

## Pickleball Gives Back!

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The Pickleball Club wants to remind everyone that the Pickleball Club continues to give back to our community. Peter Conk organized our shoe collection four months ago. During this time, he's collected over THREE HUNDRED pairs of shoes!

There's a big need for sports footwear (flexible and easy to fit), as the homeless live outside and are exposed to dirt and weather elements. This requires them to frequently change or seek cleaner or better footwear. It's not only for comfort, this can help to improve their quality of life; preventing foot injuries and problems. Footwear is the most requested article of clothing.

We had an amazing anonymous donor, who left \$100 in my mail tube, requesting I spend it on whatever was needed. After speaking with Peter, we purchased 13 dozen pairs of socks. We are happy to take new (or clean and like-new) socks as well. Any monetary donation will be spent in a similar fashion, and we'll report how it was used.

If you play 2 or 3 times per week, your court shoes should be replaced every 6-12 months. Not only do they lose tread, but also cushioning. Strenuous activity puts a load of 5-7 times your body weight on your joints. But – those shoes can still be used by other people! Instead of needlessly filling our landfills, please consider donating them to those in need instead!

We have placed a clearly identified collection box on the side of the Pickleball Ball Machine shed, which is right next to Court 1. Won't you help us to help others? We can also accept other types of sturdy footwear.



**Give your Court Shoes  
a NEW LIFE! Donate  
them to the Pickleball  
Club to benefit those  
in need!!!**