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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:36 PM
To: Cyndie Martel
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

Hi —

FYI, this was sent today. Thank you!

Paula Beritzhoff

Begin forwarded message:

From: "P. Beritzhoff" <beritzhoff@gmail.com>
Date: October 9, 2024 at 1:03:49 PM PDT
To: cwkmisc@gmail.com
Subject: Pickleball

Good afternoon, Mayor —

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself, regarding potential regulations for pickleball in Ross.

Like many others who enjoy the sport, we no longer have the physical requirements for playing tennis and other sports that demand healthier knees & backs.

But it seems that in our lovely little bubble of luxury, the Town of Ross, there is always something to make a fuss about — and the fuss du jour is pickleball noise. And so I ask, whether it's the sound of loud music, raucous laughter, whiney children, unending construction, tree trimming, gardening equipment or simply pickleball, do we have the right to prevent others in our town from living their lives as they wish during waking hours, and eliminate anything that brings a sound of annoyance? Where do we draw the line? What may be annoying for one may bring much joy to others, so shall we ban all annoyances? I happen to find construction noise highly annoying, but surely we could never ban construction — only limit the hours. The same is true of amplified music, tree trimming, etc.

While it is possible that improvements in pickleball equipment may one day result in a quieter experience for all, I don't think we are there just yet. So for now, I'd like to vote for reasonable hours of play, similar to those of construction and other audible annoyances, and perhaps one day we can circle back and revisit — and maybe remove restrictions when pickleball equipment warrants that change.

In the meantime, I'd like to remind our fellow residents: There will be no whining on the yacht.

Thanks for listening —

Paula Beritzhoff
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