



The Town of Queensbury builds a pickleball complex with 8 new pickleball courts for the fast growing sport of Pickleball and is celebrating with a Grand Opening event on October 1st.

The Town of Queensbury is the first municipality in our region to invest in infrastructure for a new sports complex. The Town will celebrate the grand opening of 8 new public outdoor pickleball courts in Jenkinsville Park on October 1st from 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

At the opening there will be free food, open play and learn to play clinics, exhibition games, a raffle for pickleball equipment and more.

A new club, the Adirondack Pickleball Club, was formed this past year and has grown to over 100 players on their regular email list. The group was formed by those who love to play pickleball and want to encourage the growth and development of the sport in our area. They generally play, on non-rainy days, from 8:30 to about 11 a.m. or sometimes later. It has quickly grown from a Monday to Friday play to seven days a week. And, of course the courts are also used by many who work, or go to school, in the afternoon and evening hours. Players range from beginners to higher level players rated at 4.0 and 4.5. With 8 courts everyone can enjoy playing at their own level. The Adirondack Pickleball Club welcomes new members. To learn more about the club and pickleball opportunities in our area, please Email: adkpickleballclub@gmail.com

The Town of Queensbury also has 2 more dedicated pickleball courts at River Park on Big Boom Road in the Town of Queensbury and is adding one more court in the spring of 2018. They have offered lessons since this past spring, taught by members of the Adirondack Pickleball Club and have graduated over 45 adult players and 10 kids ages 10 to 16.

The sport of pickleball is the fastest growing senior sport in the US. The town's new courts and playing opportunities with the Adirondack Pickleball Club are attracting players from throughout our region such as Chestertown, Indian Lake, Argyle, Saratoga, Wells and more as well as visitors to our region who enjoy playing the sport of pickleball while on vacation. Pickleball courts are being built by country clubs, RV Parks, neighborhood complexes and more but the Town of Queensbury currently offers the only public, outdoor courts dedicated just to pickleball in our region. Several courts throughout the area have lined their tennis courts for pickleball play but have yet to build dedicated pickleball courts.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Queensbury and the Adirondack Pickleball Club.

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 Park when the club is
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More about the sport of pickleball:

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America according to a recent report on NBC news. And, the proof is in the growth of the sport locally.

The newly formed *Adirondack Pickleball Club* has been working with the Town of Queensbury to promote the pickleball craze that is sweeping the nation. It is a sport that is easy to learn and fun for all ages and athletic ability levels; but, it is a game that can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

How to describe pickleball:

Pickleball is a fun, fast moving paddle sport with a funny name. It is a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong. It can be played indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a modified tennis net. You play with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes that looks like a whiffle ball. It is most often played as doubles.

The sport is attractive to seniors who love the social aspect and the ability to stay active and fit and is creating a renewed generation of older athletes as well as younger, newer players. Lots of senior players who go south in the winter and play pickleball and want to play when they come home!

***For more information about the sport see:
www.USAPA.org website. Or, you can find a
 You Tube video and watch it played.***