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El Paso County Opens Multipurpose Courts at Ascarate Park

EL PASO, TX — The El Paso County Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the completion of two out of four multipurpose courts at Ascarate Park. The multipurpose courts will accommodate Pickleball and Futsal players near the Special Event area. **A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m.**

The newly added courts are part of a Phase 1 renovation to the Special event area at Ascarate. The courts are 80 by 50 feet and were paid for by the County's Capital Fund. Having a centrally located futsal/pickleball court will benefit a long time need for the community and aligns with the department's Parks Master Plan objective to expand recreational facility offerings and the availability of other park amenities to meet the diverse interests of El Paso County residents.

Futsal is the FIFA-recognized form of small-sided fútbol (soccer). It is played between two teams who each have five players on the pitch at any one time, with rolling substitutes and a smaller ball than soccer that is harder and less bouncy.

An estimated 4.8 million pickleball players are in the United States. The sports' popularity has grown approximately 39% in the last two years according to Pickleballhop.com. The demand in the sport prompted County officials to provide dedicated courts for pickleball enthusiasts and will be the first in El Paso for the community to enjoy.

WHO:	El Paso County Parks & Recreation
WHAT:	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Multipurpose Courts
WHEN:	Wednesday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m.
WHERE:	Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta, El Paso, Texas 79905

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