



Tahoe City Public Utility District

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## **Pickleball Finds a Home at Tahoe City's Kilner Park**

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Pickleball is a wildly popular sport for all ages and it is now available full-time at Tahoe City's Kilner Park. The game combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong and is played with a paddle and whiffle ball in singles or in teams of two. If you have never played, now is your opportunity – in Tahoe City!

The Tahoe City Public Utility District planned the pickleball court construction in conjunction with a tennis court resurfacing project that was completed on June 24, 2019. During the project, one of the two tennis courts was converted to four permanent pickleball courts and striping of temporary pickleball courts was added to the remaining permanent tennis court. This project, approved by the TCPUD Board of Directors, was identified as a community need and embraces an emerging recreational group. Kilner Park now offers both pickleball and tennis for public enjoyment.

"You don't often see a popular sport that is good for players of all ages, abilities and activity levels," said Valli Murnane, TCPUD Director of Parks and Recreation. "Pickleball continues to grow throughout our region and we are thrilled to have designated outdoor pickleball courts available at Kilner Park."

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event is set for Wednesday, July 10 at noon. The ribbon cutting event is part of two days' worth of clinics led by pickleball National Champion Matthew Blom, with Mexico's national champion assisting in instruction. The clinics will be held Tuesday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 10 at the Kilner Park pickleball courts. In addition to the clinics, a free pickleball Olympics event will be offered on Tuesday night, 7-8pm, which will consist of team games, relays, challenges all designed to improve your pickleball skills, and more. To register for free and paid events, visit: <https://bit.ly/2Xl7vx8>. All events are open to the public.

Kilner Park is located 3.5 miles south of downtown Tahoe City on the corner of Highway 89 and Ward Avenue. This wooded 7-acre park adjacent to the west shore bike trail has a children's playground, lighted tennis and pickleball courts, sand volleyball court, walking and biking trails, picnic tables, group BBQ area and restrooms. The pickleball and tennis courts are open daily in summer and fall from 8am-10pm.

For more information about TCPUD Parks and Recreation and other District services, please call 530.583.3796, visit [tcpud.org](http://tcpud.org), and follow TCPUD on Instagram at [@tcpud](https://www.instagram.com/tcpud) or Facebook at [facebook.com/TahoeCityParksandRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/TahoeCityParksandRecreation).

*The Tahoe City Public Utility District provides water, sewer and recreation services within its service area. The boundaries of the District lie within both Placer and El Dorado Counties, extending from Emerald Bay to Dollar Hill, and along the Truckee River to the Nevada County line. For additional information, call Stacie Lyans at 530.580.6057 or send an email to [slyans@tcpud.org](mailto:slyans@tcpud.org).*

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