# YMCA DECEMBER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY



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# HAPPY HOLDAYS

HOLIDAY HOURS
YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

YMCA Sports Center: CLOSED

Chippewa Falls YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM Eau Claire South YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM

Eau Claire Downtown YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM

YMCA Tennis Center: 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**ALL LOCATIONS: CLOSED** 

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

YMCA Sports Center: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM Chippewa Falls YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM Eau Claire South YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM Eau Claire Downtown YMCA: 5:00 AM-1:00 PM

YMCA Tennis Center: 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**YMCA Sports Center: CLOSED** 

Chippewa Falls YMCA: 12:00-5:00 PM Eau Claire South YMCA: 12:00-5:00 PM

Eau Claire Downtown YMCA: 12:00-5:00 PM

YMCA Tennis Center: CLOSED







# ALL MEMBERSHIPS, ALL OF DECEMBER.

# YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

OFFER VALID DECEMBER 1-31. TO REDEEM, PLEASE VISIT A YMCA FACILITY OR CALL TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

OFFER ONLY VALID FOR NEW & RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS, IF MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN INACTIVE FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE. MEMBERSHIP RATES WILL INCREASE TO REGULAR RATES FOR JANUARY 2025 STATED BELOW.

- Family Membership: \$73 per month
- Senior Couple Membership: \$63 per month | Senior Membership: \$48 per month
- Adult Membership: \$52 per month
- Young Adult Membership: \$37 per month | Youth Membership: \$25 per month

IF APPLICABLE, MEMBERS MUST REMAIN ACTIVE THROUGH THE END OF THEIR REGISTERED PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN MEMBER RATE.



# JOIN OUR TEAM

#### **AOUATICS**

- Swim Instructor | Eau Claire Downtown YMCA or Chippewa Falls YMCA | Part-time
- Swim Instructor | Eau Claire South YMCA | Part-time
- Lifequard | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Part-time
- Interested in lifequarding but need to be trained? Click here to see upcoming lifequard training courses!

#### **CHILD CARE, CAMPS, & YOUTH WORK**

- <u>Early Childhood Teacher</u> | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Full-time
   <u>Early Childhood Teacher</u> | Eau Claire South YMCA Full-time
- Child Watch Teacher | Eau Claire Downtown YMCA | Part-time
- Child Watch Teacher | Eau Claire South YMCA | Part-time
- Child Watch Coordinator | Eau Claire South YMCA | Part-time
- School-Age Childcare Teacher | YMCA of the Chippewa Valley | Part-time

#### **HEALTHY LIVING**

- Yoga Instructors | Eau Claire South YMCA | Part-time
- Indoor Cycling Instructor | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Part-time

#### **SPORTS**

- Youth Soccer Instructor | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Youth Volleyball Instructor | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Soccer Referee | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Adult Flag Football Referee | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Sport Tykes Instructor | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Gymnastics Instructor | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Gymnastics Team Coach | YMCA Sports Center | Part-time
- Tennis Assistant Professional | YMCA Tennis Center | Full-time

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Youth Volunteer Coach | YMCA Sports Center
- Agnes' Table Food Pantry | Chippewa Falls YMCA



Scan/click the OR code or visit: https://www.ymcacv.org/careers

#### **NATIONAL YMCA OPPORTUNITIES**



Click the image to watch, A Day in the Life of a YMCA Tai Chi Instructor!



## **Eau Claire South YMCA**



Wow, time is really flying! Can you believe it's already December?!

Class Updates:

 The YMCA of the Chippewa Valley's 15 Days to Sleigh Holiday Fitness
 Challenge begins on December 1!

We've added new weights in the Cardio and Strength Studio for classes like Power Fit.

Our Group Exercise Schedule now features new classes:
a. DanceFit: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30-10:30
AM, Tuesdays at 6:45 PM, and Fridays at 5:30 PM.

b. Oigong/Tai-Chi: Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 PM.

Facility Updates:
This month, we will be replacing some rubber flooring in the heavy weight area. Additionally, we are replacing two air handlers and repairing two others in our building. Finally, we are completing some painting throughout the facility.

> Looking for a fun part-time job working with kids? Check out these opportunities below! Click on the images for more information

#### **HOURS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 5:00 AM-9:00 PM

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

<u>December Group</u> <u>Exercise Schedule</u>



**CLICK HERE!** 

Randi Schrader **Executive Director** Eau Claire South YMCA











## **Eau Claire Downtown YMCA**



Winter is knocking at our door. This time of year the Y is very busy. Basketball practices start up again, activities have moved indoors, and swim lessons continue to be very popular. We love to see all the activity in our building.

