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Joining Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, center, and Fire Inspector Mike Card, behind the mayor, in opening the city's pickleball ball courts are, from left, Marathon Parks and Recreation Director Scott Williamson, Marathon City Council member Robyn Still, Grimi Betancourt, City Attorney and interim City Manager Steve Williams, Aimee Kornetti, Michelle VanHoose, and Monroe County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Detective Chris VanHoose.

Mayor, Fire Inspector, others open city pickleball courts

MARATHON, FL (June 29, 2026) – Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo and her opponent, Mike Card, the city's Fire Inspector, officially open the city's new Pickleball Courts on Monday, June 29.

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The opening of the four courts follows the recent “soft opening” of the Skate Park at Marathon Community Park. The courts are located at Oceanfront Park, behind Marathon City Hall, 9805 Overseas Highway.

Crews put on the finishing touches last week, installing fencing and landscaping, applying the court coating, and setting up the nets.

The nearly \$500,000 project was awarded to Discount Rock and Sand in October 2025.

Deputy City Manager Brian Bradley suggested using solar lighting instead of the traditional electrical lighting, which saved the city nearly \$150,000.

Another project at the park, the renovation of the Dog Park, is nearly complete. It is expected to open next month.



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LEFT: Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo and Fire Inspector Mike were all smiles following their match to mark the opening of the city's pickleball courts. RIGHT: MCSO Major Crimes Detective Chris VanHoose and his wife, Michelle, get in some practice on the court on Monday, June 29.

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