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THE GREATER MORRISTOWN YMCA

79 Horsehill Rd., Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Quarterly Newsletter

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A newsletter for members and volunteers of the Y



THE GREATER MORRISTOWN YMCA'S 34TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Greater Morristown YMCA held their 34th annual golf classic on September 11th at Spring Brook Country Club, in Morristown. This annual event helped to raise over \$80,000 which benefits our Annual Campaign Scholarship fund for disadvantaged children. It is the Greater Morristown YMCA's mission to provide access to our wide range of programs available to every child, regardless of his/her family's ability to pay for these services. For the past 34 years, the generosity of hundreds of players and sponsors of our golf outing has enabled us to offer over 3,500 children a childhood experience they would never otherwise enjoy. Whether our scholarship assistance enables them to have fun at camp, learn how to swim, or enroll in one of our award-winning childcare centers, these children receive opportunities that will continue to shape their lives for years to come.

Image Above: Spring Brook's beautiful course on September 11th, 2023.

**GOODBYE
& WELL
WISHES!**

On behalf of all of us here at the Greater Morristown YMCA, we would like to extend a fond farewell to one of our longtime members, Doug McMahon, as he starts the next chapter of this life. We wish you all the best as you embark on this next stage in your life. We will cherish the time we were able to spend with you here at our YMCA

WE'RE HIRING!

The Greater Morristown YMCA is looking for driven individuals for the following positions:

- After School Care Counselors
- Group Exercise Instructors: YMCA
- Personal Trainers: YMCA
- Lifeguards: YMCA
- Water Aerobics Instructor: YMCA
- Assistant Swim Team Coach: YMCA
- Swim Lesson Instructors: YMCA
- The Richard F. Blake Children's Center - Part-Time & Full-Time Positions available
- The Children's Corner - Part-Time & Full-Time Positions available

For full details and qualifications, please visit our website, www.greatermorristownymca.org!

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, our YMCA team creates fun and engaging events for our members and surrounding community. During the summer and fall months, we continue to engage our members and our surrounding community. On June 15th, we welcomed Atlantic Health System back to the Y-Zone to present a free and informative seminar on Alzheimer's and Dementia. Many individuals from our community as well as our own YMCA members attended this lecture and found the speakers to be knowledgeable and kind about a difficult subject for many. We are always so grateful for our continued partnership with AHS! We finished off the end of the month as we have every month since January at the YMCA, with our Senior Coffee Social. This event has been a widely successful to the point that our members and their guests wait all month to attend.

In July, we partnered with the new opened Panda Express for a fund-raiser for our childcare center, The Richard F. Blake Children's Center. Parents and the community could buy food on July 14th and 50% of the proceeds with a promo code/flyer were donated back to our childcare center. We were able to raise close to \$500 dollars for this fund-raiser! Thank you all for your generosity! From July 17th until August 16th, we collected school supplies for Jersey Cares. This organization works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. Our members donated an amazing amount of supplied and made an impact on many children's lives as they started school. On August,

Atlantic Health returned to host an hour long lecture for Atrial fibrillation (A fib) on September 19th. Stephen Winters, MD, FACC, FHRS the Director of Cardiac Rhythm Management at Morristown Medical Center presented an extremely informative lecture for a well attended audience of both members and non-members. On the last Tuesday of September, we opened our Youth Basketball Association (YBA) registration and were pleasantly surprised to have two grade levels fully close before the end of the first day of registration.

From September 8th until October 13th, we again collected for Jersey Cares, but this time it was for new or gently used Children's Halloween Costumes. For the children that Jersey Cares distributes to, Halloween costumes often don't make the list of essentials in the family budget and this gives them the opportunity to still participate in this holiday. October was a busy month for our YMCA! ShopRite Pharmacy of Greater Morristown came October 10th and distributed free flu shots in our lobby. The American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at the Y-Zone on the 19th for 6 hours. We are proud to say that because of this drive, almost 90 people will be saved by the donated blood. Be on the lookout for another blood drive in April! On Saturday, October 28th, we held our second annual pumpkin plunge in our pool. This floating pumpkin patch event brought in close to 40 children that had a fun and amazing time picking their Halloween pumpkins to decorate out in the lobby. At the same time, we hosted our Fall Open House, which you can read about below. We raffled off 4 bikes to children and a free one month membership!