**Racquetball Court Reservations** 

Racquetball court reservations are back! You can book your court through the Y360 App. See <a href="here">here</a> if you don't have the app.
We do ask that you only reserve 7 days out.

Gym Usage

Gyms are getting busy this time of year. Our Youth Basketball program continues to grow. Please check gym schedules to see when there are open gyms.

Schaaf Gym will be used most evenings after 4 PM for Y programming. We are trying to keep Nelson gym open as much as possible for member use. Please check the gym schedules weekly as schedules do change. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our <u>Youth Basketball League</u> games start on January 4th. We will have even heavier use of the gyms starting at that time.

**Pickleball** 

Open Pickleball times in Schaaf gym on Tues & Thurs from 9am – 3pm.
This is open Pickleball for anyone and everyone. Please rotate in and out if it gets busy.

Hobbs gym will be available for reservation during certain times where you can play pickleball as well. Please visit our App to reserve.

Open Volleyball

Open volleyball will be on Sundays from 11 AM - 2 PM. This is open volleyball for anyone and everyone to play so please share the court.

#### Hot Tub

Please remember to rinse off/shower before using the hot tub. Showing helps keep the chemicals balanced in the hot tub. Sweat, lotions, etc effect the chemical balance and can lead to chemical imbalance. This leads to hot tub shutdowns. Please do your part so the hot tub can remain open.

Thank you!

#### **HOURS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 5:00 AM-9:00 PM

SATURDAY: 6:00 AM-6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

<u>December Group</u> Exercise Schedule



**CLICK HERE!** 

<u>Join our Health &</u> Wellness Facebook Group!



**CLICK HERE!** 

Craig Monson
Executive Director
Eau Claire Downtown YMCA



ACTIVE & AGELESS

December Newsletter

# Chippewa Falls YMCA



As 2024 ends, the staff at the Chippewa Falls YMCA would like to take this time to say THANK YOU to all our wonderful members who make our Y the place to be in Chippewa Falls. As our community continues to grow and change, we are proud that the Y continues to serve all in a positive way each day.

Looking forward to ringing in 2025 with you!

Come check out our interactive PlaySpace designed for children's educational and recreational enrichment. This initiative was made possible through the generous partnership with the Children's Museum of Eau Claire, a grant provided by AnnMarie Foundation, Inc., and the generosity of Mike & Dawn Bye. The YMCA invites families to experience the joy of play with a purpose.

The PlaySpace at the Chippewa Falls YMCA is a haven for young minds, offering a variety of STEM-based games and activities that promote learning through play. Tailored for children of all ages with an emphasis on activities for 2-14-year-olds, the area is equipped with innovative games and robotics, facilitating a hands-on environment to stimulate creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Also in the space, a large climb-through slide, blue building blocks, and interactive fort-building supplies to get little minds and bodies moving. We are so excited to open this space up to our Members! Non-Members are welcome to use this space, along with the rest of the YMCA by purchasing a day pass.

Learn more about the YMCA PlaySpace at www.ymca-cv.org/play









#### **HOURS**

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 5 AM - 9 PM

> FRIDAY: 5 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 6 AM - 4 PM

<u>December Group</u> Exercise Schedule



**CLICK HERE!** 

<u>Join our Health &</u> Wellness Facebook Group!



**CLICK HERE!** 

Carrie Mathwig
Executive Director
Chippewa Falls YMCA



ACTIVE & AGELESS

December Newsletter

# L.E. Phillips YMCA Sports Center



#### Happy Holidays!

As the air turns colder, the YMCA Sports Center invites you to come inside to play! Check out what December has in store.

#### Cozy Christmas Fun – Ornament Making

Come enjoy the Christmas spirit, creating beautiful ornaments designed to give as a gift while enjoying hot cocoa and popcorn. This special class is designed to be a parent/adult and child class.

WHEN: December 18, 2024, 10:00 AM COST: Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15

Register Here

#### **New Year's Family Event**

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 27 from 5:00-8:30 PM. We will have an extra special, fun-filled family night to help welcome in the New Year. Limo rides, inflatables, and a HUGE balloon drop with 1,500 balloons! We'd love to have you join us!

WHEN: Friday, December 27

COST: \$5/person; 2 and under are FREE

#### Family Fun – free with a YMCA Family Membership

Too cold to play outside? Join us at the YMCA Sports Center for some fun! Children and adults enjoy open play with sports equipment, toys, and inflatables.

- Family Fun Zone (age 0-5 with adult)

   Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30 AM
- Family Night (all ages)— Friday Nights from 5:00-9:00 PM for all ages. Youth must be accompanied by an adult!

