



AGENDA

Meeting of the Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission

In-Person and Remote Access

Date: April 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
Recreation Division 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 438-3251	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 Or Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81298572447	Agenda posted on 04/10/26 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at: www.scottsvally.gov
COMMISSIONERS	CITY STAFF MEMBERS	
David Sanguinetti, Chair Heidi Denger, Vice Chair Kate Kelsey, Commissioner Corky Roberson, Commissioner Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner	Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager Brian Youmans, Administrative Assistant	

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Staff Updates

1. Staff Updates - RDM Pfefferkorn

Public Comment Time

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Consent Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

1. 02-19-26 Parks and Recreation Minutes

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent or regular agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

Regular Agenda

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1. Potential Mitigation Measures for Pickleball Noise and Related Impacts at Skypark Courts

Adjournment

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Staff Updates: Recreation Division Manager Allison Pfefferkorn April 16, 2026

Past City Run Events

- **Puzzle Night-** We had five teams compete in the March 22 Puzzle Mania night. The fastest team finished a 500-piece puzzle in under an hour. It was a fun night of friendly competition.

Upcoming City Run Events

- **Expressions of the Valley: Art and Poetry Contest:** The deadline for submissions was April 1 and we received 23 art and 22 poetry submissions. The Art and Poetry Showcase will be on May 14th at the Community Center at 6pm.
- **Food Truck Friday-** April 24, 2026, is the first Food Truck Friday of the season. Come out and grab dinner and a drink and enjoy the park and live music.
- **Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors-** April 14 2:30-3:20 The Senior Center will host an education workshop on how dementia affects behavior, how to identify triggers, and both medical and non-medical approaches to responding effectively. Participants will also gain practical strategies for managing challenging behaviors with confidence and care. Registration can be found on our website.

Recreation

- The summer recreation guide is live and available online through our website. Hard copies can be found at the Recreation office, City Hall, and various places around town.
- Staff are working on special events to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the City of Scotts Valley. There will be a weeklong line up of events for the residents to take part in starting on August 2nd, the city's birthday, with a big birthday bash at Skypark. Other activities include: Coffee with legends at the Senior Center, National Night Out at MacDorsa Park, Hike the Trails Day, We love our Schools, and a Business Scavenger hunt.
- Our new recreation app is now live on the Apple and Android store. Create your account from our website and then download the app.

Projects

- **Skypark Big Kid Playground-** The expansion to the pour in place surface around the accessible swings has been completed.

Leagues

- Soccer, Softball and Little league 2026 seasons are all underway and our fields are looking great.

Parks

- **Skypark:** Crews were out last week completing concrete repairs to sidewalks to reduce trip hazards around the park.

- **Siltanen:** All fields received a top dressing to address the unlevelled conditions. The retaining wall beneath preschool was replaced. Blubs were replaced on the Softball field lights.
- **Tennis:** Staff are meeting with new contractors to complete the crack repair.
- **Community Center:** New doors were installed



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: February 19th, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

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Call to Order - 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: David Sanguinetti, Chair Heidi Denger, Vice Chair Kate Kelsey, Commissioner Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner ABSENT: Corky Roberson, Commissioner	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager Brian Youmans, Administrative Secretary
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Staff Updates

RDM Pfefferkorn provided a summary of recent Parks and Recreation programs and events, highlighted upcoming spring activities, and presented an overview of recent park maintenance completed by the Maintenance Division.

Public Comment Time

- Resident Mathew Hakimi expressed frustration with the City's bidding process for contractor for the recent Skypark Big Kid playground, and requested for clarification for the City's contracting process.

- Resident Scott Truman expressed frustration with the state of Tabor Drive and wished for the lower portion to be repaved.

Consent Agenda

1. 12-16-25 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

M/S: Denger/Kelsey

To approve the Consent Agenda. Carried 4/0/0 (AYES: Sanguinetti, Denger, Kelsey, Sorci-Murray; NOES: None; ABSENT: Roberson)

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

None.

