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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS OFFER TENNIS COURTS, TENNIS LESSONS
AND OTHER TENNIS RELATED SERVICES.**

SILVER SPRING, MD - Tennis players - young, old, beginner and advanced – can enjoy the 305 outdoor tennis courts located in 131 parks around Montgomery County. These tennis courts can easily be found by the locator wizard on our website, www.mcparkandplanning.org.

Outdoor tennis courts in Montgomery County parks are free and available for use by the general public to practice and play tennis. The courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis. When there are players waiting to use a court that is occupied, the court is expected to be vacated after no more than one hour of playtime.

Due to an increased interest in league and tournament play, the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning is creating a policy for a fair and organized procedure for reserving a court or several courts for tennis instruction or tournaments. The new policy will be written to ensure that organized uses will occur without interfering with casual tennis players in our parks. The public will be asked to participate in the policy process to address concerns of tennis players, both casual and tournament, neighbors living close to parks with tennis courts under consideration and users of other activities in the park.

Two indoor tennis facilities are owned and operated by the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning. The Cabin John Indoor Tennis Facility is located at 7801 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, and the Wheaton Indoor Tennis Facility is located at 11715 Orebaugh Ave., Wheaton.

Each facility consists of six indoor courts, a lounge area and two four-shower locker rooms.

The Wheaton and Cabin John locations include a small pro shop, which sells items such as new racquets, towels, water bottles, tennis balls and racquet grips. They also have a professional racquet stringing service, demo racquets and many other needs for tennis players.

For information on programs and lessons at both facilities, visit www.ParkPASS.org.

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