

**TPA monthly member newsletter.**

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### **Chaires Park Status - Good News!**

According to Amanda Heidecker, Director of Leon County Parks and Recreation, the Daniel B. Chaires Park resurfacing project is now under contract with a scheduled completion date of October 22, 2022. Four pickleball courts will be painted on the new surface, and roll-out portable nets will be purchased. We should be able to begin play during late October and can plan TPA events beginning in November. In addition to adding pickleball courts, the lighting will be updated with modern LED lights for evening play.

### **Tom Brown Park Housekeeping**

- **Sponge Rollers:** The sponge rollers at Tom Brown Park have deteriorated in the weather and are no longer useful for drying the courts. These rollers are indispensable in that they allow us to dry up puddles and make the courts playable after rain or early morning heavy dew. Tallahassee Parks and Recreation has responded to our request for replacements, and new rollers should be in place soon. (NOTE: Lenin Mongerie plans to post an instruction video on the City of Tallahassee website showing how to use the rollers to dry a court. We will share the video with our members as well.)
- **Entrance Mat:** TPA purchased a new heavy duty entrance mat to help keep the dirt off the Tom Brown Park courts. We had worn out the original mat after two years of use.

- **Windssocks:** TPA purchased two bright orange windssocks that will soon be installed by City of Tallahassee crews on the north and south sides of the Tom Brown Park courts.

## **PB&YAY! Tournament Returning in August**

After a short Summer break, Abdel Gonzalez and Cathy Bedsole are cranking up the next PB&YAY! event for Aug 27, 2022 at Winthrop Park. TPA members will receive early notification via email 3 days prior to the public announcement, and will receive a small registration discount. These tournaments are extremely popular and sell out fast, so be on your toes and respond quickly.

## **Membership Status**

TPA began accepting members in August of 2021, and now has 171 members. Based on demographic data maintained by the City of Tallahassee, there are approximately 1500 pickleball players in the Tallahassee/Big Bend Area.

## **501(c)(3) Status**

TPA is a Florida tax exempt, nonprofit corporation. We also have IRS 501(c)(3) status.

## **TPA Official Facebook Group**

Our Facebook group is [Tallahassee Pickleball Association](#), a public group that now has 335 members. Take a look, join the group, and add your Pickleball related posts and comments. (No marketing or soliciting, please.)

See also the [Big Bend Pickleball \(Tallahassee, Florida\)](#) group operated by Barbara Cairns.

## **Pickleball Central DISCOUNT CODE (Use code **CRTPA** at checkout)**

**This is a great way to save money on your purchases from Pickleball Central and support TPA at the same time!**

Get a 5% discount and TPA gets a 5% credit when you order from [pickleballcentral.com](#) using order code CRTPA. For every purchase using the discount code CRTPA, Pickleball Central will credit TPA's account with 5% of the purchase price. Each year TPA can use the funds on account to purchase nets, balls, and other equipment. So you get a discount and

contribute to your Pickleball association at the same time. Sweet!

### **Update Your TPA Profile Data**

Help us improve our communications by making sure your email and telephone number are up to date on the [TPA website](#).

### **Reach Out!**

Give us your comments, suggestions, and questions via email or via post/comment on the [Facebook group](#), or simply talk with one of our board members at the courts.

Email: [admin@tallahasseepickleball.com](mailto:admin@tallahasseepickleball.com)

### **TPA Board Members**

Current board members are listed on the [TPA website](#) "About" page.

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