Artesia July Tennis Report

July took off like a rocket for junior tennis in Artesia. On July 1, Mayor Jeff Youtsey came to Jaycee Park with his proclamation designating July 2 “Tennis Appreciation Day.” He read it to appreciative junior tennis players and their families.

His document summarized tennis advances made over the previous 18 months. These included resurfacing courts, installing a backboard, in-school tennis instruction to hundreds of children and other projects.

The proclamation closed by encouraging “all citizens of Artesia to participate in tennis activities, support local programs, and celebrate the many benefits this sport brings to people of all ages and abilities.”

On the next day, July 2, the Jaycee Park courts hosted a “Grand Re-Opening” in honor of the four recently resurfaced courts, which a grant from the USTA helped make possible. The event included an exhibition mixed doubles match featuring boys and girls players fresh from their Final Four team showings at the Class 4A state championships.

Having enjoyed the July 1-2 happenings, younger students returned to the courts July 6 for the remaining three weeks of a well-attended summer tennis camp.

Cutline for photo (texted): Artesia tennis director Tim Palmer (center in white cap) holds the “Tennis Appreciation Day” proclamation delivered to Jaycee Park by Artesia Mayor Jeff Youtsey (dark cap) on July 1, 2026.