

Restore Green Lake Community Center Weekend Table Tennis

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

The Green Lake Community Center announced in September of 2021 that after 26 continuous years, they could no longer provide weekend table tennis. The reason given was that the off-hours weekend program violated cash handling policy and was non-standard within Seattle Parks & Recreation. This cut has reduced our average evening hours from about 13.5 per week to slightly under 5 hours. The gym now sits idle on Saturdays from 5 pm to 9 pm, and Sundays from 4 pm to 9 pm.

The 275 undersigned individuals are requesting that the Seattle City Council and Seattle Parks and Recreation management step in to restore weekend table tennis. A selection of their personal statements appears below.

	Name	City	Zip Code
1	Kim Goldov	Seattle	98105
2	Adam Graham Silverman	Seattle	98103
3	Carol Sonnenfeld	Seattle	98133
4	Benjamin Wu	Mukilteo	98275
5	Chun Wong	Seattle	98103
6	Amy Lin	Seattle	98115
7	Dom Saller	Seattle	98121
8	Elena Arakaki	Seattle	98109
9	Liana Li	Seattle	98115
10	Brooke Doyle	Seattle	98103
11	Eyal Yanai	Seattle	98109
12	Nainy Agrawal	Seattle	98101
13	Furkan Kavukcu	Seattle	98122
14	Danny Farra	Seattle	98103
15	Mohit S	Seattle	98133
16	Chris Chen	Seattle	98115

17	Joshua Dombal	Seattle	98115
18	Boldbaatar Tsend-Ayush	Seattle	98119
19	Ying Zhao	Seattle	98199
20	Yugarsi Ghosh	Seattle	98105
21	Emily F	Seattle	98105
22	Drew Adkins	Lynnwood	98037
23	Bill Bovey	Seattle	98103
24	Eugen Badau	Everett	98204
25	James Killgore	Edmonds	98020
26	Zephyr Pitre	Seattle	98103
27	Nikhil Kapahi	Seattle	98121
28	Justin Bell	Seattle	98103
29	Alex Sumeri	Kirkland	98034
30	John Kim	Seattle	98115
31	Xavier Talwatte	Seattle	98101
32	Michael Blatnik	Seattle	98103
33	Ryan Chan	Seattle	98101
34	Abraham Mangapit	Sequim	98382
35	David Ewton	Seattle	98115
36	Anil Kapahi	Seattle	98105
37	Erwan Lent	Shoreline	98133
38	Tsung Da Kuo	Seattle	98125
39	Kyle Wang	Seattle	98103
40	Cheyne Mott	Sacramento	95811
41	Kai Wille	Seattle	09199

42	Daryoush Mehrtash	Seattle	98119
43	Floyd Campbell	Seattle	98115
44	Allison Young	Seattle	98133
45	Phillip Yen	Bothell	98021
46	Hari Dhandi	Shoreline	98133
47	Jose Bugnot	Everett	98204
48	Neo Kita	Seattle	98119
49	Anoop Sahoo	Seattle	98125
50	Mac-Noble Brako-Kusi	Seattle	98122
51	Fred Coutts	Seattle	98119
52	Russ Berry	Seattle	98178
53	Jeremy Carranza	Seattle	98102
54	David Lin	Seattle	98102
55	Jorge Torres	Seattle	98133
56	Arvid Elias	Seattle	98117
57	Phung Ly	Everett	98204
58	Amy Scott	Seattle	98103
59	Apolo Garcia	Seattle	98119
60	Marius Richardson	Seattle	98103
61	Guyan Cool	Seattle	98122
62	John Chen	Seattle	98115
63	Christopher Eng	Seattle	98118
64	Union Palenshus	Seattle	98115
65	Scott Levy	Seattle	98117
66	Chib Osuji	Seatac	98188

67	Thomas Veatch	Seattle	98125
68	Jonathan Cady	Seattle	98125
69	Sean Walden	Seattle	98125
70	Douglas Ramsay	Seattle	98112
71	Sachin Raghunathan	Seattle	98109
72	Omar H	Redmond	98052
73	Jianguang Fu	Seattle	98125
74	Javier Maru Moreno	Lynnwood	98087
75	Brian Casey	Seattle	98107
76	Robert Wayne	Seattle	98117
77	Amir Sirous	Seattle	98115
78	Stewart Mccullough	Seattle	98107
79	Anthony Salatino	Seattle	98102
80	Side Li	Seattle	98119
81	David Pardo	Kenmore	98028
82	Yuk Law	Seattle	98115
83	Connor Farrand	Seattle	98117
84	Amy Berg	Seattle	98115
85	Paul Tomlinson	Edmonds	98020
86	Treesia Kan	Seattle	98112
87	Kittipat Kampa	Seattle	98125
88	Vishnu Sanjit	Seattle	98121
89	Jamshid Khajavi	Kirkland	98034
90	Vikramjit Ray	Seattle	98104
91	Deepak Thipeswamy	Seattle	98119