Regular Agenda

1. Discussion on Skypark Tennis & Pickleball Court – RDM Pfefferkorn

RDM Pfefferkorn presented the background of information of concerns with the Skypark Tennis and Pickleball courts, the solutions the city implemented to address these concerns, and how the city plans on assessing the continued concerns of noise and traffic issues moving forward.

Commissioner Kelsey suggested installing lights along the Skypark path to divert parking into the Skypark parking lot. Staff responded that this has been added to a future CIP.

Chair Sanguinetti asked staff how many complaints have been received, if the City can provide a survey to get more input from the community, and if the Police Department had a record of their enforcement in the area. Staff answered questions.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and staff answered.

Public Comment:

- Santa Cruz Pickleball Club President Mark Dettle expressed that Skypark has the best courts in the county, expressed appreciation to the City for solutions already implemented, but continued to express that the traffic is still an issue that could be addressed with proper stop signs, and that the noise could be addressed with soundproof netting.
- Resident Mathew Hakimi expressed concerns regarding the impact of pickleball on the neighborhood.
- Tennis player Dennis Wooffey expressed frustrations with the overcrowding of the courts and requested more emphasis on tennis.
- Pickleball player Spencer Edwards expressed appreciation for the community that the courts provide but understands that new players need to learn proper etiquette.
- Pickleball player Marissa Kent expressed appreciation for the courts and city, and understands the frustration with traffic, however wished to point out that the pickleball players are not the only people creating traffic issues in the Skypark community.
- Pickleball instructor Andrew Lentz expressed that parking is an issue at the courts,

- however, the courts provide a great sense of community.
- Resident Traci Waldheim expressed that the noise does not bother her household, but the traffic is a major concern.

Commissioners asked more clarifying questions and staff answered.

Vice Chair Denger suggested a continual Police presence and that the City partner with the school district. Staff responded that the school district joint use agreement is on hold until their sport complex is completed.

Commissioner Sorci-Murray asked clarifying questions regarding quieting technology regarding pickleball.

Chair Sanguinetti requests the city determine measurable goals to determine severity and improvements for the concerns, as well as pricing for soundproofing nets and updated stop signs.

Vice Chair Denger suggested looking into installations of more bike racks.

Commissioner Kelsey suggested installing speed bumps around the Skypark community roads to curb the speeding and traffic issues.

Adjournment

Chair Sanguinetti suggested any commissioners make requests for any potential future agenda items they wish to see.

Commissioner Kelsey requested to see more maintenance updates from Maintenance Division Manager Matthew Spencer-Cooke

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM

City of Scotts Valley PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: 4/16/2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager
APPROVED: Mali LaGoe, City Manager
SUBJECT: **Potential Mitigation Measures for Pickleball Noise and Related Impacts at Skypark Courts**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

At the Commission meeting on February 19, staff presented a discussion item regarding a resident's complaint about noise and traffic concerns at the Skypark Tennis and Pickleball Courts. The complaint included signatures from nine additional households.

The complaint identified the following core impacts on the neighborhood's quality of life:

Chronic Noise Nuisance: The resident states that pickleball creates repetitive “pinging” sounds that are louder and more intrusive than tennis, affecting nearby homes throughout operating hours (approximately 8:00 AM–9:30 PM). The noise is described as penetrating yards and indoor spaces and potentially constituting a legal nuisance.

Parking and Traffic Issues: Players monopolize street parking, leaving residents without options and creating safety risks from speeding, reckless driving, and stop sign violations (up to 10 per hour documented). With dozens of children, bikes, and pedestrians nearby, the lack of consistent enforcement heightens concerns.

The resident states that these impacts have “eroded the peaceful character of the neighborhood.”

The complaint was accompanied by videos of cars entering the courts, as well as cars at the stop sign of Coast Range Drive and Skypark Drive. Also included were sound-only videos of people playing on the courts and walking through the residents' driveway.

