



APRIL 2024

Pickleball

Alpharetta has become a leader in the Atlanta area for playing pickleball. 18 permanent courts are located at North Park (12) and Webb Bridge Park (6); six tennis courts at Wills Park are lined for pickleball. All are welcome.



Why are we supposed to start the game from the Northwest corner of the court?

That's a great question! Pickleball was invented on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. Seattle is in the Northwest and this gesture shows homage to the sport. So, now you are in the know!

If you are looking for indoor play, limited times are available in the gym at the Wills Park Recreation Center on two courts. There are also three marked courts in the gym at Crabapple. That facility is used for group instruction in the Wintertime and during inclement weather based on availability.

Open Play, Group Lessons, Private Instruction and Court Rentals are offered at the parks. Information can be found in this newsletter.

Proper footwear and attire are required. Pickleball or tennis shoes only. No alcohol/smoking/vaping is permitted on park property.

Open Play Schedule (as of 3-28-24)

North Park			Level	Challenge Courts?
Monday	9:00am	1:00pm	All	Yes
Tuesday	9:00am	1:00pm	All	Yes
Tuesday	5:00pm	9:00pm	3.0 level & below	No
Saturday	9:00am	2:00pm	All	Yes
Sunday	1:00pm	5:00pm	All	Yes
Challenge Courts at North Park are #'s 10, 11 and 12. Challenge Courts at Webb Bridge Park are #'s 3 and 4.				
Webb Bridge Park			Level	Challenge Courts?
Monday	5:00pm	9:00pm	All	Yes
Wednesday	9:00am	1:00pm	All	No
Thursday	5:00pm	9:00pm	All	Yes
Friday	9:00am	1:00pm	All	No
Saturday	2:00pm	6:00pm	All	Yes

Wills Park Recreation Center (Indoors, only 2 courts)	
Monday	2:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday	12:00pm-3:00pm
Friday	12:00pm-3:00pm
Open play at WPRC is free for City residents, \$3 for non-residents	
SPRING BREAK (April 1-5) Mon and Wed 1:30-4:30, Friday 1:30-3:30	

THERE IS NO OPEN PLAY AT NORTH PARK APRIL 27-28 DUE TO TOURNAMENT

Open Play is open to all levels of play unless noted. All players at open play rotate in and out of games, with the 4 off/4 on system. If people are waiting, all 4 players come off and 4 new ones come on. The winners of each game put their paddles in the winner's rack and the other 2 players use the loser's rack. The racks rotate which 4 play next. Open Play is always doubles play.

New racks have been installed.

When we have **challenge courts**, paddles are placed in the rack in pairs. This rack is located by court 12. You must have a partner before you add your paddle. Single paddles will be skipped and should be removed. The winning team stays on the courts and 2 new challengers come in. The winning team may stay on for a maximum of 3 consecutive matches, even if they win the 3rd one then they come off and get back in the rotation.

Challenge court players should be ready to go, there is no warm-up time.

Tuesday Evening Open Play at North Park is for those players of all ages that are at a 3.0 level and below.

This is for newer players and beginners and there are no challenge courts. **All twelve courts** are set aside for this open play session.

Games in this session are played to 11, win by 1. If there are more than 20 paddles waiting, games will then go to 9, win by 1. Please adhere to posted signage with other guidelines.

Players that are higher than 3.0 must be respectful of this open play time and play at their appropriate level at their scheduled times.

Open Play days and times are subject to change.

Challenge courts may be added on weekday mornings with little to no notice, in the event of that day falling on a holiday.

If you would like to participate in group lessons, or have private instruction, you may sign up for lessons with the link below or scan the QR code in the corner. The instructors listed here are the only ones permitted to teach on City of Alpharetta courts.

You can contact them directly for private instruction.

Upcoming Lessons	Program #	Instructor	Day	Dates	Time	Location	Resident Cost	Weeks
Intermediate Dinks & Drops	31229	Karla	Wednesday	Apr 10 -- May 8	9am-10:30am	North Park	\$112.50	5
True Beginners Spring	31230	Karla	Wednesday	Apr 10 -- May 8	11am-12:30pm	North Park	\$112.50	5
Intermediate Dinks & Drops L2	31231	Karla	Thursday	Apr 11 -- May 9	9am-10:30am	Webb Bridge	\$112.50	5
Advanced Beginner Spring	31232	Karla	Thursday	Apr 11 -- May 9	11am-12:30pm	Webb Bridge	\$112.50	5
Beginner Spring 2	31310	Ruth	Monday	Apr 22 -- May 20	6:30pm-7:30pm	North Park	\$75	5
Intermediate Spring 2	31311	Ruth	Monday	Apr 22 -- May 20	7:30pm-8:30pm	North Park	\$75	5
Beginner Spring 2	31308	Ruth	Tuesday	Apr 23 -- May 21	10am-11am	North Park	\$75	5
Intermediate Spring 2	31309	Ruth	Tuesday	Apr 23 -- May 21	11am-12pm	North Park	\$75	5
Intensive Dinks & Drops L1 Spr 2	31233	Karla	Mon & Wed	May 13 -- 29	9am-10:30am	North Park	\$135	3
Intensive Dinks & Drops L2 Spr 2	31234	Karla	Mon & Wed	May 13 -- 29	11am-12:30pm	North Park	\$135	3
Beginner Summer	32655	Jig	Sun	Jun 2 -- Jun 30	5:00pm-6:15pm	North Park	\$94	5
Intermediate Summer	32656	Jig	Sun	Jun 2 -- Jun 30	6:15pm-7:30pm	North Park	\$94	5
Beginner Summer	32653	Jig	Wed	Jun 5 -- Jul 3	6:45pm-8:00pm	TBA	\$94	5
Beginner Summer	32654	Jig	Wed	Jun 5 -- Jul 3	8:00pm-9:15pm	TBA	\$94	5
Introduction to Singles	32657	Karla	Friday	June 7	6:00pm-9:00pm	North Park	\$45	1
Dinks and Drinks (Mocktails)	32658	Karla	Friday	June 28	6:00pm-9:00pm	North Park	\$45	1