92	Phil Liew	Seattle	98177
93	Md. Hannan	Renton	98057
94	Ingrid Ho	Seattle	98121
95	Ken Yang	Seattle	98125
96	Temuujin Shaariibuu	Seattle	98115
97	Annika Elias	Seattle	98117
98	Kai Lamb	Seattle	98121
99	Jiaren Wu	Seattle	98101
100	Terrance Chow	Mukilteo	98275
101	Thor Truelson	Bothell	98011
102	Yangang Liu	Ridge	11961
103	Sergei Akulich	Kirkland	98033
104	Thi Nguyen	Seattle	98125
105	Oleksandr Fedorov	Lynnwood	98037
106	Yu Yan	Seattle	98106
107	William Kuo	Seattle	98108
108	Michael Rosen	Woodinville	98072
109	Deepak Malik	Seattle	98121
110	Joseph Calugas	Seattle	98125
111	Gray Cope	Friday Harbor	98250
112	Daniel Carp	Lynnwood	98037
113	Neven Caplar	Seattle	98103
114	Lisa Xu	Seattle	98109
115	Hans Huray	Edmonds	98026
116	Sam Tang	Bellevue	98006

117	Shuo-Wei Chang	Everett	98203
118	David Perlin	Seattle	98103
119	Richard Rice	Seattle	98107
120	Aaron Wheeler	Seattle	98103
121	Jared Rewerts	Seattle	98103
122	Fang Wang	Seattle	98115
123	Andrea Mccook	Seattle	98105
124	Eric Ensign	Seattle	98125
125	Tom Spors	Seattle	98103
126	Anmol Sharma	Seattle	98109
127	Cedric Reuter	Seattle	98115
128	Linhai Feng	Seattle	98144
129	Isaac Nichols	Seattle	98117
130	James Rillera	Seattle	98116
131	Bryan Lee	Kirkland	98034
132	Wondwosen Woldegebriel	Seattle	98126
133	Ruicong Chen	Seattle	98107
134	Nasrin Alami	Seattle	98119
135	Bana Negash	Seattle	98106
136	Perry Tobe	Seattle	98115
137	Ran Hu	Bothell	98011-2381
138	Avishek Neupane	Seattle	98105
139	Roger Lau	Seattle	98103
140	Kevin Ford	Seattle	98133
141	Saurabh Mishra	Seattle	98102

142	Lisa Zukaitis	Edmonds	98026
143	Joe Thompson	Lake Stevens	98258
144	Jacob Palmer	Seattle	98117
145	Justin Faulkner	Seattle	98112
146	Anirudh Maddula	Seattle	98122
147	Adam Worobec	Seattle	98117
148	Brad Papineau	Seattle	98103
149	Kara Kreider	Seattle	98103
150	Ainsley Lai	Seattle	98105
151	Tim Knapp	Bellingham	98229
152	Charles Piecuch	Seattle	98105
153	William Moon	Bothell	98011
154	Kenneth Chun	Seattle	98115-6435
155	Kara Hamilton	Seattle	98102
156	Teresa Mao	Seattle	98101
157	William Chen	Seattle	98146
158	Noriko Shelton	Seattle	98101
159	Kuiyue Lu	Seattle	98102
160	Yucheng Yang	Edmonds	98026
161	Sue Van Eaton	Seattle	98117
162	Eric S	Bothell	98012
163	Dave Fiorini	Seattle	98199
164	Edward Goldenberg	Seattle	98109
165	Peter Taylor	Seattle	98105
166	Russell Llave	Seattle	98109

