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Subject: Thank You for All You've Done for Tennis in Port Angeles

Dear Laurel and Peninsula Tennis Club:

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how excited we are to see great things happening with the tennis community in Port Angeles and the surrounding areas. Due to your hard work and enthusiasm, tennis is growing and more people than ever are taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the sport on the Olympic Peninsula.

Great things have been happening in Port Angeles. The Peninsula Tennis Club has been delivering fun and viable tennis programming – events, tournaments, socials, instruction and more are already available to members of the community for all ages (kids, adults, seniors). Articles have run in local newspapers and Pacific Northwest regional magazines. The buzz is there!

Making sure the community continues to have access to good tennis courts is important.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the governing body of tennis in the United States and its mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis. The Pacific Northwest Section from 2002 – 2004 was the top section in the country (there are 17 sections) in terms of tennis played per capita. In 2005, our region fell to number three simply because our infrastructure no longer supports the sheer numbers of people wishing to play.

Court construction and refurbishment are chief priorities for USTA Pacific Northwest as an organization. But, in order for tennis to continue to grow, good and sustainable programming must also be in place and this is another high priority. .

Thanks, Laurel for your continued advocacy for tennis. We look forward to continuing to work hand in hand with you and the community as this project goes forward.

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