



May-June Newsletter 2020



We want to share with you the link to the **USAPA Guidelines for returning to play:**

[USAPA Return to Play Guidelines](#)

It is very important to know what is best for you to remain safe if you decide to play during this pandemic. Please follow the CDC Guidelines and be very thoughtful about your play.





Where Can We Play?

Indoor

Sports at the Beach

To sign up to play: Go to **Sportsatthebeach.com**. Hit Menu. Hit Pickleball at the bottom of the menu. Then hit Pickleball again in the black drop down. Scroll down to Social Play and scroll down to click on the sign up.

- Opening June 16, sign up required.
- Some days have two sessions a day.
- All COVID 19 precautions will be followed..
- \$7

The Factory Sports .

- Factorysportsde.com.
- Now open.
- COVID 19 precautions are required.
- See website for info on Open Drop In and other options to play.
- \$8

The Brush Factory.

To reserve a court for groups of four or more, call 302-703-7715.
Price unknown. Open? Unknown

Northside Park, 125th St, Ocean City, MD 410-250-0125. Not open as far as I can find out

Kent County Recreation Center - not open yet, possibly opening during Phase 2 with COVID19 precautions.

Courtside Tennis and Pickleball Club is operating in Dover.

- <https://www.facebook.com/Courtside-Pickleball-and-Tennis-Club-107976060590952/>

Outdoor

The City of Lewes Canalfront Park Tennis Courts

- **Organized Groups are no longer allowed at these courts**

- Available on a first come first serve basis
- Courts are painted lines on the two tennis courts
- You can also bring your own nets and set up on the courts around the tennis courts
- There is also a backboard to practice.
- **One hour play time only**

Deauville Beach tennis/Pickleball courts.

- www.CityofRehoboth.com.
- The courts are located in the Deauville Beach parking lot and are open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. every day.
- Court rental is \$10 per hour with a two-hour reservation limit. Courts are held for ten minutes only. For more information contact 302-227-3598. Call ahead.

Directions to the Deauville tennis courts:

- Drive to the North end of the board walk passing the Boardwalk Plaza Hotel.
- Continue round the bend to the first stop sign.
- Turn right and drive one block looking to right till you see a big parking lot.
- Turn in there
- There is an attendant there collecting money, but if you play tennis or Pickleball you **DONOT** pay for parking,
- Tennis courts are located 2/3 to the end on the right. Look for fenced in area.

Pickleball at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

[235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811](#)

Ocean Pines Sports Complex

- requires pre-registration. Call ahead.
- Free For Members; \$5/day
- For Non-member residents; \$7/day for non-residents.
- For more information contact Julie Woulfe at 443-604-0186. <https://oppickleball.shutterfly.com>.
- Call ahead.

John M Clayton Elementary School

- **Open on Monday June 15th.**

- Some of the courts are getting repaired over the next few weeks.
- Thank you for your patience.

The Rookery North

- [6152 S. Rehoboth Blvd.](#)
- [Milton, DE.](#)
- [302-422-7010.](#)
- There are courts but I could not find info about play. Call for info.

Dave Marshall's Tennis and Fitness

- www.davemarshalltennis.com.
- Click on "fitness" and then Pickleball.
- Must pre-pay on line, pre-register.
- \$7

I hope that everyone thinks about their own safety and keeping others safe, if you decide to play. Our world sure has changed in a very short time. My hope is that you take the safety guidelines seriously, keep washing your hands, use hand sanitizer and limit your contact with frequently used contact surfaces like gates, fencing, net, etc. Please also make sure that you take time to sanitize you paddle, balls, your paddle, grip and water bottle.



PlayTime Scheduler for Pickleball

- This website is a FREE **scheduling** tool created exclusively by and for pickleballers.
- Using this site, you will be able to create and join play sessions with other players in your area.
- No more endless group texts or emails!
- **PlayTime** lets you easily locate or **schedule** games whenever you want.

For the **Clayton outdoor courts**, we are asking for volunteers to serve as captain for a specific time. So, if you want to let others know when you will be there and want to invite others to join you, please use the **Playtime Scheduler**.

