn't ideal for pickleball but you can play there if you want.

I don't know if it is true but I've heard that the city is going to build a hockey rink elsewhere in Louisville (at Heritage Park). It does not make sense to destroy an existing, perfectly good hockey rink for pickleball. Why not leave the hockey rink where it is, and build pickleball courts elsewhere in the city. There is also room in the same area to add pickleball courts.

I realize it will be more expensive to build pickleball courts from scratch but this solution would satisfy the need for pickleball courts without taking away from our youth. **Kids need more to do in Louisville, not less.**

I've met skaters elsewhere in the Denver Metro area that have told me that the Hockey Rink in Louisville is one of the best around. We are so fortunate to have it in our own backyard! It would be great to promote usage of the rink with events such as family skate nights (similar to the street fair), or list drop-in skate hours where perhaps music would be provided. This would create community in a safe and healthy atmosphere. Skating is a great activity that one can carry into adulthood, and does not require others or a team to practice skating skills.

Louisville plans to welcome Colorado's biggest indoor pickleball soon, when Relish Food Hall and Pickleball is slated to open with 80,000 square feet in the former Sam's Club building at 550 McCaslin Blvd. Why not wait and see how this goes as we want this new establishment in Louisville to thrive. If the city is concerned about it being pay to play, maybe work out a deal where Louisville Recreation Center members can play at no charge, or a discounted rate, or with Silver Sneakers.

Lastly, there are other options for outdoor pickleball without driving too far such as Autrey Park in Superior, and Waneka Lake in Lafayette. The real need for pickleball in Louisville is for indoor courts (due to adverse weather), and hopefully that will be resolved with the Relish Courts.

If desired, I'm happy to share my experiences with pickleball, tennis, and skating in Louisville. I do all three at least weekly, and often several times a week. There are other options for pickleball within the city but not for skating. I urge you to reconsider your pickleball plans, and keep the outdoor hockey rink for skating.

Sincerely,

Deborah Puro

Mark Puro (Husband)

Samantha Gilmore (Parent)

Autumn Triesch (Daughter)

Lawrence Triesch (Son-in-law)

Violet Triesch (Granddaughter age 14)

Rose Triesch (Granddaughter age 12)

Louisville Residents

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From: [Jill Pyatt](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Courts
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:55:29 AM

Good morning-

I'm writing in support of the outdoor pickleball courts at the rec center.
I realize you have received many letters, so I'll keep it short:

- 1) Please honor your commitment. So many families, and seniors have been counting on the courts!
 - 2) Other communities are catching on to the fact that PB is the fastest growing sport in the US. Louisville needs to support residents by staying on top of these trends.
 - 3) It's not safe to play on concrete. I've witnessed both a broken wrist and a torn ACL while playing on the concrete. It's not good.
 - 4) The rec center is packed during PB open play. Autrey Park in Superior is packed as well. Contrary to what a few vocal kids might say, I have rarely seen a hockey player or two on the court.
 - 5) Lastly, PB is a community building game, an inclusive game. It's not just for seniors, although it's accessible for people of all abilities.
- Don't we need more inclusivity at this moment in time?

Thanks for your time and consideration in finding a compromise that will meet all the needs of our community.

Jill
jmbp_2000@yahoo.com

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From: [Miguel Cebrian](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kathryn Russell](#)
Subject: Save the Louisville rink.
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:44:53 AM

Dear City Council members,

Before the future of the Louisville skating rink is discussed tonight, I'd like to express my dismay at hearing about existing plans to convert it into pickleball courts.

My kids grew up using both the skate park and the rink. At a time when kids spend more and more time indoors and on screens, the skating park and rink have always encouraged kids to spend time outside and with other kids.

Also, pickleball courts are often a source of conflict, as they offer leisure to some at the high cost of lowering the quality of life of neighboring residents (through loud noise).

We beg you to preserve the skating rink and we oppose its conversion into pickleball courts.

Thank you,
Lucio M. Cebrian and Kathryn Russell
833 W Mulberry St, Louisville

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From: [Alexiss Benoit Gioielli](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Concern Regarding Proposed Conversion of Inline Rink to Pickleball Courts
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:40:46 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing as a concerned citizen and parent who is unable to attend tonight's City Council meeting but wanted to share my thoughts regarding the proposed conversion of the outdoor inline skating rink into permanent pickleball courts.

While I understand and appreciate the growing popularity of pickleball — and even enjoy playing it myself — I'm deeply concerned about the impact this decision would have on our community's youth. The current rink is a rare and valuable multi-use space. It is actively used by children and teenagers to play hockey, rollerblade, skateboard, and even learn to ride bikes. It provides a free, accessible place for young people to be active, build friendships, and spend time outdoors — all essential components of healthy development, especially as we face a growing mental health crisis among youth.

Converting this space into a single-use facility for pickleball would remove one of the few dedicated outdoor spaces where kids can safely engage in these types of activities. It would also disproportionately affect youth, who often have fewer recreational options and less say in these kinds of decisions.

We should be investing in *more* opportunities for our children to move, play, and connect away from screens — not taking them away.

Thank you for your time and for considering the broader impact this change may have on young people in our community. I urge you to preserve this important multi-use space or at least pause the decision until inclusive alternatives can be identified.

Sincerely,
Alexiss Benoit Gioielli
Louisville Resident

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From: [Heather Wiegand](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Regarding the rink and pickleball court
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:57:04 AM

Dear Council Members,

As you prepare for your meeting this evening I am writing to express my strong opposition to demolishing the inline rink in order to build permanent pickleball courts.

