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Neighbor Survey Regarding River Forest Tennis Club Lighting

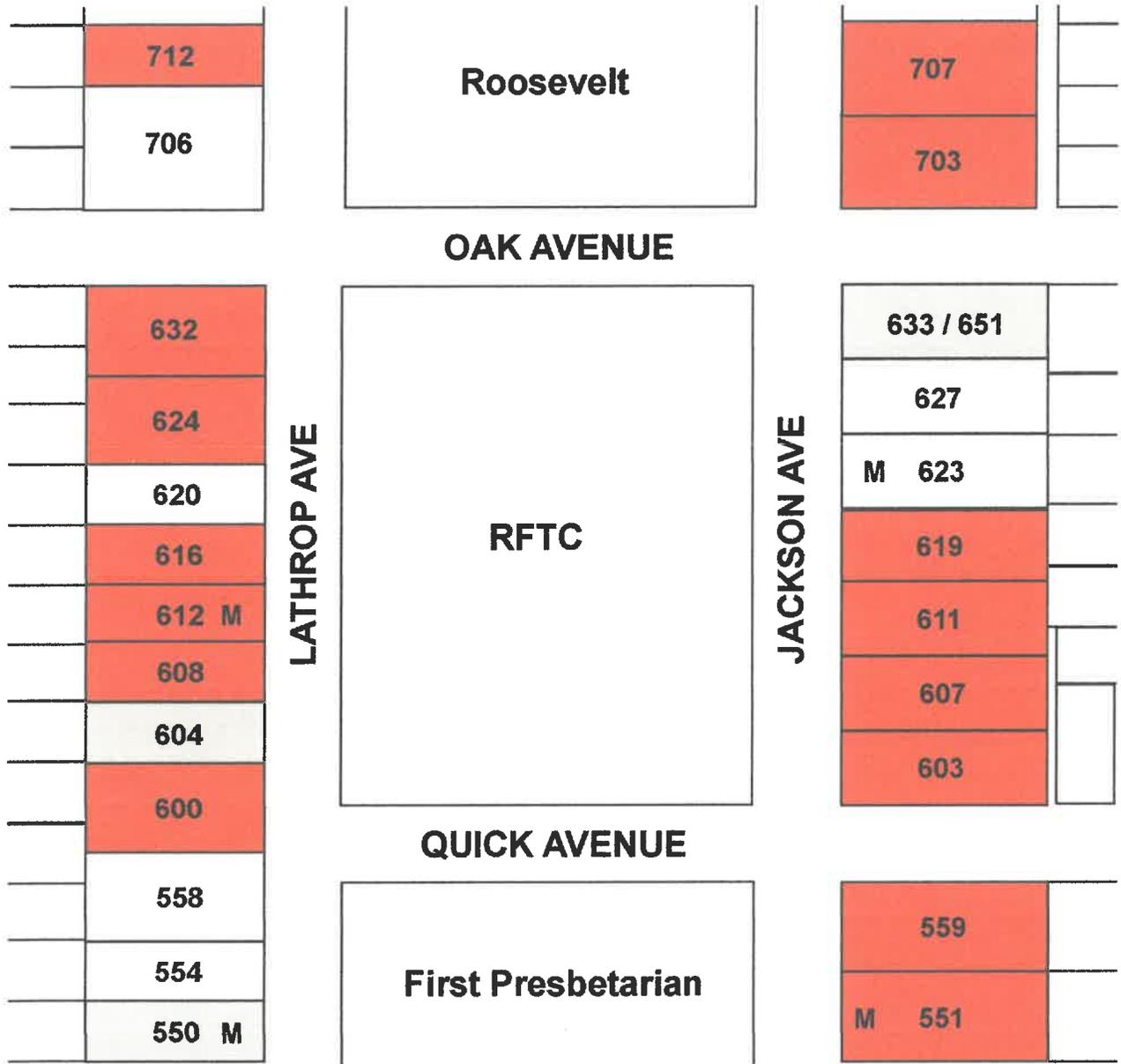
Purpose of Survey:

Determine if the neighbors of the RFTC who will be the most affected by the addition of lights and extension of hours of operation, are either in favor or opposed to the installation of new court lights.

#	Name	Address	Cell (Include If Opposed to Lights)	Email (Include If Opposed to Lights)	Signature	For (✓)	Against (✓)	Member of RFTC (Y/N)	Date
1	MONIKA BLOCK	559 JACKSON	708-790-0029	blockparents@yahoo.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/27/25
2	Carey Palmer	611 JACKSON	708-305-2923	caroline.stansbury@stratford.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/27/25
3	Kristen Lee	600 Lathrop	773-405-2676	kristenlee1@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/27/25
4					<i>[Signature]</i>				
5	S. SOPPIT	612 LARK	708-		<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	Y	10/27/25
6	Jeanne Cal	612 Lathrop	708-917-2940	jeanne@bare-feats.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/27/25
7									
8	Debbie Damokis	603 JACKSON	708-341-1000		<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/27/25
9	Adina Block	559 JACKSON			<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/28/2025
10	Jonathon Kirt	608 Lathrop Ave	617-429-9602	joannandjohntenn@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25
11	Joanh Cho	668 Lathrop Av	213-321-1292	"	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25
12	Michelle Hughes	624 Lathrop	310-683-8871		<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25
13	Paul Waters	632 Lathrop Av	312-878-1805	megya33@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25
14	Mack Hoxby	712 Lathrop	708-514-5621	westside.mack@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25
15	Sery Hoxby	712 Lathrop	708-790-2910	teacherjanejshoxby.com	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	N	10/29/25

RFTC Line of Sight Neighbors

Visual Representation of Petition Signers



Key	
	= Against Lights
	= Unreachable
	= No Opinion
M	= RFTC Member

Jessica Spencer

From: Carey Palmer <caroline.stansbury@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Jessica Spencer
Cc: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Re: [External] Email address for David Crosby, Chair of the DRB
Attachments: Request for Recusal and Statement of Concern Regarding Application 25-0012.pdf

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Hi Jessica,

Thank you for the offer to forward on my email to David Crosby of the DRB. I'm also CC'ing Matt Walsh, as I would like the email below and attached letter to enter into public record. Many thanks for your assistance.

Dear Chairman Crosby,

My name is Carey Palmer, and I reside on the 600 block on Jackson Avenue. I was among the residents who addressed the Development Review Board at its most recent meeting. Since that time, my neighbors and other community members have joined together in support of the attached letter, which we are submitting collectively.

I was raised in River Forest, on the 800 block of Keystone, and returned to this community to raise my own family. My deep roots here shape my commitment to preserving the character and well-being of our neighborhood. It is for this reason that I have been closely following the River Forest Tennis Club's application to add lights to their courts. As neighbors of the River Forest Tennis club, many of us have expressed our deep concerns about the impact of the proposed development, especially the disruption to daily family life due to noise, traffic, and light pollution.

In addition, my fellow neighbors and community members have serious concerns regarding the ethical implications of the application and the potential conflict of interest, given that, to the best of our knowledge, a majority of the DRB committee are active members of the River Forest Tennis Club. As of November 17th, 94 River Forest residents have signed the attached letter requesting the recusal of DRB members who also have RFTC membership from further discussion, deliberation and voting on application #25-0012. We expect that number to grow as we initiate an organized campaign to the public.

Thank you for your service to our village as the Chair of the Development Review Board, and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Carey Palmer

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Carey Palmer (Stansbury)
708-305-2923

Date: November 18, 2025
To: Chairman Crosby, Village of River Forest Development Review Board
CC: Matt Walsh, Village Administrator
Subject: Request for Recusal and Statement of Concern Regarding Application #25-0012

Dear Chairman Crosby,

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit this letter to formally request that any commissioners of the Development Review Board who are members of the River Forest Tennis Club recuse themselves from deliberating, discussing, or making final recommendations regarding Application #25-0012, the proposed Amendment to Ordinance #3863, which seeks approval to install lighting to illuminate the tennis courts at the River Forest Tennis Club, scheduled for consideration on December 4, 2025.

We also wish to express our concern that a sitting member of the Development Review Board has been permitted to serve as an applicant for a proposal of this nature. Given the scope and impact of this application—and the fact that it conflicts with key objectives outlined in the Village’s Comprehensive Plan—we believe this situation raises significant ethical and procedural concerns. Allowing such dual participation risks undermining public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the review process and establishes an unfortunate precedent for future cases.

We respectfully request that these concerns be entered into the official record and given full consideration by the Board.

Sincerely,

Dino Agudo, 707 Jackson, River Forest, Illinois, 60305

Azucena R. Agudo, 707 Jackson, River Forest, Illinois, 60305

Susan L. Altier, 12 Ashland Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

Vanessa Anderson, 608 Bonnie Brae Pl, River Forest, IL 60305

Martha Arendt, 801 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL, 60305

Tony Arendt, 801 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Damitha Bandara, 703 Jackson Ave. River Forest, IL, 60305

Anushya Bandara, 703 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Debora Beckett, 435 William Street, Unit 403, River Forest 60305

Monika Block, 559 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, IL
Adam Block, 559 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, IL
Deborah L. Borman, River Forest, IL
Michael Burdeen, 818 Jackson Ave. River Forest, IL 69395
Sarina A. Butler, 435 William Street, Unit 804, River Forest, IL 60305
Kate Butterly, 1102 Monroe Avenue River Forest
Jeanne Calabrese, 616 Lathrop Avenue
Christopher Chan, 619 Jackson Ave River Forest, IL 60305
Maggie Chan, 619 Jackson Ave River Forest IL 60305
Susan Charrette, 42 Keystone Ave, River Forest, IL
Sheba Chiplunkar, 126 Ashland, River Forest, IL 60305
John P Conmy, 23 Keystone Ave, River Forest, IL 60305
Diane Conmy, 23 Keystone Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305
Debbie Damolaris, 603 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305
Peter Darley, 607 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305
Karen Darley, 607 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305
Ronald Davis, 411 Ashland Avenue 6E River Forest, Ill 60305
Kevin Devlin, 551 Jackson Avenue River Forest, IL 60305
Ann Dulin, 7612 Division River Forest, IL 60305
David B. Dwyer, 616 Lathrop AV River forest, IL 60305
Glenn Eckstein, 8125 Lake st, River Forest, IL 60305
Beth Erdman, 33 thatcher avenue river forest, IL 60305
Jeanette Fair, 29 Thatcher, River Forest, IL 60305
Bryan Gillis, 710 Park Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305
Lucia Giudice, 146 Keystone Avenue River Forest IL 60305
Paul Harding, 559 Ashland Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

Nadine Horwitz, 330 Park Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Mark Hosty, 712 Lathrop River Forest 60306

David L. Hoyt, 935 Lathrop Avenue River Forest, IL 60305

Benjamin Irej, 739 Monroe Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

Emily Isenberg, 626 William St, River Forest, IL 60305

Diana J, 743 William St. River Forest, IL 60305

C Allison Jack, 147 Thatcher Ave. River Forest IL 60305

Andrea Keeney, 710 Park Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305

Jonathon Kirk, 608 Lathrop Ave River Forest IL 60305

Julie Kuchenbecker, 314 Forest Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Jay Kuchenbecker, 314 Forest River Forest IL 60305

Bridget Kulla, 101 Park Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Diana Lauber, 7215 Oak Ave. River Forest 60305

Daniel Lauber, AICP (President, American Institute of Certified Planners 1992-1994, 2003-2005),
President, American Planning Association (1985-1986), 7215 Oak Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Andrew T. A. Lennie, 232 Franklin Ave River Forest, IL 60305

Jayne Magrady, 814 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Brendan Magrady, 814 Jackson Avenue, River Forest

