

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
C. Samuel Sutter District Attorney**

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The Office of District Attorney Sam Sutter invites Taunton youth to take the court on Saturday August 14th and Saturday August 21st and participate in a free tennis clinic from 9:00 AM to noon. DA Sutter's tennis clinics have seen great success in New Bedford, Fall River and Attleboro, serving over 500 kids. However, this will be the first time the tennis clinics will be offered in the city of Taunton.

Since taking office in 2007, District Attorney Sam Sutter has shown great dedication to promoting volunteer efforts and outreach into the Bristol County community. Since October of 2007 employees of the District Attorney's Office have volunteered more than 7,621 after work hours to various district needs. One of District Attorney Sutter's personal contributions to this effort has been facilitating free tennis clinics for kids ages seven through fourteen in hopes of promoting healthy habits and exercise.

There have been 23 free sports clinics organized by District Attorney Sutter's office in the past three years. These clinics have taken place in Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton and Attleboro and featured tennis, baseball and basketball instruction. The sports clinics have reached an average of 1,000 youth each year. While other sports instruction clinics have been held in Taunton in the past, this will be the city's first tennis clinic.

District Attorney Sutter was a professional tennis player, playing for Brown University and playing and teaching professionally in 10 different countries. Along with his expertise, the clinic will feature the help of varsity players from the Taunton High School boys and girls tennis teams led by coaches Meredith Patnaude and David Purpura. District Attorney Sutter's staff members will also be on hand to assist with the clinics and provide instruction.

These two clinics will be held at the tennis courts of Friedman Middle School at 500 Norton Avenue. Seven and eight year olds are invited to take the court from 9-10:00 AM, followed by nine and ten year olds from 10-11:00 AM. Participants ages 11-14 will have the court from 11:00 AM until noon. Instruction will be available to participants with various degrees of skill including beginner and intermediate.

To register for the event you will need to obtain a registration form. An online form can be found by visiting <http://www.bristolda.com/DA/Events/htm>. Interested participants can also find registration forms at the Taunton Athletic Department located at Taunton High School, 50 Williams Street, or at the Taunton Boys and Girls Club located at 31 Court Street. For additional information please contact program director Brian Rose at 508-961-1972.

This event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the District Attorney's Office along with the Taunton Mayor's Office, the Taunton Boys and Girls Club and the Taunton Public Schools. Participants will be provided with refreshments and extra rackets will be available. Participants will also receive a free sports backpack for attending.