167	Nico Lomas	Seattle	98109
168	Dave Tomko	Mukilteo	98275
169	Roger Sharp	Lake Forest Park	98155
170	Ullas Suresh	Seattle	98125
171	Kevin Kodama	Seattle	98105
172	Jessica Birky	Seattle	98105
173	Tai Tri Nguyen	Seattle	98117
174	Anna Shanks	Seattle	98115
175	Alan Bell	Seatac	98198
176	Carl Taylor	Seattle	98105
177	Tiffany Miller Campbell	Seattle	98109
178	Josephine Renken	Burien	98166
179	Lily Lou	Seattle	98103
180	Yinqing Zhu	Seattle	98106
181	Saisaketh Ramireddy	Seattle	98115
182	Xiaowen Zhu	Seattle	98105
183	Nimisha Mehta	Bellevue	98004
184	Youming Youming	Seattle	98125
185	Melanie Cope	Seattle	98103
186	Srdjan Pajic	Seattle	98103
187	Siddharth Nagendran	Ballard	98107
188	James Goff	Seattle	98102
189	Jack Reeves	Seattle	98122
190	Jim Lamb	Seattle	98112
191	Michele Sherrard	Seattle	98103

192	David Rubenson	Seattle	98103
193	Patricia Hopper	Seattle	98125
194	Hardik Shah	Seattle	98121
195	Diane Davison	Seattle	98115-4937
196	Abhiram Kadimetla	Seattle	98117
197	Jack Xuan	Seattle	98115
198	Oyvind Tafjord	Seattle	98117
199	James Earnshaw	Seattle	98133
200	Tyler Zuck	Seattle	98117
201	Brian Soriano	Seattle	98119
202	Aditya Gandhi	Seattle	98122
203	Ian Zuck	Seattle	98103
204	Joseph Kalmar	Seattle	98115
205	Kaye Agbon	Seattle	98109
206	Tuan Hoang	Mountlake Terrace	98043
207	Mepuka Kessy	Seattle	98102
208	Carolyn Hughes	Seattle	98199
209	Aaron Stayman	Lake Forest Park	98155
210	Siddharth Verma	Seattle	98121
211	Neil Bacon	Kenmore	98028
212	Jason Zhang	Seattle	98117
213	William Huang	Beltsville	20705
214	Norma López	Auburn	98001
215	Natalia Guerra-Baig	Kent	98031-2307
216	Judy Xu	Seattle	98125

217	Xing Xu	Seattle	98126
218	John Zheng	Seattle	98103
219	Wenyi Ren	Issaquah	98029
220	Alex Chheng	Seattle	98103
221	Jessica Chow	Seattle	98103
222	Akash Shinde	Seattle	98109
223	Xinyuan Tu	Seattle	98109
224	Fernando Mendoza	Renton	98058
225	Marc Symons	Seattle	98107
226	Ankur Goyal	Mountlake Terrace	98043
227	Dhrupad Rupwate	Bellevue	98008
228	Daniel Mar	Seattle	98115
229	Kapil Kumar	Seattle	98109
230	David Frank	Seattle	98115
231	Nitish Dhiman	Seattle	98109
232	Catherine Lo	Shoreline	98155
233	Jim Schone	Seattle	98103
234	Oi Do	Seattle	98125
235	Nancy Goldov	Seattle	98105
236	Ajith Jose	Bothell	98012
237	Joseph Moore	Seattle	98103
238	Hong Huang	Renton	98059
239	Vijaysimha Naik	Seattle	98119
240	Harshal Savla	Seattle	98115
241	Eric Justen	Seattle	98115

242	Jose Rivera	Shoreline	98155
243	Ruby Wu	Seattle	98101
244	Mark Hobbs	Seattle	98103
245	Kimmo Nissinen	Seattle	98118
246	Alexey Morozov	Newcastle	98056
247	Mayank Malik	Seattle	98109
248	Solomon Bate	Lynnwood	98087
249	William Parnell	Seattle	98107
250	Miguel Beltran	Seattle	98117
251	Sudeep Vaka	Seattle	98109
252	Lane Taylor	Seattle	98115
253	John Lee	Seattle	98115
254	Saurabh Nayak	Seattle	98103
255	Vishant Boradia	Seattle	98102
256	Edmund Clark	Seattle	98177
257	Ankur Gupta	Seattle	98119
258	Pamela Jeffcoat	Seattle	98107
259	Jinming Yu	Seattle	98109
260	Juan Guiriray	Lynnwood	98087
261	Otto Lau	Seattle	98105
262	Raymond Lock	Seattle	98144
263	Ryan Brennan	Seattle	98107
264	Andrew Aprikyan	Kenmore	98028
265	Andrew Duong	Seattle	98144
266	Aaron Vargo	Seattle	98122

