

Tennis Memphis

Neighborhoods, Education & Tennis



News & Events

Tennis Memphis hires a Tennis Center Coordinator

(Posted February 1, 2008)

Tennis Memphis welcomes Mike Newsom to its management team as the new Tennis Coordinator. His job will be to oversee, coordinate and supervise operations at all 7 public tennis centers. He will respond to citizen complaints, concerns and suggestions and will seek to develop and maintain effective communication and a strong working relationship with the Memphis tennis community.

Mike, a retired IT Project Manager from Schering-Plough, is actually no stranger to our courts. He plays with a Permanent Court Time group and is the Tournament Director for the Ad-in Tennis Association tournament that is held at the Leftwich Tennis Center in the summertime. He told us that he has "a passion for tennis" and "a passion for being involved in tennis," which will serve him well in his new position. Mike is a great addition to our team at Tennis Memphis and we look forward to working with him.

Tennis Memphis juniors take it to the top

(Posted January 22, 2008)

Congratulations go out to Tennis Memphis juniors Kenya Jones, Kayla Jones and Ben Donovan. Kenya Jones finished #1 in the State of Tennessee and the Southern Region in the 10 and under division at the end of 2007. Kayla Jones finished #17 in the State and was in the top 45 in the region in the 12 and under division. Ben Donovan finished #1 in the State, was in the top 7 in the region, and (tentatively) is in the top 20 in the nation!! All 3 of these players won their divisions at the State qualifying tournament in May 2007. We are so glad to see their hard work pay off and we wish them continued success in the future.

In case you haven't noticed . . .

(Posted January 11, 2008)

Clem Wright, formerly the Director of the Eldon Roark Center, is now the Assistant Teaching Pro and Junior Programs Coordinator at the Leftwich Tennis Center. He replaced Dan Singer, who went back to the Racquet Club in late December. Hamed Yessoufou will keep things going at Eldon Roark.

Tennis Memphis in the news

(Posted December 28, 2007)

The Grand Opening of the NET Learning Center was featured in a "Taking Back our Neighborhoods" segment on WMC-TV5. In case you missed it, you can view it by clicking on the link below.

[NET Learning Center on WMC-TV5](#)

The First NET Learning Center is open!

(Posted December 7, 2007)

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007, the ribbon was cut to open Tennis Memphis' first NET Learning Center in Frayser. Speakers included Tennis Memphis Executive Director Stephen Lang, Director of Education Jada Meeks, Frayser Tennis Center Director William Irby and Board Chairman John Dudas, as well as Ed Rice Community Center Director Osie Lewis and Carmen Rounds-White of the Ed Rice Community Center Booster Club. Tennis Memphis is now officially a First Serve chapter and was especially honored to have Trey Buchholz, Founder and CEO of First Serve, Inc., attend and speak at the ceremony.



John Dudas welcomes the crowd



Osie Lewis inspires the crowd



Cutting the ribbon to open the Center



First Serve Founder Trey Buchholz



Carmen Rounds-White and William Irby wait to speak



New Board Chairman Greg Fleming and Susannah Lang

The Grand Opening ceremony was also the unveiling of the outstanding mural painted on the wall of the NET Learning Center by local artist Siedel Shipp. The mural is a collage of tennis stars, including Arthur Ashe, Althea Gibson and Pete Sampras. It will serve as a teaching tool for the students to learn about who has gone before them and provide inspiration for them to try and achieve great things in their own lives.



Artist Siedel Shipp with his work

The NET Learning Center found its home in the Ed Rice Community Center with cooperation from the City of Memphis, Division of Park Services. Funded by corporate sponsorships, grants and private donations, the NET Learning Center offers life skills training and tutoring in basic subjects like math, reading and writing. Students have already started to attend the Center after school.



NET kids with Academic Coach Paula Herron



Working on the computers at the Center

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