

Hi all....I am passing this information to you in an effort to help a dedicated individual grow the game of tennis! Thank you Ronnie Goodall, Community Tennis/Diversity Manager USTA Mid-Atlantic.

TO ALL FRANKLIN COUNTY FRIENDS OF TENNIS !!!!!!! PLEASE PASS THIS LETTER ON TO WHOMEVER YOU FEEL SHOULD RECEIVE IT, TO ANY TENNIS PLAYER OR ANYONE INTERESTED IN TENNIS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY OR CALL ME AND I WILL SEND AN EMAIL OUT TO THAT INDIVIDUAL.

I am sending you this email because I know you have an interest in tennis in this county. We have suffered here in Franklin County with the lack of facilities. There just aren't enough courts or facilities for kids to develop an interest in playing. All of us have had trouble finding places to play. The number of kids that get interested in playing tennis is minimal compared to Northern Virginia, Richmond, and even Roanoke. Our high school and our middle school kids are not subjected to tennis in physical education because the closest courts are too far away. The tennis teams at the high school have to drive several miles to Franklin County Park to practice and have matches and then the boys team and the girls team have to share the six courts. The only public courts in the county are the six at Franklin County Park and the two poor courts in the town of Rocky Mount. The Middle School doesn't even think about a tennis team. This county is too great to have the poor facilities that we have. This county is fast growing and needs to step up and make tennis comparable to other areas of the state and country.

If you are interested in helping with this, please attend a meeting at Franklin County High School in the "reserve auditorium" on August 12, Wednesday, from 7 to 9 PM. There will be a United States Tennis Association Representative at the meeting to help guide us through the process. and course we decide to take. Hopefully this will be the first of many meetings where we can improve our tennis future.

Here is the purpose of the organization, as I see it, but this written purpose can be changed or added to as you see fit.

THE TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY

- TO PROMOTE TENNIS IN FRANKLIN COUNTRY, VIRGINIA .
- TO GET MORE KIDS PLAYING, TO GET MORE ADULTS PLAYING, AND TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY WITHIN THE COUNTY
- CREATE A SITUATION WHERE ANY CHILD, IF THEY WANT TO PLAY TENNIS, THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO
- TO PROMOTE HAVING A TENNIS COURT WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF ANYONE THAT DESIRES TO PLAY
- TO CREATE A VIABLE 6 COURT TENNIS FACILITY NEAR FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
- FOSTER INCREASED ABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT IN PLAY FOR ALL TENNIS PLAYERS ESPECIALLY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

Please put his event on your calendar and attend. If you want tennis to progress in this county then you should attend. I will leave you with a statistic that may indicate the need for change. The city of Roanoke Jr. Tennis League (USTA sponsored) this past spring had 17 Teams with 165 kids playing in it of which I know of none that are from Franklin County. If you have any questions

regarding this or you would like more details and/or RSVP, please call me at the numbers below.

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