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## **TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE**

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### ***PICKLEBALL IS HERE IN OLD BRIDGE***

### ***JOIN US FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THE GAME***

**Old Bridge Township, NJ-** Please come and join Mayor Owen Henry, the Township Council and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Social Services as they host a Pickleball demonstration and clinic. The demand for the game of Pickleball was overwhelming and so the Township responded by creating two courts by lining existing tennis courts for Pickleball use.

On **Thursday, May 23 at 10:30AM**, Old Bridge Township will be hosting a FREE Pickleball Demo/Clinic at the Municipal Tennis Courts, located at 1 Old Bridge Plaza. The Clinic is being taught by United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA) Ambassadors Sadie Reilly, Kim Smith and Oscar Diaz. Come and learn how to play one of the fastest growing sports in the country. If you plan to come and participate in the demo/clinic, please wear tennis or court shoes and bring a bottle of water.

As background on the sport, Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffleball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard game.

“Anytime that there is an opportunity to invite our residents to get outside and be active, we do. Pickleball is a great sport for all ages, and I’m glad that we are bringing it to Old Bridge,” said Mayor Henry. “I support healthy living and encourage everyone to stay active if they are able.”

After Thursday’s event, the courts will be available and open to the open during regular business hours on a first come/first serve basis. Please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Social Services at (732) 721-5600 ext. 4999 with any questions that you may have about Pickleball.

For more information on this press release, please contact the Mayor’s Office at ext.2040.

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