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Morgan Hill Breaks Ground on New Pickleball Courts *Community Park will be the home of new outdoor courts*

Morgan Hill, CA, December 14, 2023 – The City of Morgan Hill will be breaking ground on the City's first dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. The City recently hired EF&S Concrete to construct four new pickleball courts at Morgan Hill Community Park next to the existing temporary pickleball/basketball courts. A groundbreaking event will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

The new courts will greatly benefit the growing pickleball community in Morgan Hill. The group of enthusiastic pickleball residents has been using three temporary pickleball courts on the existing basketball courts at Community Park.

"Only a year ago, Morgan Hill had no public outdoor pickleball courts. Since then, the City has given us temporary use of the basketball courts and expanded indoor pickleball hours at the CRC. Now, the sport has skyrocketed. Morgan Hill loves its pickleball!" said Morgan Hill Pickleball Club President Tim Hendrick. "The City's four new, professional-quality courts will make play safer, reduce congestion, and certainly make the game more enjoyable. What people need to know is that everyone is welcome at these pickleball courts, whether they are novices or experts. It is a sport you can pick up in a half hour, and then you can join us in spending the rest of our lives getting really good!"

It is anticipated that construction of the courts will take up to four months, but the exact timeframe will depend on the weather and how much rainfall is received. The pickleball courts will be free and open to the public during most hours once completed. Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation will manage limited formal use of the court for recreational pickleball courses and scheduled use by the Morgan Hill Pickleball Club. Those wanting to learn more about the programs offered or the current temporary courts can visit the City website at <https://www.morganhill.ca.gov/2317/Pickleball>.

The groundbreaking event will include speakers, refreshments, and a ceremonial pickleball toss. Guests planning on attending are encouraged to bring old pickleballs for the ceremonial toss.

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