

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Rod stepped up as co-chair for Michelle in our Youth Exchange Program.

Outbound we have Max (had been Thai bound until COVID) is finally getting to go and will be in Turkey this year. Corey is heading for Belgium, Rowan to Switzerland, and Grace to India.

COVID is still preventing us from having Inbounds, however.



We had 20 people show up for last weekend's yard cleanup next door to Ewing Young Elementary with gloves, rakes, pruning saws, chainsaws, torches, a log splitter and lots of cheerful energy.



Secretary Forever, Lessie Dale, announced our 100% uncontested election results. Wouldn't our illustrious County Clerk be a little envious!



Sergeant at Arms, Becky Potter, got her number drawn from the \$10x100 Pool which earned her a Paul Harris Fellowship.

PICKLEBALL was last week's topic of conversation.

Linda Sandberg introduced with a little historical context.

Pickleball's origin story is Bainbridge Island, Seattle, in 1965 and is kind of a mashup of tennis, badminton, and ping pong played on a small court.



Cheryl Greiner is secretary of Newberg Pickleball. She appreciates the social aspect of the sport because it really helped her get through a death in the family. Watching other people mingle and play drew her a little out of her comfort zone and was a very positive, growing experience.

CPRD has [indoor \(Aquatic Center\) and outdoor \(Jaquith Park\) courts](#).

Hunter Wiley, CPRD's Pickleball Advisory Committee Chairperson, talks about the operational side of Pickleball in the community.

The opening comments on a grant request to the Oregon Health Authority where a primary criteria was how to deal best with people suffering from COVID isolation. Seniors are the hardest impacted.

The directive was creating a safe environment where a large number of people can play with minimal exposure risk.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. While commonly referred to as senior friendly there are professional tiers of competition as well.

As Cheryl alluded to, half of the Pickleball experience is social engagement.

Bringing pickleball to the forefront of community activity is also good for off-season tourism. A 200-500 participant championship tournament is commonly

20% local and 80% out of town guests that are shopping, dining, and lodging here.

CPRD is proposing construction of 24 courts in covered areas of play that are open air and lit but not heated.

And, as more a participant sport than spectator, we need to be able to accommodate parking for up to 500 cars for larger events. And those larger events pay us to play here.

There are currently 47 locations to play in the Portland Metro Area and fewer than half are covered and lighted.

There are so many videos on this sport that I was unable to locate the first that Hunter played. [But the second one is here](#) highlighting the benefits.

The rules are fairly simple.

Service is underhand with paddle contacting the ball below waist level and service diagonally across the net.



The receiving team may only hit the ball after it bounces once and the serving team may only hit the first return on a bounce.

Turn-ending faults are pretty easy, too. If the ball touches any part of the non-volley zone on the serve (including the line), is hit out of bounds, does not clear the net, is volleyed from the non-volley zone, or is volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side.

A point is made by serving. And you keep serving until your team faults and the serve is passed on. The game is played to 11 points, but must have a 2 point lead.

Q: Do I have to bring my own equipment?

A: Yes, but no. There is often equipment (paddles, balls, nets) in the area of the courts so don't stress not having the right stuff!