MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WALLA WALLA YMCA



What Your Membership Does Not Cover

As we begin to wind down 2026 and our 140th year of service, we're turning our attention to 2027.

Like you, the Y plans carefully. We set priorities, make thoughtful financial decisions, and look for ways to stretch every dollar. And like many households, we're navigating rising costs while working to preserve the things that matter most.

For the Y, that means maintaining a welcoming, well-equipped facility, offering a wide variety of classes and programs, investing in great staff, and keeping the Y affordable and accessible to our community.

Here's something you may not know: Membership dues and program fees don't cover the full cost of everything the Y provides.

As a nonprofit, we're careful stewards of our resources. We prioritize equipment purchases and facility maintenance, shop wisely, pursue grants, and continually evaluate how best to invest in the programs and services our community values.

2027 will challenge us to do even more with less. Rising labor, supply, and equipment costs, changes in Medicare-related wellness program support, ongoing childcare funding pressures, and reliance on donations and grants all affect our bottom line.

While these pressures are real, so is our determination to keep the Y strong. We'll continue making thoughtful choices, finding efficiencies, and seeking new

opportunities to sustain the programs, people, and facilities that make the Y such an important part of our community.

And here's where you come in.

Your membership is an important part of the Y's financial foundation. It helps sustain the facilities, classes, and services you enjoy. But the Y's mission reaches beyond what membership dues alone can support.
Charitable gifts help bridge that gap, making it possible to extend opportunities to children, families, seniors, and others who might otherwise go without.

We don't take your membership—or your generosity—for granted. Both matter, and both help shape the Y's future.

For 140 years, our community has invested in the Y. We're committed to making sure that investment continues to pay dividends in healthier people, stronger families, and a more connected community.



Fall Back

Remember that on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m. clocks move backward 1 hour to 1:00 a.m.

And be sure to **check out the November class schedules** found online and in the lobby information kiosk.

Action Zone Classes

Classes for kids in the Action Zone are coming soon. Starting in November, kids can climb their way to success in our Rock Climbing classes, checkmate their opponents in Chess and use their creative skills in Minecraft.

Rock Climbing: Nov 3 - 12 Tue/Thur at 5PM (Ages 4-6)and 6PM (Ages 6-10)
Chess: Nov 10 - Dec 10 |Tue/Thur at 4PM
Minecraft: Nov 9-Dec 9 | Mon/Wed at 4PM



Action Zone Classes

Your Vote. Your Voice. Mutual Respect.

As Election Day approaches, we encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote.



At the Y, respect is one of our core values. We recognize that people bring different perspectives, beliefs, and opinions to the issues that matter to them. Thoughtful conversations can help us better understand one another, and respecting others also means recognizing that not everyone wishes to discuss politics, candidates, or election outcomes.

Vote, be kind, and let's continue building a community where everyone matters and belongs.

Looking for Experienced Racquetball Players

We have a number of active Y players who are interested in getting **more regular matches on the calendar.**

If you are an experienced adult player looking for fun, fast-paced games without the hassle of hunting down partners, please contact the Membership Desk or see the sign posted by Court 1.



For minors and those interested in learning the game, please contact our Sports Director at candrews@wwymca.org.

Karate



Sign your child up for the latest Kata of Goju Ryu karate. This "hard-soft style" martial art is a perfect combination of self-defense and personal development.

Classes are Nov 10 - Dec 17 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Available for Beginner (5:30PM-6:15PM) and Advanced (6:30PM-7:15PM) levels.

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Thank You Veterans

The YMCA honors veterans for their service by providing discounted membership and free swim time in the therapy pools on scheduled days and hours.



The Y will be closed November 11 in remembrance of Veterans Day.

Day of The Dead Festival | **Veterans Day Parade** | **Ski Gear Swap**

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