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Pickleball is a Smash in East Bay Township!

(Traverse City, Michigan) - Thanks to the collaborative efforts of East Bay Township, private donors, area volunteers, and the Oleson Foundation, three new pickleball courts have been installed at Grace Macdonald Park on East Arbutus Lake Rd in East Bay Township. A grand opening event that includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the courts on Sunday, August 16th at 2:00 PM. The event, which is open to the public, will also include an exhibition game with top area pickleball players.

Grace Mcdonald, Chairperson of the East Bay Township Parks Commission, said, "We're both excited and proud to open these new courts to the public. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and East Bay Township has responded by installing this state-of-the-art facility so anyone can enjoy this popular sport free of charge." Macdonald explained that the new courts are the first dedicated pickleball courts in the Grand Traverse region that are available for use by the general public for free. "There are no membership fees or court fees. Just bring your paddle and pickleball and play! It's a great way for people of all ages to get in shape and have fun at the same time", said Macdonald.

Funding for the project was provided by the East Bay Township Parks Commission, private donors, and the Oleson Foundation. In addition, community volunteers donated time, labor, and equipment to help complete construction of the courts.

The courts are used exclusively for pickleball and are available to area residents and visitors 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM seven days per week. There is no charge to use the courts, however participants must provide their own equipment. Grace Macdonald Park is located on East Arbutus Lake Rd at the intersection of High Lake Rd. For more information, contact East Bay Township at 231-947-8647.

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