

Y News Quarterly

Newsletter for the YMCA of Cecil County

Volume II Number 7 Holiday Edition



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

A Holiday Message from our Executive Director...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated food, mittens, and coats to our annual harvest tree drive. The items were delivered to the Cecil County Help Center. I am always amazed by the support of our community; we collected approximately 150 coats, and several large boxes of food, mittens, and miscellaneous items.

Once again this year we will be participating in the Angel Tree Toy Drive program. Toys collected will benefit YMCA scholarship children and the Help Center. So, please pick an angel or two, and brighten a little boy or girl's Christmas.

With the holidays already upon us, please make sure to take note of our holiday closings (listed on back page).

Inevitably, with the winter season comes inclement weather. In the event we must close our facility, we will announce our closings on the following radio stations: WJBR 99.5 FM, WXCX 103.7 FM, WSTW 97.3 FM and WDEL 1150 AM. If the weather is ever questionable, please tune in to the above stations or call us at (410)398-2333. You may also go on our web page www.ymcacecil.org for updated information. Although we make every effort to ensure our facility remains accessible, we highly value the safety of all of our members and guests, as well as our staff.

Wishing You and Yours a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

George C. Patchell

The new Aerobics Brochure will be on the counter December 4th. Register now for classes that begin after the New Year!

General Information...

Give the gift that gives all year long. A YMCA membership gift certificate is what anyone would love to have.

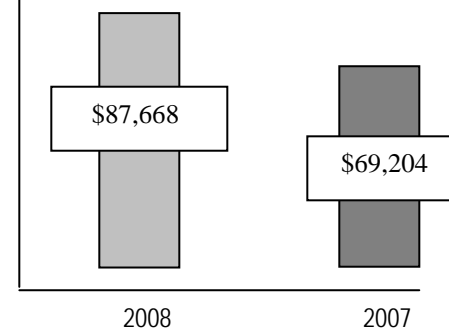
For those of you who turn left into our facility off of Rt. 279, you understand the hazard that is presented. In the past, we have requested an apron and caution sign, warning traffic of automobiles that may be turning left onto YMCA Blvd. We are pleased to announce, with the assistance of Delegate Dave Rudolph, a sign warning traffic of turning vehicles which has been placed on Rt. 279.

The Racquetball courts will be closed for floor refinishing from Tuesday, December 16th thru Thursday, December 18th. The courts will reopen on Friday, December 19th.



**Wishing you
a Happy,
Safe & Joyous
Holiday
Season**

YMCA of Cecil County Annual Scholarship Awards



In the Swim of Things...

Matt Wilson, Aquatics Director

By popular demand a new mini-session of water aerobics has been added. This session will run three weeks and has been pro-rated. Classes will start 12/1/08 and finish 12/19/08. The Aqua-Fit, Deep Water Works, and Musical Aquasize classes will continue to run on the schedule as listed in the catalog. Sign up at the front desk.

The November Swim Lesson session has just started. This session runs for five weeks due to the holidays. Spaces are still available, but do not wait to sign up. A friendly reminder, the pool will be closing for three Dolphin Swim Meets. Those dates are 12/13/08, 1/17/09, and 1/22/09. The pool will close at 10:30 am each day and re-open once each meet is finished. Please bring any questions or concerns to the attention of Matt Wilson in the pool office.

From the front Desk...

Amanda Harding, Office Manager

Beginning December 1st, we will once again be offering our college winter break membership special for the months of December and January only, the fee is \$30.00. All memberships will expire on 1/31/09 regardless of registration date. A college ID is required at registration to take advantage of this special offer. Please see front desk staff for details.

Looking for a unique gift for that special someone this holiday season? Well, look no further than our main lobby showcase! You will find assorted (and reasonably priced!) Men's, Women's, and Children's YMCA apparel and other merchandise for sale. Please see any of our friendly front desk staff for assistance!

Wishing you and yours a safe and blessed holiday season!

From the Program Department John Kampes

The YMCA is ready for yet another youth basketball season. We will once again provide the opportunity for almost 800 children throughout the county to participate in basketball. All practices will be held at local schools while the games will be at the YMCA, starting in December.

Courts two and three will be occupied with programs all winter long. Please take a moment to review our display cases located outside the gymnasiums for program court reservations.

In addition to basketball this winter season, we will again host a series of indoor hockey programs and tournaments. Please stop by to watch an exciting brand of field hockey!

PreSchool News:

Sally Levison-Preschool Director

This fall has been a busy one with a book fair and wrapping paper fund raisers. Both activities were very successful. Stop by and see our Winter Wonderland Scene, artwork provided by the preschool children. The children are busy getting ready for Christmas and Santa's visit to the YMCA. We currently have spaces in our full day Four Year old class. We also have spaces in our half day threes and fours classes. Please contact Sally or Judi if you are interested in these programs. Our Leeds Before/After program is currently full.

December Events:

School's Out 22,23,29& 30

Santa visits the YMCA in December TBA

Fitness Fun...

Janice Gavin, Fitness Director

Our new brochure for the Winter Session I will be out on the counters by December 3rd. On December 14th, parents have an opportunity to "shop till they drop" with our **Parents Night Out** program. Also, don't forget to schedule your child's next Birthday party in our new **Youth Fitness Room**, rock wall and all.

Our personal trainers are on duty to help you thru this time of year and bring in the new one with a *smile!*

This holiday season
give the gift of
Health...

**YMCA Memberships
make a GREAT
Holiday Gift!**

**Gift Certificates are
available at our
friendly and helpful
Front Desk!**

DECEMBER 2008

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4= Aerobics Brochure for 1/1/09 available

8=Swim Meet, Pool closed 12pm-9pm

12=Sleepover

13=Swim meet pool closed

15= Beginning of youth basketball games

16-18= Racquetball courts closed

22, 23, 29 & 30 = School's Out Program Day

24 = Christmas Eve = closes at 12:00pm

25 = Christmas Day/YMCA Closed!

31 = New Year's Eve = closes at 12:00pm

JANUARY 2009

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1=New Year's-Closed

17=Swim meet pool closed

22=Swim meet pool closed

19,23,& 26=Schools' Out Program

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