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## A Letter from the Director of Leisure Services

### New Curly Hollow Park Site

*Written by Shane McAfee, Director of Leisure Service, City of St. George*

Great news! In this year's budget, St. George City is moving forward with the design of a new community park. Community parks are larger than the more common neighborhood parks and range in size from 10-20 acres, plus they include more amenities than the neighborhood parks.



Curly Hollow Park site is located on 20 acres on South Tonaquint Drive near Tonaquint Middle School.

Recently, a community input/scoping meeting took place to listen to the residents input on what they would like the park to look like and include (grass, pavilions, splash pad, trails, restrooms, etc). One of the discussion points was "pickleball courts". This included how many courts should be built; 12 or 24 courts. The majority in attendance preferred the 12 court option.

Typically, St. George City will design a park within a year with the goal to build the community park within the next year or two. Due to the size and cost of this park, it may be built in two phases. Therefore, it may be a few years before completion.

It's exciting to note that within a few years, St George City pickleball courts may increase by 35%!! This includes the Curley Hollow Project. It also includes an additional 4 courts to be built in Bloomington Park, making that a total of 8 courts, which should be completed during the current fiscal year (July 2020-June 2021),

So, Pickleball is alive and well in St. George, Utah. More importantly, the City Government is extremely supportive of Pickleball here. If you have the time, please thank your Mayor and City Council Members for their efforts to make St. George one of the best cities in the West.



## DID YOU KNOW ...

### **USAPA Changes Name to USA Pickleball**

The USAPA announced that it's adopted a new name. They'll be known as USA Pickleball and now have a new website to showcase the changes as well as topics like, "Where to Play", "Top Level Tournaments", "Upcoming Events" and how to "Get Involved".

We are happy to congratulate one of our own St George based volunteers, Ken Schoonover, who was recently named the newest USA Pickleball Rules Committee member, replacing John Grasso who decided to retire from the committee. If you don't know Ken, you can find him working behind the scenes on many different tournaments. Thanks for all you do for our community, Ken. Congratulations!

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### **PPA brings the World's #1 Pickleball Pros to Utah**

*Written by Keli Christensen, St George City Pickleball Advisory Committee Member*

The Professional Pickleball Association, "PPA" recently held a Professional Pickleball Clinic at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Pickleball Courts in Cottonwood Heights, Utah. World Ranked #1 Ben Johns, #1 Female Simone Jardim, and #2 Female Lucy Kovalova hosted players in Utah during this three hour hands-on clinic.

All the players seemed thrilled to spend so many hours with these professional athletes as the attendees learned and perfected new and fundamental pickleball skills. Many attendees commented on how approachable, genuine and kind the coaches were.

On behalf of the attendees, here's a special thank you to Conner Ogden, Ben Johns, Simone Jardim and Lucy Kovalova for taking time away from their lives and families to be in Utah to share their talents and teaching with us. *Thank you!!*

## Pickleball Events



### July 2020’s Midnight Heist Pickleball Tournament

*Written by Brennan Thomas, St George City Tournament Director*

The July Midnight Heist was a “sizzling hot” mens’ and women’s pickleball tournament with 110 players registered. It was a welcomed opportunity to play some great pickleball.

It was especially popular for the mens’ 4.0 division. There were so many players that this division was split into two groups. They even had a three way tie in order to get into the finals.

Here are the Midnight Heist Womens and Mens Doubles winners!

WD 3.0 1st Maria Mendez, Cathy Bernal 2nd Wendy Clymore, Trish Dent 3rd London Steglich, McCall Tippets	MD 3.0 1st Lemi Felix, Rey Mendez 2nd Buckway Stockton, CJ Kierejewski 3rd Jason Graf, Troy Graf
WD 3.5 1st T Hollingshead, Tarra McCoy 2nd Ashley Stevens, Kinzie Kelsch 3rd Ellie Barlow, Melissa Edwards	MD 3.5 1st Nevaloni Pulotu, Jordan Pulotu 2nd Carl Lindberg, Layne Isom 3rd Conner McArthur, Chad Nelson
WD 4.0 1st Trish Callister, Mandy Guidry 2nd Lindsey Stucki, Melissa Hunt 3rd Jeanne Stout, Karen Marchant	MD 4.0 1st Spencer Whitehead, Josh Pettus 2nd Jace Hansen, Dane Campbell 3rd Nathan Rasco, Matthew Sexton
WD 4.5 & 5.0 1st Jessica Stout, Sandee Leavitt 2nd Faosofia Pesaleli, Jen Bergin 3rd Brittany Stucki, Jamie Farnsworth	MD 4.5 1st John Hedberg, Brandon Rush 2nd Benson Parry, Jason Ayotte 3rd Hyrum Collier, Nate Wallentine
	MD 5.0 1st Mason Ford, Eric Gubler 2nd Jason Stout, Phillip Lamoreaux 3rd Lance Hill, Joey Brown

Mark your calendars for the next Midnight Heist, a singles tournament, scheduled for September 25th. Matches start at 8 p.m. Registration is limited, so sign up fast at [www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com)

## St. George City's Endless Summer Pickleball League



**ST. GEORGE PICKLEBALL**  
*Endless Summer Pickleball League*  
*Fun, Competitive, and Prizes!*

**Begins:** Week of August 24th  
**Ends:** Week of September 30th (6 weeks)  
**\*\*No Pickleball on Labor Day September 3rd. Make-up day October 5th\*\***  
**\*\*\* No make-up dates for weather cancellations\*\*\***

**Endless Summer League Schedule: Ladder Leagues**  
Monday AM Mixer / 8:30 am / All Skills  
Tuesday AM Ladies / 8:30 am / All Skills  
Tuesday AM Mens / 8:30 am / All Skills  
Tuesday PM Ladies / 7:00 pm / All Skills  
Tuesday PM Mens / 7:00 pm / All Skills  
Wednesday PM Mixer / 7:00 pm / All Skills  
\* "Mixer" combined male and female players. \*\*No Partner Needed

**Early Bird Cost:** \$25 / person / per league  
**Early Bird Deadline:** Monday, August 17th  
**Cost After Early Bird Deadline:** \$35 / person / per league

**Location:** Little Valley Pickleball Complex  
2149 Horseman Park Drive • St. George UT

*We'll See You On The Courts!*  St. George Pickleball Event Coordinator

## Tip of the Month - Around the Post

Pro Tip: As "Around the Post" shots are becoming more and more relevant in the game, do not celebrate too early. After a wide swinging dink keep your paddle low and ready for that ball to come around the post! If they try around the post, hit it right back to them. If they pop it up, put it back down. The point isn't done 'till it's done.



## 2020 PICKLEBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### Links

USA Pickleball Official Rules

[USA Pickleball/IFP Official Rules](#)

St George City Adult Pickleball Clinics

[Adult Pickleball Clinics St George City](#)

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Midnight Pickleball Heist Sept 2020

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