



STAMFORD YOUTH TENNIS ACADEMY

Our program provides free year-round tennis instruction and academic support for the underserved youth of Stamford so that they may build a foundation for their future.



First Annual "Community Day" in Cummings Park 5/1/16

Stamford Youth Tennis Academy (SYTA) partnered with the Stamford Professional Fire Fighters Association (IAFF Local 786) and Mayor Martin for a Clean Up of the park on a first annual "Community Day." It was a great opportunity to say "Thank You" to the City of Stamford for the use of the tennis courts for our outdoor summer session of free tennis instruction, academic support and life skills for children in need in Stamford.

A special thank you to Union President Brendan Keatley, Fire Chief Trevor Roach, Kyle Houser, Troy Jones and Toren Murphy, who were instrumental in making the day a success. Several local firefighters, many of whom were volunteering their time off-duty, engaged the kids and served as terrific role models. Fire Marshall Spaulding mesmerized the kids with his fire safety talk and they loved their new red fire hats. The "Touch a Truck" completed their day!



First Annual Tennis "Funday" in Scalzi Park 5/21/16

SYTA sponsored a free public event to spread the word about the program and encourage everyone to take up tennis. The event featured interactive tennis skills & games, and a live DJ. Lots of kids in the community showed up to support SYTA and a great time was had by all!

Thank you to tennis instructors Martin Hannon, Erica Brunner, Danny Nguyen, Karen Rombouts and Telly Zangas for helping to make the day such a success.



Having Fun Learning Vocabulary Words

Our certified head teaching professional, Hugh Underhill, has inaugurated a vocabulary building initiative. At each lesson he introduces three words from the USTA's "Rules of Tennis" handbook to the kids. He briefly discusses the definition, uses it in a sentence, and quizzes to make sure they understand it. The kids love it! Some are familiar with the words, most are not. Hugh plans to continue until they reach 100 words, and then have an "Olympics" to see who can remember and define the most words. Although SYTA is a tennis program, helping our players to achieve academic success is a major part of our mission. Our attitude toward school work is crucial to their success.



Diego Martinez, K.T. Murphy 4th Grader, Wins Scholarship to Nike Tennis Camp

For the second year in a row, an SYTA student has been chosen to attend Nike/USTA camp on scholarship. The one week experience will be held at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. Good luck Diego!

Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 14th 5:30 - 8:30 PM
"SIP AND SHOP" at:

J. McLaughlin

45 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich
15% of all Sales benefit SYTA!

Donate to SYTA Here!



*Please visit our website for up to date information and registration materials for ongoing free tennis instruction in Cummings Park
637 Shippan Ave, Stamford, CT
on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30-5:30 PM.*

SYTA Website

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