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## **RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW PICKLEBALL COURT THIS SATURDAY AT JAYCEE PARK**

**WACO, TEXAS (September 28, 2023)** — The City of Waco Parks & Recreation Department will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday to celebrate the opening of a new pickleball court park and improvements at Jaycee Park. The pickleball court will mark the first dedicated court in the Parks & Recreation parks portfolio.

The 11-acre neighborhood park is located at 6300 Tennyson Drive and sits adjacent to Tennyson Middle School and Parkdale Elementary School.

Funding for the pickleball court was made possible through a \$3,000 Neighborhood Grant awarded to Parkdale Viking Hills Neighborhood Association. Along with the pickleball court, additional improvements to the park include re-striping of the multi-use sports court, crushed granite around the courts, installation of sitting boulders, fence enhancements, new baseball field bleachers, updated park signage and basketball goal improvements.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will include members of the Waco City Council, City of Waco staff and representatives from the Parkdale Viking Hills Neighborhood Association. Light refreshments will be provided, and pickleball equipment will be available during the event for attendees who wish to try out the new court.

Pickleball is a racket sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong using a paddle and plastic, Wiffle-type ball. A family-friendly sport for players of all ages, games can be played as either singles or doubles.

In addition to the new pickleball court, Jaycee Park visitors can also enjoy the park's multi-use sports court with basketball goals and tennis net, grass sports area, picnic tables and paved walking path.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation office at (254) 750-5980.

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