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Jaycee tennis courts to host RCTA tourney

Young area tennis players will be taking to the courts at Jaycee Ballpark for the Rockingham County Tennis Association's Fall Level 5 USTA Youth Tournament set for October 20-21, 2018.

USTA (United States Tennis Association) Level 5 tournaments are designed for players aged 8-18, who are either new to tennis or looking to gain valuable match play in a tournament setting, according to the RCTA.

Part of the tournament will be played on refurbished tennis courts thanks, in part, because of two grants received from the USTA. Reidsville Parks & Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson applied and received this summer a \$10,000 USTA Facility Grant and a \$5,000 USTA North Carolina "Raise the Net" grant. The \$15,000 in grants, coupled with the City's \$26,000 financial commitment, allowed Parks & Recreation to repair and resurface four tennis courts and apply court lines for adult and youth play. In the future, the City plans to resurface the other four tennis courts at Jaycee as well.

"The renovation of these tennis courts assists the City in providing more fitness-related opportunities that lead to a better quality of life for all of our residents and visitors," Superintendent Thompson said.

The October 20-21 tennis tourney will be limited to 16 players per age division and singles play only. Interested players must be USTA members and pay a \$28 registration fee by the October 15th deadline.

"This is the second year that RCTA has sponsored the Fall Level 5 Junior Tournament at Jaycee Park," explained Shelby Rhyne, Executive Director of the Rockingham County Tennis Association. "We are excited to see both local youth players and visitors from across the State join us on the courts for this two-day USTA-sanctioned youth tournament."

Rhyne said players are thrilled to be playing on the refurbished courts. "Can we play on the new courts?" That's what five RCS team players asked Rhyne this past weekend at the free Net Generation team challenge held at Jaycee Ballpark on Sunday, September 30. "The four recently resurfaced courts at Jaycee Park show the support of Reidsville Parks & Recreation not only in



The Jaycee Park Tennis Courts provided the backdrop for the RCS Girls All-County Championships held August 28. (Photos courtesy of the Rockingham County Tennis Association)



maintaining their tennis facilities but also in supporting our growing Rockingham County Schools and Reidsville tennis community.

“Reidsville Parks & Recreation is a valuable partner with our USTA Community Tennis Association hosting not only this tournament but also Family Play Days, Junior Team Tennis program, Net Generation Team Challenge and our summer National Junior Tennis & Learning network from Reidsville YMCA, New Reidsville Housing Authority and Community Baptist Schools,” Rhyne said. “The Net Generation lives ... at Jaycee Park.”

RCTA and the school system are taking full advantage of Jaycee’s tennis courts. Reidsville High School will be hosting two NCHSAA post-season events at Jaycee Park in October – the NCHSAA 2A Mid-State Girls Tennis Conference Tournament on Wednesday, October 10, and the NCHSAA 2A Mid-East Regional Girls Individual Playoffs on October 19. Matches begin at 1 p.m.

To learn more about the RCTA, the upcoming tournament and other RCTA activities, go to www.rockingham.usta.com.

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