

TAG IN SUMMER GAMES AIMS TO GET COMMUNITY ACTIVE

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Vince Morley admits he wasn't much of a sports guy until he was invited to join a team in the Georgetown Slo-Pitch League.

Which makes his involvement in Tag In Sports, a venture meant to help people be active in their communities, a bit of surprise.

Despite his team's lack of success on the field - "We are literally the worst team in the league," he says - Morley looks forward to his weekly game.

"I didn't know how my life could be improved by getting out and being active," he said. "Being part of a team, I didn't realize how fun it was."

Now Morley and a group of friends are trying to share their love of getting together to play sports with the Tag In Summer Games, which will be held at the Gellert Centre Saturday from noon to 8 p.m.



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The Tag In Summer Games are scheduled for Saturday from 12-8 p.m.

The event will include five activities for people to participate in:

- A home-run derby
- KanJam and LadderBall
- One-versus-one dodge-ball showdown
- Doubles pickleball
- Three-versus-three bubble soccer

Trophies and prizes will be

awarded, including a WWE-style championship belt for the home-run derby. Admission to the event is free, but participation in each of the events is \$5, except bubble soccer, which is \$15.

There will also be a beer tent serving Furnace Room Brewery beers and a tent market with local food, shops, artists and community groups.

Morley and his friends are also taking their efforts to encourage people to be active with an app that lets people connect and find activities in their community.

Working with Georgetown's Alias Apps, Morley said, they were able to create "a one-stop shop" for players.

"It's all the things I wanted as a player: player engagement, where to find pickup games, tournaments, clubs, drag-and-drop registration, a payment management system," Morley said.

It even has a scoring interface for dodge ball - a first of its kind - which they use to track stats for the local dodge-ball league they started.

It tracks successful throws, catches and averages for each player, with stats that can be loaded on a player's profile page.



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From left, Sheridan Nurseries vice executive chairman Karl Stensson, along with CEO and president Colin Cruji present this year's donation to Children's Wish Foundation regional director Tiffany MacDonald and development specialist Jane Fitzpatrick.

HUGE DONATION FROM BUSINESS TO CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

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Sheridan Nurseries continues to grow its support for the Children's Wish Foundation.

The local business - headquartered in Georgetown - has once again donated \$15,000 to the charity, with funds raised through its annual Round Up campaign, where shoppers can choose to round their purchase to the near-

est dollar in support of Children's Wish. Sheridan has been giving to the charitable organization for over a decade and has donated more than \$200,000 to date.

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