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**From:** vany@comcast.net  
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Dear Mayor, Vice-mayor, City Council members,

4 new pickleball courts were opened this last weekend at the Fremont Tennis Center. This is great except for the fact that you must pay to use them. It seems that the Rec. dept. was able to get those courts opened SO quickly (painting lines in a day and purchasing portable nets) when there's REVENUE to be made. But suggestions from the Fremont pickleball community on the quickest and most cost effective way to provide more FREE pickleball courts have been ignored. That being converting Centerville tennis courts into pickleball courts.

The proposed PB courts at the Knoll site, I understand is being put out now for bids. The estimated completion date was for the end of 2023 but already there's word that it will be even more delayed. Delay and delay, many cities surrounding Fremont have already made free PB courts available to their community by converting tennis courts to PB courts.

The Rec. dept. has said they do not want to impact tennis players by converting courts. But this seems very disingenuous when they did exactly that, when the 4 new PB courts were opened at FTC. 1 tennis court was taken away from tennis and 4 PB courts was the outcome. But because about twice the revenue can be made by charging for 4 PB courts vs 1 tennis court, this seems to be ok for the Rec. dept.

Tennis players already have over 100% service level in Fremont with many parks having tennis courts and several with lights for night play. That's all the PB community wants, free dedicated courts with the amenities of lights for play up to 10 pm, restrooms and parking. Exactly what's available to tennis players now.

Tennis players in other communities have had to deal with the loss of tennis courts to pickleball. Why are the tennis players in Fremont so special that the city can't reduce their court numbers to allow for a sport that has seen such growth and demand ?!

Making Centerville Community Park into a dedicated Pickleball center for Fremont is such a good thing. Another possibility is to have pickleball at Centerville until the larger PB center at Pacific Commons and/or Stevenson is built. Put in portable nets and paint lines, then when the larger permanent PB center is opened, Centerville courts can be returned to tennis courts.

Thank you for your time,  
Virginia Moy