

Dear Liana,

A good number of Orleans adults are playing pickleball. It has been very helpful to have the four pickleball courts at Eldredge that were created for this summer's play. They have been used constantly by the people who signed up through the Recreation Department for the season. But every week more and more people want to join in the play. We do not have enough courts to accommodate this fast-growing sport. It is my understanding that appropriate pickleball courts have been budgeted for Orleans because of the high demand for this sport.

I am writing to strongly encourage Orleans to respond to this community's request. We need/want more courts with a top for year-round play and lighting. Many people from Orleans must travel to other towns to play pickleball. This large demand for more courts this summer reinforces that pickleball is here to stay. And we want to see the sport grow with the proper facilities, here in Orleans.

I appreciate your efforts on this issue. These courts will be another great attraction for people buying and renting here - who love the sport.

Thank you for your attention and I hope to hear positive news from you soon.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Morgan

P.S. We have owned here since 2014 and are moving here permanently this October 2022.

I am a player and live in Orleans year round. I would love for Orleans to expand their courts to accommodate more people and have something for winter play.

Thanks

Mary Ellen Bower