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### **Springfield hosts National Public Parks Tennis Championships**

The 87th Annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships will be held July 27-August 4 at the Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian St., Springfield, Mo.

Hundreds of tennis players and enthusiasts from the region and across the country are expected to attend the event, hosted by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

"The National Public Parks Tournament is one of the oldest and most prestigious tournaments in the country, and we are very honored to have it here in Springfield," said Bob Belote, Director of Parks. "With this tournament's rich history, the Park Board is particularly excited to bring it here in 2013 during the board's 100th Anniversary."

The Annual National Public Parks Tennis Championship consists of five divisions: Adults, Juniors, Family, Wheelchair and Adaptive. Men and women, singles, doubles or mixed may play in the Adult division July 27-30. Boys and girls ages 10 to 18 may play singles or doubles in the Junior division August 1-4. The Family division includes Husband/Wife, Father/Son, Father/Daughter, Mother/Son and Mother/Daughter categories and will play July 30-31. The Wheelchair division includes men, women and quad categories July 30-31. The Adaptive division includes men, women, singles, doubles and unified doubles, also July 30-31.

All United States Tennis Association (USTA) members may register to compete. Non-members may join at [USTA.com](http://USTA.com). Registration is now open at USTA.com, under "Tennislink." Entry deadline is July 15, 11:59 p.m.

The National Public Parks Tennis Championship guarantees all players two matches. A welcome reception, adult player party, and kids play day and pizza party are also included throughout the tournament at the DoubleTree by Hilton and the Cooper Tennis Complex.

For more information on the tournament, contact Cooper Tennis Complex at 417-837-5800. For media inquiries, contact Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.