#### Open Play

Open Play is offered when there is a break from programming. Call the Sports Center for Open Play times. Free for Members

#### Open Pickleball

Pickleball is offered daily with several options for open play. Please check the <u>online schedule</u> for open play times.

#### **Holiday Hours**

- Christmas Eve: ClosedChristmas Day: Closed
- New Years Eve: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM
- New Years Day: Closed

We look forward to seeing you soon!



#### **HOURS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 AM-9:00 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Bonnie Nicolai Operations Director YMCA Sports Center







## John & Fay Menard YMCA Tennis Center



#### **TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH:**

#### **TOP 10 TENNIS STRESS REDUCES**

- 1. A champion minded athlete accepts that they are not going to perform to 1. Practice the skills (new or improved) worked on in a lesson before your next match.
- 2. Practice, minimally, at least one time between every two matches.
- 3. Stay present. One ball, one point, one game, one set at a time. Don't stew over the past mistakes or the scoreline.
- 4. Take you time between points, particularly when misfiring and the tendency is to rush to begin the next point to right yourself.
- 5. Do not stand still in between points, particularly when misfiring and the tendency is to rush to begin the next point to right yourself
- 6.Do not "get set" or "plant" when making your shots.
- 7. Maintain a relatively low grip tension in the ready position and through shot impact.
- 8. Breathe inhale just before you launch your racquet into the ball, exhale through the point of impact and follow through
- Watch the ball into your racquet, then remain connected to it in its outgoing patch with a still head.
- 10. Visualize your shot intentions every single time.

#### **BLUGOLD TENNIS CLINICS**

December 15 from 10 AM-4 PM the Blugold Men's and Women's teams will be hosting Adult and Youth Doubles clinics. 50% of the proceeds will be used to help fund their travel expenses for 2025. Space is limited to the first 20 adults and the first 20 youth (12-18 years old).

#### SPONORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have some exciting opportunities for sponsors in 2025. Please reach out with any questions. Below is a brief overview of some of the opportunities that exist.

Court Name	\$7,500 per year with a 5-year commitment (7 courts)
Bench Name	\$1,000 per year with a 5-year commitment (14 benches)
Tennis Divider	\$1,00 per year with a 5-year commitment (6)



REGISTER FOR ADULT TENNIS

REGISTER FOR YOUTH TENNIS

#### **HOURS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6:00 AM-8:00 PM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM-10:00 PM

SUNDAY 10:00 AM-10:00 PM

#### **UPCOMING EVENT**

12/7 JTT Serving with a Purpose
 12/7 Caring at Christmas Mixer
 12/20-22 Girls Winter Championship L4

#### CARDIO TENNIS

Mon-Friday: 10:30-11:30 AM Tues & Thurs: 7:00-8:00 PM

#### ost:

- Free for Members
- \$10 for Non-Members

# FREE COURT TIME FRIDAYS

This winter the John and Fay Menard YMCA Tennis Center will be offering free court time to all members on Fridays from 7:00-10:00 PM, December 6, 13 & 27.

Members are able to bring a guest at no charge. You can call 6 days in advance to schedule your court time. Please call to make a reservation as courts do fill up quickly.

# CARING AT CHRISTMAS MIXER!

We are asking for a \$35 donation to participate with all proceeds being used to purchase Christmas presents for families in need. This is a potluck so we are asking that everyone bring a dish to pass. This will be set up as a mixer with all partners paired randomly and switched after each round. Space is limited to the first 40 people that sign up.

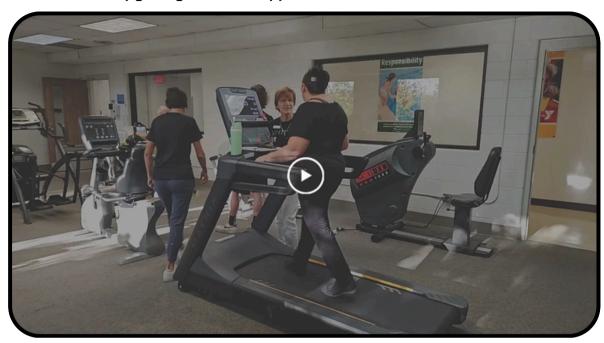
WHEN: December 7 from 5-7 PM

Matt Boughton
Executive Director
John & Fay Menard YMCA
Tennis Center

# MISSION STORY

## LIVESTRONG at the YMCA

Karen is a member at the Eau Claire Downtown YMCA who is currently participating in the LIVESTRONG program and she is actively getting chemotherapy and radiation.



