

FRICK PARK TENNIS SEASON KICKS OFF FRIDAY WITH EVENING CELEBRATION

Friday, April 26, tennis party to feature free lessons, music, games and prizes

Citiparks and the Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club (FPCCTC) are pleased to jointly announce the 2013 Season Court Opening Event and Volunteer Awards on Friday, April 26, from 5 p.m. until dusk. (Rain date is Saturday, April 27, at Noon.) In celebration of the upcoming 2013 tennis season at Frick Park, the public is invited to attend this annual event that features music and free tennis clinics. Tennis instructors from sponsoring tennis facilities in and around Pittsburgh will conduct tennis clinics for player of all ages and abilities. Racquets for children and adults will be provided.

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FRICK PARK CLAY COURT SEASON OPENING CELEBRATION

Friday, April 26, 2013

5 p.m. – dusk

Frick Park Red Clay Tennis Courts

800 S. Braddock Ave., Regent Square

Free tennis clinics, music, games, prizes

www.ClayFrickTennis.org

In May, the club will begin its schedule of summer leagues and clinics at the clay courts on S. Braddock Avenue in Frick Park. Free beginner adult and children quickstart clinics will take place on Sundays from noon – 1 p.m. June through September.

Highlights of the 2013 season calendar will include:

5th ANNUAL FRICK PARK RED CLAY JUNIOR OPEN

Boys and girls 16 and younger will compete in the only junior tournament held on red clay in all of western Pennsylvania. This USTA-sanctioned and officiated event is open to City and non-City residents. Since 2009, the tournament has hosted as many as 105 young players per year from City neighborhoods, the western Pennsylvania region, and as far away as Madrid, Spain, and Puerto Rico. In 2013, the players from Madrid will return along with a new group of players from Puerto Rico.

June 24 – 30, 2013

Frick Park Red Clay Courts

PAUL G. SULLIVAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The former "Pittsburgh Parks Championships" – held at the Frick Park Clay Courts since the inauguration in August 1930 – remain a memorable center stage of public parks tennis in the City of Pittsburgh. The tournament is open to both City and non-City residents. Featuring singles (open and 50+), doubles and mixed doubles play, this tournament is open to men and women 16 years and older, and it welcomed more than 175 players in 2012. An independent and local flex league of players voted the Championships as the best organized tournament in the City for 2011 and 2012. Matches will take place all day Saturdays and Sundays and in the evenings on weekdays (all schedules posted online).

July 8 – 21, 2013

Frick Park Red Clay Courts

\$10 singles per player; \$15 doubles per team

For more information about tennis activities taking place at Frick Park and to participate as a player or supporter, please contact the Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club by visiting its website at www.clayfricktennis.org.

ABOUT THE FRICK PARK CLAY COURT TENNIS CLUB

The Frick Park Clay Court Tennis Club, founded by volunteer tennis enthusiasts in 2007, is dedicated to restoring, maintaining and improving the condition of the historic Frick Park red clay tennis courts, which first opened in 1930. The 250-player member organization has collaborated with the City of Pittsburgh to ensure the future of this unique facility. Membership is open to players of all skill levels as well as to non-player supporters.

FPCCTC was recognized as the 2007 Community Tennis Association of the Year by the USTA Allegheny Mountain District, and the FPCCTC co-founder and president, Jose Mieres, was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year by the USTA Middle States, a tennis organization that spans four states.