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**FLORISSANT CELEBRATES WORLD'S OLDEST TENNIS TOURNAMENT
WITH 'WIMBLEDON WEEKEND IN FLORISSANT' JULY 1-4**

Free treats from Fritz's Frozen Custard and Old Town Donuts await tennis players at the renovated tennis courts at Tower Court Park when Florissant celebrates the Wimbledon tennis tournament from July 1 through 4. Wimbledon, which is played annually in London, is the world's oldest tennis tournament, dating back to 1877.

The Wimbledon tournament, which is held at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments in professional tennis and the only one still played on grass courts. This year's event takes place from June 27 through July 10.

Tennis players utilizing Florissant's renovated Tower Court Park courts will be eligible for free treats at Fritz's Frozen Custard and Old Town Donuts, both located within a block of Tower Court Park.

Debbie Fritz, owner of Fritz's Frozen Custard, says that players wearing tennis attire and carrying a racquet can take advantage of one of two special offers at Fritz's: A free single-scoop cone or 50 percent off Fritz's "Official Wimbledon Weekend in Florissant Dessert," Fritz's Strawberries & Cream, a feature size strawberry sundae with whipped cream and a strawberry slice on top.

Old Town Donuts owner Keith Took adds that the popular donut shop will offer a free strawberry jelly donut or any other donut as part of the City's Wimbledon Weekend in Florissant promotion.

"The Wimbledon tournament in London is the world's oldest professional tennis tournament and one of its most prestigious," said Florissant Mayor Thomas P. Schneider. "Our residents enjoy playing tennis at our renovated courts, and the Wimbledon Grand Slam tournament is a fun way to invite Florissant Tennis players to enjoy a game or two at our Tower Court tennis facility."

The tennis courts at Tower Court Park were re-opened on August 25, 2015 after they were renovated with funds provided by the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Program. Improvements include a new tennis court lights, additional security lighting, new tennis court fencing, a new restroom, a new 16-foot hexagon shelter, parking lot repairs, new sidewalks to the restroom and new and/or additional landscaping. The new courts were constructed using a post-tensioned concrete surface, the first of its kind for the City of Florissant.