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Parks Commissioner

We are the Marine Park Pickleball Associates, a group of 90 players. We play at Doctors Johns Playground, Gerritsen Beach Marine Park, on 2 rough concrete surfaced courts marked for Pickleball & Handball. On a good day we can expect up to 35 to 40 people waiting to play, Being only 2 Courts we can only accommodate 8 at a time. Most of our players are Seniors and were former Tennis and Paddleball players and want to remain active. Pickleball is a great alternative.

We observe Social Distancing and Hand sanitizing.

Marine Park Pickleball has doubled in membership in only 1 year. Its free to join using the Team Reach App. Everyone is welcomed, and we teach the game to newcomers.

According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) 2017 Pickleball participant reports, there are 2,815 million pickleball players in the U.S. It's become the fastest growing sport in the nation. Attracting players of all ages and skill levels.

Carmine Carro Community Center wants to start a Pickleball program for its Active Seniors. Marine Park Pickleball Associates have agreed to do 3 half hour videos for its members to teach Pickleball. When the Restriction are lifted for the Center to open, The Carmine Carro Community Center located in the middle of Marine Park will need courts.

Fort Hamilton Senior Center is located in the middle of John J Carty Park. There are Tennis courts right behind the Center. One Tennis Court is doubled marked for Tennis and Pickelball.

A single Tennis Court can be divided up into 4 Pickleball Courts, 2 on each side of the Tennis Nets. Tennis is mostly played by single players, 1 court for two people, Pickleball is always played by doubles and that single Tennis Courts will now accommodate 16.

Carmine Carro Community Center should have the same opportunity for its Members as the Fort Hamilton Senior Center.

Marine Park has 12 Tennis Courts, 4 rows of 3, If the last row of Tennis courts were double marked for both Sports that would be 12 Pickleball courts enough to accommodate 48 players. The Tennis Courts are still playable and Pickleball is available, Just bring your own Pickleball nets.

This would be a great addition to Marine Park offering a wider selection of Paddle Sports. It doesn't take away anything from Tennis.

Thank You, Michael Chalet

