

HCP Committee

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Subject: Urgent Central Maui Pickleball Issues

Aloha Karla, Mary and HCP Committee,

There are typically 30 - 35 pickleball players playing in the 2 upper tennis courts at War Memorial. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. .

We have seen that even after the recent addition of 4 new designated pickleball courts at Waipuilani in Kihei, the number of players there has risen to an average day to 70 players.. .

The War Memorial. in Wailuku unlike Kihei and Lahaina has no designated pickleball courts. There are 2 courts shared with tennis which are only reserved for 2 evenings a week. Why in the most densely populated area of the island are there not any designated pickleball courts ? We have been requesting more courts in Central Maui over the last 2 years during which time the numbers of pickleball players has grown exponentially. .

We have heard that there may be plans to build designated pickleball courts at Maui Lani Sports Complex in Kahului. This will take a minimum of at least 2 - 3 years.

There are a total of 14 tennis courts in Central Maui , 6 at Wells Park, 4 at Kahului Community Park, and 4 at War Memorial.. The 2 upper courts at War Memorial shared with pickleball are rarely utilized by tennis players.

Instead of your plan to repaint over the 2 faded pickleball court lines shared with tennis courts in the upper courts in January at War Memorial, please repaint over the entire surface, and paint 4 - 6 pickleball court lines. The tennis nets could be left in place. Players can provide their own portable nets which is a common practice throughout other counties in Hawaii and the mainland. This is a cost effective solution and could be temporary until another site in Central Maui becomes available.

Thank you,
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