267	Jenna Shteyngart	Kirkland	98034
268	David Lotz	Everett	98201
269	Vignesh S	Seattle	98117
270	Utako Kase	Seattle	98101
271	Jose Jimenez	Seattle	98115
272	Emily Ye	Redmond	98052
273	Rolf Kuestner	Bothell	98021
274	Nikita Gulve	Seattle	98121
275	Sing Well To	Shoreline	98177-2428

Selection of comments from players:

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Kim Goldov - Seattle

I've been the lead volunteer for the Green Lake Community Center (GLCC) table tennis program since 2007. The GLCC table tennis program has been a treasure in Seattle for 28 years. The program began when a group of players donated money to buy tables. The Green Lake Advisory Council (GLAC) also contributed and supported the program for years. Table tennis was originally offered only on Saturday and Sunday evenings with player volunteers collecting daily fees and paying monthly nominal rent. The GLCC ended the Saturday/Sunday rental arrangement 14 years ago and replaced it with a punch card system with card sales/admission fees going directly to the GLCC. Tuesday and Friday regular-hour drop-in play times were later added, and then made to be free due to City equity goals. These two remaining evening time slots are now drawing 40 to 65 players each. Table tennis is also offered one morning per week.

It was announced in September of 2021 during the COVID-19 shutdown that the GLCC could no longer provide weekend, off-hours table tennis because it violated cash handling regulations and was a non-standard program. This cut has reduced our average evening hours from about 13.5 to slightly under 5 hours. The gym now sits idle on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Discussions and meetings have taken place since then. SPR suggested we create a Community Partnership. The players group, the GLTTC, aligned with the Seattle Parks Foundation (SPF) for fiscal sponsorship and presented a proposal in which SPF would pay the cost of the recreation attendant with funds coming from player donations. This would effectively extend SPR's free weekday drop-in table tennis to weekends. SPR has not yet responded to this proposal. We are now asking that Parks management and our elected officials step in to help restore our weekend hours.

We see several ways to move forward...

- * SPR could fund more hours/week at GLCC. The advantage to this approach is that other activities could be held at the center and pool.
- * SPR could accept our proposal with SPF to pay for the recreation attendant through donations. The advantage to this approach is there would be no incremental cost to the City.

Table tennis is a world-wide sport. This diversity is strongly represented at the GLCC. Our players are 70% – 80% people of color or immigrants. They come from all over the greater Seattle region. We are all ages and genders, able bodied and persons with disabilities.

Below is a list of some of the table tennis program’s highlights and accomplishments. All of these things have been done by player volunteers.

- * The GLTTC maintains a website, glttc.org, and a 400 person email list to help promote the GLCC table tennis program.
- * Players set up, and put away the tables and ball barriers, unlike other community centers. This has been the case for all 28 years.
- * Players have repaired nets, tables, and barriers when needed.
- * The GLAC purchased netting that volunteers used to create a full gym divider system.
- * Five major all-day Saturday/Sunday tournaments were held between 2008 and 2012. The 2011 tournament featured an exhibition match with Mayor McGinn, and a wheelchair event won by high school student, Eric Pattison. Eric continued to train at the GLCC, and in 2014 won the US Open wheelchair event and joined the US Junior Paralympic Team.
- * In 2010, Dr. Tom Veatch started offering his free Kids-Pong coaching class on Saturday afternoons.
- * In 2016, the GLTTC collaborated with Seattle Adaptive Sports to create one of six para table tennis programs in the nation.
- * I created our unique “kanban” league in 2018. The league uses a web based system that was written specifically for the community center's open, drop-in model. The system ensures that everyone gets to play. I've put in roughly 1500 hours of development time since 2018 creating and enhancing the app.
- * I led a fundraiser in late 2019 to purchase new ADA tables and barriers. The \$6,876.85 raised was spent last December.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions.

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Chun Wong - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because as a senior retiree it would be beneficial to have a safe place to have a workout and visit with people with the same interest.

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Amy Lin - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. It’s a great place to play table tennis with others. I love this place. I made so many friends here! I would like to play table tennis on weekends as well. Thank you!

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Dom Saller - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center.

This has been such a great thing to have for the community. Often while we're playing, we'll have random people stroll in, get excited about playing, and be able to jump in and have fun with a couple of games.

