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## **Citi Open® Kicks Off 2016 Tournament with Events at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center**

Washington, D.C. -- Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA) for the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center is partnering with Citi Open, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Tennis Channel and Events DC to bring a number of tennis-focused events to the building this month in honor of the 2016 Citi Open tournament. This year's event lineup has expanded to include a kids' tennis challenge in addition to the Draw Ceremony and Tennis Channel Live Viewing Party that have been hosted at the building in the past.

The 2016 Citi Open will be held July 16-24 at the Rock Creek Park Tennis Center. It will feature world-class players, including World No. 9 Tomas Berdych, former World No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, three-time tournament champion Juan Martin del Potro, defending champion Sloane Stephens, 2015 tournament finalist John Isner, dynamic players Gael Monfils and Nick Kyrgios, and more. In addition, signature special events such as the Toki Highball Experience Craft Cocktail Happy Hour and a Tailgate make the tournament a summer go-to destination. Tickets are available at [www.citiopentennis.com](http://www.citiopentennis.com).

This is the third year TCMA will be partnering with the Citi Open to bring tennis events to the Reagan Building, where the DC community can come together and take part in one of the city's most exciting sporting events. The desire to draw awareness to the event while getting the local community involved led TCMA to develop the inaugural Citi Open Ward Challenge, creating a fun and unique way for DC's youth to participate in the tournament.

### **Citi Open Ward Challenge: July 12-14, 11 AM – 2 PM, Woodrow Wilson Plaza**

The first event of its kind, watch as kids (aged 8 and under) from local wards play in a round robin tournament the week leading up to the Citi Open. Presented by TCMA, Citi Open and DPR, six players will represent each ward in this doubles tournament which will feature matches being played simultaneously on eight courts on the Plaza. Councilmembers will serve as honorary coaches. In addition, spectators can test their own tennis skills at the serve speed cage. Open to the public.

### **Citi Open Draw Ceremony: July 15, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Pavilion**

In partnership with Events DC, TCMA will host the Draw Ceremony for the third consecutive year, where each matchup of the tournament will be revealed. The 2016 field features world-class players including Caroline Wozniacki, John Isner, and Tomas Berdych among others. Tournament partners and ATP & WTA players to be announced will be in attendance. Invite only, open to the media.



### **Tennis Channel's Citi Open Live Viewing Party: July 18-24, Woodrow Wilson Plaza**

Sponsored by TCMA, catch all of the Citi Open matches on an outdoor jumbo screen and enjoy the world's best tennis players in action each day of the tournament, courtesy of Tennis Channel's exclusive live coverage. Be sure to stop by for the **Flip Switch Ceremony on July 18 at 1:30 p.m.** where we will launch the world's biggest-ever network of outdoor screens showing live tennis simultaneously at four locations around the DC region. Open to the public.

As the manager of the Reagan Building's daily activities, TCMA is proud to partner with organizations such as Citi Open, DPR, Tennis Channel and Events DC to host and produce events like these that build a cultural bridge through tennis, a sport enjoyed worldwide. These types of events further support our mission of bringing together and engaging the international and DC community.

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### **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB/ITC)**

The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center is the largest structure (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC and is owned by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and exclusively managed by Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA). As the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use, it is mandated by Congress to bring together the country's best public and private resources to create a national forum for the advancement of trade. The Reagan Building is the official World Trade Center in Washington, DC, and a premier conference and event venue with executive office space, attractions, dining, retail, parking, and community activities.

### **Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA)**

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