

# DO YOU KNOW Y?



YMCA OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO  
MANSFIELD YMCA BRANCH  
SHELBY YMCA BRANCH

JULY 2024

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

## YMCA SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING JUNE 12



June 12 was a monumental day for the YMCA of North Central OH. The celebration, which included our local elected officials, stakeholders, and YMCA enthusiasts, kicked off the build of the \$22 million Sports Complex in Bellville, OH. The new complex, which is expected to open in late 2025 or early 2026, will provide traditional YMCA programming

with indoor and outdoor athletic fields, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, indoor track, and an outdoor walking trail.

The late Jim Gorman donated 35 acres of land near the intersection of Interstate 71 and Ohio 97 to the YMCA when the board began looking for land for its third branch in Richland County.

"Today marks a significant milestone in our commitment to promote community development, wellness, and youth engagement in Richland County and North Central Ohio," said Cristen Gilbert, CEO of the YMCA of North Central Ohio. "It's not just another facility, it's a state-of-the-art sports complex that combines our YMCA programming and fitness with a diverse range of activities that cater to all ages and fitness levels."

The YMCA's capital campaign has raised \$9 million after a recent \$500,000 gift from the Milliron Foundation and additional donations from Ted and Heidi Sazdanoff, Park National Bank, Mechanics Bank, and others. The campaign operates in stages, with a financial goal of \$12 million by mid-summer and a goal of \$15 million by the end of 2024.



The public campaign is now underway, and the YMCA is seeking donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations to help reach its target.

## MAKE A SPLASH!



Summer is here, and the Mansfield YMCA splash pad park is OPEN! The splash pad is FREE for YMCA of North Central Ohio members. If you haven't had a chance, come check out the fully inclusive splash pad that features an iconic dumping bucket, gentle jets throughout, misting, and a submarine and VW van with water, lights, and music effects! Children of all abilities will enjoy the features. Open Monday-Friday from 11 AM-8 PM and Saturday-Sunday from 11 AM-5 PM through Labor Day weather permitting.

## YMCA NCO HOSTS 8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



The YMCA of North Central Ohio raised just under \$11,000 in support at our 8th annual golf tournament held on Monday, May 20, at Deer Ridge Golf Club. 124 golfers participated in the event, enjoying a sunny day on the course.

Proceeds from the event will help provide scholarships for children and families through the Open Doors program. Along with the Open Doors scholarship program, our annual campaign supports a variety of programs, such as; Livestrong Cancer Survivor Program, Diabetes Prevention, and Y on the Fly.

A special thank you to our sponsors for this event; Adena Corporation, Matt Smith Roofing, Warren Rupp, Sentec Systems, Jamison Well Drilling, Metal Conversions, KM&M, The Red Fox Tavern, and Bo Lacey Construction.



## SID HALL COMPETES IN 27TH YMCA NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sid Hall competed in his 27th YMCA National Swimming Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on May 12th. At 88 years young, Sid finished in the top 3 in all 6 events he competed in.

In 1986, Sid was a Mansfield Y member but hadn't swam since high school. He saw an article in the Mansfield News Journal about someone competing in the Senior Olympics which sparked his interest to swim again.

You needed to be 55 to compete, so for the next 5 years, he kept that article on his desk and began swimming again at the Y. In 1991, Sid was finally able to compete, and since then, he has been ranked in the top 10 in the country in his age division in multiple events, which includes 2 world records and 3 national records.

Sid has been involved with the Y for over 80 years. He said, " I could not have achieved any of the swimming accomplishments without the Y facilities and staff, and you are never too old to start trying something new."