Not only that. Greenlake Table Tennis is the most accessible and least elitist table tennis group in the Seattle area. The rest of them are not open and friendly to beginners (you can Google that for more details).

Thanks!

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Brooke Doyle - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . This has been a great service for our family to develop connections, skills, and a community. Please restore the weekend hours!

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Danny Farra - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . It's a totally ideal community gathering that's gets neighbors together, active, healthy, socializing, and in an accessible and free way. It brings a lot of joy to my life and I speak for many of our players (many elderly) in saying that.

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Yugarsi Ghosh - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . This has been my happy place to play and practise table tennis (ping pong). This is one of the very few places which has such a great league with nominal fee. Please provide the required funding for this to continue.

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Abraham Mangapit - Sequim

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I'm a disabled Veteran & mobility plus a sport that's conducive towards strengthening/conditioning my degenerating spine is what got me into table tennis, not to mention fun. I try to get off early from work every other Friday, drive to Kingston ferry, then drive to Green Lake Rec Ctr just so I can play Table tennis. I would really like to play on weekends where I don't worry about work.

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Anil Kapahi - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . Table tennis is a popular sport among people of all ages and brings together people of many different ethnic backgrounds and the additional cost to the city would be minimal

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Arvid Elias - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .

It's the only exercise I'm getting and the only city tax funded event I participate in

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Amy Scott - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .please my son and I would love to have more time to play and connect with others

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Guyan Cool - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center as it has been an integral part of my mental health in Seattle. I moved here recently and the first thing I did was look for table tennis and I found the Greenlake group. Since then, I have had an incredibly good time and have made tons of good friends. It has been integral in my experience to making a support group in Seattle, and to be able to spend more time, and make the program more accessible for others, would be a dream come true. Please restore the weekend hours for table tennis at Greenlake. Thank you for your time!

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Union Palenshus - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center, it's such a cool program, it's amazing that it's open to everyone, and volunteer run, truly a wonderful service. But being only on Tuesdays it is far overcrowded, it would be great to expand the days, both to allow more people to play, and to reduce overcrowding, thank you!

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Scott Levy - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. It's a truly beautiful and multicultural community of people who would take advantage of weekend play. It's what the parks and rec centers exemplify so wonderfully. Come check it out. Thank you.

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Thomas Veatch - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .

Seniors need safe exercise outlets on weekends which this terminated program long provided and would provide. Dr. Amen says the best defense against mental decline is racket sports specifically table tennis. Why would you not keep and provide special support to this program, which brings health and community connection to so many. Please restore weekend table tennis at Green Lake.

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Jonathan Cady - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center.

This program has been a lifesaver after the COVID pandemic. I've loved meeting new people and connecting with others from Seattle and bonding over ping pong.

Meeting on the weekend would be a great opportunity to play ping pong at a reasonable time and commune with others.

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Sean Walden - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . This is an amazing program that is widely used by a large part of the community and supports an incredibly diverse number of folks. It is a wonderful resource in the community.

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Paul Tomlinson - Edmonds

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .I have played on week-ends for over 12 years and would hate to see it go away. There are players of many different backgrounds playing there. Different races, religions, nationalities, politics and income levels playing and no one cares about what group you identify with. It is a true melting pot where you experience friendship with people you would not normally a associate with. Please keep this little piece of sanity open in this divided country and world.

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Phil Liew - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because I think it's great for the community to have an fun, wholesome activity for people to do on weekends. It would be a shame to shut down the program after 26 years.

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Annika Elias - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . It's a great joy and a place to get together with new and old friends while exercising.

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Kai Lamb - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . It's been a place for me to make many friends since moving to Seattle without knowing anyone here.

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Yangang Liu - Ridge

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . I found this great place during my visit of Seattle earlier this year. What a wonderful place by the beautiful Greenlake to play some Ping Pong with friendly people! A place hard to find anywhere in the world! Although I am not a local resident, I would think adding some weekend Ping Ping time is a great idea, perhaps helping bring more people to visit the area.