Jess Martin, 539 Ashland, River Forest IL 60305

Andrew McCarthy, 620 Lathrop Ave River Forest IL 60305

Holly McCarthy, 620 Lathrop Ave., River Forest IL 60305

Ray McDonald, 534 Jackson ave. River Forest, Ill 60305

Layne McGinn, 557 Franklin Avenue, River Forest IL 60305

Margaret Metzger, 314 Franklin Ave., River Forest, IL 60305

Magdy Milad, 7314 oak, river forest

Pierangela Murphy, 1223 Park, River Forest IL 60305

Kathleen O'Neill, 822 Jackson Ave, River Forest IL 60305
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Carey Palmer, 611 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305
Bradley A Palmer, 611 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305
Whitney Parchman, 130 Ashland Ave., River Forest, IL 60305
Mary Ann Parolin, 924 Clinton Place. River Forest Il 60305
Savannah Paul, 39 Franklin Ave, River Forest, IL, 60305
Stephanie Petersmarck, 1401 Clinton Place River Forest IL 60305
Natalie Raghu, 559 William st River forest IL 60305
Lindsay Rask, 742 William, River Forest, IL 60305
Eric Rask, 742 William, River Forest, Il, 60305
Phyllis B Rubin, 411 Ashland, 6B, River Forest, IL 60305
Ben Ruggiero, 603 Clinton Place River Forest IL 60305
Kiley Ruggiero, 603 Clinton Place, River Forest, IL 60305
Janet Saeger, 435 William St. unit 801, River Forest, IL 60305
Aman Sandhu, 45 Franklin Ave
Milap Sandhu, 45 Franklin Ave, River Forest, IL 60305
Terri Schroeder, 915 Bonnie Brae River Forest, IL 60305
Adam smith, 330 park ave river forest l'll 60305
Tanju Sofu, 1407 Clinton Place
Stephen Soppet, 612 Lathrop River Forest , Il 60305
Jeanette Spadavecchio, 1130 Monroe Ave, River Forest, IL 60305
Elise Spadavecchio, 818 Jackson Ave, River Forest IL 60305
Lee Stansbury, 815 Keystone Ave. River Forest IL 60305
Kimberly steinke, 743 thatcher river Forest Illinois 60305

Karen Stierwalt, 231 Thatcher Ave

Michael Stolarski, 743 Thatcher, River Forest, IL

Claire Turner, 114 Des Plaines Avenue Forest Park, IL 60130

Heather Vanderberg, 223 Thatcher Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

James C Vecchio, 1130 Monroe River Forest, Illinois 60305

Paul Waters, 632 Lathrop Ave, River Forest IL 60305

Joseph wendt, 836 William River Forest is 60305

Iris Saavedra Zaldivar, 616 Ashland ave river forest il 60305

Mary Anne Zeh, 836 Bonnie Brae, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Krystle Reavy <krystlereavy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 6:56 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Krystle Reavy
554 Lathrop Avenue

From: LA T <leslieanntuzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:50 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] River Forest Tennis Club - Light The Courts Letter of Support
- Leslie Tuzi
Attachments: LATuzi RFTC Court Lights Support Letter .pdf
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Hello Matt,

I hope this email finds you well. I am attaching my letter of support to install lights at the River Forest Tennis Club.

Thank you for your service to our community, consideration of my position and attention to this matter.

Regards,

Leslie Ann Tuzi

Many things in life will capture your eye; follow those that capture your heart.

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November 20, 2025

Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the RFTC proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts. I have been a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) since 1997, have served on the RFTC Board four times and was the President of the RFTC during the 2014-2015 season. So, I am intimately familiar with Club history and usage.

During my 28-year membership and service to the Club, I can attest to the significant increase in interest in tennis and the use of courts. Within the past five years, usage has increased dramatically, which is wonderful for our community of players of all ages.

For context, RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swimming lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone Park. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LAT', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leslie Ann Tuzi

Former River Forest Tennis Club President, 2014

118 Keystone Avenue

River Forest, IL 60305

From: Andrew Drake <andrewdrake10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 5:59 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 1449 Thatcher Avenue, and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,
Andrew Drake
1449 Thatcher Avenue

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Andrew Drake
Bad Moon Talent

From: Andy Basney <Andy.Basney@plantemoran.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

In addition, RFTC continues to be a good neighbor that contributes positively to the local community. RFTC's summer junior tennis program is open to the public and we all believe strongly in the development of the next generation of tennis players, locally.

Sincerely,

Andy Basney
1326 Jackson Avenue, RF

Andrew M. Basney, CPA, MST | Partner | Tax

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From: Brad Wallace <bwallac2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Support of RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the River Forest Tennis Club's (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts—a project that will deliver far-reaching benefits to families, children, and the broader River Forest community.

RFTC is a treasured village institution, providing a home for more than 400 families and welcoming both members and non-members to participate in tennis and swim programming. As a parent, I deeply appreciate how the club promotes health, recreation, and connection for people of all ages and abilities. For those of us with young children or busy work and school schedules, the addition of court lights would make it possible to enjoy tennis and wellness activities in the evening—allowing valuable family routines and quality time to coexist with recreation and sport.

Beyond individual families, the impact of this project will be felt throughout our community. RFTC's youth programs are open to all local children, not just members; last year alone, 281 children participated in our junior tennis offerings. With added lighting, the club will be able to expand these programs into cooler evening hours, accommodate more students, and better support player development—strengthening the health, social bonds, and opportunities available to local youth.

Furthermore, improved evening access at the club will relieve demand on public park courts, such as at Keystone Park. When RFTC courts are unlit, club members must often use public lit courts, reducing availability for non-member residents. By extending hours and increasing capacity at RFTC, we can make more court space accessible for everyone—without any cost to the Village.

In summary, approving the RFTC lighting proposal is a thoughtful investment in the well-being of our families, the youth of River Forest and neighboring communities, and the overall vibrancy of village life. I respectfully urge you to support this enhancement to a cherished local resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Wallace
601 Franklin Ave.

From: Brenna M. Brown <brennambrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 9:13 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full SUPPORT of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young children, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my husband and I will be able to play after the children are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

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Sincerely,

Brenna M. Brown
1443 Franklin Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Brett Lutz <brettmlutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 7:26 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My family has been part of the River Forest Tennis Club community for many years. Both of my children grew up learning to play tennis on these courts, and my son now proudly competes on the OPRF High School tennis team. RFTC has been woven into our family's experience of growing up in this village, and we've seen firsthand how meaningful this space is for so many in our community.

In reviewing this proposal, I personally spent time going through the detailed lighting studies and associated materials. I was impressed by the level of rigor, the reliance on top professionals in the field, and the careful consideration given to minimizing spillover, glare, and any broader neighborhood impact. The thoughtfulness behind this plan gave me confidence that it supports both the needs of players and the quality of life for nearby residents.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution serving more than 400 families, and it offers tennis and swim lessons open to all—not just members. Adding responsible, modern lighting will extend evening access for working families, students, and regular players. It will also help relieve pressure on our public parks, particularly Keystone, by increasing private court availability and thereby opening up more public court time for other residents, all at no cost to the Village.

We fully recognize that decisions like this must balance many perspectives. As long-standing residents and active members of this community, we hope our voice is part of that conversation as well. This project reflects a thoughtful, community-minded enhancement to a resource that has served generations of River Forest families, including my own.

I respectfully urge you to approve this improvement.

Sincerely,

BRETT LUTZ

615 Thatcher Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Catherine Chavez <catherine.chavez19@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 8:58 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My husband and I have been members of RFTC for 15 years. We joined the club initially so that our young son (now 20) could have a place to swim. What we now enjoy most about the club are the lifelong friendships we've made and playing the game of tennis. Tennis is considered one of the healthiest sports in the world. Besides improving cardiovascular and bone health, tennis has mental health benefits such as improved cognitive function, stress reduction, and improving overall happiness as it's a social game. Tennis is a sport that people can play for many years. RFTC courts are a softer clay surface making it easier on the joints and more accessible for all ages.

Given the many benefits of tennis, we want to make the courts available for a longer time into the evening hours. We have found that it's often hard to see the ball after 7pm during the summer and sometimes early evening on cloudy days. The ability to turn on court lights in the evening would greatly improve the visibility and allow more people to play at RFTC.

Keystone courts have lights and are being used in the evenings by many in the community already. So that RFTC members and guests can also enjoy evening tennis, please vote in favor of adding lights at RFTC.

Sincerely,

Catherine Chavez

1344 Lathrop Ave, River Forest

From: Charles Lucchese <chu_dearbornrealty@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: The River Forest Tennis Club
Subject: [External] Lights

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We are a community lacking area for recreational activities this is an opportunity to add to our community some where to go after work .

From: David Wear <dwear2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 3:30 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lighting Proposal

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Dear Village Board Members,

On behalf of our family—the Wear family (David, Christine, Mila age 7, and Beckett age 5)—we are writing to express our strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club’s proposal to install lights on its property. We live at 749 Ashland Avenue, just two blocks from the club, and we believe this improvement is essential to maintaining the vibrant, welcoming community that makes River Forest so special.

The Tennis Club is far more than a place to play tennis; it is a hub for fellowship, activity, and inclusion. Our son Beckett, who lives with a rare neurological disease, benefits tremendously from the club—not only through swimming and recreation but also through the social interaction that is so vital for his development and well-being. The ability to extend play into the evening, within reasonable hour limitations, would allow members to remain active and engaged, fostering stronger connections and participation.

For families like ours, lights would mean we can enjoy tennis after work or once our children are settled for the night—without sacrificing family time. And for the many kids like mine who participate in the club’s junior programs, extended hours would help sustain these opportunities that are open to the broader community.

We understand concerns about lighting, and we appreciate the need to be good neighbors. The club has committed to using modern, down-facing LED technology designed to minimize light spillage, which is far less intrusive than other existing installations in the area.

We respect differing opinions, but as close neighbors ourselves, we feel much of the opposition is overstated. The club is not elitist—it is a philanthropic, community-oriented organization that enriches River Forest in countless ways. Allowing lights will ensure the club continues to thrive as a positive force for health, friendship, and inclusion.

We urge the Village Board to approve this proposal and help preserve the spirit of community that defines River Forest. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to making our village a wonderful place to live.

Warm regards,
David Wear

749 Ashland Avenue

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David Wear

BS, CAPM

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

749 Ashland Ave.

River Forest, IL 60305

From: Ekow Mensah <ekowmensah@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 5:39 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Ekow Mensah
1139 Lathrop Ave,
River Forest, IL 60305

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Brand Strategist, Innovation fanatic, and Amateur Racecar Driver
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From: Hallie Drake <hallie.stephens@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Hallie Stephens Drake
1449 Thatcher Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Jason N. Sposeep <JSPoseep@sdfllaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External]

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Jason Sposeep
1044 Forest Ave
River Forest, Illinois 60305

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From: Jody Schwartz <jody.schwartz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:07 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
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Sincerely,

Jody Schwartz
739 Belleforte Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302

From: Joey Graves <joseph.graves@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] In support of RFTC's responsible lighting plan

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Sincerely,

Joey
Graves

610
William Street

From: John Lawrence <j_lawrence@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:42 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting - In Support of adding lights.

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

I
live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 522 Jackson Avenue and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts. I've been at this address since 2010, and my family has owned the home since 1977.

I
am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We
already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School, First Presbyterian Church and Jewel. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM, and the lights will only be on for the courts in use.

These
lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

I
would also add that the concerns around noise in this area are greatly exaggerated - we have a constant hum of traffic on Lake (plenty of busses & trucks), Chicago and Lathrop during the times of use that are proposed, along with noise from the Union Pacific train lines that are far louder and reverberate significantly more than any noise created by playing tennis. Not to mention that on any given summer night, we have kids out on our streets, dogs barking and people gathering in their outside spaces. All of these noises are just part of what can be expected in a vibrant & active community. The minimal addition of sound from RFTC will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

John Lawrence

From: Kim Goldschmidt <fourandout@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:44 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lights

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Matt,

I wanted to reach out to you personally to ask for your support for the club's request to install lights on our tennis courts.

