



MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WALLA WALLA YMCA

140 Years Strong—Because of You

For 140 years the Y has continually evolved to meet the needs of the people it serves. Over time, that has meant expanding our reach, introducing new programs, investing in facilities, and building a skilled team—always guided by community need and long-term sustainability. Our longevity reflects more than history; it reflects thoughtful planning, adaptability, and a community that believes in what the Y makes possible.



As we begin this milestone year, we want to share a clear picture of what it takes to operate the Y—and how intentionally it is done. The Y does not rely on excess resources; it relies on solid planning, careful stewardship, and community partnership.

Each year, the Y's leadership develops a comprehensive operating budget and manages that plan throughout the year. Budgets are built on known data and well-tested assumptions, including projected membership and staffing levels, programs, facility needs, and anticipated contributions.

For 2026, the Y's operating budget includes:

Earned Revenue: Membership dues, program fees, and other operating income of \$4,408,187; plus planned contributions of \$516,069 from grants and charitable donations; for total Operating Resources of **\$4,924,256**.

Annual Expenses: Include staffing, supplies, utilities, and operating costs of **\$4,851,422**.

The resulting difference between projected revenues and expenses is a potential operating surplus of **\$72,834**—a modest but meaningful margin that helps the Y remain resilient, able to address the realities of operating an older facility and stay prepared for unanticipated equipment failures or other needs.

Because projections, planning, and community support matter, the Y enters its 140th year strong, balanced, and positioned for continued impact.

Thank you for being part of this legacy—and the future we're building together.



Create a Legacy That Lasts

Since its founding in 1886, the Walla Walla YMCA has strengthened individuals, families and built a healthier community. And thanks to supporters like you, we can make this possible for generations to come. By including the Y in your will or revocable living trust, your legacy funds the future of community programs that serve individuals and families for generations to come.

With our new partner, **FreeWill**, you can write your will or trust online and include a lasting gift to the Y. It's a gift that costs nothing today while establishing a foundation for the future.

Build a legacy that lasts in your will or trust today!

And if you've already included Walla Walla YMCA in your will or revocable living trust, **please fill out this form**. We'd love to thank you for your generosity.

Beat the Winter Blues

This winter there are a number of ways for youth and adults to stay connected and try something new at the Y.

Click any of the links below to find your favorite indoor winter activity at the Y.



Action Zone Programs

Chess, Minecraft, Rock Climbing and more! - includes both Afterschool and Homeschool hours. *Classes Available from Feb 9 - May 20.*

Goju Ryu Karate

Youth build strength, discipline and confidence in this traditional martial arts program. *Classes available Feb 10 - Mar 12 & Mar 17 - Apr 23.*

Youth Strength Training

Kids will learn the basics of strength training, build confidence, and have fun in a safe, supportive environment. *Classes available Jan 27 - Jan 29 & Feb 3 - Feb 5.*

Wellness For Life

Reach those New Year's Resolutions. This weekly program pairs you with nutrition and weight loss experts to help you reach your health goals. *Jan 26 - Apr 13.*

Red Cross CPR

Make your community a safer place by attending this three-hour session. Course includes CPR, AED and First Aid training. *Feb 1.*



Slippery When Wet

With colder weather we can expect slippery roads, parking lots and sidewalks. This season, stay informed about how city crews respond to winter weather by signing up for alerts.

Visit Walla Walla's **Snow and Ice Control Webpage**.

In the Community

Local opportunities for family-friendly fun

[Find a Volunteer Opportunity](#)

[Little Theatre: Leading Ladies](#)

[February Film Fest](#)

[Artrageous Art Show](#)

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