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Wellington adds three pickleball courts



Wellington residents play pickleball on the village's new courts. (Submitted)

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Pickleball, [America's fastest-growing sport](#), has come to Wellington.

It all began when Carol Burke, facilitator of [THRIVE! Southern Lorain County](#), approached a friend about bringing pickleball to Wellington, according to a news release.

The friend, Teresa Bosela, was an avid player.

They arranged a meeting with Village Manager Steve Dupee to chat about the game.

In April, Village Council unanimously agreed to add pickleball to [Wellington Community Park](#), located at the end of Johns Street in the northwest corner of Wellington, according to the release.

The village converted one of its three basketball courts to three pickleball courts, which opened in mid-July.

The game is free and open to the public.

THRIVE! received a [Community Health Investment Grant](#) from Lorain County Public Health to purchase nets and posts, the release said.

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis.

Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or another material to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net.

People of all ages enjoy the game, and is especially popular among seniors, the release said.

The release said increasing physical activity is one of the key goals of THRIVE!.

Currently, participants must bring their own paddles and balls to the courts.

THRIVE! is responsible for laminated signage to show how to play pickleball with rules and scoring.

The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

The courts are well lit and close to the parking lot and splash pad.

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