I've been a member since 1981. During that time, annually, anywhere from 12 to 20 new families join the club. There is a process, but every family interested in joining has an opportunity to become members. There are many wonderful memories of families who have enjoyed watching their kids grow up in the club. Aside from that, we accept annually an abundance of young kids from non member families who benefit from the pool and use of tennis courts. So we are a very inclusionary club.

Our pool has been lighted until 9 o'clock ever since I've been a member and it hasn't been an issue for neighbors. I doubt that there have been many complaints to the Village regarding the pool. With new technology, lighting our courts, should also be a non issue.

In your position, I can appreciate how difficult it is to please everyone. However, any concerns that a few villagers might have won't be an issue after the installation. Their quality of life will not be impacted while countless others will benefit.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kim & Susie Goldschmidt

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lindsey Silver <lindsey.gift.silver@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 6:47 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live at 730 Lathrop Ave, just steps away from the River Forest Tennis Club and am writing in support of the Club's plan to install lights on the courts.

I'm a member of the Club since 2021 and a RF resident since 2019 and am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church which actually makes me feel much safer at night when I am walking the dog or even just driving alone down Lathrop. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

As a household with a middle school aged family, we are constantly balancing all of the boys' activities, stressful jobs, and trying to give ourselves an outlet for wellness both physically and mentally which tennis does for us. With court lights, there will be many less times where we will have to choose between kids activities or work for our own personal wellness. This is the current balance so many are facing.

Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement. These lights are a minimal imposition that allow a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Silver

From: Lucchese, Vincent <Vincent.Lucchese@us.dlapiper.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

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1323 Jackson Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305

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From: mark vincent <markvi651@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 1:32 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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I am writing to express strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,
Mark Vincent
835 S Elmwood Ave
Oak Park IL

From: Matthew Heater <mattalanheater@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 3:27 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Tennis Courts

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Dear Matt Walsh,

I'm writing to express my support for adding lights to the RFTC tennis courts.

This improvement would be a big win for our community. Lighting extends court access which in turn promotes health, recreation, and community connection.

The designed lighting is efficient both in terms of energy and impact (spillage).

Thank you for considering this enhancement that benefits residents of all ages.

Sincerely

Matt Heater // 842 William St, River Forest, IL 60305

From: mensahmarie@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 4:21 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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My husband FREQUENTLY needs to play somewhere else that has lights as he plays after dark OR we both need to play early mornings (before the light is up in early spring or late fall) as that is when we can squeeze in a play.

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Sincerely,

Marie Mensah
1139 Lathrop Ave
River Forest IL 60305

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Mensah Consulting
mensahmarie@gmail.com
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From: Nicholas VanDerSchie <vanderschie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Nicholas VanDerSchie
1241 Monroe Avenue, River Forest

From: Peter Krauss <pkrauss45@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for the River Forest Tennis Club lighting proposal

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To the Village President and Trustees of River Forest,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to install lights on the tennis courts at the River Forest Tennis Club. My wife and I serve as co-chairs of the Club's Junior Tennis program, which provides meaningful recreational opportunities not only to club members but to families throughout our community. **Last year alone, 281 children participated in our program**—making it one of the largest youth recreational offerings in River Forest.

The addition of court lighting would allow us to responsibly and significantly expand this program. With more illuminated hours available, we will be able to accommodate additional juniors on the waitlist, host more after-school sessions, and offer expanded evening programming for teens—an area of recreation that is currently limited in our village. As you know, River Forest is under-indexed in park and recreation space relative to comparable communities. This project gives us a rare chance to meaningfully increase youth recreation capacity without requiring new land, new structures, or new taxpayer funding.

Importantly, **the proposal would triple the number of lit courts available in River Forest**—from the five currently at Keystone Park to a total of fifteen, with the ten additional courts at RFTC. All of this would come at no cost to taxpayers, while delivering substantial community benefit.

I also want to recognize the thoughtful, iterative way the Club has approached this process. **The RFTC board and project team have taken neighbor concerns seriously and made multiple refinements**—adjusting pole heights, improving shielding, reducing the number of fixtures, limiting operating hours, and adding landscaping—to ensure the design is as respectful as possible to surrounding homes. The resulting plan reflects care, compromise, and genuine partnership with nearby residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Peter Krauss
1347 Jackson Ave, River Forest IL, 60305

From: Randy Keller <55rkeller@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Sincerely,

Randy Keller
711 Ashland Ave
River Forest, IL 60305
c (773) 991-5344
55rkeller@gmail.com

From: Robert Gore <robertglennore@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:31 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Robert Gore
935 William St, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Roger Stetson <roger.h.stetson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I grew up playing tennis under the lights with my parents. After dinner, my three brothers and parents would head out to the courts for some family doubles over the weekend. It was a great family tradition that I hope we can replicate with our four young kids who are just starting to enjoy the sport. With the growing popularity of paddle and racket courts, which is a wonderful trend in River Forest, securing available courts in the community's public options, such as Keystone, can be a challenge. With the passage of this proposal, there will be another option for families to enjoy this sport in the evening and reduce the competition for court time amongst the publicly available lit courts providing the whole community an increased opportunity to enjoy an active evening together. On balance, this proposal is a plus for the whole community and I hope you give it your support.

Sincerely,
Roger Stetson
102 Park Avenue
River Forest, Illinois 60305

From: Steve Zoller <SteveZoller@zscpa.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 4:50 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Proposed lighting on tennis courts

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Regarding the additional family and community recreational time we could obtain by lighting the River Forest Tennis Club courts....*at no expense to our village*... I'm All for That.

I attended the earlier meeting . The objections centered on 3 main ideas. Excessive Lighting. Excessive Traffic. Excessive Noise.

EXCESSIVE LIGHT: I know vast improvements have been made with throwing the light down (on the court). I listening to the testing which showed very little (if any) of the light jumped outside the club perimeter and made it to the street. Even if it did, Jackson is a dark street and it could welcome that small amount.

EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC; This is not like a concert or show letting out where 300 people jump in their car and head out. People would be leaving the club sporadically. Small groups. Some might walk. Parent and child would likely leave in one car.

EXCESSIVE NOISE: I can't figure this one. You cannot hear players talk if you are on the sidewalk outside the club *trying to listen*, yet about across the street and possibly in your house. The netting must prevent sound. The only time I have ever heard the sound of a racquet when it hits a ball at high speed is when the college kids come in early September... and they play for 2 days in late morning and early afternoon.

I have sat on boards. These are hard decisions. I do think our *community benefits* from continued improvement to our facilities to meet the ever-changing times. **I wish you well in your determinations.**

Steve Zoller
527 Jackson Ave. 708-705-7449

Never underestimate the importance you can make in a person's life

From: Tim Ruby <tjruby@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 5:53 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Tim Ruby
558 Franklin Ave
River Forest IL 60305

From: Trevor Norrington <trevornorrington49@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:52 AM
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Sincerely,

Trevor Norrington
1434 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Garrett Olson <garrett.olson2022@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com; Cathleen Buckley (Google+)
Subject: [External] RFTC Lights
Attachments: RFTC lights note to RF Village (2025.11.21) 0857.pdf

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Please see attached. Thank you for your consideration.

Garrett Olson and Cathleen Buckley
339 Keystone Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I would like to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

There are a number of benefits for the community (not just RFTC members) by adding the lights:

- 1) It alleviates over-crowding at Keystone tennis/pickle courts in pre-dawn and post-dusk hours, because RFTC members that would typically go to Keystone during that time can now play tennis at RFTC.
- 2) RFTC can extend the times of the junior programs that are available to RFTC and non-RFTC members. Both allowing for more evening tennis lessons, but also extending tennis lessons later in the Fall.
- 3) Extending the tennis season and hours of tennis would also allow for more employment opportunities for local teens and others involved in the tennis club tennis program and court maintenance. Many of the tennis instructors, grounds team and management staff are local River Forest community members.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Garrett Olson and Cathleen Buckley
339 Keystone Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: McConnell, Greg <GMcConne@winston.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Letter in support RFTC Light the Courts Campaign
Attachments: c- RFTC lights.doc

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Please see attached. If you more/different, please let me know. Greg

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Gregory A. McConnell
312-404-3645
mccconnell726@gmail.com

November 21, 2016

Village of River Forest
Board of Trustees
City Hall
400 Park Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

RE: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

As a longtime resident and member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC), I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for more than 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play in the evenings and better balance their home, work, and personal lives. It will also allow youth participants in the RFTC's summer camps (which are open to the community) to enjoy more court time in cooler time slots.

Importantly, the club has undertaken significant steps to ensure that the lights do not interfere with our neighbors. The club has committed to using modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. McConnell
312-404-3645
mccconnell726@gmail.com

From: Alex Luttschyn <alex.luttschyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:52 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 829 Lathrop Avenue and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition and I fully support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Alex Luttschyn

829 Lathrop Ave.
(810)599-8816

From: Brett Kreisman <brettkreisman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and I'm writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Thanks,
Brett Kreisman
1402 Park Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Brian Walsh <brian.reynolds.walsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 8:56 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is an historic and vital Village institution offering an invaluable recreational space, and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. RFTC also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all community residents, not just club members. Increasing the usable hours on the court, especially in the evening, will allow more of our community to use these spaces without having to rush home from work or school.

As an RFTC member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like swimming or playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Brian Walsh
833 Clinton PL

From: Casey Wendeln <cwendeln@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:21 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] In support of RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. The addition of lights will also allow for play later into the season and allow for more flexibility for youth tennis programming. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Casey Wendeln
1026 Park Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Damon Ranieri <damon@clancyranieri.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 6:56 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live near the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 539 Franklin Ave. and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns will not materialize in reality, given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology. I personally have worked with architects, lighting engineers, construction managers, and electrical contractors and have seen the rigor involved to ensure light pollution is controlled to the greatest extent possible.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM. If light pollution becomes an issue for the neighbors adjacent to the courts, these types of luminaires would be close enough to the ground that additional coverings could be added to the fencing surrounding the courts, mitigating such an issue.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Damon Ranieri

River Forest, IL 60305
773 484 8005
damon@clancyranieri.com
www.linkedin.com/in/damonranieri

From: Dan Wasiolek <danwasiolek@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for River at Lighting Forest Tennis Club

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Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Dan Wasiolek

1400 Bonnie Brae

River Forest, IL 60305

From: David Weiss <davidjweiss215@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC30605@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights for all tennis courts at RFTC

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Matt,

As an avid tennis player that gets home late from work, I support lights for all of the courts at RFTC.

Thank you,

David Weiss

Sent from my iPhone

From: ELAdesign <ELA_design@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Pamela Kende

1115 Bonnie Brae

River Forest, IL 60305

From: Elyse Forkosh Cutler <elyse@boula.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 3:53 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting Project

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Dear Mr. Walsh-

I am writing to ask that the Village approve the River Forest Tennis Club's lighting project. Approving the RFTC lights will directly benefit the entire community by increasing the use of private courts. This, in turn, reduces demand on our public park courts, making them more available for the community, at no cost to the Village.

Currently, in the evening in the spring, summer and fall, playing tennis is now only possible at Keystone park. Those same courts are also lined for pickleball so tennis and pickle players compete for court time. RFTC members are often on these courts after dark, as are many community residents that are not RFTC members. As a result, the courts at Keystone are very busy-- mobbed in fact. Community members frequently turn around and go home because it is impossible get a court. This has happened to me on numerous occasions.