Karla's Dinks/Drops is a DRILLS class, experience is required. Level 2 class, you must be approved by Karla.

Highlighted Lessons are Full at time of publishing this newsletter.

Classes could be moved inside to a gym if weather is an issue.



SCAN WITH YOUR 
**TO REGISTER FOR
 THESE LESSONS**



MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS

Ruth Amiel

Coach BamBam is a certified instructor with PPR. She can be reached at ruthlessstrongpickleball@gmail.com Information for private instruction and her events can be found at www.ruthlessstrongpickleball.com Visit her Facebook page, Ruthless Strong Pickleball

Ruth is scuba certified, is a 3rd degree black belt in Taekwondo, a paddleboard instructor as well as Yoga.

She is also a USAPA Pickleball Ambassador

Karla Blagin

Coach Karla is a certified instructor with IFPA. She can be reached at kblagin@gmail.com

Karla is a USAPA Pickleball Ambassador

Karla is a certified Breath and Deep Stretch Coach. She is also a Latin Fit Flow Instructor.

Jig Pandya

Coach Jig is a certified instructor with PPR. Contact him at jigpandya@yahoo.com Information for private instruction and his events can be found at www.pickleballturf.com

Coach Jig also manages the Alpharetta Pickleball Facebook Group

He can also be found on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jigpandya/>

Jamie Gessner

Coach Jamie is a certified instructor with PPR. Contact her at alpharettaparkstennis@gmail.com Jamie is our main youth pickleball instructor based out of Wills Park. She is also the City's lead tennis instructor.

Private Instruction is permitted by one of these licensed and approved instructors.

COURT RENTAL INFORMATION

Outside of Open Play, courts can be reserved for a fee.

City Residents pay \$4 per court, per hour;

Non-residents pay \$6 per court, per hour.

Minimum rental time is 1 hour.

All 12 courts at North Park are available for reservation.

Courts 1 and 2 are the primary teaching courts.

All 6 courts at Webb Bridge Park can be reserved.

All 6 courts at Wills Park are for rent, but must be reserved as a tennis court.

Scan the QR Code here to get started. or follow this link:

<https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/alpharetta/reservation/search>

*Wills Park Rentals
If you are playing at
Wills Park, do not
adjust the strap,
simply slide it over
until the net lowers 2
inches. Put it back
when you are done.*

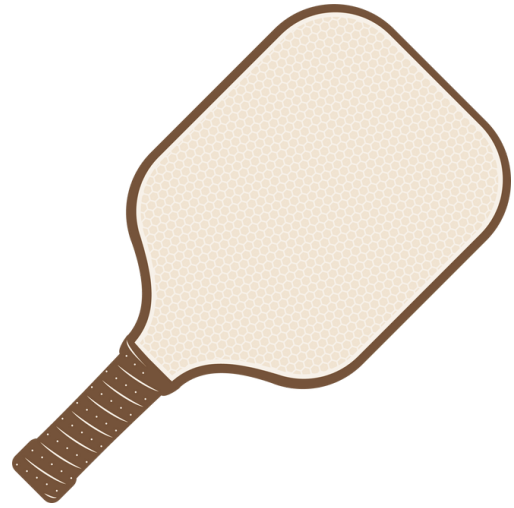




Team Reach is set up for group communication and calendars. This is an unofficial communication system, but it's been helpful. The code for

