

Pickleball Issues

At the July 14, 2020 Springbrook Hills Homeowners Association Board meeting, it was unanimously approved by the board members to update and revise the court rules, signage and SBHills Common Area Use Policy. New signs have been installed at the courts. Because the courts are located in close proximity to several homes, the Board added rules to require the use of Green Zone paddles and restricted pickleball playing times. The pickleball sport is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and additional facilities are being built every year. These new facilities are either being located further away from homes or have similar rules to mitigate the noise concerns.

The Board desires for our courts to be enjoyed by our members for tennis and pickleball, so we have decided to purchase two sets of Green Zone paddles and balls that are located at the courts in a locked bin. If you desire to utilize the association paddles during the 2021 playing season, please contact Joe Desira (517.896.0332) or Bill Kimble (517.202.7323) to get the code for the bin. We have also researched other pickleball facilities within the DeWitt Township area for use by Springbrook Hills members: indoor pickleball facility for year-around playing at Dewitt Township Community Center located at 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906 (reservations required at 517.668.1411). There are also plans for additional outdoor pickleball courts to be constructed in the region in 2021. As more information becomes available, we will update the website.

We are requesting that all members and guests please adhere to the new rules; if members and guests choose to use Red Zone paddles, they will be asked to switch to Green Zone paddles. If members desire to purchase pickleball paddles of their own, a google search for “Green Zone paddles” will bring up plenty of sites (examples are www.pickleballportal.com or www.pickleballcentral.com) that identify and rate Green Zone paddles. Lastly, Sun City Grand Community Association produced a good reference to determine if the paddle you own or plan to purchase is Green or Red Zone. ([see link on website homepage](#))

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