If the RFTC lighting were to be approved, this would leave the pressure at Keystone and more community members would be able play tennis in the evening. More opportunities for recreation, some public, some private, benefits everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elyse Cutler
629 Thatcher Avenue
River Forest
312-391-1112

From: Greg Embree <gregory.embree@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:38 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Greg Embree
326 Ashland

From: Joanna Schubkegel <jschub@me.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:49 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lighting Proposal

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I'm writing to express my support for the River Forest Tennis Club's proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts. RFTC is a valued community institution that provides recreation for over 400 families, and its tennis/swim lessons are open to the whole village. Extended hours from these lights mean more opportunities for members to play in the evenings, while helping to ease demand on our public parks like Keystone.

Importantly, this project comes at no cost to the Village and will free up public courts for broader community use. I urge you to approve this beneficial upgrade to our cherished local club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joanna Schubkegel
1401 Jackson Ave

From: Josh Schubkegel <jschub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:44 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am reaching out to share my enthusiastic support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to add modern, downward-facing LED lighting to its courts.

As a longstanding and essential part of our village, RFTC provides a valuable recreational outlet and enriches the lives of over 400 families in River Forest. In addition, its tennis and swimming lessons are offered to everyone in the community, not only club members. Adding lighting will extend the hours the courts can be enjoyed, especially later in the day, making it easier for members to play after work or school without feeling rushed.

Notably, increasing court availability at RFTC will help reduce demand on River Forest's public parks, such as Keystone. When the club's courts are not accessible, members frequently turn to public, lit facilities, which limits use for other residents. The proposed lighting upgrade—at zero cost to the Village—will improve access to paddle sports throughout the community by opening up more space for everyone.

I respectfully encourage you to approve this important improvement to a valued Village institution.

Sincerely,

Josh Schubkegel
1401 Jackson Ave

From: kerrybathrick@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:23 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,
Kerry Bathrick

From: Leonardi III, Louis <lleonardi@thebeverlybank.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com; Ximena Leonardi
Subject: [External] Lights at the RFTC

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I support adding lights to the RFTC Tennis Courts. The plan they have provided will have minimal impact on the neighborhood.

I live 1 block over from the RFTC and I am in favor of the light plan.

Lou Leonardi
609 Ashland Avenue

Louis V. Leonardi III
Executive Vice President
Wintrust Commercial Banking
5300 West 95th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Tel: 773-298-4733
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From: Mark Iammartino <mark.iammartino@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 11:06 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights

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Dear Village of River Forest,

I am writing in support of the lights at the River Forest Tennis Club. As a RFTC member and nearby resident (622 William), I strongly believe adding lights at the RFTC will overall provide stronger recreational opportunities in the Village by elongating the opportunity to play tennis through the summer.

I find myself unable to play as much as I would like because in the evenings when I have the most time, it is often too dark to play at RFTC and there is often very limited availability at Keystone, especially with the popularity of pickleball that creates even more demand for Keystone courts. It often seems to be a 50/50 proposition of being able to secure a court at Keystone during the hours I'm most available to play, not to mention the challenge of parking at Keystone especially when there is baseball or other activities occurring. Installation of lights at RFTC will broaden everyone's tennis access by redirecting some of the Keystone demand to the RFTC.

I also don't believe the light pollution will be a significant issue as the lights will be less intrusive than those at Roosevelt or even the church. My understanding is that the lights will be similar if not better than the ones lighting the tennis courts at OPRFHS, which are far closer to residences than any of the RFTC courts.

I hope the Village approves the RFTC application for lights.

Thank you,
Mark Iammartino
622 William St

Mark Iammartino
mark.iammartino@gmail.com
+1.312.371.7967

From: Matt Hennis <matthennis224@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:33 AM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my full and enthusiastic support for the proposed installation of lights at the River Forest Tennis Club.

I grew up in River Forest and spent countless hours as a child and teenager just down the street at Grace Lutheran Church and playing tennis at the club. The River Forest Tennis Club has been a cornerstone of our community for generations, offering a welcoming place for kids to learn the game, for families to stay active, and for players of all ages to enjoy this lifelong sport.

I am very much in favor of adding lights to the courts. In my view, there is simply no significant downside, especially given the thoughtful way the club is approaching this project.

The River Forest Tennis Club has an outstanding, long-standing record of being an exceptionally responsible and considerate neighbor. Whether it's managing noise during parties and special events, keeping the grounds immaculate, or addressing any community concerns promptly, the club consistently puts the neighborhood first. I am confident that same level of responsibility will continue with the new lighting.

The proposed lights will be modern, low-glare LED fixtures with full shielding designed specifically to minimize light spill and prevent any meaningful light pollution. These are not the harsh, old-fashioned floodlights that shine into neighboring yards. Today's tennis-court lighting is engineered to keep the light on the courts and only on the courts. Neighbors who may be worried about glare or sky glow can rest assured that the club is choosing a solution that respects the residential character of the area. Adding lights will allow the club to serve the community even better, more court time for juniors after school, more opportunities for working adults to play in the evenings, later-season play when daylight runs short, and the ability to host evening league matches and tournaments that bring positive energy and visitors to River Forest. In short, the lights represent a clear win for tennis players, for families, and for the entire village, with no real downside when installed responsibly, as the club has always done.

Please approve the lighting project. River Forest will be a better, more vibrant community because of it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Matt Hennis

From: Mike McGarry <mcgarry@socraticarts.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support For RFTC Lights Proposal

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Mike McGarry
1330 Jackson Avenue

From: Oskar Berg <oskarmberg1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 7:51 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Support for lights RFTC

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Good morning,

My name is Oskar Berg. I live on 838 Keystone Avenue.
I am writing this email to show my support for adding lights to the courts at RFTC. I listened to the debate online. It was very interesting to hear everyone's perspective. I believe that there will be close to no light pollution with the proposed lights and sound generated by the tennis players will be minimal. The traffic noise from Lathrope and surrounding larger streets will be far greater. This change will benefit hundreds of tennis players, of which the majority are River forest residents.

Thank you

Oskar Berg

From: Quraish Ghadiali <quraish@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:58 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Quraish Ghadiali
1130 Lathrop Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Sean Condon <smcondo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:15 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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I am writing to express my support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

I believe it is a responsible plan for modernization.

Thank you for your work with the village and all that you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Sean Condon
106 Franklin

From: Ted Perlstein <teddyp05@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install lights on the tennis courts.

Extending court times via lights will create so many beneficial opportunities for all members, especially for youth tennis, where competing for court time is a challenge. More of these opportunities attracts new families to the community and continues to strengthen River Forest as a wonderful place to move to / raise a family. We simply must continue to evolve as a community to enhance facilities, again, to make River Forest an attractive place to move to.

Also, as an avid runner, I have personally experienced the blinding lights from Roosevelt and even the church on the north and south side of the club, all night. I can't think that the proposed RFTC lights, which will cut off at a reasonable hour, will even come close to competing with these existing lights in terms of brightness.

Please support our efforts to bring lights to RFTC tennis courts.

Sincerely,

Ted Perlstein
546 Keystone Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Tim Daly <timothy.daly@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:54 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Adult Athletics at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

Thank you for all your service to our community. We are fortunate to have fantastic local leadership.

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC). I write today in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

Far too few working adults get sufficient exercise. Especially among men, we also do not spend enough time socializing and building relationships in-person.

RFTC's tennis program is one of the most popular, well attended, and healthy athletic programs in the Village today. It is welcoming for beginners. I say that from experience as a member who'd barely held a tennis racket before we joined in 2016. For the past decade, I've played 3-4 times per week.

There's only one problem: sundown. It's impossible to satisfy the demand for court time between the end of the workday and 8pm. With court lights, dozens more adults will use the evening hours to be physically active. This simple enhancement will improve the quality of life for hundreds of River Forest families.

Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement. We take seriously the responsibility to be good neighbors. We won't let you down.

Sincerely,

Tim Daly
1024 Monroe Ave.

From: Ximena Leonardi <xim1234@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:48 AM
To: Louis Leonardi III
Cc: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Re: Lights at the RFTC

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I support adding lights to the RFTC Tennis Courts. The plan they have provided will have minimal impact on the neighborhood.

I live 1 block over from the RFTC and I am in favor of the light plan.

Ximena Leonardi
609 Ashland Avenue
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2025, at 9:45 AM, Leonardi III, Louis
<lleonardi@thebeverlybank.com> wrote:

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Lou Leonardi
609 Ashland Avenue

Louis V. Leonardi III
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From: Mary Katherine Krause <marykatherinekrause@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 12:25 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club
Attachments: RFTC Lights Support Letter Mary Katherine Krause 2025.docx

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, downfacing LED lights on its courts.

The RFTC offers critical recreational space and is an important part of life for over **400 families** in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. In fact, nearly **300 children** participated in the RFTC's junior programming last season.

By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, lights will allow more players to play into the evening, **possibly enabling two parents to play in one evening while toggling nigh-time parenting responsibilities.**

Park and recreational space is tight in River Forest. Increased utilization of the RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private tennis and paddle courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which **reduces availability for everyone**. This project, **at no cost to the Village**, will make paddle sports, which are in extremely high demand, significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Mary Katherine Krause
7301 Greenfield Street, River Forest, IL 60304
RFTC Member since 2007

From: bpswinton@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 3:10 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com; Teresa Gonzalez
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Village President and Trustees,

We live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 523 Jackson Avenue and we are writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

We are aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but we believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming including our three children.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. Our family supports the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Thank you,
Swinton Family
523 Jackson Avenue

From: Melissa Lutz <melmlutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 6:48 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My family has been part of the River Forest Tennis Club community since 2020. Both of my children grew up learning to play tennis on these courts, and my son now competes on the OPRF High School tennis team. RFTC has been woven into our family's experience of growing up in this village, and we've seen firsthand how meaningful this space is for so many in our community.

In reviewing this proposal, I was impressed by the level of rigor, the reliance on top professionals in the field, and the careful consideration given to minimizing spillover, glare, and any broader neighborhood impact. The thoughtfulness behind this plan gave me confidence that it supports both the needs of players and the quality of life for nearby residents.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution serving more than 400 families, and it offers tennis and swim lessons open to all—not just members. Adding responsible, modern lighting will extend evening access for working families, students, and regular players. It will also help relieve pressure on our public parks, particularly Keystone, by increasing private court availability and thereby opening up more public court time for other residents, all at no cost to the Village.

We fully recognize that decisions like this must balance many perspectives. As active members of this community, we hope our voice is part of that conversation as well. This project reflects a thoughtful, community-minded enhancement to a resource that has served generations of River Forest families, including my own.

I respectfully urge you to approve this improvement.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lutz, 615 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

From: Michael Elsen <mselsen1222@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 6:22 AM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

I live in
the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 700 Ashland
Avenue and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its
courts. I bought my house knowing the club had been here for over 100 years and
there might be upgrades to it.

I am aware
of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns
are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED
lighting technology.

We already
experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and
First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures
that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court
boundaries. I disagree that it will impact sunset for neighbors because there
is already foliage and fencing that limits view the sun. I have walked the east
side of the club at this time and this is not a factor. Furthermore, RFTC has
committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM. We are always respected
with neighbors and this will not create extra noise pollution.

These
lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to
thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

My wife and
I have 3 young kids, and I work most evenings until 6 pm. I really enjoy
playing paddle with the park district because I can play once the kids go to
bed and the courts are still lit. For most of the year, this is not possible at
RFTC due to lighting. This would greatly extend my use of the club and allow me
to focus on my children when I am home from work.