Please continue to look in our lobby and on our website for on-going events. We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events in the winter months!

Right Top Image: The American Red Cross Van during our October Blood Drive.



Left Image: Members joined our second annual pumpkin plunge!

Right Bottom Image: Just some of the numerous school supplies donated to Jersey Cares this August!



FALL OPEN HOUSE

On October 28th, the Greater Morristown YMCA hosted a Fall Open House for prospective members. Our knowledgeable staff gave numerous tours to curious community members interested in our current offerings. We also welcomed Deirdre's House and Grow it Green who hosted community booths in our lobby. Thank you to these two wonderful organizations for taking time to come to our Open House! We hope to partner again at our next Open House in the Spring!

A special thank you to Joanne Burns who donated handmade Halloween bracelets for our YMCA to sell for our Camp Scholarship Fund!



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

We are thrilled to have such longstanding staff members at our YMCA. There have been a few of these employees that have reached some outstanding milestones! Such amazing dedication to our YMCA!

Fitness:

Donna B. – 20 years
Mark M. – 20 years
Lisa F. – 15 years
Meghan M. – 15 years
Peter K. – 5 years
Lisa V. – 5 years

Membership:

Hazel C. – 15 years
Rashmi K. – 5 years

Aquatics:

Tyler W. – 10 years

SUMMER CAMP WRAP-UP

Our Summer Camp was a huge success, thanks to the leadership of our new Camp Director, Ashley Nimmo, and her multiple superior camp supervisors! In total, our camp opened its doors to over 400 excited campers. Our campers enjoyed numerous field trips and Fun Fridays! Camp was full of fun times and newfound, lifelong friends!

We are in full preparation for our 2024 camp season and cannot wait to see all our camp families once again.

Check the final page of this newsletter to read more details on when registration will happen for our 2024 Camp Season!



Right Image: Our Campers enjoying a fun foam party to end the summer off in style!

Below Image: Our Camp & School Aged Children Program Director enjoying free swim



ADVENTURE DAYS ARE HERE!

This program is open to members and non-members. Adventure Days are held at our beautiful Armour Family Y-Zone Youth Annex, located at 25 Saddle Road in Cedar Knolls which is the perfect place for your child to spend a safe and productive day during school vacations. The children had structured play and activities throughout each day including indoor gym play, arts and crafts, swimming (at our YMCA) and outside play. The next few upcoming dates are:

- Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 15th
- President's Day – Monday, February 19th
- Staff Development Day – Tuesday, February 20th
- Spring Break – Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 5th

Location: The Armour Family Y-Zone (25 Saddle Rd, Cedar Knolls, NJ)

Rates: \$85 per day (for Members & Non-Members*) Members use your current membership for registration Non-Members please use Adventure Days Non-Membership Registration ONLY

*For Morris Plains before/after care children enrolled in our program use the Adventure Days Member Link for discounted pricing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Camp & School Aged Children Program Director, Ashley Nimmo at: a.nimmo@morristownymca.org

Below Image: The Y-Zone Youth Annex





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UPCOMING CLOSURES

- Thursday, December 7th, 2023 - Early Closure for Staff Event at 4pm
- Sunday, December 24th, 2023 - Closing at 12pm for Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 25th, 2023 - Closed for Christmas
- Sunday, December 31st, 2023 - Closing at 3pm for New Years Eve
- Monday, January 1st, 2024 - Hours will be 11am to 4pm

SAVE THE DATE

2024 Y-Zone Summer Camp Registration Opens Online on 01.23.24!

More information and our 2024 Camp Season Brochure will be released on our website in early January! Check back on this date to get all the latest information for the upcoming Camp Season! Camp will run from June 24th, 2024 to August 16th, 2024 from 8am to 5pm everyday except July 4th!