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Sergei Akulich - Kirkland

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center, it is a weekend tradition to play table tennis at the Green lake

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Thi Nguyen - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I fell in love with TT because of the pandemic, and since then, I've enjoyed meeting new people (something that can be excruciating as an introvert) and growing in this sport because it is the most challenging endeavor I've ever undertaken. GLCC is an amazing place to play TT! And my home CC, Lake City CC, recently

experienced a fire, and so it's been closed, maybe indefinitely, so I rely on other CC to be able to continue to play. I used to be a member of SPTTC, which is a private club in Bellevue, but it has some drawbacks: 1) it's far (16 miles), 2) expensive (\$880/year), and 3) many players there are snooty, won't play with you even if you've been there 3+ years! This last part is the part that stings the most! And this is where CC sports especially TT shines! I've had people at CC offer to help correct my techniques, give me tip, play drills with me. I feel supported and encouraged when I play at CC. GLCC stands out from other CC because there is a tournament style play, which all serious TT players need to compete, and it's the only one that does this for the community. I'm touched that it's all for FREE! which is extraordinary (SPTTC charges \$16 per tournament). Please allow GLCC to continue to expand so that it can better serve the TT community. My joy and even life purpose is found in that perfect TT stroke!

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Neven Caplar - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I have only recently moved to the Seattle area, and I have greatly appreciated the fantastic table tennis community at Green Lake center. Very rarely does one meet such a dedicated group of people who volunteer and run such a complex project. Obviously, because of their outstanding work, table tennis at Green Lake is very popular; and I am sure that weekend table tennis would also be popular and alleviate some pressure from oversubscribed weekday sessions. I encourage you to support this proposal, which would benefit so many!

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Sam Tang - Bellevue

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .I don't play any other sport and table tennis is getting killed by pickle ball revolution. Please let us stay and play and feel safe. It's dangerous out there. Ping pong players are targeted.

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Richard Rice - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Playing table tennis at the center has helped me in my recovery from 'covid isolation'. I'm havn't started to attend regularly just yet, but would be terribly dissappointed to see this wonderful offering at the GLCC discontinued.

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Andrea Mccook - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Weekend play times are important for people who work during the week. It doesn't make sense to leave the gym unused when there is demand and GLTTC has offered a solution that does not incur additional costs to SPR.

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Tom Spors - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Few opportunities exist for such recreation and community gatherings and this community is beneficial for the area.

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Linhai Feng - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center as it provides an incredibly important outlet for table tennis enthusiasts. This is also a uniquely valuable forum of community-building for Asian Americans in the Seattle and Green Lake area. I have enjoyed playing table tennis during Wednesdays and will deeply appreciate having additional weekend sessions going forward.

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Isaac Nichols - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I have played table tennis there many times, and the experience has always been a joy. There is a strong volunteer community that keeps everything running smoothly, and it would continue to expand the sport of table tennis by making it more available to all on the weekends.

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Wondwosen Woldegebriel - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center The ping pong community in Seattle is both large and broad. It brings people from all walks of life. As a transplant, I have made so many friends from ping pong and it has been a gateway for me to deepen my connection to the community and the city I call home.

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Saurabh Mishra - Seattle

I have been playing table tennis at the Green Lake community center since March.

I have always seen a lot of people taking part. If you were to visit on a Tuesday or Friday, you will see how crowded it is, despite having almost 15 tables.

People come here from not just the local community, but also from surrounding areas because this facility is unlike any other in the Seattle metro area - Its in a big area and can accommodate many people. The culture here is also fantastic.

This is in stark contrast to other community table tennis centers which have 1 or 2 adhoc tables and little to no people participating.

The Green Lake table tennis center should definitely be open during the weekend, so that people who are not able to make it on weekdays are able to play on weekends.

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Joe Thompson - Lake Stevens

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .

Please restore these table tennis times on the weekends because the table tennis community needs open play during these times and the weekday sessions are getting super busy due to lack of weekend play.

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Justin Faulkner - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center—I discovered the Green Lake Table Tennis Club in 2019 when I wanted to get better at ping pong and found a welcoming inclusive community and I absolutely love it.

Cutting weekend hours, however, means I can no longer attend as my free time is mostly on the weekends.

Please consider supporting weekend table tennis at Green Lake!

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Anirudh Maddula - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. It is a great program but I am only able to attend on weekends because of work. It seems the gym isn't even being used otherwise.

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Kara Kreider - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because ping pong is so much fun! I live in such a small place, I can't afford my own tennis table, so this would be great.

Thanks!

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Ainsley Lai - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. As a young adult in university, there are few table tennis-focused places where I can meet with others to play above a recreational level that fits with my schedule. Green Lake is just a bus ride away and restoring weekend table tennis would be fulfilling a niche that has been in the Seattle table tennis community for a while, especially among younger populations as they may feel out of place if the demographic of the sport is overwhelmingly older than them. By providing more opportunities to play, there is a greater chance to engage people my age and introduce them to a fun physical activity.

