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### **MONTGOMERY TENNISPLEX IN BOYDS, MD., IS ONE OF 12 TENNIS FACILITIES HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE AS A 2014 USTA FACILITY AWARD WINNER**

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., July 22, 2014** – The USTA today announced that Montgomery TennisPlex in Boyds, Md., is one of 12 winners of its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual USTA Facility Awards Program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country. Representatives from Montgomery TennisPlex will be honored at the USTA Semi-annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City on Aug. 30.

Prior to the opening of the Montgomery TennisPlex in 2012, the Germantown area of Maryland had virtually no tennis history. In the two years since opening its doors, approximately 500 kids are playing tennis weekly in the area and roughly 350 of those kids are playing at the PLEX.

Through their outreach program, Montgomery TennisPlex offers a 10 and under “Kids Club” at five area schools with 100 to 150 students participating in before and after-school classes.

With the tagline “Tennis everyone”, Montgomery TennisPlex has no membership or guest fees meaning people of all ages and income levels can enjoy the eight year-round, air-conditioned bubbled courts and four outdoor lighted courts on a spacious 9.3 acres in a beautiful 695-acre park.

“The Montgomery TennisPlex has embraced many of our initiatives, including youth tennis utilizing 36- and 60-foot courts, introducing thousands of new players to the sport each year,” said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. “It is outstanding tennis facilities like Montgomery TennisPlex that help us grow the game at the grass-roots level, and for that reason and so much more, we are proud to recognize Montgomery TennisPlex for its ongoing impact and contribution to the sport of tennis.”

To be considered for an award, facilities must be under the jurisdiction of a parks and recreation department, an educational institution, a non-profit corporation, or private or commercially owned and operated facilities that offer both USTA and public programming designed to help grow tennis.

Each of the winning facilities was praised for implementing USTA initiatives like youth tennis utilizing 36’ and 60’ courts.

Facilities were judged upon the following criteria: overall layout and adaptation to site; excellence of court surface and lights; ease of maintenance; accommodations for players, spectators and press/officials; aesthetics; graphics (including the use of signs and landscaping); amenities such as casual seating for spectators, food services and social areas; and the facilities’ participation in USTA programs.

Nominated facilities were voted upon in the following categories: **Public Courts** that are either small tennis centers with 2-10 courts or large tennis centers with 11 or more courts;

**Educational Institutions;** and **Private Facilities** that support the USTA and other “growth of the game” programs open to the public.

All 2014 award winners will receive a wall plaque and an all-weather sign, which can be mounted at the facility. Certificates of award will be made available to park and recreation departments, schools, and those professionals responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance of the facility. In addition, a one-year complimentary membership to the USTA will be awarded to each winning facility.

The 2014 USTA Facility Awards Program winners are:

**Public Courts: Small Tennis Centers (2 to 10 courts)**

Claybell Park – Richland, Wash.

Wexford Plantation – Hilton Head, S.C.

**Public Courts: Large Tennis Centers (11 or more courts)**

Athens-Clarke Tennis Center – Athens, Ga.

Montgomery TennisPlex – Boyds, Md.

Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center – Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Samuell Garden Tennis Center – Dallas

**Educational Institution**

Culver Academies Indoor Tennis Facility – Culver, Ind.

**Private Facilities**

Army Navy Country Club – Arlington, Va. (Green Facility)

Broken Sound Club – Boca Raton, Fla.

Indian Wells Tennis Center – Indian Wells, Calif. (Featured Facility)

LifeTime Tennis Lakeville – Lakeville, Minn.

The Salvation Army – Greenville, S.C.

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