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PICKLEBALL COURT & HOCKEY RINK RIBBON CUTTING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

WHO: Supervisor Sean M. Walter, Riverhead Town Board, Ray Coyne, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and Community Pickleball Players

WHAT: Pickleball Court & Hockey Rink Ribbon Cutting

WHEN: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 11:00AM

WHERE: Stotzky Park Hockey Rinks, Pulaski Street, Riverhead, NY 11901

DETAILS: The Town of Riverhead has resurfaced the hockey rink at Stotzky Park to host Pickleball and hockey (Roller Hockey and Deck Hockey). These courts will officially be open to the public on Saturday, October 14 after the scheduled ribbon cutting. "Many of our residents are avid Pickleball players and they asked the town to install official courts," said Supervisor Sean Walter. "I am very happy that we were able to accommodate their request so quickly," he concluded.

The new rink will now also contain (5) official Pickleball courts as the growing demand for the popular sport has increased each year. Since 2013, Pickleball has been the fastest growing sport in our town (and Long Island) as we now host annual tournaments, weekly leagues/open courts, seasonal clinics and the new ladder league, which sold out with (75) participants in its debut back in June.

The new surface, Street Ice (S/I-3), is a full bodied, high performance acrylic latex coating designed by the DecoTurf company, engineered specifically for the high impact sport of in-line skating. This surface is more suitable for Roller Hockey than the previous surface as it is formulated to resist the abrasion expected on a competition-level in-line or street hockey facility.



The \$20,000 resurfacing and striping project was able to get the green light when a substantial savings was realized from the new playground equipment installed at EPCAL. Ultimately, all funds originated from developer's fees that are placed into a Parks and Recreation fund.

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