



Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

December 2020

With the pandemic spiking in our area, while we take a breath and take a break from pickleball, we wanted this newsletter to focus on keeping everyone informed about everything pickleball in our area. And it's all promising!

Amazon smile

When purchasing online, we encourage you to continue using [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) as a way to not only purchase things safely but to have part of the proceeds go to your favorite charity, the Santa Fe Pickleball Club!! As of November 2020, we have earned over \$5 which seems meager but if only a few people are using amazonsmile, can you imagine the benefit of having the majority of members use the site!!! I now have amazonsmile.com as one of my bookmarks to remind me to go there instead of just amazon.com



City

It's been very encouraging to hear directly from city Parks and Recreation staff, the mayor, and some city councilors all stating the importance and need for creating outdoor dedicated pickleball facilities. They have heard us!! They have all said it WILL happen, but nobody can assure us of WHEN.



We have been in ongoing communication with the Santa Fe Parks Department on finding locations for converting present tennis courts or building new pickleball courts. We gave them information from the poll that we recently sent out about preferred pickleball sites (Results: #1. Fort Marcy, #2. Larragoite, #3. Herb Martinez) and they are taking into consideration all of our voices. Our next meeting with them is in mid December.



County

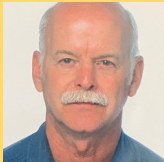
Romero Park is a new park to be developed near 599 and South Meadows. The park has many components: tennis and basketball courts, dog park, shelter, bathrooms, playground, outdoor space, and YES, 5 dedicated pickleball courts. Groundbreaking was to happen in Spring 2020 but stalled. In talking with the project manager, it is still planned for development and will hopefully break ground in the spring. I have heard this before but remain cautiously optimistic.



This has been a slower process than we would have liked but we are building relationships with the people that can make this all happen. We are encouraged and will persevere.

These are unprecedented times and the next few months look even more challenging. Seek ways that bring you peace and happiness and hope because your mental and emotional health are paramount. We will get on the other side of this.

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