Sincerely,

Michael
Elsen

700 Ashland

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Michael Elsen

mselsen1222@gmail.com

(708) 623-9782

From: Steve and Laurie Nations <sl.nations@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 9:34 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lights

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Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Laurie Nations
166 N Harvey Avenue
Oak Park, IL. 60302

From: William Brander <wjbrander@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 1:15 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Installation of lights at RFTC

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Dear Park District Board,

I write this letter voicing **strong support of approving the installation of lights at the River Forest Tennis Club.**

I have lived in River forest since 1989 and feel this project will have minimal or no disruption to the peace of our fer RFTC neighbors who might theoretically be affected. Improving a community gem to improve club functionality (especially during our shoulder seasons) is nuch needed.

We are good neighbors and pay year round taxes for a club open 7 months a year.

The light design is state of the art with minimal light pollution.

Please approve this permit .

Sincerely,

William J Brander
1301 William St
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Benjamin Keith <benjamin.l.keith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President
and Trustees,

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I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Keith
620 Clinton Place
River Forest IL 60305

From: Carolyn Roche <cwil78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com; Dan Roche
Subject: [External] Support of RFTC lights

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Roche
815 Bonnie Brae, River Forest
703.517.2770
cwil78@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Heath Bray <heathbray@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 6:37 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees:

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Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,

Heath Bray
1507 Forest Avenue
River Forest

From: Allgood, Kevin <Kevin.Allgood@hubinternational.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 6:49 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] "I support adding lights to the RFTC tennis courts."

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I am a long time River Forest & Oak Park Community member and former baseball/softball coach. I strongly support adding lights to the RFTC tennis courts and know this will be an added value to the community, so often stretched for athletic facilities.

Kevin Allgood
544 Woodbine Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60302

From: Anjan Tibrewala <anjan.tibrewala@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:43 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Sincerely,

Anjan Tibrewala
1330 Monroe Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Bernadette Hoyt <bernhoyt5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:45 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Bernadette Hoyt
824 Park Ave, River Forest

From: Fernando Lau <lau.fernando@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:55 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Sincerely,

Fernando Lau
1418, Clinton Place
River Forest - IL

From: Nicholas Nigro <nicholas.nigro@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:51 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both. The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement. Sincerely,

Nicholas Nigro
935 Thatcher Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patrick Becker <patrickbecker04@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Patrick Becker
902 Park Ave
River Forest

From: Shena Keith <shenakeith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:46 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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Sincerely,

Shena Keith
620 Clinton Place
River Forest IL 60305

From: Jordan Chalmers <jordan.chalmers@bairdwarner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] letter for board meeting for RFTC lights
Attachments: Jordan letter to RF board.pdf

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Hi Matt

Please see attached my letter for next week's board meeting in favor of lights at the River Forest Tennis Club.

Jordan Chalmers
Baird and Warner Real Estate
Broker Associate
jordan.chalmers@bairdwarner.com
jordanchalmers.com
[773-301-9538](tel:773-301-9538)



Who do you know that is moving that you can introduce me to?

Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Sincerely,

Jordan Chalmers
1420 Lathrop Ave

From: Meg Chalmers <chalmersmeg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:34 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] letter for next week's board meeting
Attachments: Meg letter to RF board.pdf

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Hi Matt

Please see my letter attached in favor of lights at the River Forest Tennis Club for next week's board meeting.

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Meg Chalmers
606 Speech, LLC
meg@606speech.com
(773) 339-9349 Cell
(312) 500-5034 Fax



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Subject: Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,

Meg Chalmers
1420 Lathrop Ave

From: Paul Tuzi <paul.tuzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] River Forest Tennis Club Lights - Letter of Support - Paul Tuzi
Attachments: Paul Tuzi RFTC Lights Letter of Support.pdf

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Hi Matt,

Attached please find my letter of support for the River Forest Tennis Club petition to install tennis court lights. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Tuzi
312-731-7770
paul.tuzi@gmail.com

November 25, 2025

Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the RFTC proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

I have been a River Forest resident since 1991 and a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) since 1997. I have served on the RFTC Board four times and my wife, Leslie Tuzi, was the President of the RFTC during the 2014-2015 season. I am still an active tennis player at the Club as well. I play in weekly men's groups in the early evenings as I am still working during the day. I am very familiar with past Club tennis usage and current usage and challenges, especially for working adults.

Demand for tennis play, particularly in the evening, has significantly increased during my 28-year membership in the Club. Within the past five years, tennis play has increased dramatically, which is wonderful for our members and community. However, this has created a strain on court availability. There are simply not enough courts and court time available during daylight hours. Having court time availability extended with lights would solve this problem and allow more members to play without having to try to leave work early, or rush home from work or school.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swimming lessons available to all, not just members. It is important that this organization continues to serve the community and adapt to changing needs.

Increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone Park. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource that will cause little or no impact to surrounding neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Tuzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small circle at the end of the last name.

Paul Tuzi

Former River Forest Tennis Club Board Member, 2014, 2013, 2004, 2005
118 Keystone Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Peter Wood <peterliamwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Re: Letter of Support (PWood)
Attachments: PWood_RFTC_Letter.pdf

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Please find attached letter.

Thanks
Peter

Subject: Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

Date: 25 November 2025

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC), and I am writing to express my full support for the club's proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lighting on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I understand how difficult it can be to balance personal wellness with meaningful family time. Evening court lighting would allow my spouse and me to play tennis after our children's bedtime or after dinner—without having to choose between participating in the sport we enjoy and being present for our children's nightly routine. This single improvement would meaningfully enhance the quality of life for many RFTC families by making both possible.

The opportunity to play in the evening is an essential feature of a modern, family-focused club. I respectfully urge you to approve the RFTC lighting proposal and help bring this important enhancement to our community.

Sincerely,

P.L. Wood

Peter L. Wood

714 William St. River Forest 60305

From: Tony Millard <aj.millard@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:59 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights
Attachments: Support for RFTC Lights.docx

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Hi Matt,

Please find attached my letter in support of the RFTC Lights project. As noted, I believe there are numerous reasons to support the project, but I'll also highlight the note about our spending more money at the RF grocery stores, Jewel and Whole Foods. Thank you again for your consideration of the merits of this project.

Tony

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Tony Millard
aj.millard@gmail.com
708.606.8142 (cell)

Subject: The Multitude of Benefits from Adding RFTC Lights

Date: November 25, 2025

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have several positive benefits for the River Forest community, including a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children.

As a member with still relatively young kids, the court lights add to my ability to play tennis into the evening hours. In the winter, I play most of my tennis between 8p and 10p CT – being able to play until 9:30p in the warmer weather months would be an enormous benefit to me and many other members who have to balance work responsibilities and family time with our desire to be active, be outdoors and be participating members of our community.

Further, our kids are tennis players too. For my family alone, adding lights would allow the entire kids program to shift a bit later, which might open more spots for play in the earlier hours at my kids current ages. Then as they get older, the lights will certainly allow them to play at later hours, in cooler weather during the hottest summer months. Beyond my family though, the tennis program at RFTC serves the entire community, with close to 300 kids participating last summer.

I do want to emphasize one other note: During the summer, when my family spends more time at RFTC, though we are Oak Park residents, we are far more likely to do our grocery shopping at Jewel or Whole Foods in River Forest than I am to go to Pete's on Lake Street in Oak Park. The convenience factor is key, and the more time we spend at RFTC, the more likely we are to spend money at River Forest businesses like Whole Foods and the Jewel.

Please support our efforts to enhance flexibility for working families and programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,

Anthony (Tony) Millard
611 N. Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302

From: Tyler Lamkey <tyler.lamkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support Letter for RFTC Lights
Attachments: RFTC Lights Support - Lamkey 633 William.pdf

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Hello Mr. Walsh, My name is Tyler Lamkey and I live at 633 William St, River Forest, and within the 1000' radius for RFTC. Attached is my letter of support for the RFTC lights project.

Thank you,

Tyler Lamkey
847-354-3696

Subject: RFTC Lights Support

Village President and Trustees,

My name is Tyler Lamkey and I live at 633 William Street in River Forest and am within the 1000' zoning distance of RFTC. I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club lights on its courts. We did not grow up in River Forest but upon moving here in 2019 and joining RFTC, we quickly made many friends, found an immediately supportive community and also expanded our healthy activities of tennis and swimming.

My support for adding lights to the tennis courts is because it will provide more opportunities for me to spend time with my kids playing tennis after work. My wife and I are both fulltime working parents that do not get home until after 6PM every day. Tennis has become a great way for our family to spend time together, get physical activity and enjoy the summertime weather. Unfortunately, due to the fact that we both work, by the time we get home and eat dinner with the kids, it is too dark out and we're unable to utilize the tennis courts.

Please support the RFTC plan to add lights to the tennis courts as there are many working parents like me that would like to be able to play tennis with their kids after work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Lamkey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tyler Lamkey

633 William Street

River Forest, IL 60305

From: A. Amin <ali_r_amin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:26 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both. Furthermore, particularly in the later summer months, it is difficult to find court time before dusk. These lights would alleviate that issue and allow for a greater use of the RFTC tennis courts by my tennis-enthusiast family.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Ali Ryan Amin

828 Jackson Avenue

River Forest, Illinois 60305

From: adam stern <ams1117@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights for RFTC

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Dear Cathy Adduci and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Adam Stern
507 Edgewood Place
River Forest, IL 60305

From: ALEXANDR GRAVES <sandichris@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:52 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] rftc60305@gmail.com

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Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my overwhelming support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

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My family has been part of the RFTC family for over 50 years as well as being residents of River Forest for over 80 years. We understand the "ask" to the community but believe the light proposal will not only benefit the current/future RFTC members but more importantly, the entire RF community.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource... and I will be attending the DRB meeting on December 4th.

Best,

Sandi Graves
RFTC President 2024
820 William Street, RF

From: Allison Clarke <allisonhclarke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:09 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Allison Clarke
935 Thatcher Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Amelia Canham Eaton <amelia.c.eaton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Letter of Support for Tennis Court Lighting in River Forest

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Amelia Eaton, and my family and I reside at 1347 Jackson Avenue in River Forest. We are proud members of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC), where I serve as a co-chair of the Junior Tennis Program. This program not only supports club members but also welcomes the broader community, and we have seen record participation over the past year.

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to install lighting on ten courts at RFTC. The opportunity to triple the number of lighted courts available within River Forest, at no cost to taxpayers, represents a tremendous benefit to our community. With only five lighted courts currently available at Keystone, access is extremely limited. Adding lighted courts at RFTC would relieve pressure on the Keystone facilities and significantly expand opportunities for both youth and adult play.

Importantly, extended lighting at RFTC would allow the club to prioritize junior programming during daytime and after-school hours, while shifting more adult play to later in the evening, an arrangement that maximizes usage and serves residents of all ages. This is especially valuable during the fall season, when daylight hours are shorter and demand for outdoor play remains high.

I also want to acknowledge the thoughtful approach taken in the club's proposal. The plan is designed to have minimal impact on surrounding neighbors, with lights operating only when courts are actively in use, beginning with the center courts to further limit any potential disturbance.

For these reasons, I believe this project is an exceptional opportunity to enhance recreational resources, support youth engagement, and strengthen our community- again, without any financial burden to River Forest residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Amelia Eaton
1347 Jackson Avenue
River Forest, Illinois

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From: andy.hoyt@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:22 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Andy Hoyt
824 Park Ave, River Forest

From: Becky Williams <beckarific@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] River Forest Tennis Club Light the Courts

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I'm writing to share my support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to add modern, down-facing LED lights to the courts. This upgrade would make a real difference for the hundreds of kids in our community who rely on the club for healthy, positive activities—especially in the evenings when they're looking for something fun (and productive!) to do instead of wandering around the neighborhood causing trouble out of boredom.

RFTC runs a genuinely welcoming youth tennis program that's open to **ALL** kids in the community, not just members. Last year, 281 kids took part—proof that the demand is huge.

