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**Tennis Alliance Announces New Board of Directors and 2018 Officers**

Annapolis, MD—The Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County announces the appointment of ten new board members to its Board of Directors, and the election of Officers for terms beginning in 2018. Joining the Board are Tonya Baroudi, William Fawcett (Vice-President), Robert Heller, Hillary Kuker (Secretary), Margaret Morrell, Rick Mudd, Mark Patel, Jorge Paucar, Saverio Pellegrino and Sharon Wood (Treasurer). These new members will join directors continuing to serve including Michele Archibald, Jeff DeCaro, Ellen Humphries Ponder, Randy Stevens, and Louise Gengler Thomas (President). The Tennis Alliance Board, now comprised of fifteen members, will provide ongoing leadership in fulfilling the organization's mission "to provide a year-round home for tennis in Anne Arundel County and to promote 'tennis for life' for all ages and abilities."

"We are delighted to have expanded our Board with a passionate group of volunteer tennis enthusiasts from around the County; they have diversity in professional background, nonprofit skills and life experience. These community leaders include players of all backgrounds, parents, and grandparents, a former Anne Arundel County Circuit Court judge, a local hotelier and business entrepreneur, an international reinsurance and finance executive, a communications and marketing professional, a real estate executive, a fire fighter, a chemical engineer, a law library and county library executive, and a Certified Public Accountant. The Tennis Alliance vast network of volunteers and this new Board Leadership will bring even more volunteer time, treasure, and talent to our organization and will increase representation of many different parts of our Anne Arundel County Tennis Community," said Louise Gengler Thomas, a founding member of the Tennis Alliance who will continue to serve as President.

"New Board members consistently reinvigorate the mission of an organization. As we continue to build momentum with the Millersville Park Tennis Center design and build and expand community programming and outreach, a strong board is necessary to set the Tennis Alliance's strategic direction moving forward. I'm delighted that our new board members recognize the potential of our organization and, along with our current board, are committed to fulfill our mission," said Executive Director Heather East. The expanded Board is the result of a recent "call for nominations" and search effort conducted under the direction of the Tennis Alliance's Executive Director, Heather East, with volunteer Henry Thomas serving as Nominating Committee Chair. Heather joined the Tennis Alliance as Executive Director in July 2017 and has been instrumental in supporting the organization's recent and many upcoming outreach, programming, and development initiatives.

The planned expansion of the Board of Directors coincides with the achievement of major milestones in the joint efforts of Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks and the Tennis Alliance to develop a new indoor/outdoor tennis center for the County. Most notable, architectural and engineering planning and design is under way; and schematic plans will be finalized shortly. Completion of design and award of construction contracts is now anticipated to occur in late 2018/early 2019.

About the Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County:

Founded in 2013, the Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established to provide a year-round home for tennis in Anne Arundel County and to promote “tennis for life”. The county-based organization is a United States Tennis Association (USTA) Community Tennis Association (CTA) and USTA National Junior Tennis and Learning network (NJTL), and is accredited with the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks and a member of Healthy Anne Arundel Obesity Prevention subcommittee (OPS).

For more information:

Visit the Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County at [www.tennisallianceaac.org](http://www.tennisallianceaac.org). To support the Tennis Alliance, [contributions](#) can be made through our [website](#).

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