## A LOOK AHEAD

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Mansfield and Shelby YMCA Branches will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day

### Summer 2 Program Registration

Registration for Summer 2 programs begins, Monday July 22nd

### Red Cross CPR/AED Training

August 10th from 10 AM- 2 PM  
Mansfield YMCA Branch  
\$85 Members  
\$100 Non-Members

### Red Cross Blood Drive

August 16th from 10 AM- 3 PM  
Mansfield YMCA Branch

### Triathlon/Duathlon

August 17th at 9AM  
Shelby YMCA Branch  
Register at [www.ohioraceday.com](http://www.ohioraceday.com)

### Labor Day

The Mansfield and Shelby YMCA Branches will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day

### Fall 1 Program Registration

Registration for Fall 1 programs begins, Tuesday September 3rd

### Livestrong Fall Session

Begins September 10th  
Mansfield YMCA Branch  
9 AM-10:15 AM  
6:30-7:45 PM

This newsletter provides helpful information to our members, donors and friends interested in the YMCA of North Central Ohio. For questions or comments, please contact Sara Baker at 419-522-3511 EXT 260

## LIVESTRONG CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the LIVESTRONG program at the Mansfield Branch. Over the past ten years, over 130 cancer survivors have participated in the program.

Spring 2024 LIVESTRONG participant Byron Jackson has this to say about the program. "Having a place to go and talk to other cancer survivors and exercise with them while being taught how to get stronger has been great. The LIVESTRONG program here at the Y does work. We have encouraged each other to keep moving and pray for our recovery."

LIVESTRONG is offered at no cost to the survivor; because of that, we rely 100% on donations from the community to make this possible.



Support a survivor  
DONATE TODAY!

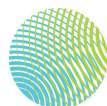


## YMCA SAFETY TOWN

On June 14, the YMCA of North Central Ohio Childcare graduated nearly 60 Pre-K children from the YMCA Safety Town Program.

All four preschool locations visited the Carpenter Y Childcare location from June 3-13. In those two weeks, the kids learned traffic safety, bicycle safety, how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, the importance of seat belts, safety around water, fire safety, writing their addresses and phone numbers, bus safety, stranger safety, medication safety, and much more!

The 2024 YMCA Safety Town Program was made possible by our sponsors RFME, Techniplas, and Safety First Driving Academy. A special thank you to Warren Rupp, Jen-Mansfield YMCA Aquatic Director, the Mansfield Fire Department, Smokey the Bear, YMCA Child Care Bus Driver Darla, Ontario Police Department, Troopers Dickerson and Mayle with the Bucyrus K-9 Unit and Tammy with C.A.C.Y.



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS Y ON THE FLY?

### BRINGING FUN TO THE PARKS



Y on the Fly is taking the fun back to the parks once again this summer! Y of the Fly brings free YMCA programs and services directly to Mansfield, Shelby, and surrounding communities. Our van is packed full of over 400 CATCH® activities for kids in grades K-6.

Come see them at one of their weekly locations from June 10 to August 8. It's FREE for all kids!!

SHELBY YMCA	MARSHALL PARK	BICENTENNIAL PARK	MALABAR PLAYGROUND
Shelby, OH	Ontario, OH	Lexington, OH	Mansfield, OH
Mondays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Thursdays
11-12 pm	1-2pm	11 am-12 pm	2:30-3:30 pm

## TRIATHLON/DUATHLON



Splash, Spin, and Dash at the Shelby YMCA for our annual Triathlon/Duathlon on August 17th. Registration is available online or at OhioRaceDay.com.

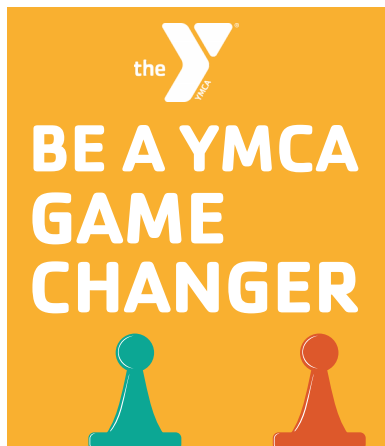


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I want my gift to go to:  Mansfield Branch  Shelby Branch  Either Branch

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