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**Subject:** Proposed Work at Cummings Park & Scalzi Park Courts

Hi Kevin,

Thanks again for meeting with us last week to discuss pickleball in Stamford.

As we discussed, pickleball continues to grow in Stamford, and has been a positive, healthy influence for City residents. However, even with the recent addition of more courts, the capacity is being stretched by the popularity. We would like to keep the momentum going, and not have people get frustrated by the overcrowding of courts. The presentation which I offered at the meeting is attached here.

The conversion at Cummings Park to six (6) dedicated courts will go a long way in building the capacity and quality of the Stamford courts. In addition, the installation of paddle racks at both Cummings Park and Scalzi Park will help keep the play organized and enjoyable for all. The dedicated courts at Cummings Park will help keep the better players in Stamford from traveling to Darien, Norwalk and New Canaan to play, as they are now.

For the upcoming P&R Commission meeting on October 18th, we would like to get approval for:

- 1. The "interim solution" for Cummings Park (painting over existing tennis and pickleball lines, and painting new pickleball lines, installing permanent nets).
- 2. Install paddle racks and court rotation signage at the Cummings Park and Scalzi Park courts.
- 3. Reiterate approval for the full repainting of Cummings in the spring.
- 4. Approval to seek donations for lights and windscreens at the Cummings Park and/or Scalzi Park courts.

The entire community greatly appreciates your support of pickleball in Stamford.

Best, Doug Edwards Ambassador, USA Pickleball Association

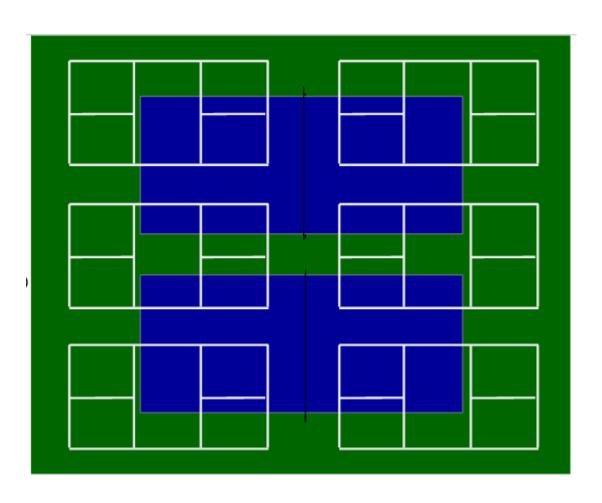
# Pickleball in Stamford is Growing Rapidly



The Scalzi and Cummings courts are busy during the day, and filled to capacity every evening.



### Minimal cost interim solution for Cummings



- Until the full surface is repaired and painted in the Spring, an interim solution will expand from 4 to 6 courts to alleviate overcrowding.
- Paint over the existing tennis and pickleball lines with matching green and blue, then paint new pb lines for 6 courts.
- SPC will provide paint, labor and nets.

# Neighboring towns have thriving pickleball communities

Day	MONDAY				TUESDAY			
Court	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
6:00am 6:30am 7:00am	COURTS CLOSED UNTIL 7:30AM				COURTS CLOSED UNTIL 7:30AM			
7:30am 8:00am 8:30am	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	Senior 65+ Open Play Drop In	Senior 65+ Open Play Drop In	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION
9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	Darien Men's Association	Darien Men's Association	Senior 65+ Open Play Drop In	Senior 65+ Open Play Drop In
10:30am 11:00am 11:30am	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	All Levels Open Play Drop In	All Levels Open Play Drop In
12:00pm 12:30pm 1:00pm	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION
1:30pm 2:00pm 2:30pm	90 Min Play	90 Min Play	90 Min Play	90 Min Play	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION
3:00pm 3:30pm 4:00pm	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	All Levels Open Play Drop In	Beginner Open Play Drop In	RESERVATION
4:30pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	RESERVATION	Intermediate Open Play Drop In	All Levels Open Play Drop In	Beginner Open Play Drop In	RESERVATION
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- In Norwalk, Darien and New Canaan, the towns are working together with the local PB communities and have built thriving environments
- Cherry Lawn in Darien is a good example of a mix of Reservations and Open Play



### BARTLETT PICKLEBALL COURTS



#### **PLAYER & COURT ROTATION**

- Court use will be first-come, first-serve unless otherwise designated for a special program, activity, or event.
- During peak time when courts are full and players are waiting to play:
  - Court time will be shared equally.
  - NO SINGLES.
  - Waiting players will place their paddle in the "Paddle Saddle" (Left-to-Right)
  - Court time limited to two games to 11, win by 1.
    - Exit court immediately return to waiting area outside the courts.
    - Play again place your paddle in first available opening in the "Paddle Saddle" (L-R)
  - Next-up when court is open next paddles from (L-R).
  - Less than 4 players waiting, the suitable number of players will stay on the court to fill the court with 4 players.
  - Limit warm up time to no more than 5 minutes.

#### **ETIQUETTE**

- Please remain in the spectator area while you are waiting your turn to play. Do not clutter the alley.
- When your turn to play arrives, please wait until players have exited the alley prior to entering the courts.
- DO NOT MOVE THE PADDLES!

Be Fair - Be a Good Sport - Have Fun Enjoy the Fellowship!

## Court rotation rules and paddle racks faciltate fair and enjoyable play