North Park is pb001 and the code for **Webb Bridge Park is x21.**

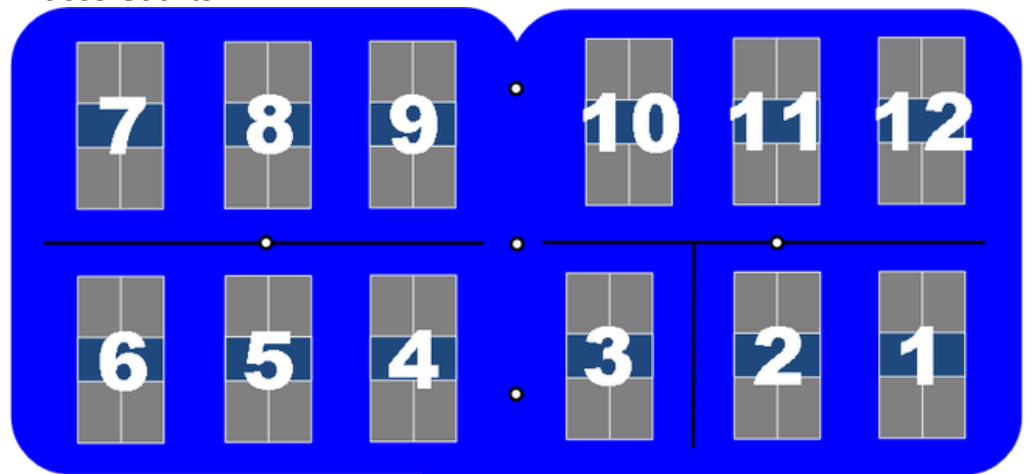
Download the app to get started.



Bocce Courts ^^^

NEW COURT LAYOUT at NP

This is looking at the courts from the sidewalk.



Parking Lot >>>

UPCOMING EVENTS

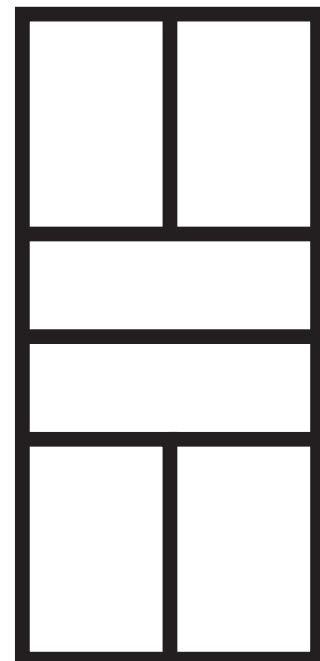
Raj is managing the North Fulton Community Charities fundraiser:

<https://a2msports.com/pickleball/3830>

Ruth will again be managing the Wednesday Night League. You can register here for that:

www.ruthlessstrongpickleball.com

The Turf Championships are back with Jig, you can sign a team up here: www.pickleballturf.com



GENERAL TEAM LEAGUE INFORMATION

If you would like to have your TEAM play at one of the Alpharetta parks for the season, it must be approved in advance. For approval Contact: Kevin McDonald kmcdonalde@alpharetta.ga.us

Upon approval, teams are required to pay a \$150 team fee and all non-residents are required to pay \$25 each. If your team would like practice courts during the season, there will be an additional fee. If you would like instruction/coaching at practices, one of our instructors may be available for a fee.

We will be enforcing the 40% residency requirement for the winter season. If there is room for teams that exceed 40%, those teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

ALTA

ALTA's Winter league has concluded. Spring registration began on on March 19. Please get your team approved with us first before you register with ALTA

Summer Matches will be on Monday evenings at 6:00pm. All teams will play out of North Park, no Webb Bridge teams for the summer. Playing format has not changed.



ATL PICKLE

ATL Pickle will not be running a Spring League. Looks like they are shooting for the fall again.

USTA

USTA is jumping in to the team league pool. Their league is going to be on Thursday nights. If any teams are interested in that, your only home court option is North Park.

Here is the link to get information and register. Approval needed before signing up.

<https://www.ustaatlanta.com/atlantateampickleball>

BENCHES AND COURT EQUIPMENT

The benches are for sitting on. We are getting more and more complaints about people putting their bags on the benches, and players are unable to sit on them when they need to. Place bags on the court surface, or hang them on the perimeter fence. If you don't have a hook and don't want your bag on the ground, you can bring your own folding chair to use.

Do not move the benches around.

They are strategically placed in areas that are out of areas of play: Along the fence at courts 6 and 7 and the fence by courts 1 and 12. They are also in the middle, between the light poles.

Please be considerate of your fellow players and your park staff.

WEEKDAY PARKING

If you are coming to play at NORTH PARK on weekday mornings for Open Play or in one of the Ladies and Men's Groups, all participants are asked to park down at the Turf Field 1 parking lot. The Adult Activity Center is very busy in the mornings and we need all the parking for the center participants. The pickleballers can enjoy a nice walk and a warm-up to the courts.

If you are playing between 9:30 and 12:00pm, this is very important.

The Center activities start to thin out after 12pm and parking is no longer an issue. We will be putting up signs, so please be aware and be courteous.

**Don't miss out
on this event!**



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**NORTH PARK TENNIS AND
PICKLEBALL CENTER**

13450 COGBURN RD. ALPHARETTA

ALL AGES FAMILY FUN!
SATURDAY - MEN'S & WOMEN'S DOUBLES
SUNDAY - MIXED DOUBLES
MATCHES BEGIN AT 9 A.M. EACH DAY