



## Southampton Town Recreation Center & SYS are Adding New Indoor/Outdoor Tennis Center for Year Round Tennis Development.

Southampton, NY April 26, 2010 – The Board of Southampton Youth Services Inc. announced today that it will be adding 8 new tennis courts ( 4 hard tru & 4 deco turf ) at the Southampton Town Recreation Center. “This brings us one giant step closer to our goal to provide all of the residents and visitors to our town with a world class athletic facility” said Scott Johnson, Executive director of SYS.

The new state of the art tennis facility will be designed for year round enjoyment. The outdoor season, May –August, will include local junior team usage, Men’s and Women’s USTA team play, private and group lessons, weekly tennis camp M-F, 9am-4pm for boys and girls ages 6-16, social play, court rental, and tournament opportunities.

The indoor tennis center, which will be the only one of it’s kind in Southampton, Sept – May, will feature Men’s & Women’s league play, High School team training opportunities, top flight junior academy and tournament training programs, little stars, seasonal court rentals, and private and group instruction. “Clearly there won’t be any reason to leave town for tennis anymore” said Johnson.

Future Stars Tennis LLC responded to a RFP by the Town and has won the bid and agreed to donate \$1,250,000 to build the tennis club. In return, they will pay rent and operate the **Future Stars Tennis Club** for ten years. “The synergy is perfect. This brings together two of the most passionate sports enthusiasts on Long Island, SYS and Future Stars,” said Charles VanDercook Future Stars partner. “Our goal is simple. We aim to have the most sought after teaching and training programs in town, and help folks enjoy the game of a lifetime,” said VanDercook.

For 31 years Future Stars has been one of the pioneers in the tennis industry. Future Stars presently has camp and club operations at Green Hollow Tennis club in East Hampton, Aspatuck Tennis Club in Westhampton, Pine Hills CC in Manorville, Farmingdale State College, and College at Old Westbury as well as two additional camp sites and two indoor tennis facilities in Westchester. Enrollment peaked last season with more than 10,000 program participants. “Southampton is not new to us. We have operated in Southampton at Sandy Hollow for 7 years. This move gives us far greater opportunity to develop talent on a year round basis,” commented VanDercook.



The Southampton Town Recreation Center already welcomes thousands of sports enthusiasts' eager to stay fit and elevate their games. "The Tennis Club will attract a new clientele to the center as did the squash club. "And it couldn't have come at a better time," said Johnson. According to data released by the Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association (SGMA), tennis is the fastest growing sport in America among individual traditional sports with an increase in participation of 43% this decade. Tennis was one of only six sports to experience participation growth exceeding 40 percent during the period. In the last year alone tennis experienced a 12% growth in participants according to the annual TIA/USTA Tennis Participation Survey.

The anticipated opening is mid to late June. See you on the courts!!

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