



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-196

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: October 13, 2025
SUBJECT: **Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Re-Opening**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of the re-opening of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) located at 701 NE 12 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale in Holiday Park.

The JETC is Fort Lauderdale's premier tennis facility. Recognized as the "Home of Champions" and the "Home of Chris Evert", it is one of the country's top municipal tennis centers. In January 2025, JETC underwent construction for the following improvements and enhancements:

- Installation of twenty (20) clay surface tennis courts featuring a new state-of-the-art sub-surface irrigation system;
- Construction of a stadium court that seats approximately 700 spectators;
- Enhanced Musco light emitting diode (LED) lighting on thirty-four (34) poles ranging from 40' – 50';
- Fencing of approximately 5,300 linear feet;
- Thirteen (13) new shade structures;
- Forty (40) benches;
- Three (3) chilled drinking fountains;
- Expanded and improved pathways;
- New irrigation system;
- Renewed and vibrant landscaping surrounding the property;
- Repainted interior; and
- Renovated restrooms.

JETC will resume operations on Monday, October 27, 2025 with service hours of Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A grand re-opening and dedication celebration is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., to include a tribute to honored guest Christine (Chris) Evert.

JETC staff and instructors are excited to welcome the community back into a noticeably improved and aesthetically enhanced facility with service upgrades. The new program includes an online court reservation system and an expanded array of clinics and specialized programs for all levels of play starting at the age of four (4). Beginning Friday, December 5, 2025 through the end of play on Sunday, December 14, 2025, the JETC will host the Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships for boys and girls sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age.

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