To view more mission stories, visit: <a href="https://www.ymca-cv.org/mission">www.ymca-cv.org/mission</a>



# LIVESTRONG®

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA is a free 12-week program, tailored to the specific needs of cancer survivors who would like to improve their quality of life before, during, and after treatment. We offer small group sessions to connect participants to other cancer survivors looking to reclaim their lives. Our certified instructors and personal trainers have undergone specialized training in the elements of cancer, rehabilitative exercise, and supportive cancer care.

A FREE one year family membership is included with this program.

#### **CHIPPEWA FALLS YMCA**

WHEN: January 7-March 27, 2025 TIME: 1:00-2:15 PM or 4:30-5:45 PM | Tuesdays & Thursdays COST: Free for cancer survivors LOCATION: Chippewa Falls YMCA

#### **EAU CLAIRE DOWNTOWN YMCA**

WHEN: January 6-March 26, 2025 TIME: 1:00-2:15 PM or 4:30-5:45 PM | Mondays & Wednesdays COST: Free for cancer survivors

LOCATION: Eau Claire Downtown YMCA

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION** 



# WINTER & SPRING 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE

Click on the cover photo to learn more and register.

# CHRISTMAS AT THE LODGE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Join us in the warmth of the fire under the Manitou "M" at the Christmas at the Lodge fundraiser for mingling with drinks and great food. This event helps support our mission, provide exceptional facilities, and ensure that Manitou will continue to inspire youth for years to come.

When: Friday, December 6
Cost: \$150/person
(\$100 of a ticket price is a tax-deductible donation)



**DONATE HERE** 

**REGISTER HERE** 

# SUPPORT OUR TROOPS RECAP









608 care packages were packed and shipped to our active military! Thank you to everyone for your help and support!

# FESTIVAL FOODS TURKEY TROT RECAP







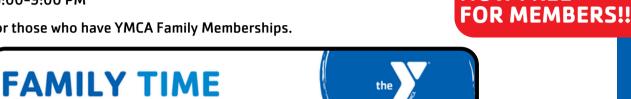
Another successful Festival Foods Turkey Trot! Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered! See you in November 2025!

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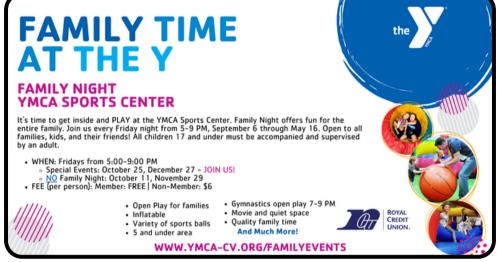
It's time to get inside and PLAY at the YMCA Sports Center. Family Night offers fun for the entire family. Join us every Friday night from 5-9 PM, September 6 through May 16. Open to all families, kids, and their friends! All children 17 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

WHEN: Fridays from 5:00-9:00 PM

This service is FREE for those who have YMCA Family Memberships.



**NOW FREE** 



#### **More Information**

Child Watch is a FREE drop-in daycare service for ages 6 weeks to 10 years. This service is available for those with YMCA Family Memberships and the child must be part of the family unit. Child Watch has designated hours and care is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Chippewa Falls YMCA, Eau Claire Downtown YMCA, & Eau Claire South YMCA. No food is allowed in Child Watch except for formula and all children a encouraged to bring a water bottle. Please note, this service follows licensing procedures but IS NOT a licensed childcare program. Drop-off your children with our caring staff and have a worry-free workout!



More Information

#### YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

# IN THE NEWS

We continue to highlight the times when the YMCA of the Chippewa Valley is in the news! Below are just a few times that the Y has been featured in the last month:

THE 715 NEWSROOM: CHIPPEWA
FALLS YMCA & CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
OF EAU CLAIRE COLLABORATE FOR
NEW PLAY SPACE



Click the image to view the full article

WEAU: INTERVIEW: YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY TO HOLD TROOP CARE PACKAGE DRIVE



Click the image to view the full article

# WEAU: YMCA'S "MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL" PROGRAM (11/12/24)



Click the image to view the full article

#### **MORE NEWS STORIES!**

- YMCA opens new STEM-focused
   PlaySpace | Chippewa Valley News |
   wqow.com
- NORTH PARK DENTAL sunshine award - WEAU
- YMCA's "Membership For All" Program (11/12/24)

YMCA OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

# What's Happening at the YMCA?

Click the text below to learn more.

