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Hello Mayor Godeke,

A few months back, at the Farmer's market, knowing the financial pressures every town is under, I floated an idea past you about a partnership between we citizens and the city to pay for a pair of outdoor ping-pong tables, and putting them in the paved 50' x 25' space just south of the basketball court in Bainbridge park.

My research since then has put me in touch with many manufacturers. In my opinion, the best option is for steel tables rather than cement because of cost and transport issues. I found a company called bestoutdoorpingpongtables.com that sells the "Cornilleau 510" table for \$2,200, which comes with a 10 year warranty. The reviews for this table are very good.

Their warehouse in SoCal will not bring the tables all the way to Fort Bragg, but will deliver to Santa Rosa —for free! I'd think it possible to arrange final delivery from Santa Rosa to here (each table weighs 190 lbs and come in a box) even if it means my renting a U-haul and doing it myself.

I continue to research better possibilities, but after many discouraging weeks of looking into \$6-7k cement tables, the prospect of steel tables gives me hope that such an arrangement is fiscally and logistically possible.

My interest and efforts are rooted in many discussions with local ping pong enthusiasts for 4-5 years, wishing for a public place to play. And I do love the idea of a city-public arrangement to pay for this.

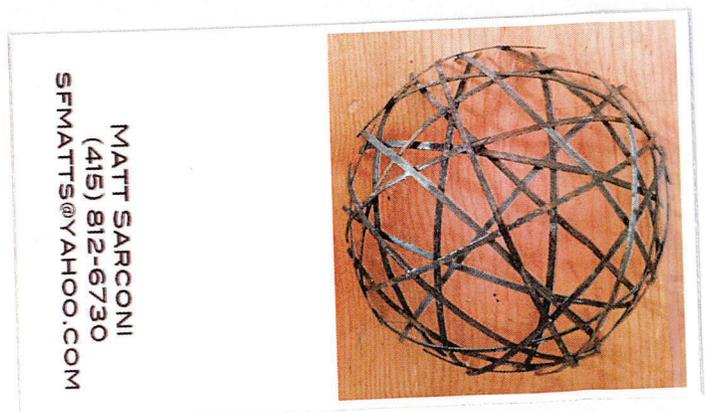
My question at this time is would Fort Bragg be willing to spend \$2,200 plus tax and maybe some extra \$ somewhere (maybe not) in order to obtain 2 new, steel outdoor ping pong tables?

Your serve,

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An idea to fund a pair of ping pong tables in Bainbridge Park.

Being a lifelong player of table tennis, I've been missing easy access to tables here in Fort Bragg. Though I appreciate that there are tables located inside the Senior Center, the window of days and hours on which to play is quite limited, and prevents most people with jobs to partake easily. I've played on many outdoor tables over the years, including a couple of places San Francisco, and on a trip earlier this year to Italy, and wonder if a pair of them could work here.

A few months back, as I watched the redesign effort of Bainbridge Park, I wondered about the prospects of placing a pair of tables inside the paved 50' x 25' area between the basketball court and the southern fence nearby. This space is the perfect size for 2 tables, which would not interfere with play on the basketball court.

But I also know that these are tough financial times for all cities and towns, and I do not take this suggestion lightly. However, I'm reminded of a quote that is attributed to Winston Churchill during WWII, who upon learning that art, music, and physical ed classes had been shut down in London in an effort to save money and resources asked "Then what are we fighting for?"

So my idea is to go in equally with the town of Fort Bragg to fund two tables. I first researched cement tables, but found their cost and delivery fees to be excessive, usually in the \$9-10K mark, each. So I changed gears and found a particular brand of steel outdoor table, the Cornillieau 510, a pair of which will cost a total of \$4400 —including shipping from SoCal to Santa Rosa. (there's a heavier model (Cornillieau Park) available as well, but it costs twice as much, and I question the value of this price difference.

So if Fort Bragg decides that it can afford \$2200 to buy one of these tables, I will personally guarantee payment for the other if even out of my own pocket. That said, I believe, based on discussions with others wanting ping pong access, that there are many residents here who'd gladly pitch in to help pay for two tables.

