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## City of Fort Lauderdale to Break Ground on 43-Court Pickleball Complex and Stadium

*The Fort at Snyder Park will be home to the world's first dedicated Pickleball stadium.*

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** – The City of Fort Lauderdale invites you to a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 43-court pickleball complex at Snyder Park on **April 4 at 11:30 a.m.**

The state-of-the-art facility and public-private partnership called The Fort will be home to a pickleball club featuring 43 professional courts and a dedicated pickleball stadium along with a fitness-recovery center, locker rooms, pro shop, and 14 weatherproof courts for casual and competitive play.

The site will also be the new permanent home of the Association of Pickleball Players (APP), the first pickleball association to establish an official headquarters and training center.

"This collaboration showcases the incredible possibilities that arise when the public and private sectors work together for the benefit of our community," said Mayor Dean Trantalis. "We're creating more than 100 jobs, making a significant economic impact on our city and aligning with Fort Lauderdale's commitment to be a world-class live-work-play city."

The Fort also includes a 4,000 sq. ft. event center, luxury suites, golf simulators, dart room, volleyball, beach tennis, a game yard with live music, and on-water activities including paddleboarding and swimming.

The facility was co-founded by Fort Lauderdale locals Brad Tuckman and Rich Campillo who will also attend the groundbreaking ceremony. Their goal is to bring the community together through pickleball by hosting programs for various non-profit organizations and people of all ages.

"Pickleball is accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and we're excited to become the premier destination for both competitive and social players seeking an enjoyable pickleball experience. Our collaboration with the city of Fort Lauderdale and the APP tour represents an ideal union to fulfill our shared objective," said Co-founder Brad Tuckman.