

October 1, 2018

City Clerk  
222 West Main Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Ms. Burnett,

This is a request pursuant to section 2-3-3, Naming City Property.

The two groups named below, as well as many private citizens, are asking that this request be honored in the naming of a single tennis court (Court 20) that is part of the larger property known as the Roger Scott Tennis Center. If this request is honored, a plaque of durable quality, measuring 3' x 2', will be attached to the fence at one end of Court 22. A prototype picture of the proposed plaque is attached.

The person for whom the court would be named is Joseph Lovoy. Joe was on the forming committee when the Under The Hill Tennis League (UTHL) was first formed in the mid-1980's. He also served as one of the first captains and remained a captain until he took over the running of UTHL in **2005**. Joe did the plotting and planning while directing the captains to form a list of possible players and then pulling them together. This list topped 200 players at one point. Through Joes leadership, the captains got the players rated in order to form competitive teams. From that point on, the UTHL became a focal point for players to meet others with similar skill sets, promoting social, yet more competitive play in the Pensacola area. It remains so to this day.

To consolidate the players to play at a single facility, Joe worked diligently to expand the Roger Scott facility and procure soft courts as well. He spent a lot of time working with the local politicians from both the county & the city to procure funding. Despite their differing constituencies and concerns, Joe was instrumental in getting them to work together. Ultimately, the city and the county provided over \$2,000,000 for the Roger Scott Court Project. The city put up over a million dollars and the county came forth with over a million as well.

During this time, it was discovered that the Federal Aviation Administration owned a portion the land on which the soft courts were to be built. Through Joe's conviction for the betterment of tennis in Pensacola, he spearheaded a push to raise MORE money in order to purchase the property and keep the project alive. Without Joes diligence and sense of purpose, Roger Scott would not be the robust Tennis Center that it is today. It is the belief of many within the tennis community leadership that, without Joe's tireless pursuit of making the soft courts a reality, we would not have them today.

Joe has been for many years a member of the Pensacola Park & Rec committee, headed by Brian Cooper, tasked with procuring the necessary funding to replace the aging hard court the hard courts, along with building additional soft courts.

Thank you for allowing the tennis community to give due & well-deserved respect to one of its own.

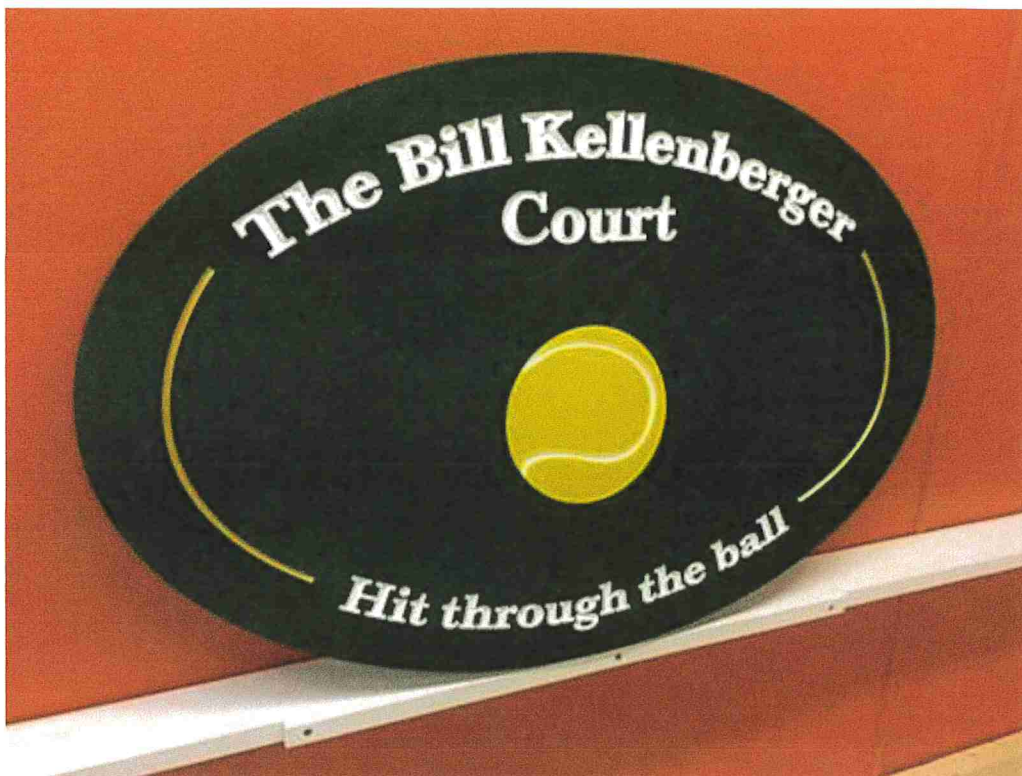


Robin Olsson  
Director, the Over 50 But Under the Hill League  
A Tennis League for Senior Men



Terry Thrash  
USTA FL Tennis Ambassador  
President, Greater Pensacola Tennis Assn.

The Joseph Lavoy  
Court



See you on the Courts

# CITY OF PENSACOLA

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS his friends and colleagues gather today to honor Joseph Lovoy for his immense impact on Northwest Florida's tennis community, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Lovoy worked to help establish the Over The Hill but Under 50 Tennis League (known today as the Under The Hill League), attracting well over a thousand players (in its' 3 decades of existence) aged 50 and over to re-ignite their love of the game and to grow the sport among senior men in the area, along with Captaining teams through the years and acting as Director of the league for many years as well,

WHEREAS, Joseph Lovoy was recognized as a leader in the tennis community from the start, working on committees to improve the tennis experience for all players, including, but not limited to working tirelessly with a singular focus of bringing soft courts to the Roger Scott Tennis Center through engagement with City Counsel, raising over \$2 Million to build the courts. When it was found that the Federal Aviation Administration Actually owned the property targeted for these courts, Joe raised the additional funds to purchase the land, making soft courts a reality for the tennis community.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of Pensacola, do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, as

### JOSEPH LOVOY DAY

In the City of Pensacola, Florida.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal to be affixed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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Mayor