

## **Proposal to Bring Back Pickleball to Oakwood Manor**

At the October 20, 2017 Oakwood Manor Board Meeting, the Oakwood Manor Board approved placing the request for reinstating a Pickleball court on the January 2018 annual meeting ballot. The Pickleball Club would like to reinstate the court in the parking lot where it was previously located. The full cost of reinstating the court would be covered by the Pickleball Club. There is NO COST TO OAKWOOD MANOR RESIDENTS.

Thoughts expressed at the meeting were, "I do not play Pickleball so I do not want to spend the money for the court." There is NO COST TO OAKWOOD MANOR RESIDENTS. Also suggested, "it is a parking lot." As you pass through the parking lot, notice that there are never any cars parked in the space where the court was situated. "It is not fair to residents of nearby homes." Play will take place only during daylight hours. Residents walk through the premises at all hours near homes and are heard chatting. There is noise from people in the pool. These are wonderful sounds of an active congenial place to live!

We are asking residents to please vote YES to bring Pickleball back to Oakwood Manor. Oakwood Manor has the insurance for Pickleball and we have the equipment necessary to set up the court as it was previously at NO COST TO OAKWOOD MANOR RESIDENTS except a minimal cost for Pickleball Club members. Rubberized paint would be applied to the surface in the parking lot where we previously played.

Last year we had many residents and their visiting families who used the Pickleball court and everyone enjoyed the January 2017 annual Pickleball tournament. Pickleball has become one of the top sports enjoyed by many in Florida. It is a fun way to stay healthy, active and youthful while socializing with fellow neighbors at Oakwood Manor. This activity would certainly attract buyers. Please support our efforts to make Oakwood Manor a 21<sup>st</sup> Century place to live where we can all benefit from having this wonderful activity on our premises. We hope you will join us on the Pickleball court for lots of fun and social interaction.