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Charles Picuch - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .Green lake table tennis has been a cornerstone of my fitness and social activities for the past few years. It offers affordable activities (social and physical) in what is a very diverse mix of folks. It seem to me that the community center is able to serve many with this very economically conservative program.

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William Moon - Bothell

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .

I have been enjoying table tennis activity at Green Lake Community Center for more than 10 years. Since I am about to retire, having to play Table tennis on weekend will be very beneficial to me and my friends - especially I can enjoy the lake and the park as well as table tennis.

Please allow us to play at Green Lake Community Center on weekends.

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Kenneth Chun - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .because more playing times is better. It increases the number of times I play.

The table tennis sessions are a good chance to meet people of different backgrounds and ages on friendly terms while getting good exercise.

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William Chen - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I live in White Center and I still transit 1.5 hours to go to this center for table tennis because I value the community that has grown here. I would visit even more often and support the community on the weekends if the activity was opened up again.

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Noriko Shelton - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . While all the Pickle Ball courts are filled with players everyday of the week including the weekend and free of charge, then asking for opening up for the weekend table tennis seems reasonable and fair for the citizens of Seattle. Prior to the Pandemic, we had the regular weekend schedule and all the tables are filled with dedicated TABLE TENNIS players and we all looked forward to playing at the Green Lake Community Center!

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Sue Van Eaton - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .because weekends are a very convenient time to play ping pong. I have made a lot of friends at gltt over the years and it has been a huge disappointment to have it taken away. Table tennis is a fantastic exercise for people of all ages and sexes and there are hardly any places locally to do it. A city of this size really can benefit from the restoration of the weekend program. So many free programs are given away in Seattle that do not benefit hardworking older folks, it seems the least the city can provide is a couple of nights of free ping pong. It's not like we're asking for a million dollar toilet. I am 74 and have been playing at the center for over 10 years. Thank you.

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Dave Fiorini - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. I am a 71 year old retiree who discovered the Green Lake Table Tennis Center (GLTTC) nine months ago. The GLTTC is a wonderful community resource for hundreds of individuals, providing physical and social benefits. Restoring weekend use of the Green Lake Community Center for the GLTTC will provide opportunities for more individuals to experience the positive benefits of the GLTTC. Thank you for your consideration!

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Kevin Kodama - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because it is the only dedicated hub for table tennis in Seattle! It fulfills a valuable need in our community!

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Carl Taylor - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center.

I regularly play with people from very different ethnicities and backgrounds, and we have formed a community out of the shared sport.

Saturdays and Sundays were a staple prior to COVID, and when it did not return, there has been a hole where that community was.

Please bring back Saturday and Sunday play.

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Tiffany Miller Campbell - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center .

It is a worthy use of taxpayer money.

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Josephine Renken - Burien

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . The time available for table tennis has been cut down to almost nothing. The group that plays at the Green Lake Center represents the almost totally over looked senior population, as well as many people of color. I fit in to both of these categories, and feel this experience has been so rewarding and valuable to my well being. Please reinstate the weekend hours to give us the chance to reap these benefits. Thank you!

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Melanie Cope - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . Table tennis has been such an important part of my fathers health and sense of community in his later years. Having a welcoming place for him to play near home has been so important for us. I hope to see it continue!

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Diane Davison - Seattle

Please restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. GLTTC has made a proposal to address the issues with weekend access to the community center. Please resume this long-running program and allow the community to maximize the use of the community center.

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Oyvind Tafjord - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Along with many others, I have participated in table tennis here off and on over the years, it's a friendly and welcoming environment for players of all abilities. The facilities and equipment are both excellent, as is the group of volunteers which keeps it going.

Participation on the Tuesday and Friday nights have been very high recently, and opening back up for weekend play would be a popular and great way to support this healthy recreation outlet. I hope you can find a way to make this work.

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Tyler Zuck - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Weekends are the only time I can play due to work and family obligations.

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Brian Soriano - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. This effort has been such a boon to the community. It's disappointing to see the Center remains unused on the weekends.

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Joseph Kalmar - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. The local community always had engaged well with the weekend hours available at Green Lake, with a full crowd every time I have played there.

It would be a shame not to continue to offer this recreational opportunity to us, and as I understand it just to leave the gym idle during these times.

