We are seeing a continuing surge in Pickleball players at the Villages, mirroring what is happening throughout the country – and it isn't slowing down. As the game becomes more popular, so do televised tournaments and specials, drawing even more attention to the sport. As many members have commented, Pickleball even shows up in a lot of commercials these days!

To ensure we are responsible and respectful neighbors, there are certain rules we must follow. After failing the San Jose noise study, we found the SCG Quiet paddle list. Using only quiet paddles and balls, we were able to lower the sound impact significantly. Our use permit was granted, <u>requiring we only use paddles on that list</u>, as well as Onix 2 Pure balls (a slightly softer and quieter outdoor ball). <u>Balls are available for purchase</u> at wholesale cost through the website as well!

Anyone using the courts (residents and guests) must register on our website, and provide their paddle information (if they have one). It's paramount we follow the regulations and ensure the impact to our neighbors is within the prescribed limits. We also have approved paddles available to borrow at the courts. Residents should register as either member or non-member resident. The benefits of membership are many (access to demos, group play, tournaments, social events and the ball machine), but ANY resident can use the courts as long as they register and sign up on the YourCourts reservation system.

Guests are easily registered in a <u>quick four question form</u>. They can play at noon or later, and are welcome to use our paddles while playing here if they do not have approved ones.