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AVALON TO OPEN TENNIS, PICKLEBALL FACILITIES, WITH RESTRICTIONS

(Avalon, NJ)—Avalon Mayor Martin Pagliughi has amended his executive order regulating access to public facilities to include a limited opening of the Borough’s popular pickleball and tennis courts. The amendment to the order takes effect Monday, June 1st. Facilities at both 8th Street and 39th Street will partially reopen per the Mayor’s directive. The partial opening measures comply with current State and Borough social distancing practices.

The new policy will permit both facilities to open with separation of one vacant court between courts that will open. At 39th Street, both hard and soft courts are established in banks of three courts per area. The courts in the middle of each bank will remain closed for social distancing separation. At no time will more than 25 individuals be playing on the courts. At 8th Street, the same policy will be followed for tennis courts. And, five pickleball courts will be available while five will remain closed for player separation.

Masks will be required for any individual who wishes to enter the buildings adjacent to both facilities. The Avalon Department of Recreation is encouraging the public to make online reservations through the popular scheduling and payment software, RecDesk, which is used annually by the Department. Cash payments will also be accepted. Players will be required to use their own equipment (rackets, paddles, balls) as none will be available for rent by the Borough. There will be a 90-minute time limit for all reservations on pickleball courts, with 60 or 90 minute reservations available on tennis courts. Groups will only be allowed to enter the court when the prior group departs.

Under executive order, Avalon’s basketball courts and playgrounds will remain closed until further notice due to safety and social distancing concerns.

For additional information, please visit www.avalonrecreation.org or www.avalonboro.net.