

Upcoming Events:

- Healthy Kids Day
- Summer Camp
- 5K Run/Walk
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Swim Lessons
- Lifeguard Class
- Youth Basketball



Newsletter

April— June 2011

To the YMCA Members

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Regardless of a person's profession, I have always felt there to be a tremendous benefit in communicating with others who share similar responsibilities. Because of this, I have always enjoyed visiting other YMCA's and when possible, speaking with other Executive Directors and members of their leadership team. Through this, it is always interesting to get new ideas and to learn of different programs and services that could be beneficial for our operation. Often times, the most valuable part of these interactions, is to simply learn just how fortunate we are in Greene County for what we have in all facets of our operation. Yes, we have a beautiful facility; we have a top notch soccer complex, up-to-date equipment, things for children, adults and families, affordable dues, an indoor pool and numerous sports programs for youth and adults. This list could go on and on, but to simplify my point, our YMCA has, is, and will continue to provide numerous opportunities to people in our community. It goes without saying that there are always additional ways to improve our services, but I feel confident that the Y mission is visible in the eyes of citizens in Greene County. Anyone associated with this organization, past or present, should be proud of this accomplishment.

Having nice facilities, quality programs, athletic fields and new cardio-equipment are only a small part of establishing a healthy Y. In fact, I have observed Y facilities that have much more than we have from a facility and program standpoint, but find themselves facing many challenges, especially during these tough economic times. I sure do not want to imply that we do not have challenges in front of us, but we are so fortunate for the support that we receive throughout our community. Where would we be without individuals who are willing to volunteer as coaches, board members, trustees, etc? What would be the impact on our Y if we did not have the number of youth, adults and families who supported our organization through memberships and where would we be without donors (individuals and companies) who give for special events, for advertising and for no other reason than to just help out a local agency that is trying to impact lives in Greene County?

Regardless of how you are supporting the Greene County YMCA, we thank you for believing in what we do. We may not have everything that we want, but we do have the most important piece – support from the community.

Mike Hollowell

MEMBERSHIP

YMCA Parking

We want to thank each of you for your patience this winter regarding the new overflow parking area adjacent to Y Street. The first quarter of each year is always a very busy time of the year at the Y because of the many programs that we offer and the number of members who visit our facility. Having this new parking area has been of great value to the YMCA for many reasons, one of which is safety as we have been able to maintain one entrance and exit to our facility. We appreciate your support of this change.



Related to parking at the Y, please respect the two parking spaces at the far end of the lot (closest to the pavilion) that read "no parking between the hours of 3:00-6:00". The purpose for these spaces is for parents who are picking up their children from our Afterschool and Summer Camp programs. Your cooperation with this would be very helpful to these parents who are here only to pick up their child.

Terry Bellamy Soccer Park



With warmer weather approaching, we encourage our members to visit the Terry Bellamy Soccer Park. We are happy to see many people from our community taking advantage of the 1/3 mile asphalt walking track, kids playing on the new playground and families simply gathering in the pavilion that was built last summer from funds we received as a result of the Max Douthat Memorial Golf Classic. The YMCA is very fortunate to have this facility for our many soccer participants and we are pleased with the progress that has been made to benefit the community in general.

Work is underway to add nearly 100 parking spaces at the Soccer Park. Last year we were able to purchase two lots on Bernard Avenue that are adjacent to the gravel lot that we previously owned and we hope to complete this work by the end of May. With the large number of youth and adults participating in Y soccer, this will be a wonderful, and much needed addition to this facility.



The flow of traffic during the busy hours of the day seems to be pretty good. Please remember to maintain a slow speed when traveling through the parking lot. There are many young children, as well as adults walking around the parking lot and we need your help in creating a safe environment for those attending the YMCA.

2011 Policy Volunteers

Executive Committee:

Mark Foulks – President
Cal Doty – Vice President
Bill Adams – Past President
Sandy Konieczny – Treasurer
Rodney Bell – Appointed

Joey Ballard	Joanie Scott
Doug DeBusk	Steve Spano
Mark Easterly	David Woody
Charlotte Merkel	Goldie Coykendall
Cynthia Pectol	Pat Dickey
Terri Rymer	Joe Gonzalez
Andy Chaloux	Tom Kilday
Buddy Yonz	Watson Leonard

2011 Trustees

Herb Whitfield – Appointed by the Fox Foundation
Ray Adams – Appointed by the YMCA Board of Directors
Bill Adams – Past Board President

Please be Considerate...

Due to a limited number of lockers available at the Y, please take your lock with you after you workout. Locks left on lockers may be cut off.

AQUATICS

Summer Swim Lessons



Bring summer in with a splash! Certified lifeguards will be teaching people of all ages and experience levels. The classes meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks and will be offered in the morning or evening.

Session Dates:

May 23rd thru June 3rd
(No class on 5/31 in observance of Memorial Day)
June 6th thru June 16th
June 20th thru June 30
July 11th thru July 21st
July 25th thru August 4th

Lifeguarding



We will be having our final lifeguard classes before summer in April and May. The class will meet weekly, and includes certification in CPR, AED, First Aid, and Oxygen. Please see the Member Service Desk for more information.

