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Subject: **Dedicated pickleball courts added to Centerville park**



**New Pickleball Courts at Activity Center Park in Centerville**

CENTERVILLE, OH: The sport of pickleball has been steadily gaining popularity in the greater Dayton area. A cross between tennis, table tennis and badminton, it's played on a court slightly smaller than a tennis court with wooden paddles and a plastic whiffle ball.

The Centerville-Washington Park District began receiving resident requests for pickleball courts in late 2012. By spring 2013 they had lined two tennis courts at Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Road, for pickleball play. Shortly after, they added lines to the tennis courts at Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street.

As the sport's popularity continued to grow, the Park District decided to add dedicated courts to Activity Center Park. The existing three tennis courts were scheduled for updates this summer, making it the perfect time to convert the courts from tennis to pickleball. The Park District converted two tennis courts to four dedicated pickleball courts. The remaining tennis court was resurfaced for play, was lined for pickleball as well, making a total of six possible pickleball courts. This 21-acre park, located in the center of the district at 221 N. Main Street, also features an all-access playground, a sprayground, three baseball diamonds, a large picnic shelter with restrooms, pollinator habitats and Park District headquarters.

**There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pickleball courts Monday, September 19 at 5 p.m. Casual instruction, door prizes and refreshments will follow the ribbon cutting.**

The Centerville-Washington Park District is excited to offer this opportunity to promote active and healthy lifestyles in the community.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit [www.cwpcd.org](http://www.cwpcd.org).