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Tennis club finds a match

THE ICONIC Swingline stapler factory in Long Island City, Queens, will soon be the home of a luxury tennis and fitness club.

CityView Racquet Club will open this summer on the roof of the 1930s building, boasting seven indoor tennis courts, four squash courts, a fitness club, a spa, and a juice bar and lounge run by Chef & Company. Membership dues will run \$2,400 to \$5,200 a year.

A group of investors and tennis pros, including **Michael DelPrete**, former president of Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, N.Y., is backing the venture.

Mr. DelPrete says the city needs the courts. "Many tennis clubs and other sports facilities have been forced to close as a result of the booming real estate market and increased land values," he says.