In the complaint, the resident asks the city to:

1. Revert the courts back to tennis-only use or significantly reduce the number of pickleball courts.
2. Enforce operating hours, traffic laws, parking rules, and noise standards more strictly.
3. Conduct a comprehensive review, including a public hearing and independent noise/impact study.
4. Prioritize residential well-being when making facility decisions.

At the February meeting, the Commission received public comment from residents, tennis players, and pickleball users. Staff was directed to return with additional information on

potential mitigation strategies.

Potential Mitigation Strategies

1. Traffic violations and speed bumps

Staff consulted with the Police Department regarding documented traffic violations mentioned in the complaint. The Police Department has committed to the following actions:

- A portable traffic radar sign will be at the intersection of Skypark Drive and Coast Range Drive on a rotating basis (1–2 weeks at a time).
- Peak activity periods (Saturday mornings and Tuesday/Thursday evenings) have been added to the Police Department's enforcement schedule.

Fire Chief Correia and Police Lieutenant Roberts were in agreement that speed bumps impede their response times to major emergencies. They advised against speed bumps as they tend to lead to different problems, such as the noise of cars going over them, accelerating after they leave the bump, or people trying to drive fast over them.

The "Stop for pedestrians" sign at the crosswalk leading in and out of the courts parking area is not standard size and therefore not enforceable. Public Works has replaced the stop signs with standard signs.

2. Noise

Typical noise ordinance states that for residential, park, or institutional uses, the maximum allowable sound level is 55 dBA at the property line.

The closest house is 150 feet away from the front fence of the tennis court.

Standard pickleball is audible at 500+ feet.

Estimated sound levels:

- At the paddle: 85-90+ dBA for a standard strike
- At 100 feet: approximately 68-70 dBA
- At 400 feet: approximately 58 dBA
- At 500 feet (along the length of the court): approximately 55 dBA, which is the common residential noise ordinance threshold

The two most common ways to address the noise of pickleball play are sound dampening panels and quiet equipment.

Sound Dampening Panels

The Skypark courts have approximately 800 feet of fencing. There are two common products used to dampen the sound at pickleball courts that attach to the existing fencing.

Fence Mounted Acoustic Panels



These panels attach directly to the fence and can be mass-loaded vinyl (MLV) panels, fabric-wrapped acoustic blankets, or multi-layer engineered panels (fiberglass core, batting, etc.) Typical sound reduction of ~10–30 dB.

Cost: 9 ft x 3.3ft panel — \$350 each

Pros

- Retrofit onto existing courts
- Best cost-to-performance ratio
- Can target only impacted sides

Cons

- Requires full coverage (gaps reduce effectiveness)
- Adds wind load to fences

Acoustic Fence Wraps



These look similar to windscreens but are engineered for sound reduction. Typical sound reduction of ~32 dB.

Cost: \$25 per linear foot (lft.). 10x4 panels

Pros

- Easier to install than rigid panels
- Dual purpose (wind + noise)

Cons

- Less effective than solid acoustic barriers
- Still allows some sound leakage

Things to consider for the Skypark Courts

Placement

- Surrounding the perimeter of the courts. Approx 800 lft.
- Surrounding just the pickleball courts. Approx 475lft*
- Between the pickleball courts and tennis court and the front fencing facing the parking lot. This option was recommended by supplier*.

*A 10 ft fence would need to be installed between the courts. Currently, there is just a 3ft partial fence separating the courts.

Cost: Lowest end is \$20,000 + depending on the quantity of equipment. Additional fees for installation

Staff have contacted other municipalities that have installed sound dampening on their courts. One city installed 100' feet of Acousticblok, costing approx. \$11,000. Since the installation, the

sound complaints have drastically declined.

