

Pickleball Court in Stow



First of all, What is Pickleball?

- Originally created in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum. for his kids and named after Joel's dog, *Pickles*.
- Played on a courts smaller than a tennis court though similar in design
- Played with paddles and whiffle-like balls
- Today, it is the fastest growing sport in America...3.3 million and growing



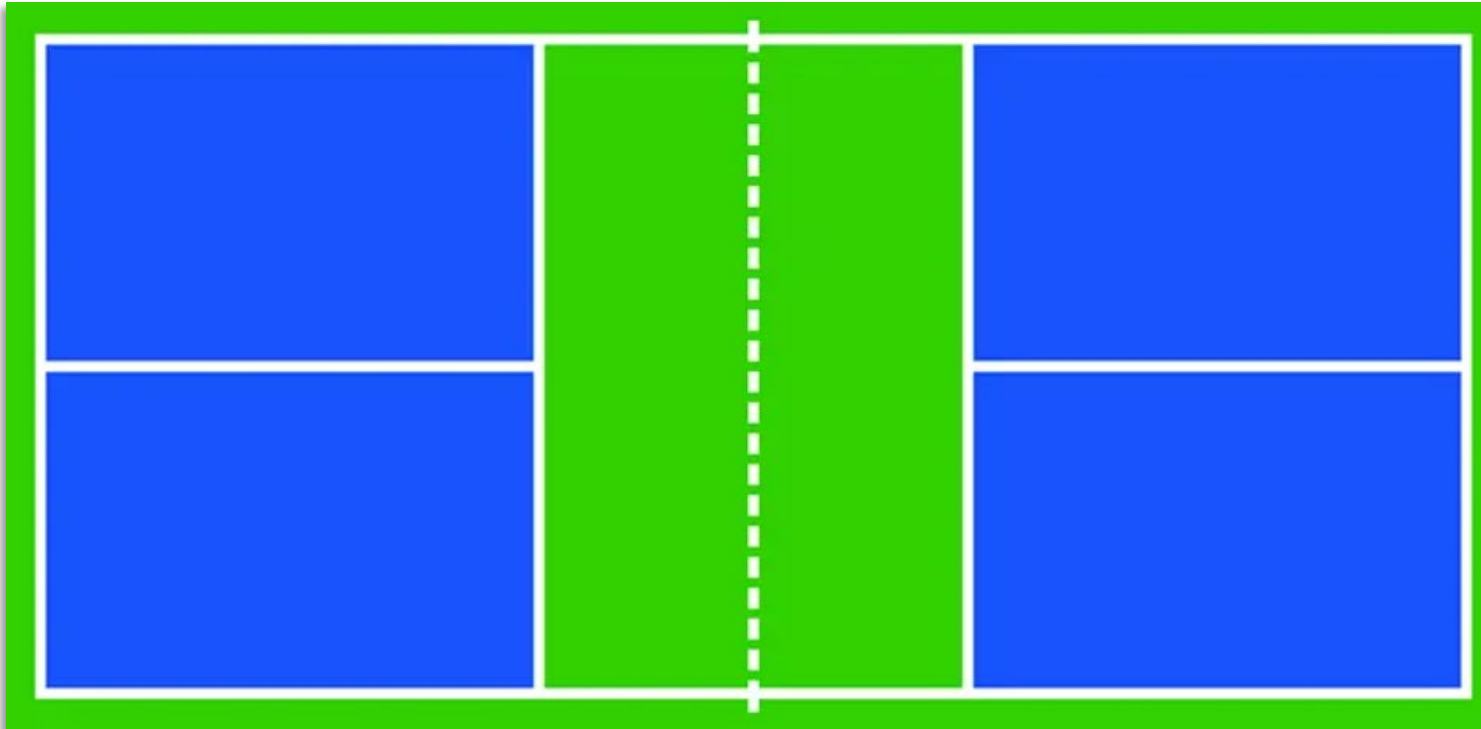
Not Just for Seniors...

Who is playing Pickleball?*

AGE	TOTAL	CORE	CASUAL
6-17	16.7%	8.1%	22.2%
18-34	28.0%	11.4%	38.6%
35-54	20.3%	16.3%	22.9%
55-64	14.9%	24.6%	8.7%
65+	20.2%	39.6%	7.7%

From USPA 2020 Pickleball Fact Sheet

What is a Pickleball Court?



Pickleball Court Dimensions (including Net Height) vs Tennis Court

Tennis Court Dimensions: 36' x 78'

Tennis Net at the Center: 36"

Pickleball Court Dimensions: 20' x 44'

Pickleball Net at the Center: 34"

What We'll Need

- Courts
- Permanent nets (temporary nets break easily and subject to vandalism and theft)
- Fencing or screening (boundaries for courts and reduce balls rolling out into other used areas)
- Signage (for rules and regulation)
- Landscaping (wind protection and obscuring the courts from parking lots and or street)