Session Dates:

April 2nd thru April 30th
*Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

April 12th thru May 12th
*Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

April 18th thru May 18th
*Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Don't Forget your Membership Card....

To ensure the safety of all members and guests, please scan your card each time you visit the YMCA!



Did you Know?

As a member of the Y, you can bring a guest once a year for free!

Healthy Kids Day

As a part of a nationwide effort to encourage kids to get moving, the Greene County YMCA will host Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Several different activities will be provided for children ages 4-12, including snacks, bounce houses, and much more. All Healthy Kids Day activities are free and open to the community!

MAKE IT A PLAY DATE



Holiday Closings

The Y will be closed for Easter – Sunday, April 24th and Memorial Day – Monday, May 30th.



CHILDCARE

Summer Camp

Summer camp can be a memorable and magical time for your child. But deciding where to send your child can be challenging. Why should you choose the Y? The Y has been a leader in summer activities for more than 100 years. Our staff models the Y's Christian mission, the core values and are trained, certified and have a real love for working with children. On the surface, the Y may seem to be a place to go because of our nice facilities, but it is much more than that. Through Y programs we become more than a place to go, we are a place to grow. At the Y, there is something for every age, shape and ability. From swimming and group games to field trips and special activities, the Y offers programs for school-age children that challenge their imagination, creativity and leadership. Best of all, you can be sure that while your kids are exploring new ways to have fun at Summer Day Camp, they are being well cared for at a safe, enjoyable place that will strengthen your family, both while you are at work and when you are all together. The Y also offers specialty camps in tennis, baseball, soccer, basketball, and golf with the goal of developing a positive attitude towards and a familiarity with each sport. The summer schedule is very flexible in that you can sign up for only the weeks needed. For organizational reasons, please sign-up your child by the Friday before the weeks that your child plans to attend. Camp will be in one week sessions from May 23 to August 5. Counselors will supervise children from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. with scheduled activities from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You may sign-in and sign-out your child at any time during the day, as we try to accommodate most any schedule. The program is designed for grades Pre K – eighth. Fees are \$62 for Y Members and \$88 for non-members. There is a \$5.00 discount for additional children in the same family attending the same week of camp. The first week's payment is due at registration. Scholarships are available to those in need and who meet the requirements. Please allow up to 2 weeks for Scholarship Applications to be processed.



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AFTERSCHOOL

Our Afterschool Program is always available to our members during the school year. Transportation and snacks are provided. Participants have the option to swim twice a week and homework help is provided if needed. The program will be held on days when there is no school from 7:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. if there are at least five children signed up.

Registration is on-going throughout the school year.

SPORTS

SPORTS NEWS



Youth Basketball

Our Youth Basketball League and Bidy Basketball programs are winding down their seasons, with over 150 children participating in both programs. The season should be completed by April 11th and many of the participants will transition into our soccer program. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteer coaches, assistants, and team parents who make these programs possible.

Spring Soccer

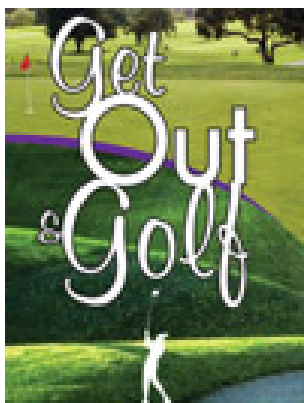
Registration for the Spring Soccer League and Bidy Soccer Program has come to an end. Meetings are being planned and participants will be placed on teams very soon. Practice is set to begin the week of April 11th.



Summer Programs

This summer's Sport's Programs include: Youth Flag Football, Summer Soccer League (HS-Adult), and Men's 3 on 3 Basketball League (HS-Adult). Sign-ups will begin in late April.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Max Douthat Memorial Golf Classic

Please mark this event on your calendar for **Thursday, May 5th** at Link Hills Country Club. Registration, lunch and the putting contest begin at 11:30 and teams will tee off at 1:00. Following the round of golf, awards will be presented on the patio along with more food and an auction. All proceeds will benefit the Greene County YMCA. If anyone is interested in playing in this year's event or participating as a hole, team or goody bag sponsor, please call the YMCA at 639-6107. Special thanks to Forward Air as our Title Sponsor and to our other Major Sponsors – Leonard Associates, C&C Millwright, DTR, GreenBank, Wal-Mart Distribution and Marsh Petroleum.

Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk and Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Y will again host the Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk and Community Easter Egg Hunt on **April 16th**. The race registration will run from 7:00 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 if postmarked by April 8th and \$20.00 after April 8th. The Community Easter Egg Hunt registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the hunt will start at 11:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the following age categories: 4 & under, 5-7, and 8-12 years old. A special thanks to Laughlin Hospital for their continued sponsorship of both of these events.



Congratulations to Kristen Girton, AOA Coordinator, on the birth of their first child, a baby girl born Thursday, March 24th.