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## Pickleball returns to Memorial Park



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On a hot Saturday morning in July last summer, I introduced Pickleball to Chester with the help of Swarthmore College women's tennis coach Jeremy Loomis. On a warm and drizzly Saturday this week, Pickleball returned to Memorial Park in the form of a Pickleball party sponsored by Jeannine Fallon Anckaitis, Executive Director of Youth Development and United Chester Upland Youth Soccer, who brought Coach Loomis back to provide instruction.



Several youth and a few adults participated in what is considered the fastest growing sport in the United States. It's events like these that will begin to launch Chester into a destination for all youth sports creating tourism and business growth for our city and giving our children a lot more to do in our parks and playgrounds.

Chester has 10 very nice outdoor tennis courts that get little action. Converting a few of them into Pickleball courts is the plan to take advantage of one of our most underutilized park assets.



*Jeremy Loomis and Jeannine Anckaitis*

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1. **Jeannine Fallon-Anckaitis says:**

**May 15, 2023 at 10:14 am**

Awesome! Thanks so much. I will share via social media. It was gre

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