



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Dear Y Member,

On behalf of the Marshall Area YMCA and its Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued involvement with the Y. You are an important part of our organization and have contributed to our positive impact within the Marshall area. Your membership supports the Y's cause to strengthen our community and we are here to provide everyone with the resources and assistance needed to stay active, connected and healthy.

I am pleased to announce that the annual budget process has been completed and membership rates will remain steady in 2018. The Silver & Fit program will also continue for Medicare-eligible members through participating insurance plans.

Project Updates

In the fall of 2016, we completed an HVAC project to repair and upgrade our HVAC system. These updates have provided a return on investment of \$50,000 so far in 2017. The energy savings are now reimbursing the reserve account which provided for the \$246,000 construction cost.

Renovation of the Family Locker Room is complete. New tile and door frames were installed along with durable plastic lockers which will resist rust. Completion of the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms is on our list for future renovations.

Upcoming Projects

I want to provide advance notice of several facility renovation projects taking place in the coming months. The projects will replace existing equipment and provide for a more comfortable facility atmosphere and increased energy efficiency.

The first project is the replacement of geothermal heat pumps. We currently have 11 pumps which heat and cool the facility with water from geothermal wells. These pumps have experienced increasing maintenance issues and are operating at 50% capacity. We replace the current pumps with 7 new units. There will be minimal member impact during this project as the majority of the work will be performed in the pump room. There will be a small amount of pipe work completed in the ceiling above the Wellness Center and some equipment will be repositioned for a couple of days during this work.

A second project will replace a large unit on the roof, which has been working at limited capacity since earlier this year. This unit controls the pool area atmosphere, removes chloramines, and controls humidity. This project will employ a crane to switch out the units and the Wellness Center will be closed for a very limited time while these pieces are in motion above the facility. The larger impact is that the pools will be non-operational during this 3 to 4 week project tentatively scheduled

to begin December 11th. SMSU has generously agreed to host YMCA lap swimmers at their campus pool during this closure. A schedule of available times along with directions to and instructions for using the SMSU pool will be provided at the front desk and on our website. A variety of alternate fitness options will be provided for our Water Fitness participants. Swim Lessons will not be impacted with fall sessions ending on December 9th and winter sessions kicking off in January.

Both of these projects are critical to the continued operation of the YMCA and are part of maintaining a facility which serves the community 100+ hours per week throughout the year. We look forward to the finished products serving our infrastructure needs well into the future, while creating energy efficiencies to provide an additional 30% savings from our current equipment.

Another project to enhance both energy efficiency and the atmosphere of the facility is a transition to LED lighting. All facility and parking lot lights will be updated, providing an estimated \$25,000 in annual energy savings. The cost of this project will be funded through the energy savings generated over approximately 2 years. This work will take place in December and we anticipate minimal member disruption.

We are excited to create a training center for hosting personal training, buddy training, small group training and a youth sports and agility clinic! The room at the top of the stairwell is being renovated with specialized equipment, including a full squat rack, TRX systems, boxing equipment, battle ropes, and a Performance Trainer that has the ability to simulate parachute runs and sled pushes. Watch our program guide for new program offerings, or stop by the Wellness Center desk to talk with our dedicated staff of personal trainers.

We always appreciate all feedback along with your program needs and ideas for the future. I invite you to visit our new website at www.marshallareaymca.org for up-do-date information and links to all programs and staff. There is a quick contact link for general inquiries and my personal email is tbolin@marshallareaymca.org

Thank you for your support over the past year and we look forward to serving you in 2018.

Sincerely,

Tom Bolin
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Marshall Area YMCA