With lights, we could keep the courts open later on summer evenings when it's cooler, and also offer better after-school and early-evening options in the spring and fall. More lighting means more lessons, more chances for kids to play, and more opportunities for them to burn energy, learn skills, and hang out somewhere safe and supervised.

Approving the RFTC lighting plan is a simple way to give local kids more to do, more time outside, and more positive ways to spend their evenings. Thank you for considering this effort to strengthen and expand youth programming in our community.

Becky Williams
347 Thatcher Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Bob Slavicek <bobslav@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:05 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Supportive of Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am expressing my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

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Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space. Our family has had numerous times where we have attempted to play tennis at keystone where the courts were too full to play in the evening and this will help alleviate that.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource for the benefit of the larger community.

Sincerely,

Robert Slavicek
311 Ashland Ave

From: Brendan Bedell <bbedell20@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights at RFTC

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Hi Matt,

My family and I live at 1135 Keystone Ave in River Forest.

I am writing to express my strong support for allowing the installation of lights at the River Forest Tennis Club. This improvement would provide meaningful benefits not only to club members, but to the broader community.

First, adding lights would significantly extend the availability of recreational opportunities in a safe, well-controlled environment. With many families and working adults unable to play during daytime hours, evening court access would promote healthier lifestyles, increased physical activity, and greater community engagement. This is especially valuable in the spring and fall months, when daylight hours are limited.

Second, the Tennis Club has demonstrated a long history of responsible stewardship and cooperation with the neighborhood. The club's plans for lighting—using modern, energy-efficient, and directionally shielded fixtures—would minimize light spillover and ensure that nearby homes are not adversely affected. Many similar clubs in surrounding communities have successfully added lights using this technology, and they have reported negligible impacts on neighbors.

Third, the ability to host evening play would support youth programs, adult leagues, and lessons that enrich the community. These programs foster social connection, skill development, and positive recreational alternatives for residents of all ages.

Finally, allowing these upgrades aligns with River Forest's commitment to supporting community organizations and enhancing local recreational infrastructure. Thoughtfully designed lighting is a modest, reasonable improvement that will serve residents well while respecting neighborhood character.

I respectfully urge the Village to approve the Tennis Club's request. The benefits to health, community vibrancy, and recreational access are substantial, and modern lighting systems provide an effective way to meet these needs without disruption.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

Brendan Bedell

From: Brian Zavalkoff <b.zavalkoff@chesleytaft.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:39 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Brian Zavalkoff
602 Forest Avenue
River Forest, IL, 60305

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From: Catherine Young <cyounggdyke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:39 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Lights at 6:15 Lathrop

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Dear River Forest Village Board,

I am a lifelong River Forest Resident. I am in support of allowing The Club at 615 Lathrop to have zoning for lights. Please consider approving this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Catherine Greendyke

826 Keystone

River Forest

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Lynn <chris.lynn@jcinvests.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Play at River Forest Tennis Club

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Evening play is an important feature of a modern, family-friendly club. I respectfully ask that you approve the RFTC court lighting proposal and support this beneficial improvement for our community.

Sincerely,

Chris Lynn

JC Investment Management
1100 Lake Street, Suite 210G
Oak Park, IL 60301
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312-268-7471 (fax)

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From: Colin Dowdall <ctdowdall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 5:01 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for the RFTC Light the Courts Campaign

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Colin Dowdall
807 Keystone Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Dave Cutler <dave@boula.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: Please Support and Approve

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I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

There is already bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization. I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

David G. Cutler
629 Thatcher Ave., River Forest

From: David Henkes <dhenkes@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 711 Franklin Avenue, and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

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Sincerely,

David Henkes
711 Franklin Avenue
River Forest, IL
(708) 218-7774
dhenkes@sbcglobal.net

From: David Langenmayr <dlangenmayr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:52 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My wife Lauren and I, along with our two active boys, have absolutely loved living in the close-knit community that is River Forest. One of the key parts that has made this community our home has been the RFTC. Between work and kids after school/camp activities there's only so much time in the day for parents to find time to get a physical workout in. Court lighting would allow Lauren and I to play tennis after our boys are in bed or after dinner, instead of choosing between a workout and being home for their evening routine. This simple enhancement would meaningfully improve the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to enjoy both family time and recreation.

Evening play is an essential component of a modern, family-friendly club. I respectfully ask that you approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to support this important improvement.

Sincerely,

David Langenmayr

From: Elli Cosky <elli.cosky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:38 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support lights at RFTC

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My name is Elli Cosky and I live at 755 William Street. As an urban planner, I have reviewed the plans and the lighting scenario.

I have heard the neighbors' issues and I believe RFTC has made concessions on timing and lighting that reflect the respect that the neighbors deserve.

As someone who has reviewed these types of plans in the past, I believe RFTC has done the appropriate measures to diminish lighting and be respectful to the community. I believe that this proposal is within the rights of RFTC it would be an asset to the area.

I believe the lights will allow more RFTC members to use the RFTC courts, rather than Keystone. I also believe that the accommodations RFTC have made for this application have gone above and beyond to ensure the neighbors will not be negatively impacted by the lighting.

Thank you for taking this application into consideration.

Sincerely,
Elli Cosky

From: Emily Brown <emilynbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Tennis Court Lighting at the River Forest Tennis Club

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To the Village President and Trustees:

I am writing to express my support for adding lighting to the River Forest Tennis Club courts. This improvement would increase access for members and community families, especially for those who cannot play during daytime hours.

Extended evening availability would ease the current strain on morning court use and allow more residents to enjoy tennis for recreation and exercise. Modern lighting technology also provides efficient, directional illumination that minimizes spillover and disturbance to nearby homes.

The Tennis Club is a valuable community asset, and lighting the courts would help ensure it remains accessible and widely used.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully encourage the Village to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Emily Brown

926 Jackson Ave.

River Forest, IL 60305

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From: Erik Lindberg <erik12lindberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:22 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for lighting at RFTC

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Village of River Forest
400 Park Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Re: Support for Adding Lighting to the River Forest Tennis Club Courts

To the Village President and Trustees:

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of lighting for the tennis courts at the River Forest Tennis Club. This improvement would provide meaningful benefits to it's members, families, and the broader community, and I hope the Village will give serious consideration to approving this enhancement.

Even during the spring and summer months, available daylight hours can be limiting for those who work or attend school during the day. Adding appropriate, well-designed lighting would extend safe and accessible playing time, allowing more people to enjoy tennis for recreation, exercise, and social connection. It would also help relieve the current bottleneck on court availability during morning hours.

Importantly, modern court-lighting technology offers efficient, directional illumination that minimizes spillover, glare, and impact on neighboring homes. With proper planning and thoughtful implementation, the Village can ensure the courts remain a good neighbor while still meeting the needs of the community.

The River Forest Tennis Club has long been an asset to the village, encouraging active lifestyles and fostering community engagement. Lighting the courts would expand these benefits and help ensure that this resource remains vibrant and accessible for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to enhancing quality of life in River Forest. I respectfully encourage the Village to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Erik Lindberg

918 Jackson Avenue

River Forest, IL

From: Gina Paglio <gina.paglio@pasqua.it>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:37 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting RFTC Lights

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my passionate support for the installation of the court lights at RFTC. I have been a resident of the Village for five years and joined the club this past summer. I became a member because it offers an active, social and is a family-friendly environment. In just a short time, RFTC has become a central part of our summer experience. I went from being a tennis beginner to developing a true passion for the game.

While the club offers wonderful access to its courts, I often struggle to find time to play during daylight hours as a working mother. Balancing my career and being present for my children during dinner, homework and bedtime makes it difficult to participate in the sport I love. The addition of lights would make it possible for me to uphold all of these values: caring for my family, committing to my career and staying physically active in a vibrant community setting.

Thank you for considering my perspective as a River Forest resident and mother. I truly hope you will support this request.

Sincerely,

Gina Paglio (Luca and Liam's Mom 😊)

Gina Paglio

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From: Hugo Chavez <hschavez.hugo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:49 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts. A block from our house Constitution Park has recently begun a major renovation which is a welcome upgrade for the community. The proposed lights for the River Forest Tennis club likewise will improve the accessibility to its members using zero public funds.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

Sincerely,

Hugo Chavez
1344 Lathrop Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

From: J Keller <jmarissak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 711 Ashland Avenue and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Jill Keller
711 Ashland
Ave
River
Forest, IL 60305

From: Jamie Gilpin <jamiecgilpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:15 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Eric Gilpin
547 Jackson Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Jane Norrington <jwnorrington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Approving Tennis Court Lighting at RFTC

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To Whom it May Concern,

I hope you're well as we enter the holiday season. I'm writing to share my strong support for the proposed installation of lights on the courts at RFTC. As we enter the season when daylight seems to disappear almost as quickly as it arrives, these courts sit unused not because of a lack of interest, but simply because darkness makes them inaccessible.

Modern, focused LED lighting like the thoughtfully chosen ones done by our committee, offers a thorough solution with our nearby neighbors in mind. It provides safe, controlled illumination without the issues associated with older, less-directed systems. Communities across the country have implemented similar installations with great success, expanding recreation hours while maintaining neighborhood comfort which is important to me because this is my community of friends and I want everyone to live in harmony.

At the previous Village meeting, I know you heard passionate voices opposing the project. I respect those concerns but I also want to ensure the many residents who support enhanced recreational access are equally heard. Tennis is one of the most inclusive, year-round, multigenerational activities offered that is reported to extend your life up to 10 years. Lighting extends opportunity not noise, not disruption, just access.

Approving this petition means:

- More safe, healthy outdoor activity for all ages
- Lighting and people around provides a level of safety for everyone in the village
- A solution that is technologically designed to minimize glare and spill
- Strengthening the sense of community, especially during the darker months

I understand how many issues the Village must balance, particularly at this time of year. I urge you to vote in favor of the lighting proposal.

Thank you for your time and your service to our village. I appreciate your consideration and hope we can look forward to a future of well-lit but thoughtfully lit evening tennis.

Bright regards,
Jane Norrington

1434 Jackson Ave

River Forest IL 60305

917 232 5498

From: Jeff Veazie <veazie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 12:46 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Support for lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club's proposal to install lighting on the tennis courts.

The RFTC offers a critical recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families (including my own) in our community. The addition of lighting in a thoughtful way as proposed, will benefit the community for years to come. Allowing for a few extra hours of play, in particular in the months of early sunset, will provide an immense benefit to the hundreds of community members that regularly play tennis there.

The village must not become paralyzed by fear of progress or beholden to narrow-minded interpretations of what the River Forest Comprehensive Plan seeks to accomplish. A healthy community allows for progress and investment in community institutions such as this.

I urge you to approve the lighting proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeff Veazie
517 Keystone Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Joe Castillo <joe.castillo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:34 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Joe Castillo
806 Jackson Ave
River Forest, IL 60305

Thanks,
Joe

From: John Beck <johnbeck72@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

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Sincerely,

John Beck
1321 Monroe Avenue

From: John Griffin <johngriffin1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for proposed lights for River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear River Forest Village Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

For background, my wife Jennifer and I lived in the village for 30 years, first on the 200 block of Ashland, and then for 25 years on the 700 block of Thatcher. I served for nearly 10 years on both the Development Review Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. I am also a past Treasurer and Club President of RFTC, where we've been members since 1990. On top of all that, I grew up in Oak Park and attended Fenwick where I first started to play tennis with Keystone Park as our team's home courts. I have continued to play there and at Washington Park ever since. So our roots in the village and the community run deep.

