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Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. Fund Raising Milestone Achieved

(SUN PRAIRIE) — Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. (SPPF) reaches a milestone in their fund-raising effort four new lighted pickleball courts to be constructed at Wyndham Hills Community Park. The group of Sun Prairie residents, who are passionate about Sun Prairie parks, formed a non-profit organization with the purpose of supporting the city's park system at the end of 2020. They have successfully supported the City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on its annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Parks Clean-up and Tree Planting with a record numbers of people helping. They also obtained City approval for and are installing a pollinator garden in Wetmore Park on June 5th.

As SPPF's first major fund-raising project, the group has been approved by the city to fund-raise \$60,000 for four new lighted pickleball courts to be constructed at Wyndham Hills Community Park. The group is excited to report that they have raised over two thirds the \$60,000 goal with over \$42,000 raised. The group thanks the individuals and businesses who have already contributed and those who have participated in the fund-raising tournaments. They are looking to close the fund-raising gap this summer so the project can be included in the City's budget for 2022 construction.

The group is planning an on-line auction, t-shirt sales, and additional tournaments to support the fundraising effort to meet the \$60,000 goal. The group is looking for and welcomes monetary donations and donations of items for the on-line auction.

Donations and can be made through the group's website, <u>www.parksfriends.org</u>.

To learn more about the Wyndham Hills Community Park pickleball project and the Sun Prairie Parks Friends, visit: <u>www.parksfriends.org</u>.

SPPF Upcoming events:

Summer 2021 June 5, 2021 June 25-July 11, 2021 Later in 2021 Pickleball Fund Raisers and T-Shirt Sales Wetmore Pollinator Garden Installation Pickleball Court On-Line Auction Playground Community Build

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Assuming fundraising goals are met, the completed complex will include a total of ten pickleball courts and become a regional destination for pickleball enthusiasts and events. Support amongst the city's Common Council Alders for this project has been extremely high.