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USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Program Starts May 18

Registration Now Open for Children Ages 4 to 10

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – April 13, 2021 – The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to again host its popular USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Program for children ages 4 to 10. The four-week program will be held on Tuesdays, May 18 & 25, and June 1 & 8, from 6-7 p.m. each evening at the Ingleside Tennis Complex.

Rally Cats was developed by USTA to provide a fun introduction of tennis for kids and keep them on the court for years to come. Rally Cats use smaller rackets, lower nets, and modified balls, which leads to less frustration and more fun.

“Tennis has grown significantly over the past year. 4 million more people played tennis in 2020 versus 2019 according to USTA and that was evident in Athens. I am very excited to bring this program back and look forward to seeing our skill level of our local players improve,” said Brianna Baker, Program Coordinator.

Registration is \$35 for the four-week program, and players must be pre-registered by Friday, May 14, at 5 p.m. To register, visit rallycatstennis.com

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information about this or other programs, contact Athens Parks and Recreation by phone at 744-2700 EXT 3, by email at recreation@athenstn.gov, or in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation Office, located inside the Athens Municipal Building at 815 N. Jackson Street. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also visit www.athenstn.gov to learn more.

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