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## **Opening of the Fall River Pickleball and Tennis Courts**

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(FALL RIVER, MA- June 5, 2023)- On Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, the City hosted a press conference to speak about the opening of the new Pickleball and Tennis Court Complex at Kennedy Park. The Complex includes two brand new Pickleball courts and two brand new Tennis courts.

In 2021, Fall River received a grant for park improvements from the Baker-Polito Administration. The decision to use the grant money towards Pickleball courts came from the increasing popularity of Pickleball across the South Coast and the nation. The project was worked on by Mayor Paul Coogan, Mike Dion from the Community Development Agency, and the Parks Board.

Mayor Coogan is working with the Parks Board and a local Pickleball coordinator named Jim Crosson to coordinate Pickleball clinics and tournaments in the City that will give locals a chance to learn about the game so that they can feel confident using the courts. This is part of an ongoing effort to improve the parks.

"You will see more improvements coming in the Parks. We are looking at things every day to make them better and more family-friendly," said Mayor Coogan at the press conference on Friday.

The Complex is now open to the public. Further information about clinics and tournaments will be released when dates are finalized.