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William Huang - Beltsville

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because it is one of the best sports. It's really accessible and is good for people of all physical conditions and all ages. It is a rapidly rising sport and has over 1 billion followers around the world.

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Xing Xu - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. As a first generation immigrant from China, playing table tennis is a great way to connect with our community and beyond. Since there is no table tennis available in West Seattle, extending the hours till weekends will allow full time workers like me and many others to have better flexibility to plan and practice.

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Marc Symons - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. This would enable many of us to have easier access to the facility and help the table tennis community. The demand for increased access continues to grow.

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Jim Schone - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center, specifically Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5pm to 9pm. This program provides an excellent opportunity for Seattle residents to get exercise, develop relationships with other residents and have fun - all valuable goals that match the mission of Seattle Parks and Recreation. The table tennis program at the Green Lake Community Center brings people together from all walks of life with a great deal of diversity in age, gender, and ethnicity. This program is a great use of an otherwise empty facility on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Jim Schone

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Vijaysimha Naik - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. This will be a great help to people who often cannot find the time to go play during weekdays due to work.

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Harshal Savla - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. It's hard for many of us to join the weekday session due to other responsibilities and there aren't many facilities where you can play table tennis on the weekend. The midweek sessions get pretty full so having another session on the weekend will possibly give more people more time to actually play rather than wait for a long duration between games.

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William Parnell - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Green Lake weekend table tennis was attended by players young and old. It was a melting pot of many ethnicities where everyone gets along and encourages each other to play their best and improve.

Please help bring back weekend table tennis at Green Lake! Two days would be awesome... but, if a compromise of 1 day helps make it happen then we will take what we can get!

Thank you!

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John Lee - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center because a lot of wage earners cannot come to play tennis except the weekend hours. The weekly exercise could be the only meaningful and well-balanced way of keeping their bodies and mind in good shape and form, not to mention the spirit of togetherness and empathy shared among the acquainted, old and new. Thank you so very much.

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Pamela Jeffcoat - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. Since the mid 1990's, Green Lake Table Tennis has met at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday evenings -- Saturdays 5-9 pm and Sundays, 4-9 pm. Originally it was 20-30 people and has grown over the years to include over 200 people of all ages, ethnicities and abilities. With Covid, the Center was shut down and now that it is post-Covid, we'd like to restore the weekend program.

Green Lake weekend table tennis was attended by players young and old. It was not a private club with memberships, but a welcoming space for anyone to drop in and play, encouraging each other to play their best and improve. With free training for kids on Saturdays and wheelchair accessible tables, the program has opened this activity to a whole generation of members who would like to keep playing!

Please help bring back weekend table tennis at Green Lake. Weekday evenings compete with basketball season and many other needs for Green Lake gym, and much of the year the program is curtailed on the weekdays due to these conflicts. Dedicated weekend time would allow us to serve many more people.

We understand that with budget constraints it may be impossible to do two weekend evenings. Even one evening, Saturday or Sunday, would be wonderful.

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Jinming Yu - Seattle

I'm from China and I'm visiting my daughter in Seattle. I really enjoy playing table tennis in GLCC. I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . . .

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Raymond Lock - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . The Green Lake Community Center has been a gathering place for many table tennis players on the weekends for over a quarter of a century. It would be wonderful to continue going forward.

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Aaron Vargo - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center.

I've been playing table tennis at Green Lake for nearly 15 years, since I was 13 years old. Table tennis is great exercise and fun, but without weekend table tennis at Green Lake, there hasn't been enough opportunity to play in Seattle. The times that are available to play are shorter and often crowded, which means more time spent traveling to table tennis and less time actually playing. Restoring weekend table tennis at Green Lake would not only provide an opportunity to play on weekends, but would also likely reduce the crowding of weekday table tennis, creating more opportunity to play for all Seattleites.

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David Lotz - Everett

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center as it was before the Covid Pandemic.

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Utako Kase - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center . It has been a great place for me to meet people, stay active, and improve my table tennis skill. It is also where I first met my husband 6 years ago through table tennis.

We would be very sad if this opportunity is taken away, please reconsider this decision.

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Jose Jimenez - Seattle

I am petitioning you to restore weekend table tennis at the Green Lake Community Center. For the last 2 years I have attended every week to play table tennis at Green Lake. It's part of my weekly routine to go play and hang out with my friends. I would appreciate your consideration.