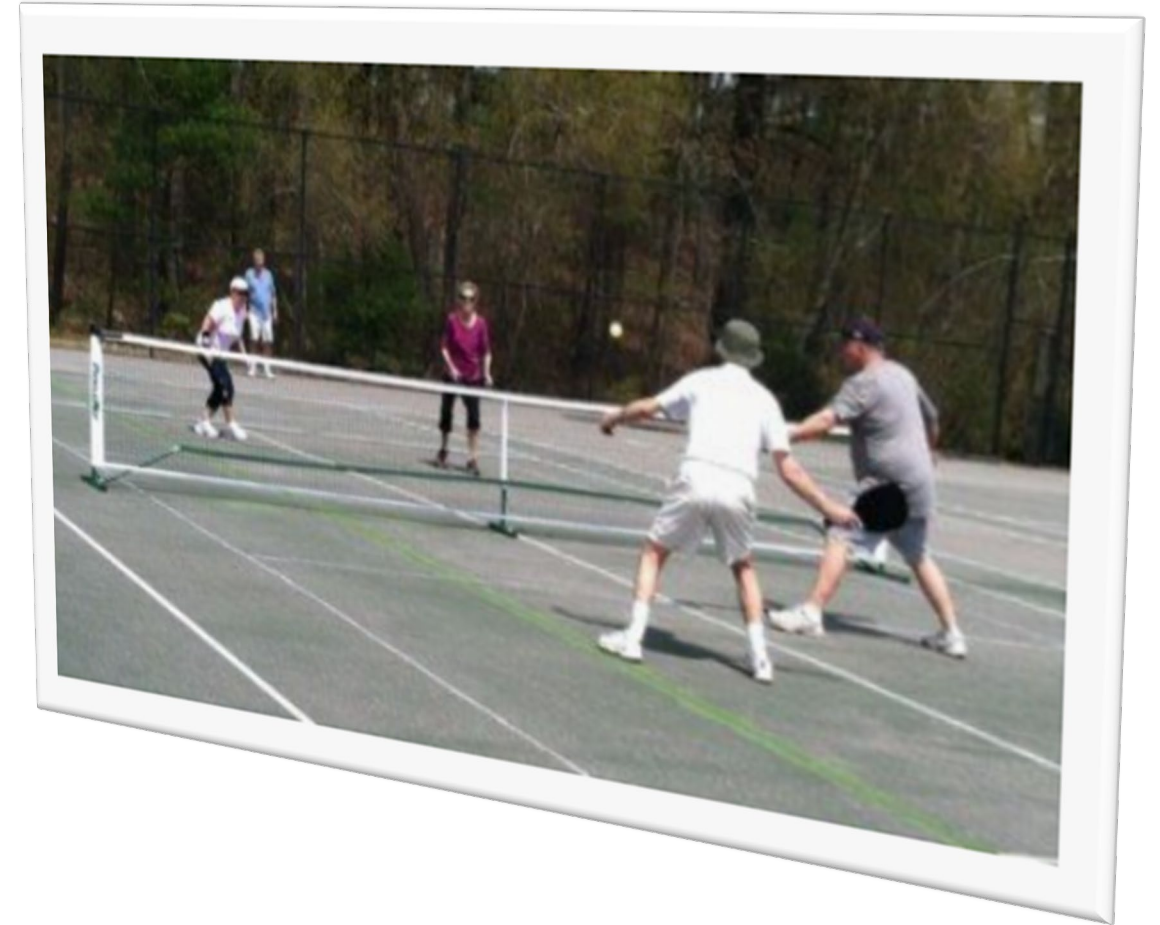


Grafton residents shovel off snow in order to play. That's dedication. It is extremely addictive sport!!!

Location, Location, Location



What Other Towns Have Done...Marlborough



Our Plans for Usage

- Any rules and/guidelines would have to be established in conjunction with the Recreation Dept and its Board. Ultimately, they should be approved by the town Selectmen/Persons
- We'll need:
 - Guidelines for open play:
 - Days of the week, hours, age groupings
 - Pickleball etiquette
 - Length of time groups can play
 - Protocol for rotation
 - Restrictions
 - Court is to be used for Pickleball only, no dog walking, skateboarding or street hockey

Cost estimate and funding source

- **Demo & Site Prep.** \$5,000
 - - Demolition, construction fencing, erosion controls, grading
- **Pavement** \$6500
 - - Bituminous concrete, cement concrete, base, curbing, striping, etc.
- **Amenities** \$2500
 - - Court signage, benches, etc.
- **Courts** \$16,500
 - - Bituminous concrete, color sealcoat, nets, 10' BVCL fence, and gates
- **Landscaping** \$3500
 - - Loam and seed, tree planting
- **Drainage** \$5,000
 - - Pipes, structures, and retention for courts
- **Subtotal** \$39,000
- **Contingency (15%)** \$5850
- **Mobilization, Overhead (10%)** \$4500
- **Base Project Total** \$49,500

ARTICLE 52. Pickleball Court

ARTICLE 52. Pickleball Court To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000), or any lesser sum, from the Community Preservation Fund reserve for open space and recreational purposes in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Commission, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, for the development of a Pickleball Court at Town Center Park or another existing Town recreation site to be determined by the Recreation Commission, including installation, equipment, engineering and other costs or fees incidental thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept such gifts and grants as may be available for reimbursement to the Town for these purposes; or take any other action relative thereto. (Community Preservation Committee and Recreation Commission) The Finance Committee will make a recommendation for this article at Town Meeting. Passage of the article does NOT increase expenditures.

Please vote yes on article 52
Thank you!