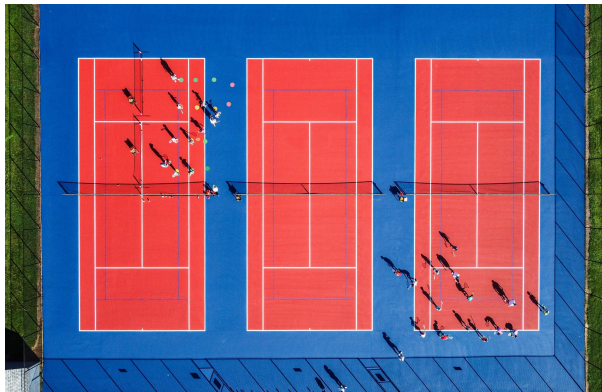


Parks & Recreation Tennis Spotlight

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A VIBRANT HUB: REVITALIZING MAPLE STREET PARK FOR THE POTTSTOWN COMMUNITY

The Borough of Pottstown Parks and Recreation Department in Pottstown, PA strives to create and support diverse recreation opportunities, maintain and enhance quality park facilities, and promote prosperity and wellness for residents and visitors of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Driven by this mission, the department set out to upgrade the aging courts at Maple Street Park into a modern, welcoming space for everyday community play.

To bring this vision to life, the Borough of Pottstown teamed up with Greater Pottstown Tennis and Learning (GPTL) and the USTA - including USTA Middle States, USTA Tennis Venue Services, and the USTA Foundation. Together, they received both a USTA Tennis Venue Services grant and a Middle States Build it Forward grant to support the resurfacing of the courts at Maple Street Park.

As part of the USTA National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network, GPTL utilizes these courts to deliver tennis and educational support to the community. The newly revitalized blue and red courts serve as a home base for GPTL to run consistent, year-round programming for both youth and adults, while sharing court access with the public outside program hours.

Following the renovation, the courts at Maple Street Park were officially renamed the "Jim Corum Tennis Courts". Jim Corum founded the GPTA in the early 1990s and was instrumental in advocating for tennis instruction for underserved youth. Reflecting on this incredible growth, Corum said, "I could have never dreamed that the little community organization I founded in the early 1990's would have ever grown into the national organization it is today".



The Borough of Pottstown's partnership with GPTL serves as an excellent example of community development through tennis. By working together to revitalize these courts, they successfully invested in a space that allows both organizations to continue supporting their missions and the Pottstown community.

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