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Ed and James,

Please take a look at this, it seems like a good potential partner with Pickleball. I am going to continue to push the county toward a multi use Hurricane Shelter, Pickleball, Tennis and why not Bankshot.

There is a floor with LED lighting that allows setting the court up for virtually any court sport without having distracting lines for multiple sports that would lend itself perfectly to the concept. I have copied Parks and Rec Advisory board and Lori with hopes of putting this on the next available council agenda to see how many court sports could be played on an area if markings for the court could be changed with the flip of a switch.

Thanks,

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Hello Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Charlesk, Council Member Newsom, Council Member Helen Moore, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Mitzie Fiedler, Council Member Bob Daniels and Associates:

Hallandale Beach and Lauderhill Fl. are now providing the largest – 24 station systems - Bankshot Family Playcourts (2019). We urge you to play a round of Bankshot. See also the Rockville MD mayor's Shootaround event for participants with autism. The Florida Recreation and Park Association commented:



“Setting aside the game’s objective of addressing the needs of special populations an important and novel aspect about Bankshot is its educational merit. The game offers an enriched play environment composed of a series of novel sport challenges that invigorate the brain with mind-nurturing play experiences. Bankshot’s design is also intended to stimulate motor coordination in a dynamic kid-friendly, inclusionary game. Because of Bankshot’s spatial relationships, particularly its geometrical composition and court design, the Bankshot court is part of a new genre in the art/play/think world of wonder. It combines creative and scientific elements to produce an advanced participatory art form for today’s young person. Bankshot is pure physics: an exercise in translating science into action.”



Bankshot Playcourts offer ball playing with a difference. Here’s why: Participants play alongside, not against one another. That’s the key to inclusion. Unlike the “playfields” – baseball, tennis, football, soccer, etc - which receive the lion’s share of a community’s budget and are entirely exclusionary by their very nature - there is no running, no aggression, no offense or defense on a Playcourt. Speed, strength, size, stamina and gender are irrelevant at Bankshot Total-Mix Sports. Bankshot Playcourts are more than accessible.

- They achieve inclusion, integration and socialization for all and for the greatest age group of participants and for the maximum diversity of participants. Everyone, including the differently-able will transition from marginalization to real inclusion. Conclusion: wherever there's a playground, alongside it, advancing a child's transition from playground to adult playfield sports, there should be a Bankshot Playcourt.

The Bankshot Organization, offers family sports, which are designed to be non-aggressive sports: players do not play against one another but along-side one another. Bankshot sports are non-running and non-exclusionary accommodating wheelchair players, the differently-able, grandparents, children and everyone at the same time. These sports are called "Total-Mix Sports based on Universal Design".

Bankshot Sports take up about one half a tennis court in size, accommodating 80-100 individuals at one time. The objective is to eliminate features of sports that tend to separate people. Bankshot sports are based upon skill, practice and intelligence. These are games which sharpen the mind and provide the challenge of intellectual stimulation.

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