This is what an invite might look like once someone has set up a playtime:

"B. W. has created a new Pickleball session at Canalfront Park Tennis Net on Monday, 6/15 @ 8:30AM. (You asked to be notified of any sessions added on Monday mornings).

Can you make it? If so, please add your name by visiting: <https://playtimescheduler.com>

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY to this email message. To contact the originator of this session please log in to the site and use the Add Note or Email Players button."

Seems really easy right?

Why you should consider using this app:

- Due to the uncertainty of the COVID 19 situation, it is better to limit numbers of players to remain in smaller groups with the sign up. This is just a recommended tool to help members know when people are playing and inviting others to sign in with them.
- If you want to let people know that you are playing at Clayton on Mondays at 9 AM, **Playtime Scheduler** will let everyone who has signed up know that there is

someone who is planning to play. Anyone who indicated an interest in playing in their profile will get an email. This could apply to anytime that someone is looking for a game at a specified time and day. That way you do not have to drive out to the courts to see if anyone is there. You can get an email notification, sign up and know that you can go to the courts to play.

Please go to **Playtime Scheduler** and sign up. You can set up under your account tab, email preferences, to get an email notice when a session has been scheduled at a particular court, date and time.



Gratitude

I have been thinking about how much all of the people I have met mean to me. How much I have been missing all of you, watching the fun that you have when playing. Sharing the laugh when we miss a ball and wondering what just happened!?! Learning from one another.

I also think about what pickleball has done to create joy in this community. Whether you play socially or travel to tournaments to play, meeting one another is the really cool part of this sport. That is why I love the above t-shirt. Because it is so true! (This t-shirt is available through Pickleball Central and we get a 5% rebate.)

Membership Survey Results

A total of 226 members responded to the survey to determine future needs for pickleball facilities in Sussex County. Some of the key highlights of the survey include...

- 98.2% indicated a need for more permanent pickleball courts for public use.
- 94.7% indicated a need for permanent outdoor pickleball courts with overhead shade and lights
- 96.9% indicated a need for indoor pickleball courts with heating and air conditioning
- 94.3% indicated that Sussex County should have a pickleball destination
- 93.8% would favor having organized playtime, lessons, ladder leagues, clinics and tournaments
- 83.9% would be willing to pay a 6 month or annual membership fee to support the operation and maintenance for the facilities
- 50.9% would be willing to help with fundraising
- 72.2 % would be willing to donate money for the project

Based on a phased in approach, what is your preference for phasing in the courts. As noted below, a phase in starting with 12 indoor courts was the overwhelming preference:

Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3
12 Outdoor Courts with Lighting 20.9% 28.6% 50.5%

12 Outdoor Courts with Overhead
Shading and Lights 18.9% 49.3% 31.6%

12 Indoor Courts 61.0% 20.6% 18.4%

Our first priority is to locate land within the county for such a design. The most difficult will be getting the indoor courts but we heard what you wanted. We might need to start out with 12 outdoor courts with lights and perhaps an overhead shade structure. We are looking at options.

Thank you so very much for your input. We are continuing to advocate for permanent pickleball facilities, creating a plan and hope to have good news in the coming months.

A Request for Help from Our Community



Save a Life DONATE BLOOD

Call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 and schedule an appointment to donate blood at one of our upcoming Beebe Blood Drives:

JUNE 15, 2020

Margaret H. Rollins
School of Nursing

JULY 31, 2020

Rehoboth Health Campus
(McCurry Conference Room)

The blood drives are by appointment only. If you can't donate on the dates listed above, don't worry -- there are plenty of opportunities to donate throughout Sussex County. Call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or click <https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/geo> for available dates and locations.

**Beebe
Healthcare**

To learn more about blood donation,
visit: www.delmarvablood.org



**More Outdoor Courts Coming in Georgetown
September or October 2020**

**Sandhill Fields
Behind the Cheer Center**

Six first class permanent pickleball courts with a permanent 16'X 20' shade pavilion with three courts on either side. We do have additional land to build additional courts if the demand is

adequate.

We plan to open the park in September when all structures will be complete—restroom facilities close to the pickleball courts, two large picnic pavilions, a maintenance barn, a playground for the young children and plenty of close-by, free parking.

My understanding is that there will be a small fee to play at these courts. We are talking with the General Manager to find out more information.