I've included some information about these tables here, and the contact info for the President of Best Outdoor Ping Pong Tables.

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Outdoor ping pong tables.

Cornilleau Park

(\$ 4,900)

- The Park table is described as “the strongest, most durable table” in Cornilleau’s lineup. Its frame and legs are made of heavy-duty steel (Aluzinc alloy) with a **70 mm frame** — thicker and sturdier than on most other models. [Cornilleau Deutschland](#)
- Its playing surface is **9 mm thick laminate**, giving excellent bounce and spin, comparable to competition-level tables. [Cornilleau Deutschland](#)
- It can **withstand loads up to 1600 kg** on the table surface — meaning it’s strong enough for far more than just ping-pong: people standing on it, children climbing, even rough treatment without damaging the table. [Cornilleau Deutschland](#)
- It’s built to handle severe weather, impacts, vandalism, fire resistance, and is often used in **public outdoor settings** such as parks, playgrounds, campsites, etc. [Cornilleau Deutschland+1](#)
- Additional safety/stability features: extra-wide legs (for stability), corner protectors, and multiple ground-anchoring options (important if you install it on grass, dirt, or unstable ground). [Cornilleau Deutschland](#)

Conclusion: the Park is purpose-built to be “indestructible” — to survive years (decades even) outdoors under heavy use, misuse, rough weather, or even vandalism. It’s “built like a tank.”

Cornilleau 510M

(\$ 2,200)

- The 510M uses a **100% steel (Aluzinc) structure**, which is corrosion-resistant and designed for outdoor use — so it’s still quite durable. [cornilleau.si+1](#)
- Its playing surface is **7 mm thick laminate**, with an anti-glare “MATTOP®” coating, and the table is weatherproof, impact-resistant, and fire-resistant, so it’s suitable for outdoor use in many weather conditions. [Cornilleau America+1](#)
- Stability: It’s a static outdoor table (not foldable/mobile) and can be anchored to the ground. The fixed steel net and curved leg design make it more robust than a typical consumer outdoor table. [Cornilleau Canada+1](#)
- It carries the same standard **10-year warranty** as the Park table (with parts repairable for 20 years). [Cornilleau Deutschland+1](#)

Conclusion: The 510M is a high-quality outdoor table and can last many years. It’s rugged, weather-resistant, and delivers decent playing performance. But compared to the Park it is more “premium outdoor table” than “industrial/public-use tank.”

🔍 Differences: Why Park Costs (Much) More

Feature / Metric	Park	510M
Frame strength & structure	70 mm heavy-duty frame, wide legs, ultra-robust steel alloy Cornilleau Deutschland	~60 mm steel (Aluzinc) frame, more “standard” outdoor design cornilleau.si+1
Tabletop thickness & playing quality	9 mm laminate — excellent bounce, higher spin, close to competition-level play Cornilleau Deutschland	7 mm laminate — good bounce, but lower “competition table” feel than Park Cornilleau America+1
Load-bearing capacity	Up to 1600 kg — can handle heavy load, vandalism, rough use, even people standing on it. Cornilleau Deutschland	Lower load capacity (not rated for 1000 kg+ like Park). Typical outdoor use (play, casual use). cornilleau.si+1
Intended use / setting	Public/hardened environments (parks, playgrounds, camps) — heavy duty, “bombproof.” Cornilleau Deutschland+1	Private/residential, schools, resorts — regular outdoor use, less abuse expected. Cornilleau Deutschland+1
Stability & anchoring options	Multiple anchoring systems + wide legs (very stable) Cornilleau Deutschland	Ground anchoring optional; legs and frame are sturdy but less massive than Park Cornilleau America+1
Durability over decades / misuse	Designed to last decades, even under harsh conditions — public-grade durability Cornilleau Deutschland+1	Durable for many years under normal use; great mid-to-high range outdoor table Cornilleau America+1
Price / investment	Very high cost — reflects industrial-grade build and robustness	Lower cost (relative) — good value for residential/outdoor but less “bulletproof”

So — the huge price difference mostly comes down to **build strength, robustness, intended use case, and “over-engineering” for public / heavy-duty conditions**. The Park is overbuilt for extreme, long-term, high-abuse environments; the 510M is built for “normal” outdoor use, where you expect weather and occasional rough play, but not heavy vandalism or people climbing on it.