I walk or run by the rink four or five times a week, sometimes more, and EVERY time I go by, the rink is in use. I see people playing hockey, practicing skateboarding, learning to ride a bike, and, yes, playing pickleball using temporary nets. Why on earth would we change this so that only one of these groups of users can use it? There is nowhere else in town for kids to safely learn to ride bikes, play roller hockey, and practice skateboarding before dropping into the skate park for the first time. Meanwhile, there are plenty of places people can play pickleball - including in the rink with the temporary nets.

If we want Louisville to continue to be an open and inclusive community that is welcoming to families, we have to retain recreational spaces that are inclusive and welcoming to families.

Do NOT repurpose the rink - please. Listen to the voices of your community and do the right thing.

Thank you.

Heather Wiegand
547 Adams Ave
617.821.6581

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From: [Tammy Owen](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Tammy Owen](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts for Louisville families
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 12:28:57 PM

Dear Louisville Council,

I wanted to write in support of the proposed plan to reconstruct the currently aged outdoor inline hockey facility to multiple dedicated pickleball courts.

We are residence of Louisville for almost 23 years and have successfully rebuilt our home after the Marshall Fire. I am an active participant in the Louisville pickleball community and see the proposal as an attractive new offering for the families and residents of Louisville.

We current only have one option for outdoor pickleball in our community however this is not a viable option since the surface is concrete making it more difficult on joints and additionally hazardous for falls. Our summer indoor schedule has become more restricted due to summer programs for school age children.

Having a new facility will offer more opportunities to have a much larger user based for us to form leagues that support couples, families and youth. This sport is rapidly growing as is greatly attended by many of our active seniors. (For example on the Monday and Wednesday morning sessions we have 3-courts of 4 players and can have up to 6 stacks of 4 paddles waiting for a turn to play. 36 people - males and females - playing in a 2.5 hour time allotment.)

In addition, pickleball is an attractive offering for people looking to live to our community. Broomfield, Lafayette, Superior, Westminster and Boulder all have dedicated courts for their residence. Superior offers reservations for their residence in summer which will limit times available to Louisville residence. We desire an active community with recreation center, walking trails, bike paths, tennis courts, playgrounds and pickleball courts.

I appreciate your consideration and vote to proceed with the proposed recommendation for Louisville PB courts.

Kind regards,

Tammy Owen
802 Spyglass Circle
Louisville

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From: [Christian Parker](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Strong Support for Pickleball Courts at Inline Rink Location
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 1:19:59 PM

I'm writing as a long-time resident and property owner in Louisville—having proudly called this city home for over 25 years—to express my strong support for moving forward with the project to build outdoor pickleball courts at the location of the existing inline skating rink.

As you know, this project had already been approved following a thoughtful planning process. It is now under reconsideration due to pushback from a small group of community members who would prefer to preserve the existing rink. While I understand the desire to retain recreational options for all interests, I believe it's important that we consider broader community benefit and demand.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the country, and Louisville is no exception to that trend. The current options for pickleball in our city are limited and often overcrowded, making it difficult for residents of all ages to enjoy this accessible, community-building sport. Building dedicated outdoor courts would serve a significantly larger portion of the population, from youth to seniors, and promote inclusive, healthy, year-round activity.

As a committed member of this community, I urge you to reaffirm your earlier decision and invest in the infrastructure that will best serve our residents now and into the future. Please continue to support the construction of the pickleball courts.

Thank you for your time and your continued efforts to serve our city.

Sincerely,

Christian Parker

Louisville, CO Resident & Property Owner

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Christian Parker
303-885-5590

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From: brian.squarestateskate.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Louisville Rink
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:35:52 PM

Good afternoon,

As a company that is contracted by the City of Louisville to conduct skateboard programs, I want to voice my concerns with the proposed redesign of the Louisville multi-use rink. Turning into a single use pickleball-only space would obviously negate our ability to use the rink for skateboard instruction. As mentioned to City Council at an in-person meeting, we (Square State Skate) use the space for instruction for the safety of our participants as well as other skatepark users. Much as you would not send beginners to learn on a professional level baseball field or basketball court, we conduct the bulk of our lessons the first couple of days OUTSIDE of the skatepark and instead use the multi-use rink. Please consider the community's concerns and keep the rink.

Cheers,
Brian Ball
720-394-5749

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From: [Mike Demmings](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Louisville rink
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:10:28 PM

Hello, 22 year resident here. I'd hate to see the rink go. It's a unique facility that my kids have used a lot to learn to ride bikes, rollerblade, skateboard and shoot hockey pucks. I see other families with small children in there doing the same because it's a safe place for them to go. Without it, they're rollerblading in the streets. An argument I've heard against it is that there's not enough roller hockey demand. I think that's wrong. Hockey is a hugely popular sport. Many ice hockey kids also play roller hockey. Many others would love to play if given the opportunity. In all the years I've lived in Louisville, I've never seen any attempt by the city or rec center to use the rink for what it was designed for. I've never seen the rec center offer any roller hockey classes to kids. There's never been an attempt to create teams, or join a league like they do with soccer, etc. Offer it up and kids will come. I'd like to see dedicated pickleball courts but theres lots of places to play pickleball and more coming to Louisville. Theres no place to rollerblade or skateboard except on the roads and sidewalks and no place at all to play roller hockey.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mike Demmings,
369 W Elm St, Louisville

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