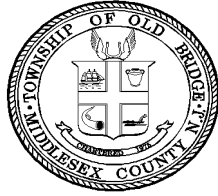


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TOWNSHIP OF OLD BRIDGE OPENS PICKLEBALL COURTS; HOSTS DEMO WITH MAYOR

Old Bridge Township, NJ – Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry marked the opening of the Township’s new pickleball courts on Wednesday, June 5th with a demonstration of the sport. Council President, Mary Sohor and Council members Anita Greenberg-Belli and Debbie Walker also participated in the event led by United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA) Ambassadors Sadie Reilly, Kim Smith and Oscar Diaz. Director of Parks, Recreation & Social Services Matt Mercurio proceeded over the demonstration.

The courts were recently converted by lining the existing municipal tennis courts located at 1 Old Bridge Plaza for pickleball use. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis, and one of the fastest growing sports in the country. 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. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard game.

“My administration has been a big proponent of providing opportunities for health and fitness activities,” said Mayor Henry, “and this is a great example of us being responsive to a request from the community which will allow residents to enjoy this popular new sport right in their own backyard.”

The courts will be available and open to the public from sun-up to 10pm on a first come/first serve basis. Please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Social Services at (732) 721-5600 ext. 4999 for additional information about pickleball.

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

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