With all of that as our personal background, we want to emphasize that the River Forest Tennis Club is an historic and vital institution in our village. It provides an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lighted courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

John M. Griffin
625 Grove Lane
Forest Park, IL 60130

From: Jordan Golz <jordan.d.golz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:34 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Court Lights Support Email

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am Jordan Golz, and my wife (Jennifer) and children (Micah Adam and Aeva) and I are members of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC). I am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. I typically arrive home from work around 6:00 from the city and want to spend the couple of hours left of my kids' days with them having dinner and doing bedtime.

With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This, for what it's worth, is a battle we fight weekly during the spring, summer and fall seasons where we'd love to be able to do both. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families like mine by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club that values parents' ability to both spend quality time with their children and quality time with fellow community members.

Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Jordan Golz

611 Thatcher Ave

From: Justin Winerman <jwinerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,
Justin Winerman
547 William Street

From: Kristen Carey <careykj1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Rftc lights

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Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Kristen Carey
1044 Forest Ave
River Forest, Illinois 60305

From: Kristin Bailitz <kristinbailitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:54 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 723 Ashland Ave and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Kristin Bailitz
723 Ashland Ave.

From: Kyle Rettberg <kylereittberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:58 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear River Forest Village President and Trustees,

Although I am not a resident of River Forest, I spend a lot of time engaged in athletic activities there, both as a privilege holder at the River Forest Tennis Club, and as a passholder at the Keystone Park paddle tennis court. I am writing to express my strong support for RFTC's proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It offers tennis and swim lessons to all of the community, not just club members or privilege holders. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without imposing any undue intrusion on neighboring residents.

Making more court usable court time available at RFTC will both allow more time for youth lessons and programs – which, again, are available to non-members – and will also relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will racket/paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Thank you,
Kyle Rettberg
1030 N. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302

From: Kylee Bray <kyleebray@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:15 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees:

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Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,
Kylee Bray
1507 Forest Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Larissa Ghadiali <grover.larissa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 5:45 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

I am
writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC)
proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Larissa
Ghadiali
1130
Lathrop Ave
River
Forest, IL 60305

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Larissa K. Ghadiali

From: Lauren Perlstein <perlsteinlauren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Pro-Rftc Lights!

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Lauren Perlstein
546 keystone ave river forest, Illinois 60305

I'm writing to confirm our full support for installing lights at RFTC. This improvement is not just a convenience, it's essential for maximizing access to the courts and strengthening our community.

Lights would significantly extend usable hours, especially during months when daylight is limited. For working parents, busy families, and students with after-school commitments, evening availability is often the only realistic time to play. Expanded hours would also allow the club to offer more inclusive programming and meet growing demand.

Most importantly, lights would give tweens and teens a safe, healthy, and productive place to be in the evenings. With so few positive options for this age group, providing an active, supervised space where they can spend time, build skills, and connect with friends is invaluable.

We strongly believe that installing lights is an investment in our kids, our families, and the long-term vitality of RFTC.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Lisa Vincent <lvin510@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:11 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,
I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.
As a member with a family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.
The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.
Sincerely,
Lisa M. Vincent

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Brown <brownmkb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:51 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights

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Mr. Walsh:

I would like to communicate my support for the RFTC Lights Proposal. This will greatly enhance the club experience which is good for the community as a whole. Please communicate this support to the RF Board of Directors and relevant sub-committees.

Thank you,

Mark Brown
926 Jackson Ave
River Forest

From: Michael Hyrczyk <mhyrczyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:55 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club.

Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Thanks,
Michael
847.309.5760
mhyrczyk@gmail.com
2044 N 77TH CT
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

From: Michael Mattick <michael.mattick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:34 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Living Close and Supporting Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear
Village President and Trustees,

As someone who lives a block away from River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC), and who can see the courts from my bedroom window, I am writing to express my strong support for the RFTC proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a longstanding institution in our village and offers highly valuable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. My children took lessons there as public non-members at the time. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to miss educational and professional responsibilities. I am confident that all children will still be able to get their homework done with the limited time that the lights are on at the club.

Increased use of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often use the fantastic public, and already lit courts. This reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make racquet sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

As a close-by neighbor, well within 1,000 feet of RFTC, we already experience light from dated lighting fixtures from the existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries -- and when they are not in use, the lights will not be on. The idea that adding lights will have a contributing factor of meaningful increased traffic seems ill-understood to me. I know that the majority of people using the courts walk or bike, and Oak is already a well traveled east/west thoroughfare.

Further, I
applaud the concessions that RFTC has already made in respect to neighbors
concerns by limiting hours and tweaking design. I strongly support approval to modernize
and enhance a tax-paying
Village resource.

Sincerely,

Michael
Mattick
630 Monroe
Avenue
River
Forest, IL. 60305

From: Mike Maienza <greatlakesautosports@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:22 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: A Modern Upgrade with No Meaningful Light Spillage

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 407 Ashland Ave 5K and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology.

We already experience bright light from existing facilities at Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church. RFTC is proposing modern, down-facing LED fixtures that are specifically designed to minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries. Furthermore, RFTC has committed to a conservative cutoff time of 9:30 PM.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,

Mike and Susan Maienza

407 Ashland Ave 5K
River Forest, IL 60305
630-936-6292 m

From: Pilar Yanics <pilaryanics@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:29 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporter of RFTC lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts. With courts currently limited to daylight hours, adding lighting will significantly improve access for my family.

Outdoor lights will extend playing hours for my entire family. My husband and I both play, as well as our 3 children who are part of the junior tennis program. Adding lights encourages physical activity and promotes health and wellness. Additionally, lights will provide better visibility, improve safety and security around the courts. Well-lit areas reduce the risk of accidents and deter unwanted activity.

I understand there is a concern on light disturbance however, the lights chosen have been thoughtfully researched. They are down facing lights which prevent light from reaching homes.

I truly believe these lights will have a positive impact on our entire River Forest community. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Pilar Yanics
609 William Street

From: Quinn Carlson <quinnccarlson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:16 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights at RFTC

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Hello Matt,

I welcome lights at RFTC and fully support this initiative. This will make our community even stronger with more tennis, especially during the late summer and early fall.

Please let me know if I should elaborate.

Thank you for considering this!

Quinn Carlson
514 Monroe Ave
312-543-1815

From: Robin Basney <robin.basney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:07 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] Let there be light

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I'm Robin Basney, 1326 Jackson Ave.

I know many people are writing in support and I am sure I second their sentiments. I don't want to waste your time, so I'll mention something maybe no one else has.

When I drive down Lake after dark and I see the lights on the Platform Tennis. They only shine down onto the courts. It's a sea of black park outside the courts.

Also, I have two friend in Oak Park that live directly across from the Taylor Park courts, they are about the same distance or closer than the RFTC neighbors, and they have no issues with the lights.

Thank you and happy holidays.

From: Samantha Winerman <sdwinerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:13 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Our daughter participated in ever class offered last summer and was so upset when it started to get dark earlier and classes were stopped.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,
Samantha Winerman
547 William Street

From: Shama Patel <shamahi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:52 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Light the courts, living close to RFTC

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I've been a resident of River Forest for the past 9 years and have lived a block away from River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC). The community of River Forest, the 100+ year old RFTC, our schools, proximity to city of Chicago is what has made River Forest an extremely desirable suburb to live in. I am writing to express my strong support for the RFTC proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My love for tennis began with RFTC. I started playing tennis in my 40s when I joined the club and I can say it has helped me with my mental, emotional and physical well being. In addition, our young children (ages 6 and 11) have taken interest in the sport. I look forward to spending time on the court with them. Especially as a mom of two boys, it's one of the activities that has allowed us to bond with each other. I work full time so I have very limited opportunities to play, especially when it starts to get dark earlier from September onwards. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, the lights will allow more opportunities to play without having to miss educational and professional responsibilities. In addition, increased use of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone where pickleball has been particularly popular and offers limited court availability for tennis.

While I understand the concerns from the folks surrounding RFTC about lights, I think the benefits outweigh the concerns. Especially since I also live within 1000 feet of RFTC. We already have lights that are dated from Roosevelt Middle School and First Presbyterian Church and they are on for the entire night. RFTC lights would be on for a limited time making this a pretty reasonable ask.

I sincerely hope you consider approving this application. In the long run, I know this will be beneficial to our entire community and value of our homes. I understand change is hard but we must change in order to grow and move forward.

Sincerely,

Shama Patel
630 Monroe,
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Shannon Wasiolek <slwasiolek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:51 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting: supporting family friendly play post family/work time

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Shannon Wasiolek
1400 Bonnie Brae, River Forest, IL 60305

Shannon L Wasiolek
slwasiolek@gmail.com
773-610-3404 (Cell)

From: Stacy Alexander <stacyalexander@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:13 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights at RFTC

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Hello, I am writing to give my support for getting lights installed at the River Forest Tennis Club courts. I am an active adult member and enjoy playing there but it gets difficult to see when the days get shorter in the late summer. I also play very often here at the Taylor Park courts in Oak Park. They are lit up with timers to go off automatically at 10 PM every night. It is wonderful!

Sent from Stacy Alexander's iPhone
935 N Elmwood Ave in Oak Park

RFTC60305@gmail.com

From: Terry Cullerton <terrercullerton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:58 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Terrence Cullerton
1902 N 77th CT
Elmwood Park, IL

From: The Ruby's <therubyfam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lights

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I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Emily Ruby

From: Tina Simecek Lamkey <tina.lamkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lighting Up Our Community – Support for RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

My name is Tina Lamkey, and I live at 633 William Street in River Forest, well within the 1,000-foot zoning distance of RFTC. I'm writing to share why I strongly support adding lights to the River Forest Tennis Club courts.

When my family moved to River Forest in 2019, we didn't know many people. Joining RFTC changed that almost overnight. It became more than a club—it became our community. Through tennis and swimming, we've built friendships, stayed active, and discovered a place where neighbors truly connect.

For us, tennis isn't just a sport—it's family time. My wife and I both work full-time and usually get home after 6 PM. By the time we've had dinner with our kids, the sun has set, and the courts are dark. Adding lights would open up a world of opportunity for families like ours: a chance to play together, stay healthy, and enjoy those long summer evenings instead of rushing against daylight.

This isn't just about convenience—it's about strengthening community ties and creating more shared experiences for working parents and their children. I hope you'll support the RFTC plan to add lights to the courts. It's a small change that will make a big difference for many families.

Thank you for considering this.

Warm regards,
Tina Lamkey
633 William Street
River Forest, IL 60305

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Tina Simecek Lamkey
tina.lamkey@gmail.com

From: whitney cross <whitney.cross4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:26 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com; Patrick Simon
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights

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Dear Matt,

We're writing to express our support for approving the River Forest Tennis Club's lighting permit. As new members and parents of young children, much of our availability for community engagement begins after our daughters' bedtime. The addition of lights would meaningfully expand access to club activities for families like ours and strengthen the sense of community the club provides us and so may other RF residents.

We appreciate the Village's thoughtful review of this proposal and hope you'll consider the positive impact this improvement would have on member participation and overall community connection.

Many Thanks,

Whitney and Patrick Simon

From: William Bartolucci <wjbartoluc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

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RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

Please support our efforts to enhance programming for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,

William Bartolucci
1330 Lathrop Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Zach Rustad <zprustad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] RFTC Lights

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to advocate for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a direct and positive impact on hundreds of local children. The lights are also designed to create low or no lighting impact to surrounding areas and neighbors.

RFTC is proud to run a vibrant youth tennis program that is open to all children in the community, regardless of RFTC membership. Last year alone, 281 children participated in our highly successful junior programming.

Adding lights means we can extend these and other valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Zach Rustad
31 Gale Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

From: zknebel11 <zknebel11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305
Subject: [External] Support the RFTC Lighting Proposal for Our Community's Kids

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I'm writing to share my support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts. This upgrade would make a big, positive difference for the hundreds of kids who participate in RFTC's programs.

