



Press Release

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H.P.A.R.D. Junior Tennis Wraps Up Summer Lessons Field Meet With National Junior Tennis & Learning Kids Day

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will host their [National Junior Tennis and Learning Kids Day](#) on Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Tennis Center. The event celebrates the junior tennis students successful completion of the summer's tennis and education classes. The classes took place at 37 parks across the city. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Tennis Classes are made possible in part through generous grant funding provided by [United States Tennis Association \(USTA\)](#) and the [Houston Tennis Association \(HTA\)](#). Additional NJTL Kid's Day support was provided by Tennis Express, USTA Serves, [Houston Ladies Tennis Association](#), and the [Houston Young Lawyers Foundation](#). NJTL develops the character of young people by emphasizing the ideals and life of co-founder [Arthur Ashe](#). While NJTL's vary in size and programming, this growing network shares a commitment to positive youth development, the importance of education, and tennis as a lifetime sport.

Who:	Kenneth Allen Assistant Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department Mike Sullivan Houston City Council Member District E Halle Brazda 2012 Winner USTA National Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Hundreds of junior tennis students & their families
What:	National Junior Tennis and Learning Kids Day
When:	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Opening Ceremony 9:00 a.m.) Thursday, July 26, 2012
Where:	Memorial Park Tennis Center 1500 Memorial Loop Dr. Houston, TX 77007
Why:	To celebrate the students' new tennis skills

Halle Brazda is a 14 year old student from the Meyerland Park area. As one of 10 National Winners of the USTA National Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Winner she will receive an all expense paid trip to New York City for Arthur Ashe Kids Day which opens the 2012 US Open on August 25, 2012. NJTL Kids Day is an opportunity for students to celebrate their successful completion of the summer's tennis and education classes, display their art and writing contest entries, and enjoy the game of tennis. Approximately 800 young tennis students are expected to attend. The Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Tennis Classes are made possible in part through generous grant funding provided by [United States Tennis Association \(USTA\)](#) and the [Houston Tennis Association \(HTA\)](#). Additional NJTL Kid's Day support was provided by Tennis Express, USTA Serves, [Houston Ladies Tennis Association](#), and the [Houston Young Lawyers Foundation](#).

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,752 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.