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USTA Tennis Program Starts October 7
Registration Now Open for Children Ages 4 to 10 and 10-14

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – September 22, 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. In addition, there will also be a Rally Cats Plus program offered for ages 11 to 14. The four-week program will be held on Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30-7:30pm at the Ingleside Tennis Complex, located at 615 Forrest Avenue.

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.

“We are really excited to offer the Rally Cats Plus program for the first time here in Athens. Rally Cats Plus is designed for ages 11-14 as an introductory to tennis and using a slightly larger ball than the standard tennis ball. We have seen the middle school tennis teams grow in the last few years, so this new age group for the program is definitely necessary to build those skills,” said Brianna Baker, Program Coordinator.

Registration is \$40 for the four-week program, and players must be pre-registered by Friday, October 1, 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 City Hall, 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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