RFTC runs a great youth tennis program that's open to all kids in the community—membership isn't required. Just last year, 281 children took part in the junior programming, and the demand continues to grow.

Adding lights would let RFTC extend lessons and practices into the cooler evening hours in summer and offer more flexible scheduling in spring and fall. That means more spots for students, more lesson options for families, and more opportunities for young players to learn, stay active, and develop their skills.

This project is a simple but meaningful way to support kids' health, recreation, and growth in River Forest and nearby communities.

I hope you'll consider approving the RFTC lighting plan so even more local kids can benefit.

Sincerely,
Zak Knebel

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From: Erienne Keefe <erienne.keefe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 12:18 PM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a mother of three young children, I believe it is important for our family to prioritize fitness and time spent being active together. As my kids get older, I look forward to the opportunity for my husband or me to play tennis with them one-on-one after dinner, something that is not possible during the work week without lighting. The proposed improvement would also allow my husband and me to play together once the kids are in bed, something we cannot do now while still maintaining our family dinner and bedtime routines.

RFTC is a valued resource for our family and for the community. I believe improvements like these will help strengthen fellowship and encourage more residents to connect through healthy activities.

I respectfully urge you to approve the RFTC court lighting proposal and support this meaningful enhancement for our community.

Sincerely,

Erienne Keefe
830 Clinton Pl, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Jake Bartlow <jtbartlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 12:05 PM
To: Matthew Walsh; RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in steadfast support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Jake Bartlow
147 Gale Ave
River Forest, IL

From: Robert Raidt <bob.raidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:57 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Tennis Court Lights -

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Dear River Forest Village Development Review Board,

As a member of River Forest Tennis Club and a resident of River Forest, I'm writing to express my support of lighting the tennis courts at RFTC.

I'm highly confident the club membership will treat the privilege of non-daylight tennis with utmost respect and consideration for RFTC neighbors. Lighting the courts will provide the benefits of expanded access to outdoor exercise and positive social interaction to the membership, particularly working adults whose options to play during daylight hours are limited.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Raidt
601 Bonnie Brae, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Joseph Keefe <jwkeefe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:52 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

With three young kids, finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play after the kids are in bed or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Joe Keefe
830 Clinton Pl, River Forest, IL 60305

From: Bob Hahn <bhahn@dimensions-aps.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Lights at River Forest Tennis Club
Attachments: RFTC Lighting.pdf

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Dear Village President and Board,

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed lighting at the River Forest Tennis Club.

Please see my attached letter of support approving this proposal.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Hahn
215 Gale Ave.
River Forest Illinois 60305

Subject: Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

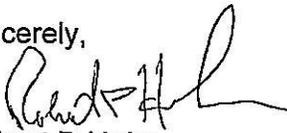
As a parent of a child that started tennis at RFTC, continued through high school at OPRF, was ranked in the top 200 USTA players in the Midwest, and went on to play college tennis on a scholarship, I can emphasize the impact that RFTC had on my child's personal development. I am sure it has had the same impact on thousands of other children in our community. Installing these lights will only enhance and extend the continued excellence RFTC provides the community.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Hahn
215 Gale Ave.
River Forest, IL. 60305

From: Patricia Hahn <patriciahahn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:09 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting

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Hello Matt,

We support lighting the courts at the RFTC.

Best,
Pat and Bob Hahn
Sent from my iPhone

From: Blake Yanics <blake.yanics@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:55 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Increased Opportunities with RFTC Court Lighting

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC), and I'm writing in strong support of the club's proposal to install modern, down-facing LED court lights.

As a parent of young children, finding time for both personal wellness and family responsibilities can be challenging. Evening court availability would allow my spouse and me to play tennis after our kids are in bed or after dinner, without having to choose between staying active and being present for our children's evening routine. This upgrade would meaningfully enhance the quality of life for many RFTC families by providing flexibility at a time of day that works for parents.

I respectfully ask that you approve the RFTC lighting proposal to support this important improvement for the community.

Sincerely,

Blake Yanics

609 William Street, River Forest

From: David Langenmayr <dlangenmayr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:48 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Re: Supporting Family-Friendly Playtime at River Forest Tennis Club

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Apologies - regarding the email below we live at 1102 Forest Ave, River Forest, IL 60305.

Thank you!

David J. Langenmayr
(484) 716-3463

On Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 11:51 PM David Langenmayr <dlangenmayr@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am a member of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) and am writing in full support of the club's plan to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

My wife Lauren and I, along with our two active boys, have absolutely loved living in the close-knit community that is River Forest. One of the key parts that has made this community our home has been the RFTC. Between work and kids after school/camp activities there's only so much time in the day for parents to find time to get a physical workout in. Court lighting would allow Lauren and I to play tennis after our boys are in bed or after dinner, instead of choosing between a workout and being home for their evening routine. This simple enhancement would meaningfully improve the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to enjoy both family time and recreation.

Evening play is an essential component of a modern, family-friendly club. I respectfully ask that you approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to support this important improvement.

Sincerely,

David Langenmayr

From: Daniel Hollenbach <dlhollenbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com; Tracy Hollenbach
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As residents for over 22 plus years my wife Tracy and I are avid Tennis, Pickle and Platform Tennis players. The RF Government should be supporting the lights as sports activities and movement in our village is extremely important to our Health. Please look up Blue Zone cities. We need to make it happen. We need to give many easy options to get River Forest Moving - please vote Yes to the lights.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It offers an invaluable recreational space and is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. It also offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. By increasing the court's usable hours, especially in the evening, these lights will allow more members to play without having to rush home from work or school.

Crucially, increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members often resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space.

I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

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From: Kyle Williams <icebane@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] River Forest Tennis Club Lights

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Village of River Forest,

I'm writing to share my support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install **modern, downward-facing** LED court lights.

This upgrade would expand evening access for local youth. RFTC's youth tennis program is open to all community kids, not only members, and served 281 participants last year.

Lighting would extend summer court hours during cooler evenings and improve after-school and early-evening options in spring and fall. That means more lessons, more play time, and a safe, supervised place for kids to be active.

Approving this plan is a practical way to expand youth programming and increase positive evening activities in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kyle Williams
347 Thatcher Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305

From: Kacey Millard <kaceymillard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: rftc60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for RFTC Lights
Attachments: In Support of RFTC Lights.docx

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Please see the attached letter in support of lights at RFTC.

Sincerely,
Kacey Millard

Subject: The Benefits of RFTC Lights

Date: November 26, 2025

Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing in support of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts, which will have a number of positive effects for the River Forest community, including a direct and positive impact on the schedules of working families and help our kids and others play more tennis.

My husband and I have young kids who in the years ahead will almost certainly be playing tennis for more hours and into the evening times. The opportunity to play in cooler weather later in the day would be very helpful – it takes a toll on them to play now at 5p and 6p when it's still really hot at the peak of summer.

I play more of my tennis at RFTC during the day on weekdays and weekends, but candidly there are a number of times during the summer where it's harder for me and friends or playing partners to find court availability at RFTC during the day. I suspect that with the ability to play into the later evening hours, this might open up a little more court time during the day. And certainly my husband plays most of his tennis at night after our kids are in bed, so this would help him tremendously. Having him rush home from work to play tennis and also miss bedtime just makes the whole situation more stressful -- being able to play, say, from 8p to 9:30p would allow him to be home for dinner and see the kids during bedtime, but still get to play tennis.

I think he mentioned this in his letter too, but we definitely did more of our grocery shopping at Jewel in River Forest and Whole Foods during the summer months this year (our first year as full members at RFTC). The more time we can spend at RFTC, the more likely we probably are to do all our shopping there and maybe even throughout the year.

Please support the efforts by RFTC to enhance schedule flexibility for working families and add programming options for local kids by approving the RFTC lighting plan.

Sincerely,

Kacey Millard
611 N. Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302

From: Elizabeth Elsen <elizabethaelsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Cc: RFTC60305@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Support for Lighting at River Forest Tennis Club

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I live in the immediate vicinity of the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) at 700 Ashland Avenue and I am writing in support of the club's plan to install lights on its courts. My husband and I bought our house knowing the club had been here for over 100 years and there might be upgrades to it.

I am aware of neighborhood concerns regarding light spillage, but I believe these concerns are unfounded given the club's commitment to using modern, state-of-the-art LED lighting technology that will minimize light spillage outside of the court boundaries.

These lights are a minimal imposition that allows a cherished community asset to thrive. I support the RFTC's responsible plan for modernization.

Sincerely,
Beth Elsen

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Elizabeth Elsen

From: cnk537 <cnk537@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] RFTC Light the Courts

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

RFTC is a historic and vital institution in our village. It is an important part of life for over 400 families in our community. There are 2,754 families and 4,275 households in River Forest. RFTC members and privilege holders make up nearly 10% of families in River Forest. Tennis is growing in popularity; the ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club.

RFTC offers tennis and swim lessons available to all, not just members. 281 children participated in junior tennis last year. The quality of youth tennis instruction at the club in the last 2 years has been amazing. Participation and youth development can continue to grow, but only with increased time to play. Lights will enable this. Adding lights means we can extend these valuable programs into the cooler, later evening hours of summer, and offer better scheduling options in the fall and spring. This will allow RFTC to accommodate more students, offer more lessons, and provide extended court time to developing players. This project is a clear investment in the health and recreation of River Forest's and neighboring community's youth.

We currently have a supply-demand imbalance. Increased utilization of RFTC courts will directly relieve pressure on River Forest's public parks, particularly Keystone. When our private courts are unavailable, members resort to using those public, lit courts, which reduces availability for everyone. As an avid tennis player, I wanted my children to be able to pursue competitive tennis. After over 20 experiences of going to play at Keystone and Washington commons only to find no available court, I gave up. I decided to have my oldest child focus on running, rather than tennis as his primary sport. I want my other kids to have a choice.

This project, at no cost to the Village, will make paddle sports significantly more accessible for everyone in the community by freeing up public court space. I urge you to approve this necessary enhancement to a treasured Village resource.

Sincerely,

Carter Kirk
620 Keystone Ave

From: Nicole Kirk <nicolekirk2014@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] RFTC Light proposal

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Dear Village President and Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for the River Forest Tennis Club (RFTC) proposal to install modern, down-facing LED lights on its courts.

As a member with a young family, I know that finding time for both personal wellness (like playing tennis) and quality family time can be a challenge. With court lights, my spouse and I will be able to play before school, or after dinner, rather than having to choose between a match and being home for our children's evening routine. This simple enhancement greatly improves the quality of life for RFTC families by allowing us to do both.

My 3 kids participated in junior tennis last year. Lights will enhance participation for the 281 children who participated last year. The ability to play in the evening is a critical component of a modern, family-friendly club. Please approve the RFTC court lighting proposal to help support this significant improvement.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kirk
620 Keystone Ave.

From: Scott H <scottrhall99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 8:28 AM
To: Matthew Walsh
Subject: [External] RFTC Lighting Request

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Mr. Walsh: I'm writing to express my support for approving court lighting at the River Forest Tennis Club. In any given year, 100's of member families and their neighbors benefit from the tennis, swim and social aspects of the club.

The request for lighting is reasonable and modest, effectively extending the playing day by 1-2 hours and the season by weeks.

I understand some residents may express concerns but I think these are unfounded and speculative. Our pool has been lighted at evening swim for decades with no complaints. The middle school/library complex is lighted on all sides (rather garishly) all year. Parks like Keystone are lighted (and much more prolifically) without complaint. All of this benefits the community as will improving the club. Advances in LED lighting, directionality, technology etc. will ensure minimal disruption if any.

I urge you and the committee to grant this very reasonable and well thought out request.

Sincerely,
Scott Hall
1012 Monroe Ave, River Forest