Long Beach installed Acousticblok on their courts for approx. \$20,000 and an additional \$10,000 for installation. They reported the sound dampening works greatly for the bottom floor of the surrounding houses (50 feet from the courts), but have reported that due to the sound traveling up, second-story dwellings have no change in noise level.

3. Quieter Equipment

Quiet paddles can reduce noise by 3 to 6 decibels at the source. A 6 dB reduction cuts the perceived loudness roughly in half.

The City of Laguna Beach instituted in 2025 a mandated quiet paddle pickleball facility at one of their parks. They sell quiet paddles at their recreation office and list approved quiet paddles on their website. This mandate was in addition to sound dampening panels and reduced hours. Since the equipment mandate was effective, they have received no complaints in the past year.

Things to consider for the Skypark Court

- Enforcement of paddle/ball use. The courts are not currently staffed. This would need to be enforced by players.
- Quiet paddles cost \$150–\$200.
- Paddle sleeves/pads cost \$25–\$30.
- Recreation could sell sleeves/pads/paddles at cost from the rec office.

4. Reduced Hours

As a result of the 2023 ad hoc Skypark Neighborhood Tennis & Pickleball Courts subcommittee, the Skypark Court hours of play were reduced in 2024 from 8am-9:30pm daily to 8:00am to 8:30pm Sunday-Thursday and 8:00am-9:30pm Friday-Saturday.

A reduction in hours has been a common practice for other municipalities in managing the noise impacts on the neighborhoods.

Some examples of other court hours when adjustments have been made from daily hours:

Pacific Grove — Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8am- dusk.

Laguna Beach — Tuesday/Thursday 8-12pm and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8am- dusk.

City of Martinez — Sunday 9-1pm, Tuesday 4-8pm, Wednesday 8-8pm

Pros:

- Reduced hours with blocks of time where there the court is not in use would allow the neighborhood planned time of no noise or vehicle concerns.

Cons:

- All courts would need to be closed as the court access leads to pickleball and tennis unless funds are spent to install fencing in between the tennis courts and pickleball courts. This may affect limiting access to the shared court.
- Automatic locks would need to be installed to keep to the closed court hours or staffing

time would need to be allocated to locking and unlocking the courts.

Options for a path forward

Staff have reached out to several communities in the area and across the county who are experiencing the same conflict between pickleball noise and the neighborhoods. All are managing the complex situation of balancing the city's desire to provide healthy recreational opportunities for the community and having minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

The following are discussion areas for the commission to consider:

- Implementation of a trial period of revised hours.
 - A survey could be conducted for the houses within 500 feet of the courts as well as for the court users. The survey could ask questions related to identifying key concerns, usage patterns, and willingness to adopt mitigation measures.
 - Based on this survey, revised hours could be developed, and a 90-day trial period could be implemented. Once the 90-day trial period has ended, a post-survey would follow, asking questions relating to improved noise reduction and adequate court hours/playtime.
 - Once survey results are tallied, a report could be brought back to the commission to discuss next steps after the pilot program survey results.
- Mandate quiet equipment at the pickleball courts.
 - A public hearing would need to be scheduled per the municipal code regarding changing park rules. A municipal code would need to be created in order to have legal enforcement such as fines and/or tickets.
 - City/County-wide education would need to happen for the community to understand the new rule and how/where to buy quiet equipment. Education and enforcement would fall greatly on the pickleball club to educate the community on the need for quiet equipment and the consequences if the rule is not followed.
 - Pickleball classes and programs through the Recreation Division could be provided with sleeves to use during class time to prohibit those who want to learn the sport.
- Installation of sound barriers
 - A joint fundraising effort could be run in partnership with the pickleball club, pickleball players and the neighborhood.

Based on the information gathered from other jurisdictions, it has been concluded that each site is unique and several mitigation measures may be needed. Public recreational spaces cannot be void of user noise, so the goal is for noise reduction.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the commission discuss the proposed mitigation strategies and recommend a path forward.

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None