

669 B Street
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

May 6, 2019

Mr. Chad Sweet
City Administrator
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

Dear Mr. Sweet,

My husband Bob asked me to write a letter to the city on his behalf, but I am going to express thoughts from both of us.

At first I was shocked and a little sad when I saw the Scotch Broom mowed down and the trees trimmed and cleared away from Gearhart's south dune area. So many wild and natural areas are under assault for one reason or another.

However, Bob helped me to see the grooming project as he sees it. The trimming of the lower tree branches opens up the wooded areas to an expansiveness that not only resembles a park, it allows walkers the ability to see elk before they find themselves on top of the animals. The openness also discourages unauthorized camping or accumulations of trash.

We also understand people with allergies to the Broom must be greatly relieved to see the majority of it gone. I am fortunate in that I don't suffer from that problem, and though I enjoyed the lush corridor of blossoms along the walkway to Little Beach last year, my own son is severely allergic. He can now walk from our house to the beach at this time of year without his eyes and airways swelling up.

Bob appreciates this manicuring project's results very much, and I am seeing its advantages too. The major consideration for me is the stewardship of the elk herd. The "park" is much safer for people, thereby making it much safer for the elk. In the words of Anne Lamott, "...trees, grass, and the rest of the natural world (including elk -- my addition) are incredibly beautiful and precious."

And that brings me to some additional words of gratitude. Thank you so much for stepping up the efforts to educate us humans by increasing the elk information signs at all beach approaches and for adopting the no-feeding rule.

People we meet on our walks through the dunes or on the fire road express their appreciation as well. Perhaps with more understanding and better carefulness, fears can fade and a new wisdom will emerge that will enable all, human and animal, to enjoy and share the earth's gifts of nature and of life we have here in such abundance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script. The top line reads "Rae Marie" and the bottom line reads "Bob".

Bob and Rae Marie Zimmerling

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We commend the work of interested individuals and city government as they are considering the evolving needs and desires of the community that they represent. I am looking forward to helping in any way when the city officials are able to take the next step for this proposed plan.

Thank you for your consideration of the approval of this city recreation endeavor.

Sincerely,

I have been teaching pickleball in my P.E. classes over the last few years. It ^{has} quickly become one of my students favorite units. It is the worlds fastest growing sport today and popularity will only increase in the future. I would personally love to see Gearhart tennis courts facilitate more pickle ball access.

Brian Sigler, Gearhart resident

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Pat Bettridge

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Georgene St. John

Ann Marie St. John

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To City Council,

Our North Coast Pickleball Group is so pleased Gearhart is considering making the use of the tennis courts a public PB Court. We are presently in the area, really need public courts for Pickleball
Ava H. Hall

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but we need your help!

THANKS

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Fastest Growing Sport in the U.S! - we need more local opportunities & Gearhart tennis courts would be wonderful! Andrew Stein/Gearhart