

The SJ Planning Commission use permit requires we use “quiet” paddles and balls. This resulted in some members having non-compliant paddles and balls. We wanted to find a way to put the unsuitable equipment to good use, instead of just throwing them away.

The Villages Pickleball Club “adopted” Herbert Hoover Middle School in San Jose after meeting Greg Brown, a very dedicated Phys Ed teacher. Teachers spend a significant amount of money on supplies, and Greg is no exception. But paddles and balls can be quite expensive.

After Greg mentioned the struggle to get equipment for his students, the Pickleball Club donation program was started! We accept any old (or non-compliant) paddles. Since we can only allow Onix 2 Pure balls on our courts, we accept all other balls as well.

So far we’ve donated over 25 paddles and 200 balls to the school. Greg, along with Millie Crosby and Mario Galacia, want to share their extreme gratitude to the Pickleball Club for our assistance. Do you have non-compliant paddles or balls to donate? Contact Anahid Gregg or pickleballvgcc@gmail.com – we’ve already started collecting again!



Mario Galacia, Millie Crosby, and Greg Brown