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## HPARD's Junior Tennis Program Hosts NJTL Kids' Day at Memorial Park Tennis Center

Children who have enjoyed taking part in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's ever-popular summer youth tennis program will get together for the department's annual National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) Kids' Day, presented by Fayez Sarofim & Co. U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship. The event will take place at the Memorial Park Tennis Center, 1500 Memorial Loop, 77007, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

WHO: 1,000 children who have attended at least 12 tennis and education classes

Michael Russell, professional tennis player and coach

Janice Shin, prominent junior tennis player

Kenneth Allen, Houston Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director

**WHAT:** National Junior Tennis and Learning Kids' Day

WHEN: Thursday, July 27, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Memorial Park Tennis Center

1500 Memorial Loop Houston, TX 77007

The National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) Kids' Day, presented by Fayez Sarofim & Co. U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship, celebrates the children's successful completion of tennis and education classes held in 39 Houston park sites. The free program is offered through the Houston Parks and Recreation Department with significant support from the Houston Tennis Association. Additional sponsors include: Tennis Express; USTA Tennis Foundation; JPMorgan Chase & Co.; World Oilman's Tennis Tournament; Houston Ladies Tennis Association; West Houston Ladies Tennis Association; HCDE CASE for Kids; and the United States Tennis Association. Co-founded by the late Arthur Ashe, NJTL serves to use tennis and education opportunities to assist in the positive development of young people who might not otherwise be introduced to the sport.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.