



July, 2018

Dear Clear Lake Yacht Club Friends

This letter is to ask for your help in funding a restoration of the Clear Lake Yacht Club Tennis and Pickleball Courts. Whether or not you play tennis or pickleball, having these courts just a walk or bike ride away is a wonderful asset of Clear Lake for our families and guests. They have hosted Youth Tennis lessons for a generation of kids. The availability of court facilities on Clear Lake helps maintain our high property values and makes our lake community unique.

The courts were installed over 40 years ago and have been resurfaced and patched numerous times. However, asphalt does not last forever and 40 years is at the upper limit. The last repair was seven years ago and cracks appeared within a year, worsening each year since. Currently, wide cracks exist in all four courts, creating an uneven, even dangerous, playing surface. We need to address issues with the subsurface of the courts to keep the surface in good shape longer.

We have had qualified experts inspect the courts and identify ways to improve the substrate and drainage in order to provide a longer-term improvement. The plan is to shred the current asphalt to eliminate all cracks and pockets. Limestone will be added to the shredded asphalt, then compacted and rolled, creating a very strong base layer. Finally, two inches of asphalt/gravel binder topped with an inch of new asphalt will be added. These different layers will act together to strengthen and diffuse ground movement. Expansion cracks will be placed under the nets, and swales will be created around the courts to divert water away from them. After a period of time to "cure", the courts will be colored and lined.

Our plan is to have two dedicated tennis courts, one court with two dedicated pickleball courts (with fencing between them), and one "combo" court for either tennis or pickleball. Please see the enclosed brochure for a rough sketch of the planned layout.

Given the state of the courts, there is an urgency to not let this go another year. We would need to commit this summer to have the work done over the Fall and Spring. The cost for the project will be \$130,000; 1st Brooks Construction will do the work. We have only \$30,000 in our tennis/pickleball account so **we need your help** in order to make this happen!

If you donate by August 15, 2018, a group of members has offered to donate an extra dollar for every \$2 pledged, up to \$40,000! But we need to raise our funds by Aug. 15 in order to take advantage of this generous match!

We are asking for your tax-deductible donation through the Steuben County Community Fund (SCCF) by Aug. 15, 2018. (See "Ways to Donate" form on back of this page.) Please ask any of the Committee members listed below if you have any questions or comments. We look forward to seeing you and your families on the new and improved courts next summer!

Sincerely,
The CLYC Court Restoration Committee

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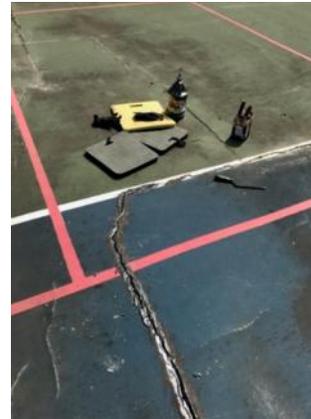
OVER PLEASE

THE NEED

**The Tennis/Pickleball Club is thriving. People of all ages are playing.
Junior Tennis lessons have been held for almost 20 years.
The courts look great from a distance.**



The problem is that the cracks on the courts have made the surface challenging (if not dangerous). Previous investments in repairs have not lasted because they did not address the subsurface substrate problem. Something must be done to structurally change the court's subsurface.



This fall we plan to grind up the existing playing surface and leave the aggregate material in place to create a new layer of our courts' foundation. Then, limestone will be added, a 2" layer of asphalt binder and a 1" layer of asphalt. The different types of substrate material will help diffuse the ground "movement" and protect the new pavement (and color layer) from cracking. Then, after sitting over the winter, the courts will be colored and lined. Swales /French drains are being considered to divert water away from the paved surface.

THE PLAN FOR OUR COURTS



Questions? Contact Rick Johnston 260-414-5135, Susan Kramer 812-549-6585, Jan Matasick 513-312-1691, Sue Stout 248-207-7138, Leo Weber 260-495-4882, or Barb Wenger 904-273-0657

WHAT YOU CAN DO

After getting input from experts and fine tuning the proposal, the cost will be \$130,000. We have about \$30,000 in the Tennis/Pickleball Club Fund.

We need broad participation to help ensure a safe, enjoyable playing surface for our current and future players.

The "Clear Lake Fund" established at the Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF) will be used for this project. Donors will receive a tax deductible receipt.

To Donate: Send checks, made out to SCCF (**with "Clear Lake Fund - Courts" in the memo line**) to CLYC, P.O. Box 668, Fremont, IN 46737

[More information about ways to donate](#)