

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### Valpo Parks and City of Valparaiso to Break Ground on ValPlayso PicklePlex

VALPARAISO, IN (April 7, 2025) – Valpo Parks and the City of Valparaiso are excited to invite the community to the official groundbreaking ceremony for the ValPlayso Improvement Project, a key component of the city’s rePLAY initiative. This highly anticipated upgrade will feature six brand-new pickleball courts at ValPlayso Park, enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

The groundbreaking event will take place on:

- Date: Tuesday, April 15th
- Time: 4:00 PM
- Location: ValPlayso Park, under the Family Express Shelter (1400 Glendale Blvd) – Rain or Shine

Join city and parks officials as they celebrate the commencement of this exciting project. Valpo Parks is proud to recognize the project partners who will be instrumental in bringing this vision to life: Berglund Construction, V3 Companies, and Hasse Construction.

“We are thrilled to be moving forward with the ValPlayso PicklePlex, a significant addition to our park system made possible through the city’s rePLAY initiative,” said Kevin Nuppnau, Director of Valpo Parks. “Pickleball’s incredible popularity as the fastest-growing sport, coupled with the strong public input we received, underscores the importance of this project. We are grateful to be bringing a first-class pickleball experience to our residents and visitors.”

To stay informed on all the exciting projects included in the City of Valparaiso’s rePLAY initiative, please visit: [bit.ly/ValpoParksrePLAY](https://bit.ly/ValpoParksrePLAY)

Valpo Parks and the City of Valparaiso look forward to celebrating this milestone with the community!

#### **About Valpo Parks:**

Valpo Parks is dedicated to enriching our community by designing meaningful spaces, creating impactful experiences, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

#### **About Pickleball:**

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It is played on a badminton-sized court with a slightly lower net than tennis. Players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated plastic ball, like a wiffle ball, over the net. Pickleball can be played as singles (two players) or doubles (four players) and is enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels due to its relatively easy learning curve and lower impact compared to some other racquet sports.

**About rePLAY:**

The rePLAY initiative will prioritize enhancing patron accessibility, addressing infrastructure needs, implementing safety measures, and investing in sustainability practices. Improvements will encompass a wide range of enhancements, including upgraded playgrounds, restrooms, shelters, sports fields, and pickleball courts, ensuring a more enjoyable and inclusive park experience for all. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2025, with projects completed by the end of the year.

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