

New Yorktown indoor pickleball facility draws interest from over 2,000 players. See inside



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Watch sneak peek of new pickleball facility opening soon in Yorktown

Sportime Pickleball Yorktown, which opens Sept. 20, 2025, offers 12 cushioned courts, locker rooms and two private event spaces. (Tania Savayan/lohud)

YORKTOWN HEIGHTS — Pickleball players will soon have a new place to swing their paddles and meet friends as an indoor pickleball facility will open at Yorktown Green Shopping Center.

The 12-court facility operated by Sportime will open on Sept. 20 with a grand opening event featuring raffles, food and music. In addition to courts, the center will offer party rooms, locker rooms, a pro shop and a lounge, lessons, open play and plans for leagues and tournaments.

Interest has been strong, with more than 2,000 players expressing interest and 600 already signing up for memberships, according to the facility. Players are from across Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess counties and even Connecticut.

Marni Rose, managing director of Sportime Pickleball Yorktown, said pickleball is not only easy to pick up, but a social sport for people to connect.



See sneak peek inside Sportime Pickleball opening soon in Yorktown Heights

Sportime Pickleball Yorktown will celebrate its grand opening on Sept. 20, 2025, in Yorktown Heights. See our sneak peek photos.

"The interest has been overwhelming. People are calling, emailing, walking in and peeking inside to see when we open," Rose said.

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New pickleball facility is in response to a booming sport

Transformed from the former Kmart, the 30,000-square-foot Sportime facility at 335 Downing Drive will open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. Membership is \$20 per month, which includes access to all Sportime pickleball locations and discounts on courts and events. Non-members can rent courts and participate in programs at non-member rates.

There is also an opening promotion that waives the \$20 first-month membership fee being offered through Oct. 31.



Jonathan Morales, director of pickleball at Sportime Pickleball Yorktown, returns the ball while playing with Sabrina Barisano of Yonkers in Yorktown Heights Sept. 9, 2025. The new location, which opens Sept. 20, offers 12 cushioned courts, programming for all ages, locker rooms and two private event spaces. Tania Savayan/The Journal News

The move to open the site in Yorktown is part of Sportime's goal to create 200 pickleball courts by 2030 in response to the sport's explosive growth.

In 2023, there were about 13.6 million pickleball players in the United States, representing a 223.5% increase since 2020, according to Sports & Fitness Industry Association. About 18,455 new courts were added in 2024 on top of 68,458 courts across U.S.

Many players discovered the sport during the pandemic and have since enjoyed it.

Claude Okin, president and chief executive officer of SPORTIME said previously while many players rely on tennis courts, which requires lowering the net from 36 inches high in the center to 34, dedicated courts are preferred.



General manager Marni Rose, center, along with Jonathan Morales, left, director of pickleball and Nancy Navarro-Del Monte, pickleball coordinator, at the new Sportime Pickleball Yorktown in Yorktown Heights Sept. 9, 2025. The new location, which opens Sept. 20, offers 12 cushioned courts, programming for all ages, locker rooms and two private event spaces. *Tania Savayan/The Journal News*

Sportime currently operates pickleball facilities in Eastchester and Mamaroneck, with another slated to open in Armonk this fall, alongside 11 additional locations across New York.

Yorktown was chosen from about 500 potential sites across the tri-state area for its affluent demographics, dense population, highway accessibility, high ceilings, ample parking and new business openings. The \$3 million renovation added cushioned floors, lighting, locker rooms and party rooms with the vision of making it a community gathering place for families and friends.