<u>December 1 | Eau Claire Downtown YMCA | Winter 1 Youth & Teen Powerlifting Registration Opens for Members & Non-Members</u>

<u>December 1 | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Winter 1 Youth & Teen Powerlifting Registration Opens for Members & Non-Members</u>

December 1 YMCA of the Chippewa Valley 15 Days to Sleigh Challenge Begins

December 6 | YMCA Camp Manitou | Christmas at the Lodge

December 7 | Eau Claire Downtown YMCA | Lifeguard Recertification Course

December 8 YMCA Sports Center Winter 1 Gymnastics Registration Opens for Members

December 11 | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Pop-Up Step Group Exercise Class

December 12 Chippewa Falls YMCA Lifequard Certification Course

<u>December 15 YMCA Sports Center Winter 1 Gymnastics Registration Opens for Non-Members</u>

December 16 Chippewa Falls YMCA Create a Gnome

December 18 | YMCA Sports Center | Ornament Making

December 22 | Chippewa Falls YMCA | Winter 1 Swim Lessons Registration Opens for Members

December 28 Eau Claire Downtown YMCA Lifeguard Recertification Course

December 29 Chippewa Falls YMCA Winter 1 Swim Lessons Registration Opens for Non-Members

December 30 | Eau Claire Downtown YMCA | SafeSitter Training

#### SAFE SITTER® SAFETY COURSE

Teaches students safety skills for when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students will learn safety skills, childcare skills, first aid/rescue skills, and life/business skills from the instructor-led one-day class. There will be a snack break, but it is not provided. Please bring your own.

Eau Claire Downtown YMCA

- January 11, January 21, March 8, May 31
   9:00 AM-2:30 PM
- Entering Grade 6-8
- Cost: YMCA Members: \$70 | Non-Members: \$85

#### SAFE@HOME BY SAFE SITTER® SAFETY COURSE

A program designed to prepare students to be safe when they are home alone. This 60-minute class will teach students about safe habits and how to deal with situations such as power failures, injuries, illnesses, and weather emergencies.

Eau Claire Downtown YMCA

- January 11, March 8, May 31
   3:00-4:30 PM
- Entering Grades 4-6
- Cost: YMCA Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$40

# SAVE THE DATE

YEAR'S FAMILY EVENT!

WHEN: Friday, December 27

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: YMCA Sports Center

COST:

- \$5 per person
- Kids 2 and under are free
  - Cash only | Pay at the door!

# Featured Employee of the Month Alicia Chartrand

**Department:** YMCA Tennis Center

How long have you worked at the Y: 2.5 years

When is your birthday? September 23

Where did you grow up? Menomonie

What is your favorite part of working at the YMCA?
The camaraderie with members and colleagues. Everyone seems to have your best interests at heart. Coming to work and having great relationships with those around you makes up a huge part of loving what you do.

What are three words that best describe the Y? Caring, inviting, and positivity

**Favorite pastimes?** 

Reading, kayaking, hanging out with my 2 dogs, cat and fiancé.

Favorite quote?

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts." -Marcus Aurelius

Where's your favorite place in the world?

A toss up between Hawaii or Costa Rica. I fell in love with the cultures and traditions...and of course the beaches.

If you could be any animal, what would it be?

A bird. To fly and be free to go wherever I want whenever I want.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I love cooking and trying different recipes. I have a unhealthy obsession with buying purses, books and crystals.

What is your proudest moment at the YMCA?

Hearing from the night and weekend staff that I'm a great supervisor. They appreciate that I'm flexible with their scheduling while they balance school and work. They appreciate that I'm a phone call away and if needed I'll come in and help them even if I'm off.

What is your favorite YMCA story?

One morning I had a member come in and write out a check in the amount to cover the cost of a youth membership for an entire year. They said to give it towards a child in need that loves to play tennis so they can have access to our facility to be able to play tennis year round. I think its wonderful that our ymca members have compassion towards our youth members in our community.



## **Our Favorite Member Feedback**

Here are some comments from happy Members! We hope your experience is always positive at the Y!

- I love doing my water exercises and using the pool.
- There are so many opportunities to fit everyone's fitness needs!
- A good mix of classes and the ability to workout on your own.., "coaches/personal trainers" that appear to like what they're doing and Grant at the front desk - always helpful and cheery.
- Playing pickle ball with a great group of people!!! I love the camaraderie and competition every time I go. Definitely recommend the Sports Center to anyone interested in enjoying other people and activities.
- Love the pool, love restorative yoga class on Wednesday evening.
- My enhanced fitness class is fun and taught by an energetic instructor-Missy!

# JOIN OUR TEAM!



Whether you are looking for your first job, or a post-retirement gig, the YMCA is a great place to work.

A free YMCA Membership is a nice perk too!

**SEE POSITION OPENINGS!**