🏠 What That Means for You — Which to Choose?

- If you want a **private outdoor table** for yard or driveway: the 510M is probably plenty. It’s still heavy duty, weather resistant, and will last many years if treated with care.

- If you plan to install a table in a **public/semi-public area** (community park, school yard, campsite) — or you expect **lots of abuse, weather extremes, heavy load, kids climbing/hanging/jumping on it** — then the Park is worth the price.
- If you care about **competition-style bounce, spin consistency, flatness over time**, Park likely gives the closest to a club-level experience.

! Why 510M Isn't "Bad" — Just Different Tier

It's easy, given how tough the Park is, to think the 510M is "cheap." But that's misleading: the 510M remains a very robust outdoor table. It's weather-proof, has a solid steel frame, good laminate top, "MATTOP" anti-glare surface, and Cornilleau's longevity reputation (10-year warranty, 20 years parts support). cornilleau.si+2ponghero.com+2

For many homeowners/residential users — especially those not abusing the table — it hits the sweet spot of "value vs durability."

510m Campus Outdoor Stationary Table

The commercial grade outdoor ping-pong table preferred by schools, resorts, and recreation centers.

- **Outstanding playing qualities** : 7 mm laminate surfaces, supported by a 2.36" frame.
- **Durability**: 10-year warranty, repairable for 20 years.
- **Withstands** loads of up to 1,750lbs.
- **Inside or outside** : fire resistant, impact resistant, weather proof and commercial grade.
- **Safety and stability**: corner protectors, optional ground anchoring.
- **Equipment**: tamper-proof steel net, 2 ball dispensers (on each end of the table), 4 paddles storage, optional traditional net kit.

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Color top



Blue

\$2,199.99

Both the Cornilleau Park and the Cornilleau 510 are outdoor models with 10 year warranties.

They are 2 different models. The Park is much more robust at 360 lbs - designed for parks/etc.

The 510 is sold mostly into schools/apartments/resorts. You know best if the place you want the tables is safe or not. You can secure the 510 tables to the ground with bolts. Some cities do that.

We can ship for free to Santa Rosa. Tables are shipped in boxes.

Cornilleau 510
Weight: 185 lbs
Dimensions: 56" x 63" x 7"

Delivery takes 10 days or so. Would need an address in Santa Rosa or nearby town.

The Cornilleau park is typically purchased by cities/prisons/apartments that have a budget for a more robust table. We have seen the Park last longer than 10 years so it has added durability. Also, not every location trusts that bolting down the 510 will work, so they go with a heavier option which seems more secure to them.

We have sold many of the 510 into cities and they are doing great. You know your area best, if it's safe and unlikely anyone would want to steal the table, it will do great.

The 'top dimensions' are 4 1/2 feet by 5 feet. All standard ping pong tables are 9 feet by 5 feet. The Cornilleau Park ships in a slightly larger box than the 510 because of the thicker parts/top.

We sold a Cornilleau Park table to the city of Coupeville WA, but it was purchased through a donor and I don't have contact details for the city. They are loving it. They are right on the water above Seattle. Seattle has purchased at least 6 over the years, but often by the public works department and placed throughout the city.

We have sold many into the Newport CA area to resorts, but again, I don't have contacts at the resorts anymore since most recreation managers aren't long term employees.

We have sold dozens to Marriott resorts up and down the Florida coast over the years and many are repeat customers since the tables are so solid. They too sit near the water with constant salt air.

A city in Maryland right on the coast purchased the Cornilleau Park for their wharf area. It gets lots of use.

<https://www.facebook.com/TownofLeonardtwn/posts/family-fun-with-the-new-ping-pong-table-at-leonardtwn-wharf-bring-your-paddle-a/612489831067501/>

Shipping to Santa Rosa. 2 Cornilleau 510s would be $\$2199.99 \times 2 = \4399.98 . 2 Cornilleau Parks would be $\$4999.99 \times 2 = \9999.98 .

Other questions, let me know. Thanks

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